

**RESOLUTION NO. 1005 -2016, REQUIRING THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF
CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS TO TOWNS AND VILLAGES**

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Department of Public Works oversees and manages the County's program of capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, in several recent instances, capital improvements completed along County roadways have been met with strong objections from residents, civic organizations and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the County installed steel guardrails along Long Beach Road near Sag Harbor; residents of the area and their elected representatives immediately complained that the guardrails marred scenic ocean views, harmed the aesthetic value of a scenic vista that is strongly appreciated by residents and tourists alike, and increased safety concerns for pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, the County is now planning with local State, Town and Village officials to replace the steel guardrails, incurring costs to the County and New York State in doing so; and

WHEREAS, it seems likely that this unfortunate occurrence could have been avoided if officials in Sag Harbor and Southampton Town had been made aware of the County's plans; and

WHEREAS, town and village officials are alert to the sensibilities and concerns of their constituents and their input may help improve the County's approach to certain projects and foster stronger community support for these improvements, while improving community confidence in the proper functioning of their government; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to provide written notice to any town or village government that will be impacted by a County capital project occurring within their jurisdiction; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Department will provide notice to towns and villages of road construction/improvement projects, including those that call for the installation of curbing, sidewalks and/or guardrails; drainage and culvert projects; dredging projects; bulkheading and fencing projects; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works will provide the notice called for in this resolution to the chief executive officer and the commissioner of public works of each affected town or village and said notice will be given at least 90 days prior to work beginning on the project; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works will share planning documents for such capital projects upon the request of a town or village officials; and be it further

5th **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: November 22, 2016

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: November 29, 2016