

# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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DIVISION OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT  
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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Chairperson  
CEQ

## **SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES**

DATE: June 21, 2017

TIME: 9:35 am – 11:20 am

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library

H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

### PRESENT:

Larry Swanson, Chair  
Michael Kaufman, Vice Chair  
Robert Carpenter Jr.  
Frank De Rubeis  
Eva Growney  
Hon. Kara Hahn  
Hon. Al Krupski  
Mary Ann Spencer

### ABSENT:

Michael Doall  
Thomas Gulbransen  
Constance Kepert

### CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

Joy Squires

### STAFF:

Andrew Freleng, Chief Planner  
John Corral, Senior Planner  
Christine DeSalvo, Senior Clerk Typist

**GUESTS:**

Lauretta Fischer, Chief Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning

Richard Martin, Director Historic Services, Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation

Nick Gibbons, Principal Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation

Christopher Lubicich, Principal Public Health Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Health Services

Alex Gimpelman, Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Paul McMahan, Principal Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Frank Castelli, Environmental Projects Coordinator, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Division of Planning and Environment

Maria Nida, Assistant County Attorney, Suffolk County Department of Law

Catherine Stark, Legislative Aide, District 1

Josh Slaughter, Legislative Aide, Legislator Browning, District 3

**Minutes:**

Minutes for the May 17, 2017 CEQ minutes were reviewed and discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to approve the May 17, 2017 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carpenter. Mr. Swanson abstained. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

Legislator Krupski provided a letter from Cornell Cooperative Extension in support of the North Fork Preserve Drainage Improvement project. The letter was distributed to the CEQ members and added to the project record.

**Public Portion:**

None

**Historic Trust Docket:**

Director's Report:

- Housing Program:

Mr. Martin noted that there are currently three vacancies at the Robert Cushman Murphy County Park. Mr. Martin discussed that Suffolk County Parks is in the process of doing repairs and upgrades and is working towards the goal of having the vacancies rented this summer. It was noted that Suffolk County Parks already has prospective tenants for the units. Mr. Martin also informed the CEQ that after the upgrades are completed market appraisals are planned to be done through the Suffolk County Division of Real Estate to update the rental rates.

- Custodial Agreements:

No new updates were reported

**Project Review:**

**Recommended Unlisted Actions:**

- A. Proposed IR 1509 -2017 – A Local Law Establishing a Policy to Reserve County Sewer Capacity, All County-owned Sewer Districts

Josh Slaughter, Chief Legislative Aide to Legislator Kate Browning, gave the Council a presentation regarding the proposed action. The proposed action would prevent new construction developments which are located outside the boundaries of an existing Suffolk County Sewer District and produce more than 300,000 gallons of sewage flow per day from connecting to an existing County sewer facility. After an extended discussion regarding the proposed action the CEQ decided that additional SEQRA information was needed before the CEQ could make a SEQRA recommendation.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to table the SEQRA Review of IR 1509-2017 for additional SEQRA information to be submitted to the CEQ. Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion carries.

- B. Proposed North Fork Preserve Drainage Improvements, Sound Shore Road, Hamlet of Northville, Town of Riverhead

Nick Gibbons, Principal Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Department of Parks, Paul McMahon, Principal Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works, and Alex Gimpelman, Senior Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works made a presentation to the Council on the proposed action. This project, which will take place on the North Fork Preserve Property, is intended to retain stormwater runoff onsite and reduce the amount of stormwater that is currently running off the northerly portion of the property to adjacent roads, private properties and the Long Island Sound.

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion also included the CEQ recommendation that additional land on Suffolk County Tax Map Number 0600-007.00-03.00-041.001 may be utilized to expand Retention Basin # 3 by up to 50% of what is indicated in the June 6, 2017 dated EAF without being considered a substantive project change that would require additional SEQRA review if said expansion is determined to be warranted to accommodate additional stormwater flow. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

- C. Proposed Acquisition of Land Under the New Enhanced Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program 2014 Referendum – Land Purchases for Open Space Preservation – Beaverdam Creek Watershed Addition – Calderone Property, Town of Brookhaven

Ms. Laretta Fischer, Chief Environmental Analyst, with the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning gave a presentation regarding the acquisition of an approximately 0.28 acre parcel, identified by Suffolk County Tax Map Number 0200-961.00-03.00-084.000, by Suffolk County under the New Enhanced Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program 2014 Referendum – Land Purchases for Open Space Preservation. The acquired land would be dedicated to the Suffolk County Parks Department for passive recreational use.

A motion was made by Ms. Growney to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Mr. De Rubeis. Motion carried.

**Project Review:**

**Recommendations for LADS Report:**

Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table May 16, 2017 and June 6, 2017

Mr. Corral noted that the staff's SEQRA recommendations are listed on the May 16, 2017 and the June 6, 2017 LADS reports. Mr. Corral recommended that the SEQRA recommendation for IR 1509-2017 on the June 6, 2017 LADS report be changed from the preliminary recommendation of Unlisted Action to "table for additional SEQRA information to be submitted to CEQ for review" to reflect the recommendation the CEQ made when it reviewed the project earlier in the meeting. The CEQ agreed with this change to the June 6, 2017 LADS report.

Ms. Growney made a motion to accept staff recommendations as amended for the May 16, 2017 and the June 6, 2017 Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Hon. Krupski. Motion carried.

**Other Business:**

None

**CAC Concerns:**

None

Meeting Adjourned