

**RESOLUTION NO. 387 -2017, DEVELOPING A
COMPREHENSIVE RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSTRUCTION
PLAN FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, renewable energy is a growing economic engine on Long Island, with growing interest in residential and commercial solar and renewable energy installations; and

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk entered into agreements for the installation of solar panels on County parking lots and building rooftops by private vendors; and

WHEREAS, solar companies have expressed an interest in installing large arrays of panels on a variety of publicly and privately owned land throughout the County, with varying receptions in local communities; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County does not have a comprehensive plan for renewable energy development that balances the demand for development of renewable energy against the destruction of high quality natural areas such as forests, woodlands, and fields and the desire of communities to protect the environment and its quality of life; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive renewable energy development plan that considers both public and private properties - including rooftops, parking lots, brownfields, rights-of-way, and other already developed places - would be helpful in targeting development towards the most appropriate parcels and usages; and

WHEREAS, any comprehensive renewable energy plan should seek to maximize community ownership of renewable energy, retain profits within the local economy and consider matters of environmental justice; and

WHEREAS, a task force should be convened to assist with the development of the plan and recommend ways to incentivize renewable energy development on private lands identified as suitable for this purpose; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that a comprehensive Renewable Energy Task Force (“Task Force”) is hereby created to aid the County in developing a sustainable renewable energy program to implement on a County-wide basis; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall be comprised of the following fourteen (14) members;

- 1) the County Executive, or his or her designee;
- 2) the Presiding Officer of the County Legislature, or his or her designee;
- 3) the Chairperson of the Environment, Planning and Agriculture Committee of the County Legislature, or his or her designee;

- 4) the Chairperson of the Public Works, Transportation and Energy Committee of the County Legislature, or his or her designee;
- 5) a representative of the Legislative Budget Review Office;
- 6) the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, or his or her designee;
- 7) a representative of the Suffolk County Supervisors Association;
- 8) a representative of the Solar Research Center at Brookhaven National Laboratory;
- 9) one member of the environmental community, to be selected by the County Legislature;
- 10) a member of the renewable energy community, to be selected by the County Legislature;
- 11) a representative of the County Legislature's Next Generation Advisory Council;
- 12) a representative of the Long Island Association;
- 13) a representative of the Sustainability Institute at Molloy College; and
- 14) the chairperson of the New York State Assembly's Environmental Conservation Committee or his or her designee;

and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that representatives of PSEG LI and LIPA shall serve as non-voting members of the Task Force and shall provide technical advice to the Task Force; and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall hold its first meeting no later than thirty days after the oaths of office of all members have been filed, which meeting shall be convened to select a chairperson, a vice chairperson and a secretary; and be it further

5th **RESOLVED**, that members of the Task Force shall serve with no compensation and at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities; and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall hold regular meetings, keep a record of all its proceedings, and determine the rules of its own proceedings with special meetings to be called by the chairperson upon his or her own initiative or upon receipt of a written request therefor signed by at least three (3) members of the Task Force. Written notice of the time and place of such special meetings shall be given by the secretary to each member at least four (4) days before the date fixed by the notice for such special meeting; and be it further

7th **RESOLVED**, that eight (8) members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum to transact the business of the Task Force at both regular and special meetings; and be it further

8th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to conduct a survey of all available public and privately held land in the County to develop a list of parcels that would be suitable for renewable energy production, with the County Division of Planning in the Department of Economic Development and Planning providing technical assistance; and be it further

9th **RESOLVED**, that clerical services involving the month-to-month operation of this Task Force, as well as supplies and postage as necessary, will be provided by the staff of the County Legislature; and be it further

10th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force may conduct such informal hearings and meetings at any place or places within the County of Suffolk for the purpose of obtaining necessary information or other data to assist it in the proper performance of its duties and functions as it deems necessary; and be it further

11th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force may delegate to any member of the Task Force the power and authority to conduct such hearings and meetings; and be it further

12th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall cooperate with the Legislative Committees of the County Legislature and make available to each Committee's use, upon request, any records and other data it may accumulate or obtain; and be it further

13th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall examine the maps prepared by the Division of Planning and evaluate the capability for increased renewable energy sources on Long Island, the challenges associated with advancing renewable energy and possible solutions to same; and be it further

14th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force may seek the assistance and input of technical staff from any County department, as needed; and be it further

15th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall issue a written report after a comprehensive study and analysis of the issues which shall include the Task Force's findings and determinations and propose an action plan to encourage increased installation of renewable energy on appropriate parcels throughout Suffolk County; and be it further

16th **RESOLVED**, that this Task Force shall submit a written report of its findings and determinations together with its recommendations for action, if any, to each member of the County Legislature and the County Executive no later than one hundred eighty (180) days from the administration of the oaths of office to all members for consideration, review and appropriate action, if necessary, by the entire County Legislature; and be it further

17th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall expire, and the terms of office of its members terminate, one (1) year from the effective date of this Resolution, at which time the Task Force shall deposit all the records of its proceedings with the Clerk of the Legislature; and be it further

18th **RESOLVED**, that this study shall not be performed by any outside consultant or consulting firm unless explicit approval and authorization for such consultant or consulting firm is granted pursuant to a duly enacted resolution of the County Legislature; and be it further

19th **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 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.

DATED: May 16, 2017

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 31, 2017

RESOLUTION NO. 132 -2018, AMENDING THE RENEWABLE ENERGY TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 387-2017 created a Renewable Energy Task Force to aid the County in developing a sustainable renewable energy program; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force needs additional time to complete the written report of its findings and recommendations, as required by Resolution No. 387-2017; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the 16th RESOLVED clause of Resolution No. 387-2017 is hereby amended as follows:

16th RESOLVED, that this Task Force shall submit a written report of its findings and determinations together with its recommendations for action, if any, to each member of the County Legislature and the County Executive [no later than one hundred eighty (180) days from the administration of the oaths of office to all members] May 31, 2018 for consideration, review and appropriate action, if necessary, by the entire County Legislature; and be it further

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2nd RESOLVED, that all other terms and conditions of Resolution No. 387-2017 shall remain in full force and effect; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 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.

[] Brackets denote deletion of existing language
___ Underlining denotes addition of new language

DATED: March 6, 2018

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: March 13, 2018