

Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive and Legislators Hahn, Anker, Cilmi, Spencer

**RESOLUTION NO. 310 -2014, ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF \$500,000 IN CONSULTING SERVICES FROM IBM CORPORATION'S SMARTER CITIES CHALLENGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE COUNTY'S WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE**

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County applied for IBM's Smarter Cities Challenge in November 2013 regarding water quality and wastewater challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, the IBM Smarter Cities Challenge is a competitive grant program that sends teams of IBM's most talented experts to select cities and regions worldwide to provide pro-bono consulting expertise on the most critical issues faced by communities today; and

**WHEREAS**, over a three-year period, more than 500 municipalities competed for the grant, and only 116 were chosen; and

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County was one of 16 places worldwide and one of four places in the United States selected by IBM in 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Suffolk County was chosen for its water quality initiative displaying strong leadership, a track record of championing actionable and measurable efforts and a very high potential to make a real impact on the lives of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, IBM analytics can guide decision-making and detail the economic case for action; and

**WHEREAS**, with 200,000 homes in need of upgraded wastewater treatment, Suffolk County with the help of IBM will: a.) review and finalize prioritized areas for advanced wastewater treatment, b.) develop financing mechanisms and natural asset evaluations to leverage existing County and State resources dedicated to this challenge maximizing nitrogen reduction in our waters, c.) evolve a management structure for wastewater upgrades for priority areas, and d.) define the methodology and timing to test and approve existing technologies to create market-based solutions that will innovate a wastewater technology sector here on Long Island; now, therefore be it

**1st RESOLVED**, that the donation of \$500,000 of services by IBM is hereby accepted; 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 Project constitutes a Type II action, pursuant to Section 617.5 (C) (18), (20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of New York Code of Rules and Regulations ("NYCRR"), in that the law authorizes information collection, including basic data collection and research, and preliminary planning processes necessary to formulate a proposal for an action, but does not commit the County to commence or approve an action. Since this law is a Type II action, the Legislature has no further responsibilities under SEQRA.

DATED: April 29, 2014

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Dennis M. Cohen  
Chief Deputy County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: April 30, 2014