

RESOLUTION NO. 18 -2012, DIRECTING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE BANK IN SUFFOLK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Suffolk County sits atop a sole source aquifer, which provides County residents with drinking water; and

WHEREAS, despite this, much of Suffolk County is unsewered, with most residents relying on cesspools and septic tanks that require ongoing, expensive maintenance; and

WHEREAS, more sewers should be installed throughout the County to protect the County's drinking water; and

WHEREAS, many states have established independent infrastructure banks, which allow and encourage private investment in infrastructure improvements in conjunction with government funding for such construction; and

WHEREAS, Federal legislation has been proposed to establish a nationwide infrastructure bank to rebuild failing roads, bridges and other forms of infrastructure that are past their useful life; and

WHEREAS, infrastructure banks encourage private companies to invest in infrastructure improvements which will benefit the public; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County should examine this concept to determine if an infrastructure bank could be created at the County level to encourage private investment in sewers to protect and improve the quality of life for all residents; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has the necessary expertise to determine if an infrastructure bank would be feasible and advisable at the County level; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Planning Department, in cooperation with the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to perform a complete review of infrastructure banks to determine the best and most appropriate structure and method of implementing an infrastructure bank in Suffolk County; and

2nd RESOLVED, that the report shall include an examination of structure and function of infrastructure banks, as well as the potential benefits and costs associated with the County establishing same; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the Planning Department shall deliver a copy of their report to the County Executive and to each member of the County Legislature within one hundred eighty (180) days of the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: **FEB 07 2012**

APPROVED BY:



County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: 2-21-2012

SUFFOLK COUNTY
County Legislature
RIVERHEAD, NY



This is to Certify That I, TIM LAUBE, Clerk of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office, and which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of said County on February 7, 2012 and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk.

Tim Laube

Clerk of the Legislature

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February 7, 2012

Motion:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Calarco, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Hahn, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Spencer

Co-Sponsors:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Calarco, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Hahn, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Spencer

Second:

Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Anker
Calarco, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Hahn, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Spencer

LD	Legislator	Yes	No	Abs	NP	R	
1	Edward P. ROMAINE						
2	Jay H. SCHNEIDERMAN						
3	Kate M. BROWNING						
4	Thomas MURATORE						
5	Kara HAHN						
6	Sarah S. ANKER						
7	Rob CALARCO						
9	Ricardo MONTANO						
10	Thomas CILMI						
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13	Lynne C. NOWICK						
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16	Steven H. STERN						
17	Lou D'AMARO						
18	William SPENCER						
14	Wayne R. HORSLEY, D.P.O.						
8	William J. LINDSAY, P.O.						
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No Motion _____ No Second _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED
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<input type="checkbox"/> NOT ADOPTED

Tim Laube

Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature

Roll Call _____ Voice Vote