

Intro. Res. No. 1270-2015

Laid on Table 3/24/2015

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

RESOLUTION NO. 255 -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 THE QUALITY ASSURANCE PROJECT PLAN FOR SUPPLEMENTAL DATA COLLECTION NECESSARY TO RE-OPEN SHELLFISH BEDS IN THE PECONIC ESTUARY (8710.146)

WHEREAS, there are available Fund 477 funds 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, the Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program Review Committee at its March 13, 2015 meeting, pursuant to Article XII of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER, has recommended funding this program as an appropriate use of Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program and Land Stewardship Initiative funds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 440-2014, Suffolk County is a member of the Peconic Estuary Protection Committee (PEPC); and

WHEREAS, the goals of the Peconic Estuary Protection Committee include the prevention and remediation of pollution from nitrogen and pathogens that have led to the degradation of the local water quality, and has harmed groundwater, drinking water, wetlands and surface waters throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Department of Health Services has requested funding for a project that will allow the Peconic Estuary Protection Committee (PEPC) to develop a quality assurance project plan (QAPP), approvable by the US EPA and NYS DEC, for water quality sampling and analysis activities; and

WHEREAS, this project is a necessary step for any data collected by the Peconic Estuary Protection Committee, or its member municipalities, to be used to inform regulations, policies, or guidelines of the US Environmental Protection Agency or NY State Department of Environmental Conservation, such as shellfish bed certification, waterbody classification and impairment designations, total maximum daily loads, and other related nutrient and pathogen related management activities; and

WHEREAS, the project is consistent with the recommendations of the Peconic Estuary Program (PEP) Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) in accordance with the requirements of Article XII of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER by reducing nonpoint source pollution to the Peconic Estuary; 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, funding is requested for this project through the Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program; and

WHEREAS, the project be initiated within three-years of the date of adoption of this resolution; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, that Suffolk County Government, having conducted a review and being the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), Environmental Conservation Law Article 8, hereby finds and determines that this proposed action constitutes a Type II action, in accordance with the provisions of 6 NYCRR §617.5 (c).18, 20, 21, and 27. Therefore the SEQRA review is complete and no further action needs to be taken; and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that it is hereby determined that this project, with a priority ranking of sixty-nine (69) 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

3rd **RESOLVED**, that sufficient funds exist within Fund 477’s Water Quality Reserve Fund Balance component to cover the cost of said transfer; and be it further

4th **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	\$75,000

and be it further

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

<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	\$75,000

and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, that the 2015 Capital Budget and Program be and are hereby amended as follows:

Project No.: 8710
Project Title: Re-opening Shellfish Beds: Quality Assurance Project Plan for Supplemental Data Collection

	<u>Total Est'd Cost</u>	<u>Current 2015 Capital Budget & & Program</u>	<u>Revised 2015 Capital Budget & & Program</u>
1. Planning	<u>\$75,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$75,000W</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$75,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>

and be it further

7th **RESOLVED**, that the interfund revenues in the amount of \$75,000 be and hereby is appropriated as follows:

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>JC</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
525-CAP-8710.146	40	Re-opening Shellfish Beds: Quality Assurance Project Plan for Supplemental Data Collection	\$75,000

and be it further

8th **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.

DATED: April 28, 2015

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 7, 2015