

**RESOLUTION NO. 36 -2013, AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2013 OPERATING BUDGET TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM FUND 477 WATER QUALITY PROTECTION, AMENDING THE 2013 CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT FOR MONITORING TIDAL WATER ELEVATION AND WATER QUALITY TO ASSESS TIDAL WETLAND LOSS IN FLAX POND AND EMBAYMENTS OF LONG ISLAND SOUND, NEW YORK (CP 8710)**

**WHEREAS**, there are sufficient funds within the reserved fund balance of Fund 477 for the purpose of Water Quality Protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suffolk County Water Quality Review Committee at the September 25, 2012 meeting, pursuant to Article XII of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER, has recommended funding this project as an appropriate use of Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program and Land Stewardship funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning has requested funding for Suffolk County to enter into an Agreement with the United States Geological Survey, New York Water Science Center (Consultant) located at 425 Jordan Road, Troy, NY, 12180-8349, to conduct the project for Monitoring Tidal Water Elevation and Water Quality to Assess Tidal Wetland Loss in Flax Pond and potentially three other embayments of Long Island Sound, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, this project will re-establish and continue operating a real-time monitoring station to document tidal variability of hydrology and water quality to help investigate the cause(s) of tidal wetland loss in a Suffolk County embayment of Long Island Sound (LIS); support the coastal flood hazard mitigation efforts of the National Weather Service, local emergency managers, and other stakeholders that can benefit from the generated data; and

**WHEREAS**, the project is consistent with the Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program Criteria recommendations of the Long Island Sound Study Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (LISS CCMP) in accordance with the requirements of Article XII of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER by improving water quality; and

**WHEREAS**, the USGS will provide funding of \$250,560 for network operation and maintenance during the project period, the County commitment will be \$185,715; and

**WHEREAS**, the project be initiated within three years of the date of adoption of this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, funding is requested for this project through the Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 471-1994, as revised by Resolution No. 461-2006, has established a priority ranking system, implemented in the 2013 Adopted Capital Budget and Program, as the basis for funding capital projects such as this project; and

**WHEREAS**, there are available Fund 477 funds within the Reserved Fund Balance for Water Quality related projects to support the appropriation of this project within the 2013 Capital Budget and Program; now, therefore be it

**1<sup>st</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) Environmental Conservation Law Article 8 determined that this project is classified as Type II pursuant to Title 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(18)(20)(21)(27), and no further action needs to be taken by Suffolk County; and be it further

**2<sup>nd</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that it is hereby determined that this project, with a priority ranking of fifty-five (55) is eligible for approval in accordance with the provisions of Resolution No. 471-1994, as revised by Resolution No. 461-2006; and be it further

**3<sup>rd</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that sufficient funds exist within Fund 477’s Water Quality Reserve Fund Balance component to cover the cost of said transfer; and be it further

**4<sup>th</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the Adopted 2013 Operating Budget be and hereby is amended and that the interfund transfer be and hereby is appropriated from Fund 477 Reserve Fund Balance as follows:

**EXPENDITURES:**

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Object</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
IFT	477	E525	9600	Transfer to Capital Fund	\$185,715

and be it further

**5<sup>th</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the interfund revenues be and hereby are transferred and accepted in the Capital Fund as follows:

**REVENUES:**

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Rev Source</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
IFT (Ref. 525 -CAP-IFTR-R477)	525	R477	E525	Transfer from Water Quality Protection	\$185,715

and be it further

**6<sup>th</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the 2013 Capital Budget and Program be and they are hereby amended as follows:

Project No.: 8710  
 Project Title: Monitoring Tidal Water Elevation and Water Quality to Assess Tidal Wetland Loss in Flax Pond and Embayments of Long Island Sound, New York

	<u>Total Est'd Cost</u>	<u>Current 2013 Capital Budget &amp; Program</u>	<u>Revised 2013 Capital Budget &amp; Program</u>
1. Planning	\$185,715	\$0	\$185,715W
TOTAL	\$185,715	\$0	\$185,715

and be it further

**7<sup>th</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the interfund revenues in the amount of \$185,715 be and hereby is appropriated as follows:

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>JC</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
525-CAP-8710.137	50	Monitoring Tidal Water Elevation and Water Quality to Assess Tidal Wetland Loss in Flax Pond and Embayments of Long Island Sound, New York	\$185,715

and be it further

**8<sup>th</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the County Treasurer and County Comptroller are hereby authorized and directed to accept these interfund revenues and effectuate these interfund transfers, including the associated cash transfers to finance this capital project; and be it further

**9<sup>th</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that United States Geological Survey, New York Water Science Center (Consultant) shall enter into a contractual agreement with Suffolk County to ensure project completeness; and be it further

**10<sup>th</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that nothing contained herein shall be construed as a binding obligation on the part of Suffolk County to continue to provide funding or resources to United States Geological Survey, New York Water Science Center (Consultant) for implementation of this resolution once the funding in this resolution has been exhausted.

DATED: February 5, 2013

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: February 14, 2013