

WITHDRAWN AS OF 6/3/2020

Intro. Res. No. 1368-2020

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Introduced by Legislators Krupski and Gonzalez

**RESOLUTION NO. -2020, DEVELOPING A UNIFORM
REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR THE USE OF SHARED
INNOVATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE WASTEWATER
TREATMENT SYSTEMS**

WHEREAS, Suffolk County has been working diligently to reduce nitrogen pollution in the sole source aquifer it sits atop of through innovative programs and public education; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the County established new requirements and programs related to encouraging the installation of Innovative Alternative On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems ("IA/WTS") on residential and commercial properties to further reduce nitrogen discharge into groundwater; and

WHEREAS, IA/WTS technologies are sufficiently advanced to allow for two or more small lots to share a single system under the current County program; and

WHEREAS, sharing the costs of an IA/WTS system among multiple property owners will make the installation of such technologies feasible for a larger number of homeowners, as it can be both cost effective and more appropriate for several lots of small size, especially those properties which are only in use for a portion of the year; and

WHEREAS, there are regulatory and administrative concerns associated with the implementation of shared IA/WTS units which should be examined thoroughly and addressed by the County to ensure that an appropriate framework for the use of such systems is available for uniform application; and be it further

WHEREAS, the Division of Planning in the Department of Economic Development and Planning and the Division of Wastewater Management in the Department of Health Services should work with the County Attorney's Office to examine the various administrative and legal issues associated with the implementation of shared IA/WTS and develop a written proposal for how to best address these issues to allow for the installation of shared IA/WT systems in Suffolk County; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Division of Planning in the Department of Economic Development and Planning and the Division of Wastewater Management in the Department of Health Services are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to work collaboratively with the County Attorney's Office to examine the regulatory, administrative and legal issues associated with the installation of shared innovative and alternative wastewater treatment systems; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, these Divisions shall collaboratively develop a written report outlining the issues associated with the installation of shared IA/WTS and provide recommendations to address these concerns and allow for the installation of shared systems; and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that the Divisions shall issue the report within 180 days of the effective date of this Resolution to the County Executive, Clerk of the County Legislature and each member of the County Legislature for consideration and further action, if necessary; and be it further

4th **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:

APPROVED BY:

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: