

RESOLUTION NO. 429 -2020, AMENDING THE 2020 OPERATING BUDGET AND AMENDING THE 2020 CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE DESIGN OF INNOVATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS (I/A OWTS) FOR SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH BRENTWOOD CAMPUS AND HAMPTON BAYS RETREAT HOUSE (CP 8725.110)

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 31-2014, which was approved by voter referendum on November 4, 2014, authorized the County of Suffolk to use excess monies in the Assessment Stabilization Reserve Fund to fund wastewater upgrades; and

WHEREAS, the funds for the Sewer Infrastructure Program are maintained within the Sewer Infrastructure Program Fund ("Fund 406"); and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds within Fund 406 for the implementation of the purposes of Local Law No. 31-2014; and

WHEREAS, traditional cesspools and septic systems were not designed to remove nitrogen from wastewater, and nitrogen discharging from these cesspools is believed to leach into groundwater and flow into waterways via groundwater travel; and

WHEREAS, wastewater treatment upgrades are critical because nitrogen discharging from antiquated systems has led to the degradation in the local water quality, harming groundwater, drinking water, wetlands, and surface waters throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the requested funding will support the project management phase to evaluate, design, and permit individual Innovative and Alternative Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (I/A OWTS) for the residential houses on the Brentwood Campus and for the Retreat House in Hampton Bays; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the proposed nitrogen-reducing I/A OWTS will significantly reduce nitrogen pollution from current conditions thus supporting groundwater protection and water quality improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Sewer Infrastructure Committee evaluated and unanimously approved the Sisters of St. Joseph I/A OWTS upgrades request for \$50,000 at its March 5, 2020 meeting for advanced nitrogen removal wastewater treatment; and

WHEREAS, the recommended project constitutes a permitted use of Sewer Infrastructure Program funds pursuant to Local Law No. 31-2014; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 471-1994, as revised by Resolution No. 461-2006, established a priority ranking system, implemented in the 2020 Adopted Capital Budget and Program, as the basis for funding capital projects such as this project; and

WHEREAS, there are insufficient funds available in the 2020 Capital Budget and

Program for this program; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds available within Fund 406 to support the appropriation of the recommended project; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), Environmental Conservation Law Article 8, hereby finds and determines that this law constitutes a Type II action, pursuant to Section 617.5 (C) (24) information collection including basic data collection and research, water quality and pollution studies, traffic counts, engineering studies, surveys, subsurface investigations and soils studies that do not commit the agency to undertake, fund or approve any Type I or Unlisted action; (26) routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment; (27) conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action; (33) adoption of regulations, policies, procedures and local legislative decisions in connection with any action on this list of Title 6 of New York Code of Rules and Regulations (“NYCRR”), and the Legislature has no further responsibilities under SEQRA; and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that it is hereby determined that this project, with a priority ranking of seventy-two (72) is eligible for approval in accordance with the provisions of Resolution No. 471-1994, as revised by Resolution No. 461-2006; and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that sufficient funds exist within Fund 406 Sewer Infrastructure Program Fund component to cover the cost of the County’s share for this project; and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, that the Adopted 2020 Capital Budget be and hereby is amended and that the interfund transfer be and hereby is appropriated from Fund 406 Sewer Infrastructure Program Fund as follows:

EXPENDITURES:

| | | Approp | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| <u>Fund</u> | <u>Dept</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Object</u> | <u>Activity</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
| 406 | IFT | DE | E525 | 9600 | 0000 | Transfer to Capital Fund | \$50,000 |

and be it further

5th **RESOLVED**, that the interfund revenues be and hereby are transferred and accepted in the Capital Fund as follows:

REVENUES:

| | | Approp | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| <u>Fund</u> | <u>Dept</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Group</u> | <u>Rev Source</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Amount</u> |

525 CAP X IFTR 0000 R406 Transfer from Fund 406 \$50,000

and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, that the 2020 Capital Budget and Program be and they are hereby amended as follows:

Project No.: 8725.110

Project Title: I/A OWTS for Sisters of St. Joseph Brentwood Campus and Hampton Bays Retreat House

| | Total Est'd <u>Cost</u> | Current 2020 Capital Budget & <u>Program</u> | Revised 2020 Capital Budget & <u>Program</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Planning | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$50,000</u> (406) |
| TOTAL | \$0 | \$0 | \$50,000 |

7th **RESOLVED**, that the interfund revenues in the amount of \$50,000 be and hereby are appropriated as follows:

| <u>Project No.</u> | <u>J.C.</u> | <u>Project Title</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|---|---------------|
| 525-CAP-8725.110 | 40 | I/A OWTS for Sister of St. Joseph Brentwood Campus and Hampton Bays Retreat House | \$50,000 |

8th **RESOLVED**, that the County Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to accept these interfund revenues and effectuate these interfund transfers, including the associated cash transfers to finance this capital project; and be it further

9th **RESOLVED**, that the Sisters of St. Joseph shall enter into a contractual agreement with Suffolk County to ensure project completeness; and be it further

10th **RESOLVED**, that nothing contained herein shall be construed as a binding obligation on the part of Suffolk County to continue to provide funding or resources to the Sisters of St. Joseph for implementation of this resolution once the funding in this resolution has been exhausted.

DATED: June 9, 2020

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: June 12, 2020