

**RESOLUTION NO. 296 -2014, PARTNERING WITH THE TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN TO ESTABLISH A SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING PILOT PROGRAM AT THE YAPHANK COUNTY CENTER**

**WHEREAS**, recycling programs help communities reduce the amount of solid waste that gets into landfills and incinerators and reuse existing materials that may otherwise take a long time to biodegrade; and

**WHEREAS**, traditional residential recycling programs require participants to separate recyclable glass, plastics, paper and cardboard; and

**WHEREAS**, a new recycling system, termed "single stream recycling", allows participants to comingle all recyclables, which are then sorted at a recycling facility; and

**WHEREAS**, communities that have moved from traditional to single stream recycling have seen a 20% to 30% increase in the recycling rate; this translates into the sale of more recycled materials and avoided waste disposal costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Brookhaven, the first community on Long Island to establish a single stream recycling program, is interested in partnering with other levels of government to increase recycling; and

**WHEREAS**, the County should establish a pilot program with the Town of Brookhaven to determine the benefits and efficiencies that may be provided through single stream recycling; and

**WHEREAS**, the Yaphank County Center is a perfect candidate for such a pilot program, as it is in close proximity to the Town's existing recycling facility; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to enter into an agreement with the Town of Brookhaven to establish a pilot program for single stream recycling at the Yaphank County Center; and be it further

**2nd RESOLVED**, that the pilot program shall be for a period of one year; and be it further

**3rd RESOLVED**, that at the completion of the pilot program, the Department of Public Works shall determine the benefits of the program, the potential for program expansion, as well as any long-term costs that may be associated with single stream recycling; and be it further

**4th RESOLVED**, that the Department of Public Works will issue a written report containing its findings and determinations associated with their review of the pilot program, as well as any recommendations for further action, to the County Executive and each member of the County Legislature within 120 days of the completion of the pilot program; 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: April 29, 2014

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 12, 2014