

**RESOLUTION NO. 701 -2014, ESTABLISHING A SUFFOLK COUNTY NORTH SHORE COASTAL EROSION TASK FORCE**

**WHEREAS**, coastal erosion is a constant problem for many islands; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Shore of Long Island has both rocky and sandy elements which have begun to show signs of erosion over the past decade; and

**WHEREAS**, Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Irene damaged Long Island Sound shorelines, contributing to increased erosion in the past three (3) years; and

**WHEREAS**, erosion levels on the North Shore of Long Island are reaching critical levels according to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, a task force should be formed to bring together experts and interested parties to recommend appropriate actions to protect the Long Island's North Shore from further erosion; now, therefore be it

**1st** **RESOLVED**, that the Suffolk County North Shore Coastal Erosion Task Force ("Task Force") is hereby established to develop strategies to protect the infrastructure and environment of the Long Island's North Shore from coastal erosion; and be it further

**2nd** **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall consist of the following eight (8) members:

- 1) the County Legislator from the 6<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, who shall serve as Chair;
- 2) the Director of the Division of Planning in the Department of Economic Development and Planning, or his or her designee;
- 3) the District Manager of the Soil and Water Conservation District, or his or her designee;
- 4) the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, or his or her designee;
- 5) a representative from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation;
- 6) a representative of the National Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture who specializes in plant material;
- 7) the representative from the federal congressional First District of New York, or his or her designee; and
- 8) a representative of Stony Brook University, School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences (SoMAS);

and be it further

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

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

**5th**           **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall hold bi-monthly 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 Task Force. 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 five (5) members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum to transact the business of the Task Force at both regular and special meetings; and be it further

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

**8th**           **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force 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 Task Force may delegate to any member of the Task Force the power and authority to conduct such hearings and meetings; and be it further

**10th**          **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force 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**, that the Task Force shall examine data on the erosion levels on the Long Island's North Shore and develop plans to aid in the reduction of erosion and protection of the coastal environment; and be it further

**12th**          **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force may seek the assistance and input of technical staff from any County department, as needed; and be it further

**13th**          **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall issue a written report after a comprehensive study and analysis of the issues which shall include the Task Force's findings and determinations and establish a comprehensive action plan identifying current vulnerabilities and making policy recommendations to protect infrastructure and residents on the North Shore, as well as the coastal environment; and be it further

**14th**          **RESOLVED**, that this Task Force shall submit a written report of its findings and determinations together with its recommendations for action, if any, to each member of the County Legislature and the County Executive no later than one hundred twenty (120) days from

the administration of the oaths of office to all members for consideration, review and appropriate action, if necessary, by the entire County Legislature; and be it further

**15th**           **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall expire, and the terms of office of its members terminate, one hundred eighty (180) days from the effective date of this Resolution, at which time the Task Force shall deposit all the records of its proceedings with the Clerk of the Legislature; and be it further

**16th**           **RESOLVED**, that this study shall not be performed by any outside consultant or consulting firm unless explicit approval and authorization for such consultant or consulting firm is granted pursuant to a duly enacted resolution of the County Legislature; and be it further

**17th**           **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: September 9, 2014

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: September 24, 2014