

WITHDRAWN AS OF 9/2/2014

Intro. Res. No. 1484-2014
Introduced by Legislator Krupski

Laid on Table 5/13/2014

**RESOLUTION NO. -2014, FURTHER STRENGTHENING
THE LAND ACQUISITION PROCESS**

WHEREAS, during the past 50 years, the County of Suffolk has acquired tens of thousands of acres of land and successfully protected significant ecological areas, open spaces, farmland and active recreational resources for the benefit and enjoyment of Suffolk County residents; and

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk recognized that the revenue stream for land acquisitions is presently diminished and accordingly enacted Resolution No. 265-2013 to better prioritize the parcels targeted for acquisition; and

WHEREAS, this Legislature should have all pertinent information when setting land acquisition priorities; and

WHEREAS, one factor that is not typically considered by the County is the capital and operating costs that are likely be incurred to maintain and/or improve an acquired parcel; and

WHEREAS, during this time of strict budget restrictions, County policymakers should consider the additional capital and operating costs associated with a proposed land acquisition prior to making their final determination; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that Chapter 1070 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE is hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 1070. Real Estate Appraisal, Acquisition and Disposition

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§ 1070-17. Approval of resolutions; "Triple A Program"; quarterly reports.

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C. Acquisitions shall be conducted according to the following "Triple A Program":

(1) Appraisal resolution.

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(c) Upon written expression of interest by such owners, appraisals will be conducted in accordance with this chapter and, for non-farmland acquisitions, the Department of Public Works will perform a site inspection and identify the potential costs associated with the maintenance and/or necessary improvements to the subject parcel, including, but not limited to, costs associated with drainage improvements, fencing, parking, debris removal and necessary site infrastructure. Title, survey and environmental assessments shall not be

performed until after an acquisition resolution is adopted by procedural motion, as provided in Subsection C(2) below.

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(2) Acquisition resolution.

- (a) Upon establishing highest offer prices, a report containing all sites reviewed and the highest offer price set for each shall be forwarded to each member of the Legislature together with scoring and recommendations from the Division of Planning and Environment, the findings resulting from the site inspection by the Department of Public Works, as well as an account of the funds expected to be available for acquisitions. Such report shall be delivered to the members of the Legislature, by a method other than electronic mail, within 30 days after the review by the Environmental Trust Review Board and no less than seven days prior to the meeting of the Environment, Planning and Agricultural Committee at which such report is scheduled to be acted upon.

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and be it further

2nd 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.

___ Underlining denotes addition of new language

DATED:

APPROVED BY:

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: