

**RESOLUTION NO. 466 -2016, APPROPRIATING FUNDS
IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEW ENHANCED SUFFOLK
COUNTY 1/4% DRINKING WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM -
2014 REFERENDUM - LAND PURCHASES (CP 8732.210)**

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 31-2014, a Charter Law Amending the ¼% Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program (DWPP) for Enhanced Water Quality Protection, Wastewater Infrastructure and General Fund Property Tax Relief for Suffolk County, created the 2014 Enhanced Suffolk County Water Quality Protection Program, codified in Suffolk County Charter Article XIIA; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2014, two-thirds of Suffolk County voters approved Proposition No. 5-2014, enacting the provisions of Resolution No. 579-2014, Local Law No. 31-2014, "A Charter Law Amending the ¼% Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection program (DWPP) for Enhanced Water Quality Protection, Wastewater Infrastructure and General Property Fund Tax Relief for Suffolk County." This Proposition recognized the essential nature of the Drinking Water Protection Program to the well-being of the County's drinking water supply and required \$29.4 million in serial bonds be issued through the Capital Program for water quality protection program projects; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Adopted Capital Budget contains three water quality protection 2014 Referendum capital projects totaling \$29.4 million: CP 8732 for land purchases (\$20.0 million), CP 8733 for water quality projects (\$4.7 million), CP 8734 for sewer improvement projects (\$4.7 million); and

WHEREAS, this capital project provides \$20 million in serial bond funding to the acquisition by the County, by fee, lease or easement, of interests in land associated with the Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 471-1994, as revised by Resolution No. 461-2006, has established a priority ranking system, implemented in the 2016 Adopted Capital Budget and Program, as the basis for funding capital projects such as this project; and

WHEREAS, the County Legislature, by resolution of even date herewith has authorized the issuance of \$20,000,000 in Suffolk County Serial Bonds; now, therefore be it

1st **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

2nd **RESOLVED**, pursuant to the new Article XIIA of the Suffolk County Charter, \$20,000,000 of this funding shall be used for land acquisitions as set forth in Section C12A-2(B)(1) of the Suffolk County Charter; and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that the proceeds of \$20,000,000 in Suffolk County Serial Bonds be and they are hereby appropriated as follows, subject to the condition that no bonds or notes shall be issued for the purchase of any particular property or an interest therein unless and until

a full environmental review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) has been completed by the County:

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
525-CAP-8732.210 (Fund 001-Debt Service)	Water Quality Protection 2014 Referendum - Land Purchases	\$20,000,000

and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, that no funds shall be allocated to or expended from this Capital Project No. 8732.210 unless and until a resolution authorizing planning steps/appraisal steps and/or acquisition of a piece of property or an interest therein for the purposes of this capital project has been duly adopted by the County Legislature; and be it further

5th **RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or designee, and the Department of Economic Development and Planning, with the approval of the County Attorney, are hereby authorized and empowered to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary or desirable, consistent with the purposes and intent of the foregoing resolution; and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the lead agency under SEQRA, N.Y. Environmental Conservation Law Article 8, and Chapter 450 of the Suffolk County Code, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action, pursuant to Section 617.5(C)(20) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (“NYCRR”) in that the action constitutes routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment. 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: June 1, 2016

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: June 14, 2016