

# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING  
DIVISION OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT  
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Lawrence Swanson  
Chairperson  
CEQ

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

DATE: January 17, 2018

TIME: 9:30 am – 10:05 pm

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

Michael Doall

Eva Growney

Constance Kepert

### ABSENT:

Hon. Kara Hahn

Mary Ann Spencer

### CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

None

### STAFF:

Andrew Freleng, Chief Planner

John Corral, Senior Planner

Christine DeSalvo, Principal Clerk

**GUESTS:**

Maria Nida, Assistant County Attorney, Suffolk County Department of Law  
Sarah Lansdale, Director of Planning, Suffolk County Department of Economic  
Development and Planning  
Dorian Dale, Director of Sustainability, Suffolk County Department of Economic  
Development and Planning  
Christina DeLisi, Legislative Aide, Office of Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory  
Diego De La Rocha, Intern, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development  
and Planning, Division of Planning and Environment

**Minutes:**

December 13, 2017

A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to approve the December 13, 2018 minutes.  
The motion was seconded by Mr. DeRubeis. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

None

**Public Comment:**

None

**Historic Trust Docket:**

None – Richard Martin, Director of Suffolk County Historic Services, was not present  
at the meeting.

**Project Review:**

**Recommended Type II Actions:**

Ben Wright, P.E., Principal Civil Engineer, from the Suffolk County Department of Public  
Works gave a presentation on all three sewer district projects.

- A. Proposed Improvements to Suffolk County Sewer District #1 – Port Jefferson  
(Equipping Influent Screening Building and Electrical Upgrades), CP8169, Town of  
Brookhaven, and Village of Port Jefferson.

This project involves providing engineering assistance and the purchase/construction of  
equipment in the Influent Screening Building located at the wastewater treatment plant.  
The project also involves the upgrade of electrical system components at the wastewater  
treatment plant.

After a brief discussion a motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to recommend classification of the proposed project as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carpenter. Motion carried.

B. Proposed Improvements to Suffolk County Sewer District #3 – Southwest (Bergen Point WWTP, UV System Enhancement), CP 8132, Town of Babylon.

The proposed project involves adding an enhancement process to the existing UV system at the Southwest Sewer District's Bergen Point Wastewater Treatment Plant. The enhancement process is proposed to utilize either peracetic acid, hydrogen peroxide or ozone treatment which will supplement the existing UV treatment system. The existing UV building has sufficient room for the system enhancement work and all of the enhancement work will take place within the existing building. While the current system currently is efficient and meets regulations, the proposed UV enhancement work will increase long term system efficiency and provide the level of disinfection required in the years to come.

The CEQ asked if one of the disinfectants being considered is more effective than the others. It was noted that they all will be effective but an engineering study will evaluate which is the most cost effective method to use at the Bergen Point Sewage Treatment Point.

After a brief discussion a motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to recommend classification of the proposed project as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Mr. Growney. Motion carried.

C. Proposed Improvements to Suffolk County Sewer District #12 – Birchwood/Holbrook (Force Main Repair), CP 8143, Town of Brookhaven.

The proposed project involves proposed force main repairs to the Suffolk County Sewer District #12- Birchwood/Holbrook's conveyance system. In 1995, two adjacent sewer districts were consolidated and a pump station with force main conveyed one service area's wastewater to the other. The conveying force main, which is approximately 1.3 miles long and is located in the Long Island Expressway North Service Road and the Town of Brookhaven roadways, is in need of repair. All repair work will be replacement in-kind and located in the same footprint as the existing force main system.

After a brief discussion a motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to recommend classification of the proposed project as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Mr. Doall. Motion carried.

**Project Review:**

**Recommendations for LADS Report:**

A. Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the December 19, 2017 and January 2, 2018

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to accept staff recommendations on both Legislative Resolutions as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

**Other Business:**

- The Chair of the CEQ briefed the Council on the status of a CEQ member. The Chair noted that due to an out of state job assignment, the member has missed approximately the last two years' worth of CEQ meetings. The Chair then noted that a County review of the member's absences determined that the member has missed too many meetings. The Chair noted that the current plan as he understands it is that the member has been removed from the Council and then will be renominated by the Suffolk County Legislature.

The CEQ staff noted that there are now currently two CEQ vacancies. The CEQ staff also noted that there is now a CEQ Memo to Legislator Hahn, the chair of the Legislature's Environment, Planning and Agriculture committee, notifying the Legislature of the CEQ vacancies.

- Election of Officers. Mr. DeRubeis made a motion to nominate Michael Kaufman as Vice Chairman and Larry Swanson as Chair. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

Mr. Swanson thanked the CEQ members for their support and looks forward to a good upcoming year with the CEQ.

**CAC Concerns:**

None

Meeting Adjourned