

RESOLUTION NO. 938 -2016, MAKING A SEQRA DETERMINATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED RONKONKOMA HUB DEVELOPMENT SANITARY PUMPING STATION AND FORCE MAIN PIPING SYSTEMS, TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN, TOWN OF ISLIP AND VILLAGE OF ISLANDIA

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) reviewed a project designated as the "Proposed Ronkonkoma Hub Development Sanitary Pumping Station and Force Main Piping Systems, Town of Brookhaven, Town of Islip and Village of Islandia", pursuant to Local Law No. 22-1985, which project involves the construction of a sanitary pumping station and a seven mile long force main and gravity line piping system to convey the generated wastewater from the Ronkonkoma Hub Transit Oriented Development project to the Southwest Sewer District No. 3 and ultimately to the existing Bergen Point Sewage Treatment; and

WHEREAS, the project is also being designed to allow for possible future connections to the proposed pumping station and force main piping system; and

WHEREAS, an Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) was prepared and submitted to the CEQ office by the Suffolk County Department of Public Works and subsequently sent out to all concerned parties; and

WHEREAS, at its September 21, 2016 meeting, the CEQ reviewed the EAF and information submitted by the Suffolk County Department of Public Works in connection with this project; and

WHEREAS, the CEQ recommended that the above activity be considered an Unlisted Action, pursuant to the provisions of Title 6 NYCRR, Part 617 and Chapter 450 of the Suffolk County Code; and

WHEREAS, the CEQ has advised the County Legislature and the County Executive by memo dated September 28, 2016 of said recommendations; and

WHEREAS, Section 450-5(H) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE requires the Presiding Officer to introduce legislation for an appropriate SEQRA determination; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Legislature has reviewed the EAF and the CEQ recommendations; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby determines that the Proposed Ronkonkoma Hub Development Sanitary Pumping Station and Force Main Piping Systems, Town of Brookhaven, Town of Islip and Village of Islandia constitutes an Unlisted Action, pursuant to the provisions of Title 6 NYCRR, Part 617 and Chapter 450 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE, that the proposed project will not have significant adverse impacts on the environment for the following reasons:

- 1) the proposed action will not exceed any of the criteria set forth in Title 6 NYCRR, Part 617.7, which sets forth thresholds for determining

significant effect on the environment, as demonstrated in the Environmental Assessment Form;

- 2) as demonstrated in the Environmental Assessment Form, the proposal does not appear to significantly threaten any unique or highly valuable environmental or cultural resources as identified in or regulated by the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York or the Suffolk County Charter or the Suffolk County Code;
- 3) the Town of Brookhaven completed an Environmental Impact Statement for the Ronkonkoma Hub Transit Oriented Development project and on June 24, 2014 issued a Finding Statement which identified project mitigations as well as criteria under which future actions will be undertaken or approved including subsequent SEQRA compliance;
- 4) as demonstrated in the Environmental Assessment Form, there is sufficient capacity at the Bergen Point Sewage Treatment Plant for the increased wastewater that will result from the proposed project;
- 5) the construction of the proposed force main and gravity line will be limited to existing road right-of-ways;
- 6) to reduce disturbance the force main is proposed to be installed using a pipe jacking process instead of an open trench method where the road right-of-way crosses the Connetquot River Headwaters;
- 7) road construction work will be conducted in accordance with New York State Department of Transportation's Maintenance and Protection of Traffic (MPT) requirements;
- 8) vehicle access to all commercial entities, educational institutions, government offices and private residences will be provided for at all times during construction of the force main and gravity line piping systems;
- 9) the proposed force main is anticipated to be constructed at a rate of 200 feet per day limiting the duration of construction impacts to locations along the proposed route of the force main and gravity line piping system;
- 10) roadway restoration will be done in accordance with the applicable town, County or state requirements;
- 11) all necessary project permits/approvals will be obtained from the applicable state, County and local regulatory agencies; and
- 12) any future connections to the proposed sewer piping system will require approval from the Suffolk County Sewer Agency;

and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the Suffolk County Clerk, the initiating unit of said project, and with the CEQ; and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that in accordance with Section C1-4(1)(d) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER and Section 450-5(C)(4) of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CODE, the CEQ is hereby directed to prepare and circulate a SEQRA notice of determination of 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