# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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## SUFFOLK COUNTY
## COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
## MINUTES

DATE: April 18, 2012
TIME: 9:30 am to 11:40 pm
LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library
H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 4th Floor
Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

PRESENT:
Eva Growney
Tom Gulbransen
Hon. Kara Hahn
Michael Kaufman
Richard Machtay
Dan Pichney
Gloria Russo, Chair
MaryAnn Spencer
Larry Swanson

ABSENT:
James Bagg, Vice-Chair

CAC REPRESENTATIVES:
Joy Squires, Town of Huntington

STAFF:
Michael Mulé, Environmental Projects Coordinator
Christine DeSalvo, Senior Clerk Typist

GUESTS:
Sarah Lansdale, Director, Suffolk County Division of Planning and Environment
Lauretta Fischer, Principal Environmental Analyst, Division of Planning and Environment
Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services, Suffolk County Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
Janet Longo, Acquisition Specialist, Suffolk County Division of Real Estate
Frank Castelli, Environmental Projects Coordinator, Division of Water Quality

Lisa Broughton, Bio/Hi Tech Development Specialist, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning
Peter Scully Jr., Community Development, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning
Lorne Brousseau, Cornell Cooperative Extension
Carolyn Sukowski, Cornell Cooperative Extension
Mark Cappeli, Cornell Cooperative Extension
Emerson Hasbrouck, Program Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension
Thomas Ryan, Legislative Aide, 5th Legislative District
Michael Pitcher, Suffolk County Legislature

MINUTES:
Ms. Squires noted the correction of the spelling of NYSACC and NYSAEMC in the March minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to approve the March 21, 2012 minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Mr. Swanson. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:
None

PUBLIC PORTION:
None

HISTORIC TRUST DOCKET:
Mr. Martin updated the Council on the following:

Housing Program:

- The housing program is status quo. All houses that are able to be rented are in fact rented at this time.

Custodial Agreements:

- The custodial agreement with the L.I. Maritime Museum is still in process and is not yet finalized.

Pilot Restoration Program:

- Mr. Martin informed the group that following the April 3, 2012 Newsday article, the County has received numerous calls expressing interest in the Pilot Restoration program. Parks Commissioner, Greg Dawson has decided to start the process with the issuance of a request for expressions of interest to gauge what ideas and interest there is and how they could appropriately draft a future request for proposals. They estimate the process should take about six months and have decided to begin with the Elwood School House and the Black Duck Lodge in Flanders.

PROJECT REVIEW:
*Recommended Type II Actions:*

Ratification of Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table March 27, 2012
Mr. Mulé brought the Council's attention to IR 1316-2012. Mr. Kaufman made a motion to accept staff recommendations. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

*Recommended Unlisted Actions:*

Proposed Acquisition for Open Space Preservation Purposes Known as the Beaverdam Creek County Wetlands Addition – The Mallins & Estate of Entenmann Property, Town of Brookhaven

A presentation was given by Ms. Fischer, concerning the acquisition of 8.3± acres of land by Suffolk County for open space preservation purposes in the vicinity of Beaverdam Creek County Wetlands.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

Mr. Machtay inquired as to the County's interest in acquiring any of the properties that the Suffolk County Water Authority is putting up for sale. Ms. Fischer stated that she has not received a list of parcels but will look into the matter. Mr. Kaufman raised the issue that there may be a problem if County funds were expended in purchasing the properties now contemplated for sale. Ms. Russo asked Ms. Lansdale to look into the issue of ownership.

Ms. Squires asked that since Leg. Hahn's legislation was tabled are we proceeding as usual with agricultural and open space acquisitions. Ms. Lansdale stated that the Planning Division submitted the annual acquisition priority list to the Executive Branch and it is proceeding through process.

In response to Mr. Swanson's inquiry, Legislator Hahn informed the Council that her bill banning the acceptance of hydraulic fracturing fluid waste by County sewage treatment plants has in fact passed.

Proposed EnXco Carport Relocation Site – (Project Amendment), Town of Islip
Ms. Broughton gave a brief overview of the proposed project and fielded questions from the Council. She informed the group that this new relocation site at Suffolk Community College in Brentwood will be slightly smaller than the original Ronkonkoma Railroad site that was planned.

Mr. Gulbransen asked whether the purchase agreement addresses manufacturer take back at the end of the product life cycle. Ms. Broughton informed the Council that the County's agreement does have the option to extend the agreement, however, if not exercised, the facilities would be dismantled and be subject to EPA rules for recycling and disposal. The incentive is in place to recycle this material.

After a brief discussion on the issue, Mr. Swanson asked that if projects such as this are brought before the Council in the future that the environmental review be broadened to include the analysis of the global impacts from production of these materials.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. Mr. Machtay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:
*Suffolk County Stormwater Management Program Annual Report 2012:*

Mr. Hasbrouck gave an update on the Suffolk County Stormwater Management Program.

CAC CONCERNS:
Ms. Squires wished to call the Council's attention to the fact that there is an attempt to take away local authority under SEQRA for regionally significant projects and move it to the State level.