

**RESOLUTION NO. 554 -2013, DIRECTING THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ASSESS THE
VULNERABILITY OF SUFFOLK COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE
TO SEA WATER RISE**

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

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk owns and maintains substantial infrastructure on the north and south shores of Long Island, including buildings and roads; and

WHEREAS, higher sea levels may have a significant impact on County assets, especially those within existing flood zones; and

WHEREAS, the County needs to be proactive and assess infrastructure vulnerabilities to sea water rising so that appropriate mitigation plans are developed and ready for implementation when necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works ("DPW") is responsible for the maintenance of County buildings and roadways; and

WHEREAS, DPW should assess the vulnerabilities of all County buildings and infrastructure, located within flood zones, to sea water rise; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to study all County buildings and infrastructure valued at or above one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00), which falls within the federal 100 year flood zone, to address their vulnerability to rising sea waters; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the assessment of all such buildings and infrastructure shall be completed by DPW no later than one year from the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that DPW shall issue a written report following the completion of its assessment presenting its findings to the County Executive, each County Legislator and the Clerk of the Legislature; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that, in addition to the Department's findings, the report shall establish a priority list of the most vulnerable County infrastructure which may require immediate remedial protection by the County; and be it further

5th 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: June 18, 2013

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: June 27, 2013