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Intro. Res. No. 1313-2013
Introduced by Legislator Browning

Laid on Table 4/23/2013

**RESOLUTION NO. -2013, TERMINATING TRAP AND
SKEET SHOOTING RANGE LICENSE**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1268-2005 authorized the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation to enter into a license agreement with Hunter Sports, Inc. for the operation of a Trap and Skeet Shooting Range at Southaven County Park in Yaphank; and

WHEREAS, the continued operation of the Trap and Skeet Shooting Range is not in the best interest of the residents of the County of Suffolk; and

WHEREAS, the Trap and Skeet Shooting Range cannot comply with Brookhaven Town's noise ordinance; the Town has issued numerous noise violations against Hunter Sports, Inc. and the County; and

WHEREAS, the County continues to expend scarce resources to defend these noise violations and avoid fines; and

WHEREAS, the shooting range's unacceptably high noise levels have negatively impacted the quality of life for the residents living near the range to the extent that the Town of Brookhaven has reduced many homeowners' assessments; and

WHEREAS, operating the shooting range continues to present environmental issues as it is located in the environmentally sensitive Carman's River Watershed in the Core Preservation Area of the Long Island Pine Barrens and in a State-designated Special Groundwater Protection Area; lead contamination generated at the shooting range poses a potential threat to groundwater; and

WHEREAS, the County needs to accommodate other recreational activities like archery and Frisbee golf and the trap and skeet site could fill that void; and

WHEREAS, the County's license with Hunter Sports, Inc. should be terminated because the shooting range cannot be operated lawfully or economically and its continued operation is not in the public's best interest; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation is hereby directed, pursuant to Section C28-4(A) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER to immediately cease the operation of the Trap and Skeet Shooting Range located at Southaven County Park, Town of Brookhaven; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the Suffolk County Department Parks, Recreation and Conservation is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to terminate the license agreement with Hunter Sports, Inc. related to the operation of the Trap and Skeet Shooting Range at Southaven County Park, as the operation of the shooting range is not in the public interest; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the Department Parks, Recreation and Conservation is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to issue a Request for Expressions of Interest ("RFEI") for

alternative recreational uses of the shooting range site within 90 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:

APPROVED BY:

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: