

RESOLUTION NO. 1225 -2019, ESTABLISHING A SUFFOLK COUNTY REGIONAL RECYCLING ASSESSMENT TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk continues to be a national leader in the field of environmental protection and pollution reduction; and

WHEREAS, recycling is an important part of keeping Suffolk County clean, preventing deforestation, and keeping unnecessary waste out of our landfills; and

WHEREAS, many towns within the County have already implemented a variety of recycling programs tailored to local needs; and

WHEREAS, the different recycling programs sometimes create confusion in the towns and villages, as well as with individual residents who may not be utilizing the recycling programs as efficiently and effectively as possible; and

WHEREAS, reviewing the recycling processes regionally across the County and seeking synergies among them will help to reduce waste and protect our environment; and

WHEREAS, a review of the different recycling methods implemented throughout the County will give valuable insight into how these programs can be made more effective and efficient in the future; and

WHEREAS, a task force should be created to assess current recycling processes throughout the County and to recommend improvements and alternative programs that may be more effective in reducing landfill waste; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Regional Recycling Assessment Task Force ("Task Force") is hereby established to review the recycling programs both at the town and County level, develop a strategy for increasing the efficiency of recycling regionally, and to develop mechanisms to encourage the streamlining of the recycling process in Suffolk County; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall consist of the following seventeen (17) members:

- 1) The Chair of the Environment, Planning and Agriculture Committee of the County Legislature, or his or her designee, who shall serve as Chair;
- 2) The Presiding Officer of the County Legislature, or his or her designee;
- 3) The County Executive, or his or her designee;
- 4) The Commissioner of the Department of Economic Development and Planning, or his or her designee;
- 5) The Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, or his or her designee;

- 6) The recycling coordinators from each of the ten (10) towns;and
- 7) Two (2) community advocates, to be appointed by the Legislature;

and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall hold its first meeting no later than thirty (30) days after the oaths of office of all members have been filed, which meeting shall be convened by the Chair, for the purpose of organization, and the selection of a vice chairperson and a secretary; and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, that the members of said Task Force shall serve without compensation and shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities; and be it further

5th **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

6th **RESOLVED**, that nine (9) 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

7th **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

8th **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

9th **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

10th **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

11th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall issue a written report after a comprehensive study on the challenges facing the County and the municipalities located therein with respect to effective recycling and develop findings and recommendations, including a long-term plan to encourage recycling through the use of multiple strategies and tactics, as well as the development of a system for tracking the progress of such a plan; and be it further

12th **RESOLVED**, that the written report shall be submitted to each member of the County Legislature, the Clerk of the Legislature and the County Executive within one year of the

effective date of this resolution for review, consideration and appropriate action, if necessary, by the entire County Legislature; and be it further

13th **RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall expire, and the terms of office of its members terminate, as of December 31, 2020 at which time the Task Force shall deposit all the records of its proceedings with the Clerk of the Legislature; and be it further

14th **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

15th **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)(26) 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 routine or continuing administration and management not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment, 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: December 17, 2019

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: December 24, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 119 -2020, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 1225-2019, TO MODIFY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY REGIONAL RECYCLING ASSESSMENT TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1225-2019 established a Suffolk County Regional Recycling Task Force (“Task Force”) to develop a strategy for increasing the efficiency of regional recycling efforts; and

WHEREAS, additional members should also be added to the Task Force to develop a more comprehensive assessment of regional recycling plans; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1225-2019 should be updated to include those additional members, who will provide valuable insight into regional recycling reform; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the 2nd RESOLVED Clause of Resolution No. 1225-2019 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2nd RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall consist of the following [~~seventeen (17)~~] twenty-two (22) members:

- 1) The Chair of the Environment, [~~Planning~~] Parks and Agriculture Committee of the County Legislature, or his or her designee, who shall serve as Chair;
- 2) The Presiding Officer of the County Legislature, or his or her designee;
- 3) The County Executive, or his or her designee;
- 4) The Commissioner of the Department of Economic Development and Planning, or his or her designee;
- 5) The Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, or his or her designee;
- 6) The recycling coordinators from each of the ten (10) towns;[~~and~~]
- 7) Two (2) community advocates, to be appointed by the Legislature;
- 8) One (1) representative from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation;
- 9) One (1) representative from the Long Island Regional Planning Council;
and
- 10) Three (3) representatives who have experience working in the recycling industry; and be it further

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2nd RESOLVED, that the 6th RESOLVED Clause of Resolution No. 1225-2019 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6th RESOLVED, that [~~nine (9)~~] twelve (12) 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

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)(26) 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 routine or continuing administration and management not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment, 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 3, 2020

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: March 10, 2020