

**RESOLUTION NO. 341 -2013, ESTABLISHING THE SOUTH SHORE COASTAL PROTECTION TASK FORCE**

**WHEREAS**, the South Shore of Suffolk County and its barrier islands have suffered significant damage in the past few years from Hurricane Irene and Superstorm Sandy; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Shore has been the subject of multiple studies over the past twenty years, examining impacts and recommending action on a variety of issues specific to the infrastructure and environment of the area, including the impacts of groundwater contamination, stormwater runoff, coastal flooding and algal blooms; and

**WHEREAS**, these studies and reports address individual issues and do not provide a comprehensive perspective on how to best protect the infrastructure of the South Shore from storm damage while maintaining a clean and healthy environment; and

**WHEREAS**, a group of experts should examine these reports and more recent data to develop strategies to mitigate the impact of future coastal storms and flooding to the infrastructure and environment of the South Shore of Suffolk County; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that the Suffolk County South Shore Coastal Protection Task Force ("Task Force") is hereby established to develop strategies to protect the infrastructure and environment of the South Shore and the barrier islands of Suffolk County from the effects of future coastal storms and flooding; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall consist of the following eleven (11) members:

- 1) The Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, or his or her designee;
- 2) The Commissioner of the Department of Economic Development and Planning, or his or her designee;
- 3) The Commissioner of the Department of Health Services, or his or her designee;
- 4) A representative of the United States Geological Service;
- 5) A representative of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation;
- 6) A representative of the Fire Island National Seashore;
- 7) A representative of the Army Corps of Engineers;
- 8) A representative of the Nature Conservancy;

- 9) Two individuals with municipal experience in stormwater, coastal flooding and hazard mitigation, to be selected by the County Legislature; and
- 10) A representative from the State University of New York at Stony Brook;

and be it further

**3rd** **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall hold its first meeting no later than thirty (30) days after the oaths of office of all members have been filed, which meeting shall be convened to select a chairperson, a vice chairperson and a secretary; and be it further

**4th** **RESOLVED**, that members of the Task Force shall serve with no compensation and at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities; and be it further

**5th** **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall hold regular monthly meetings for six (6) months, keep a record of all its proceedings, and determine the rules of its own proceedings with special meetings to be called by the chairperson upon his or her own initiative or upon receipt of a written request therefor signed by at least three (3) members of the Task Force. Written notice of the time and place of such special meetings shall be given by the secretary to each member at least four (4) days before the date fixed by the notice for such special meeting; and be it further

**6th** **RESOLVED**, that six (6) members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum to transact the business of the Task Force at both regular and special meetings; and be it further

**7th** **RESOLVED**, that clerical services involving the month-to-month operation of this Task Force, as well as supplies and postage as necessary, will be provided by the staff of the County Department of Public Works; and be it further

**8th** **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force may conduct such informal hearings and meetings at any place or places within the County of Suffolk for the purpose of obtaining necessary information or other data to assist it in the proper performance of its duties and functions as it deems necessary; and be it further

**9th** **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force may delegate to any member of the Task Force the power and authority to conduct such hearings and meetings; and be it further

**10th** **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall cooperate with the Legislative Committees of the County Legislature and make available to each Committee's use, upon request, any records and other data it may accumulate or obtain; and be it further

**11th** **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall review existing plans and studies related to the infrastructure of the South Shore of Suffolk County, including, but not limited to, groundwater and clean water resources reports prepared for the County of Suffolk, applicable town and village reports and studies, the Fire Island to Montauk Point Reformulation Study, the 1996 Fire Island Breach Contingency Plan, the 2007 Barrier Island Breach Management Plan for Fire Island National Seashore, environmental reports on the ecological health of the bay and any new groundwater and stormwater data; and be it further

**12th**           **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force may seek the assistance and input of technical staff from any applicable County department, as needed; and be it further

**13th**           **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall issue a written report after a comprehensive study and analysis of these documents which shall include the Task Force's findings and determinations and establish a comprehensive action plan identifying current vulnerabilities and making policy recommendations to protect infrastructure and residents on the South Shore, as well as the coastal environment; and be it further

**14th**           **RESOLVED**, that this Task Force shall submit a written report of its findings and determinations together with its recommendations for action, if any, to each member of the County Legislature and the County Executive no later than one hundred eighty (180) days from the administration of the oaths of office to all members for consideration, review and appropriate action, if necessary, by the entire County Legislature; and be it further

**15th**           **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall expire, and the terms of office of its members terminate, one year after the effective date of this Resolution, at which time the Task Force shall deposit all the records of its proceedings with the Clerk of the Legislature; and be it further

**16th**           **RESOLVED**, that this study shall not be performed by any outside consultant or consulting firm unless explicit approval and authorization for such consultant or consulting firm is granted pursuant to a duly enacted resolution of the County Legislature; and be it further

**17th**           **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: May 7, 2013

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 15, 2013