

RESOLUTION NO. 1214 -2013, APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PECONIC BAY ESTUARY PROGRAM (CP 8235)

WHEREAS, funds were adopted in the 2013 Capital Budget for the Peconic Bay Estuary Program; and

WHEREAS, the Peconic Estuary Program (PEP), with concurrence from Suffolk County, has developed a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) which includes habitat protection and restoration among its priority management issues; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County recognizes the importance of the ecosystem health of the Peconic Estuary to the environmental and economic well-being of the people of Suffolk County; and

WHEREAS, the Peconic Estuary serves as nursery habitat for juvenile fish populations which support many commercially and recreationally important marine species; and

WHEREAS, the Peconic River is a critical local habitat as the spawning and nursery ground for migrating fish, including filter feeding River Herring (Alewife) which have significant potential to improve water quality, that have been impacted by human uses; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used for engineering designs and necessary permits to begin the habitat restoration of fish passage at the Forge Road and Upper Mills Dams; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds within the 2013 Capital Budget and Program to cover the cost of said request under Capital Program Number 8235; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature, by resolution of even date herewith, has authorized the issuance of \$200,000 in Suffolk County Serial Bonds; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 471-1994 and as amended by Resolution No. 461-2006 has established a priority ranking system as the basis for funding capital projects such as this project; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, that it is hereby determined that this project, with a priority ranking of sixty (60) is eligible for approval in accordance with the provisions of Resolution No. 471-1994 and as amended by Resolution No. 461-2006; and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), Environmental Conservation Law Article 8, hereby finds and determines that this law constitutes a Type II action, pursuant to Section 617.5 (c) 20, 21, and 27 of Title 6 of New York Code of Rules and Regulations ("NYCRR"), and the Legislature has no further responsibilities under SEQRA; and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that the proceeds of \$200,000 in Suffolk County Serial Bonds be and they hereby are appropriated as follows:

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>J.C.</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
525-CAP-8235.117	40	Peconic Bay Estuary Program	\$200,000

DATED: December 17, 2013

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: December 26, 2013