

Intro. Res. No. 1267-2015

Laid on Table 3/24/2015

Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive and Legislators Schneiderman, Krupski, Hahn

**RESOLUTION NO. 252 -2015, AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2015 OPERATING BUDGET TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM FUND 477 WATER QUALITY PROTECTION, AMENDING THE 2015 CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ALTERNATIVE WASTEWATER DISCHARGE SYSTEMS (CP 8710.143 AND 8710.326)**

**WHEREAS**, there are sufficient funds within the Reserved Fund Balance of Fund 477 for the purpose of Water Quality Protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program Review Committee, pursuant to Article XII of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER has recommended funding this study at its March 13, 2015 meeting as an appropriate use of Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program and Land Stewardship Initiative funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning will sponsor a pilot program to install alternative recharge dispersal fields to evaluate their capacity to replace leaching pits that are typically used throughout Suffolk County, in accordance with Article XII of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER; and

**WHEREAS**, the installation of these alternative recharge dispersal fields will be performed on properties within the Peconic Estuary or the Long Island Sound watershed on the East End; and

**WHEREAS**, the Peconic Estuary and Long Island Sound, are estuaries of national importance, both of which have class SA saline surface waters which are important for shellfish/fish propagation and harvesting; and

**WHEREAS**, mounting evidence identifies wastewater as a primary source of nutrients that feed harmful algal blooms which adversely affect shellfish health; and

**WHEREAS**, the draft 2015 Suffolk County Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan identifies a direct link between onsite wastewater treatment and water quality; and

**WHEREAS**, the project is consistent with the recommendations of both the Peconic Estuary Program Comprehensive Management Plan and the Long Island Sound Study's Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan in accordance with the requirements of Article XII of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER by reducing non-point source pollution to the Peconic Estuary and Long Island Sound; and

**WHEREAS**, Peconic Green Growth will commit to provide matching project funds to be no less than either \$125,000 or one half the cost of the project, whichever is less; and

**WHEREAS**, the project be initiated within three-years of the date of adoption of this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for this project is requested through the Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 471-1994, as revised by Resolution No. 461-2006, has established a priority ranking system, implemented in the 2015 Adopted Capital Budget and Program, as the basis for funding capital projects such as this project; and

**WHEREAS**, there are sufficient funds available in Fund 477 within the Reserved Fund Balance for Water Quality related projects to support the appropriation of this project within the 2015 Capital Budget and Program; and

**WHEREAS**, site specific environmental impacts, will be determined by the local municipalities upon site selection and prior to construction; now, therefore be it

**1<sup>st</sup>** **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 law constitutes a Type II action, pursuant to Section 617.5 (c) 18, 21, and 27 of Title 6 of New York Code of Rules and Regulations (“NYCRR”), and the Legislature has no further responsibilities under SEQRA; and be it further

**2<sup>nd</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that it is hereby determined that this project, with a priority ranking of fifty-eight (58) is eligible for approval in accordance with the provisions of Resolution No. 471-1994, as revised by Resolution No. 461-2006; and be it further

**3<sup>rd</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that sufficient funds exist within Fund 477’s Water Quality Reserve Fund Balance component to cover the cost of the County’s share for this project; and be it further

**4<sup>th</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the Adopted 2015 Operating Budget be and hereby is amended and that the interfund transfer be and hereby is appropriated from Fund 477 Reserve Fund Balance as follows:

**EXPENDITURES:**

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Object</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
IFT	477	E525	9600	Transfer to Capital Fund	\$125,000

and be it further

**5<sup>th</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the interfund revenues be and hereby are transferred and accepted in the Capital Fund as follows:

**REVENUES:**

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Rev. Source</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
IFT (Ref. 525-CAP-IFTR-R477)	525	R477	E525	Transfer from Water Quality Protection	\$125,000

and be it further

**6<sup>th</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the 2015 Capital Budget and Program be and they are hereby amended as follows:

Project No.: 8710  
 Project Title: Pilot for Alternative Discharge for Decentralized Wastewater

		<u>Total Est'd Cost</u>	<u>Current 2015 Capital Budget &amp; Program</u>	<u>Revised 2015 Capital Budget &amp; Program</u>
1.	Planning	\$53,000	\$0	\$57,400W
3.	Construction	<u>\$67,600</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$67,600W</u>
TOTAL		\$125,000	\$0	\$125,000

and be it further

**7<sup>th</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that these Water Quality proceeds in the amount of \$125,000 be and hereby is appropriated as follows:

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>JC</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
525-CAP-8710.143	14	Pilot for Alternative Discharge for Decentralized Wastewater-Planning	\$57,400
525-CAP-8710.326	14	Pilot for Alternative Discharge for Decentralized Wastewater-Construction	\$67,600

and be it further

**8<sup>th</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the County Treasurer and County Comptroller are hereby authorized and directed to accept these interfund revenues and effectuate these interfund transfers, including the associated cash transfers to finance this capital project; and be it further

**9<sup>th</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that Peconic Green Growth shall enter into a contractual agreement with Suffolk County to ensure project completeness; and be it further

**10<sup>th</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that nothing contained herein shall be construed as a binding obligation on the part of Suffolk County to continue to provide funding or resources to Peconic Green Growth for implementation of this resolution once the funding in this resolution has been exhausted.

DATED: April 28, 2015

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
 County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 7, 2015