

Intro. Res. No. 1221-2021

Laid on Table 4/20/2021

Introduced by Legislators Berland, Hahn, Anker, Piccirillo, Kennedy, Flotteron, Spencer and Richberg

RESOLUTION NO. 312-2021, AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION TO LOCATE CANOE AND KAYAK STORAGE RACKS AT COUNTY PARKS NEAR BODIES OF WATER AND ESTABLISHING RELATED PILOT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Suffolk County residents enjoy using the County's various parks and beaches to kayak and canoe during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, it is burdensome for individuals to transport large kayaks, canoes, and other aquatic recreational devices each time they want to launch from a County park or beach; and

WHEREAS, individuals are more apt to consistently launch their kayaks and canoes from a specific location if they can safely store their kayak or canoe in close proximity to the launch site; and

WHEREAS, many town and village beaches utilize a system where residents can acquire the ability to safely store their aquatic recreational devices, such as kayaks and canoes, on racks located at the beach on a seasonal basis so that residents do not have to continually transport their equipment; and

WHEREAS, Laborers Local 66 Union and the Alliance of Chambers would like to donate labor and funds, respectively, so that the County can establish a pilot program beginning in summer of 2021 for residents to store kayaks and canoes at certain County parks and beaches; and

WHEREAS, to enhance residential enjoyment of these facilities, the County should accept the donations from Laborers Local 66 and the Alliance of Chambers and establish a canoe and kayak storage program on a pilot basis; and

WHEREAS, prior to establishing the pilot program, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation must receive authorization to locate canoe and kayak racks near bodies of water at County parks, golf courses, and beaches; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation is hereby authorized and empowered to locate canoe and kayak storage racks near usable bodies of water at all County parks, golf courses, and beaches; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Department is further authorized, empowered, and directed to establish a Canoe and Kayak Storage Pilot Program ("Pilot Program") for the purpose of maintaining canoe and kayak racks adjacent to waterways at the following six suggested County parks and beaches: Blydenburgh County Park, Southaven County Park, Lake Ronkonkoma County Park, Timber Point Golf Course, Indian Island County Park, and Smith Point County Park Marina, with further locations to follow; and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that the Department is also authorized, empowered, and directed to accept the donation of labor from Laborers Local 66 Union and the monetary donation of \$4,900 from the Alliance of Chambers to establish a Canoe and Kayak Storage Pilot Program. The \$4,900 donation from the Alliance of Chambers shall be used to purchase materials for the construction of canoe and kayak racks and the donation of labor from Laborers Local 66 Union shall be used to construct canoe and kayak racks at the designated locations; and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, that as part of the Pilot Program, County residents shall be able to purchase a seasonal sticker to place on their canoe or kayak which permits them to store their canoe or kayak on a rack at one of the above locations for a set fee to be established by the Commissioner per canoe or kayak each season. Patrons purchasing a seasonal sticker shall be assigned a specific rack storage location and shall be responsible for providing their own device(s) to secure the canoe or kayak to the rack. Permits shall be available for purchase in-person at the office of the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation or on the Department's website. The purchase of a seasonal canoe or kayak storage sticker shall not include launch fees, where applicable; and be it further

5th **RESOLVED**, that the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation shall facilitate the Pilot Program each season and shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to further the Pilot Program, including the number of available storage spots at all locations; and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, beginning in 2021, the Pilot Program shall run from Memorial Day through Columbus Day of each year; and be it further

7th **RESOLVED**, that the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation shall submit a written report evaluating the success of the program, including recommendations on making the program permanent and the possibility of expanding the program to other County parks and beaches, to the Clerk of the Legislature, each member of the County Legislature, and the County Executive within 60 days of the close of each season the pilot program operates; and be it further

8th **RESOLVED**, this Resolution shall take effect immediately; and be it further

9th **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) and (33) 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 insofar as these actions constitute 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: May 11, 2021

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Lisa Black
Chief Deputy County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 12, 2021