

Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive and Legislator Hahn, Anker, Fleming

**RESOLUTION NO. 297 -2017, DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF USING ALTERNATIVES TO GAS POWERED MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Suffolk has made environmental protection and water quality a top priority; and

**WHEREAS**, the County is always exploring opportunities to reduce nitrogen pollutants entering our ground water supply; and

**WHEREAS**, national organizations including the American Green Zone Alliance, as well as local organizations such as Huntington Citizens Appeal for Leaf-blower Moderation, identify gas-powered leaf-blowers as a concerning source of pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, South Pasadena, California, working with the American Green Zone Alliance, have completed a three-year conversion of their gas powered equipment to all low-noise, zero-emissions equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, locally, the Village of East Quogue has also begun studying the efficacy of such a conversion, as well as developing a pilot program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works is responsible for the maintenance of all grounds at County facilities; now, therefore be it

**1<sup>st</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the County Department of Public Works is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take such action as may be necessary to complete a Study for the Feasibility of Using Alternatives to Gas Powered Maintenance Equipment, pursuant to Section C8-2 (A) of the Suffolk County Charter; and be it further

**2<sup>nd</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that the Department of Public Works will report their findings and recommendations to the County Executive and the County Legislature, within 120 days of the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

**3<sup>rd</sup>** **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), Environmental Conservation Law Article 8 and Chapter 450 of the Suffolk County Code, hereby finds and determines that this law constitutes a Type II action, pursuant to Section 617.5(c), (20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of New York Code of Rules and Regulations ("NYCRR"), in that the action constitutes routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment, by the gathering of information, including basic data collection and research, and preliminary planning processes necessary to formulate a proposal for an action, but does not commit the County to commence or approve an action; since this law is a Type II action, the Legislature has no further responsibilities under SEQRA. 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: April 25, 2017

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone  
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 2, 2017