

RESOLUTION NO. 525-2018, MAKING A SEQRA DETERMINATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO CR 21, YAPHANK-MIDDLE ISLAND ROAD FROM LONGWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL TO NYS ROUTE 25, TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) reviewed a project designated as the "Proposed Road Improvements to CR 21, Yaphank-Middle Island Road From Longwood Middle School to NYS Route 25, Town of Brookhaven", pursuant to Local Law No. 22-1985, which project involves road improvements to CR 21, Yaphank-Middle Island Road, from Longwood Middle School to NYS Route 25; and

WHEREAS, these road improvements include providing continuous curb and sidewalks on both sides of the roadway for improved pedestrian safety, mobility and the widening of the roadway within the existing right-of-way to provide shoulders and left turn lanes where necessary for improved safety and mobility for both motorized and non-motorized roadway users; and

WHEREAS, the proposed road improvements also involves construction of a left turn lane and traffic signal upgrades at the Longwood Middle School to provide operational improvements at this intersection; and

WHEREAS, the project may also include ancillary work to be performed by various utility companies, which may include relocating underground and/or overhead electric, underground and/or overhead telephone/communications, and underground gas, water, and/or sewer infrastructure as necessary to construct the proposed roadway improvements; and

WHEREAS, the project also includes the replacement and upgrade of an existing stormwater outfall pipe to the proximity of the Carmans River headwaters which involves replacing the existing 15 inch corrugated metal pipe with a 24 inch polyethylene pipe and a stormwater treatment structure; and

WHEREAS, this project, with the exception of the replacement of the outfall pipe, was reviewed by CEQ and Legislature in 2016 and received a SEQRA Negative Declaration via Suffolk County Resolution No. 776-2016; and

WHEREAS, this updated SEQRA review is being done so that the replacement of the outfall pipe is also considered as part of the overall road improvement project; 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 May 16, 2018 meeting, the CEQ reviewed the EAF and the information submitted by the Suffolk County Department of Public Works; 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 May 22, 2018 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 Road Improvements to CR 21, Yaphank-Middle Island Road From Longwood Middle School to NYS Route 25, Town of Brookhaven constitutes an Unlisted Action, pursuant to the provisions of Title 6 NYCRR, Part 617 and Chapter 450 of the Suffolk County Code, and 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 adverse impacts on the environment, as demonstrated in the Environmental Assessment Form;
2. the proposal does not 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 and the Suffolk County Code;
3. the replacement of the outfall pipe will include a new stormwater treatment structure that will treat the stormwater before it is discharged to the proximity of the Carmans River headwaters;
4. the area where the outfall pipe and headwall is removed and replaced will be regraded and restored with suitable native woodland seeding and groundcover;
5. all necessary State permits and approvals, including from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, will be obtained prior to the commencement of project construction activities;
6. the proposed construction will be of temporary duration and will be coordinated with the Longwood Middle School so that the heavy construction activities such as milling, pavement removals and paving are performed during evenings, weekends or periods when the school does not have peak activities scheduled; and
7. the proposed improvements to the County Road 21 will improve vehicular safety, pedestrian safety and stormwater management along the road corridor;

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: June 19, 2018

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: June 28, 2018