

**RESOLUTION NO. 613 -2014, ESTABLISHING THE NORTH FORK PRESERVE COUNTY PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Suffolk has acquired several hundred acres of land in the Town of Riverhead with the intent of creating the North Fork Preserve County Park (“the Park”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation is planning to combine passive parkland and active recreation elements at the Park, including campgrounds and equine activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the scale and proposed active uses of the Park may have significant impacts on the adjacent communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the County should seek input from the Riverhead community and other interested stakeholders to ensure broad public support for this new park ; and

**WHEREAS**, a committee that includes representatives of County and Town government as well as community, environmental and horseman’s organizations should be formed to gather community input and make recommendations regarding the development and future use of the Park; now, therefore be it

**1st           RESOLVED**, that the Suffolk County North Fork Preserve County Park Advisory Committee (“the Committee”) is hereby established to obtain input from community members and other interested stakeholders, and to provide advisory recommendations to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, concerning the development and use of the North Fork Preserve County Park; and be it further

**2nd           RESOLVED**, that the Committee shall consist of the following ten (10) members:

1. the County Executive, or his or her designee;
2. the County Legislator representing the 1st District, or his or her designee;
3. the Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation; or his or her designee;
4. a representative from the Town of Riverhead;
5. a representative from the Northville Civic Association;
6. a representative from the environmental community, to be appointed by the County Legislature;
7. a representative of the surrounding community “at-large”, to be appointed by the County Legislature;
8. a representative of the equestrian community, to be appointed by the County Legislature;
9. a representative of the camping community, to be appointed by the County Legislature; and
10. a representative of the agricultural community, to be appointed by the County Legislature;

and be it further

**3rd**           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee shall hold its first meeting no later than 30 days after the oaths of office of all members have been filed, which meeting shall be convened to select a chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary; and be it further

**4th**           **RESOLVED**, that members of the Committee shall serve with no compensation and at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities; and be it further

**5th**           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee shall hold regular meetings, keep a record of all its proceedings, and determine the rules of its own proceedings with special meetings to be called by the chairperson upon his or her own initiative or upon receipt of a written request therefor signed by at least three (3) members of the Committee. Written notice of the time and place of such special meetings shall be given by the secretary to each member at least four (4) days before the date fixed by the notice for such special meeting; and be it further

**6th**           **RESOLVED**, that six (6) members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum to transact the business of the Committee; and be it further

**7th**           **RESOLVED**, that clerical services involving the month-to-month operation of this Committee, as well as supplies and postage as necessary, will be provided by the staff of the County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation; and be it further

**8th**           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee may conduct such informal hearings and meetings at any place or places within the County of Suffolk for the purpose of obtaining necessary information or other data to assist it in the proper performance of its duties and functions as it deems necessary; and be it further

**9th**           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee may delegate to any member of the Committee the power and authority to conduct such hearings and meetings; and be it further

**10th**          **RESOLVED**, that the Committee shall cooperate with the Legislative Committees of the County Legislature and make available to each Committee's use, upon request, any records and other data it may accumulate or obtain; and be it further

**11th**          **RESOLVED**, Committee shall review existing plans and studies related to the proposed development and use of the North Fork Preserve County Park and provide feedback on proposed uses and possible alternative options; and be it further

**12th**          **RESOLVED**, that the Committee shall expire, and the terms of office of its members terminate, three (3) years after the effective date of this Resolution, at which time the Committee shall deposit all records of its proceedings with the Clerk of the Legislature; and be it further

**13th**          **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: July 29, 2014

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: August 8, 2014