

Intro. Res. No. 1013-2013

Laid on Table 1/2/2013

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

RESOLUTION NO. 34 -2013, AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2013 OPERATING BUDGET TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM FUND 477 WATER QUALITY PROTECTION, AMENDING THE 2013 CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH A PILOT STUDY FOR CLUSTERED TREATMENT OF DECENTRALIZED WASTEWATER IN THE PECONIC ESTUARY (CP 8710)

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds within the Reserved Fund Balance of Fund 477 for the purpose of Water Quality Protection; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program Review Committee, pursuant to Article XII of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER has recommended funding this study at its September 25, 2012 meeting as an appropriate use of Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program and Land Stewardship Initiative funds; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning will sponsor the Planning and Design of Pilot Projects for the Clustered Treatment of Decentralized Wastewater in the Peconic Estuary, in accordance with Article XII of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER; and

WHEREAS, the majority of buildings within the Peconic Estuary have onsite wastewater treatment systems which are major sources of non-point source nutrients and pollutants entering groundwater and migrating to surface waters; and

WHEREAS, mounting evidence identifies wastewater as a primary source of nutrients that feed harmful algal blooms; and

WHEREAS, the draft 2010 Suffolk County Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan identifies a direct link between on-site wastewater treatment and water quality; and

WHEREAS, the information acquired through this project will enable the County, local municipalities and communities to make more informed decisions about the implementation, feasibility, suitability, and potential benefits of clustered wastewater treatment systems in existing communities within the Peconic Estuary watershed; and

WHEREAS, the project is consistent with the recommendations of the Peconic Estuary Program (PEP) Comprehensive Management Plan in accordance with the requirements of Article XII of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER by reducing non-point source pollution to the Peconic Estuary; and

WHEREAS, Peconic Green Growth will commit to provide matching project funds to be no less than either \$90,000 or one half the cost of the project, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, the project should be initiated within three-years of the date of adoption of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, funding for this project is requested through the Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 471-1994, as revised by Resolution No. 461-2006, has established a priority ranking system, implemented in the 2013 Adopted Capital Budget and Program, as the basis for funding capital projects such as this project; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds available in Fund 477 within the Reserved Fund Balance for Water Quality related projects to support the appropriation of this project within the 2013 Capital Budget and Program; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), Environmental Conservation Law Article 8, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action, pursuant to Section 617.5 (c) (18),(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the 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; and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that it is hereby determined that this project, with a priority ranking of fifty-seven (57) 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 the County’s share for this project; and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, that the Adopted 2013 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	\$90,000

and be it further

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

REVENUES:

<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	\$90,000

and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, that the 2013 Capital Budget and Program be and they are hereby amended as follows:

Project No.: 8710

Project Title: A Pilot Study for Clustered Treatment of Decentralized Wastewater in the Peconic Estuary

	<u>Total Est'd Cost</u>	<u>Current 2013 Capital Budget & Program</u>	<u>Revised 2013 Capital Budget & Program</u>
1. Planning	<u>\$90,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$90,000W</u>
TOTAL	\$90,000	\$0	\$90,000

and be it further

7th **RESOLVED**, that these Water Quality proceeds in the amount of \$90,000 be and hereby is appropriated as follows:

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
525-CAP-8710.136	Pilot Study for Clustered Treatment of Decentralized Wastewater in the Peconic Estuary	\$90,000

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; and be it further

9th **RESOLVED**, that Peconic Green Growth shall enter into a contractual agreement with Suffolk County to ensure project completeness; and be it further

10th **RESOLVED**, that nothing contained herein shall be construed as a binding obligation on the part of Suffolk County to continue to provide funding or resources to Peconic Green Growth for implementation of this resolution once the funding in this resolution has been exhausted.

DATED: February 5, 2013

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: