

HOME RULE MESSAGE REQUESTING THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO DISCONTINUE USE OF CERTAIN LAND FOR PARK PURPOSES (SENATE BILL S.06873 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A.02223)

WHEREAS, Suffolk County acquired certain property in 1957 known as the Elwood School House, located in the Town of Huntington and designated as Suffolk County Tax Map as 0400-170.00-03.00-027.000, which was dedicated as parkland and is an historic structure; and

WHEREAS, the Elwood School House has remained vacant for some time and is in need of repair and restoration consistent with the Historic Trust Manual; and

WHEREAS, the Elwood Library District has proposed to acquire, restore and repair the Elwood School House so it may use the property for its library purposes; and

WHEREAS, in order to proceed with the library district's proposal, the County must seek the permission of the New York State Legislature, as the proposed use is not consistent with parkland use; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County must obtain State authorization for the discontinuance of the use of parkland and its sale to the Elwood Library District; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County must offer substitution lands to be dedicated as parkland; now, therefore, be it

1st RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby requests the State of New York to enact Senate Bill No. S.06873 and Assembly Bill No. A.02223, to authorize the County of Suffolk to discontinue as parkland the lands known as the Elwood School House property as described herein, and convey said property to the Elwood Library District upon the condition that the County of Suffolk acquire and dedicate lands of equal or greater fair market value as additional parkland; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Legislature is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; to the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate John Flanagan; to the Speaker of the New York State Assembly Carl Heastie; to the Minority Leaders of the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly; and to each member of the Long Island delegation to the New York State Legislature.

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