

Intro. Res. No. 1723-2021

Laid on Table 9/9/2021

Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive and Legislators Caracappa, Hahn, Kennedy, Fleming, Krupski, Mazzarella, Anker, Gonzalez, Richberg

RESOLUTION NO. 806-2021, AMENDING THE ADOPTED 2021 OPERATING BUDGET TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM FUND 477 WATER QUALITY PROTECTION, AMENDING THE 2021 CAPITAL BUDGET AND PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES PFAS ANALYTICAL TESTING PROJECT (CP 8710.163)

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds within the Reserved Fund Balance of Fund 477 for the purpose of Water Quality Protection; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program Review Committee, pursuant to Article XII of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER has recommended funding for the Department of Health Services PFAS Analytical Testing project at its June 23, 2021 meeting as an appropriate use of Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program and Land Stewardship Initiative funds; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Department of Health Services (SCDHS), will sponsor the Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substance (PFAS) Analytical Testing project within the County of Suffolk in accordance with Article XII of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER; and

WHEREAS, PFAS are man-made chemicals that were manufactured and used in a variety of industries since the 1940's, including fire-fighting foams and commercial household products such as stain, grease, and water-repellent fabrics like Teflon, polishes, waxes, paints and cleaning products; and

WHEREAS, Sampling performed by SCDHS since 2016 shows detection of PFAS in over 600 private wells with nearly 200 exceeding the NYS drinking water standards of 10 parts per trillion (ppt) for two particular PFAS compounds (PFOS, PFOA), with concentrations ranging up to 1,880 ppt; and

WHEREAS, SCDHS has also detected PFOS/PFOA in approximately 170 groundwater monitoring wells with concentrations ranging up to over 15,000 ppt; and

WHEREAS, this project will contract laboratory services to provide sample analysis of PFAS for samples collected from surveillance monitoring from many small public water systems, private wells, and groundwater and surface water monitoring in areas of potential concern, in order to identify and help mitigate public exposure as necessary; and

WHEREAS, this project will allow Suffolk County to detect and identify PFOS/PFOA in ground/surface waters and to aim to determine appropriate means of remediation/protection; and

WHEREAS, this project is consistent with several specific recommendations of the Peconic Estuary Program's Comprehensive Management Plan (CCMP) 2020 Clean Waters Goal section (Objective F) to reduce current and future inputs of toxics, pathogens, and plastics

into groundwater and surface waters, and minimize their impacts, and the CCMP indicates that PFOS and PFOA have been detected in Peconic Groundwater systems; and

WHEREAS, the project will be initiated within one year of the date of adoption of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the project will be completed within three years of the date of adoption of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, funding for this project is requested through the Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program and Land Stewardship Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1027-2020, established the use of a new priority capital ranking system, effective January 1, 2021, as the basis for funding capital projects such as this project and as required, an updated capital project ranking form was completed for this project; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds available in Fund 477 within the Reserved Fund Balance for Water Quality related projects to support the appropriation of this project within the 2021 Capital Budget and Program; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Department of Public Works, being the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), Environmental Conservation Law Article 8, hereby finds and determines, as recommended in CEQ Resolution 26-2018 adopted on August 15, 2018, that this proposed action pursuant to the provisions of 6NYCRR Part 617.7 is deemed to be a Unlisted Action and adopts a Negative Declaration. Therefore the SEQRA review is complete and no further action needs to be taken by Suffolk County; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined that this project, with a priority ranking of eighty-eight (88) is eligible for approval in accordance with the provisions of Resolution No. 1027-2020; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that sufficient funds exist within Fund 477’s Water Quality Reserve Fund Balance component to cover the cost of the County’s share for this project; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that the Adopted 2021 Operating Budget be and hereby is amended and that the interfund transfer be and hereby is appropriated from Fund 477 Reserve Fund Balance as follows:

Expenditures:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Dept</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Object</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
477	IFT	DE	E525 9600	0000	Transfer to Capital Fund	\$150,000

Revenues:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Budget FY</u>	<u>Fiscal Yr</u>	<u>Dept</u>	<u>Approp Unit</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Rev Source</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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525 9999 2021 CAP X IFTR 0000 R477 Transfer from Water Quality \$150,000

and be it further

5th **RESOLVED**, that the 2021 Capital Budget and Program be and they are hereby amended as follows:

Project No.: 8710.163
Project Title: Department of Health Services PFAS Analytical Testing

	<u>Total Est'd Cost</u>	<u>Current 2021 Capital Budget & Program</u>	<u>Revised 2021 Capital Budget & Program</u>
3. Planning	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$150,000 W</u>
TOTAL	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000

and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, that these Water Quality proceeds in the amount of \$150,000 be and hereby is appropriated as follows:

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
525-CAP-8710.163	PFAS Analytical Testing	\$150,000

and be it further

7th **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.

DATED: October 5, 2021

APPROVED BY:

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

Date: October 20, 2021