

**RESOLUTION NO. 998 -2013, DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH STATE AND COUNTY INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR YOUNG COLLEGE GRADUATES**

**WHEREAS**, young college graduates are leaving Long Island in increasing numbers due to the lack of affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, developing housing targeted at recent college graduates and young professionals would serve as an incentive for young people to stay in or relocate to Suffolk County; and

**WHEREAS**, retaining recent college graduates and young professionals in Suffolk County is essential to providing public and private employers with qualified prospective entry- and mid-level employees, which may encourage local job creation; and

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County should examine the possibility of developing affordable housing for recent college graduates and young professionals on the campuses of State and County institutions of higher education; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that the Department of Economic Development and Planning ("Department"), is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to study the feasibility of constructing affordable housing for individuals, with a focus on those who hold an associate's, bachelors or advanced degree on the campuses of State and County post-secondary educational institutions and the related actions necessary to create such housing; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that the Department shall consult with State and County post-secondary educational institutions in considering the feasibility of developing such housing on their campuses and determining how such development would occur; and be it further

**3rd RESOLVED**, that the feasibility study shall prioritize the development of such housing on areas of the institutions' property that are not wooded; and be it further

**4th RESOLVED**, that the Department shall prepare a written report of their findings and determinations on the feasibility, resources, and means of construction of such affordable housing, including any recommendations, to the County Executive, and each member of the County Legislature within 120 days of the effective date of this resolution; 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: November 19, 2013

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: November 27, 2013