

**STRICKEN AS OF 5/21/2013**

Intro. Res. No. 2167-2012  
Introduced by Legislator Hahn

Laid on Table 11/20/2012

**RESOLUTION NO. -2013, DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT  
OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CONSIDER RISING WATER LEVELS  
AND STORM SURGE WHEN PLANNING PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Suffolk sits atop a sole source aquifer; and

**WHEREAS**, studies show that climate change is raising ocean water levels and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future; and

**WHEREAS**, changes in oceanic water levels directly impact Long Island's aquifer and water table; and

**WHEREAS**, storm surge has also become a significant factor, damaging communities on the North and South Shore; and

**WHEREAS**, Superstorm Sandy proved how dangerous and destructive flooding and storm surge can be; and

**WHEREAS**, storms of increased frequency, intensity and duration, such as Sandy and Hurricane Irene, may cause further inland flooding, as well; and

**WHEREAS**, planning for climate change of this nature is more cost-effective than rebuilding damaged buildings and infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works engages in the planning and the construction of roadways, infrastructure and buildings for the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works should consider rising water levels and storm surge when planning construction to ensure that the County is able to use improvements for the entirety of their useful life; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to consider rising water levels and storm surge in Suffolk County when planning projects; and be it further

**2nd 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:

APPROVED BY:

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County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: