

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING
DIVISION OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Lawrence Swanson
Chair
CEQ

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Steven Bellone, Suffolk County Executive
Honorable DuWayne Gregory, Presiding Officer

FROM: Lawrence Swanson, Chairperson

DATE: August 22, 2019 *SS*

RE: CEQ Review of the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement for the
Suffolk County Subwatersheds Wastewater Management Plan

At its August 14, 2019 Meeting, the CEQ reviewed the above referenced matter. Pursuant to Chapter 450 of the Suffolk County Code, and based on the information received, the Council on Environmental Quality, as indicated in CEQ Resolution No. 32-2019, has determined that the DGEIS is satisfactory with respect to its scope, content and adequacy for the purposes of SEQRA and a Notice of Completion and Public Hearing has been prepared and filed. CEQ Resolution No. 32-2019 and the SEQRA Notice of Completion/Public Hearing is enclosed.

Public hearings on the DGEIS will be held on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Suffolk County Riverhead Legislative Auditorium located at 300 Center Drive, Riverhead, NY 11901 and on Friday, September 6, 2019 at 3:00 pm at the Suffolk County Community College – Brentwood Campus located at the Health, Sports & Education Center Lecture Hall, Crooked Hill Road, Brentwood, NY 11717. Written comments on the DGEIS will be accepted through September 16, 2019. Please be advised that as indicated in Chapter 450 of the Suffolk County Code, a representative from the County Executive's office and the Legislature shall attend the public hearings.

Enc.

cc: All Suffolk County Legislators
Jason A. Richberg, Clerk of Legislature
Sarah Simpson, Counsel of the Legislature
Sarah Lansdale, Director of Planning, Department of Economic Development and Planning
Andrew Freleng, Chief Planner, Department of Economic Development and Planning
Dennis Brown, Suffolk County Attorney

August 14, 2019

CEQ RESOLUTION NO. 32-2019, RECOMMENDATION THAT THE DRAFT GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DGEIS) FOR THE SUFFOLK COUNTY SUBWATERSHEDS WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN IS COMPLETE AND SUITABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

WHEREAS, Suffolk County, as SEQRA Lead Agency, adopted Resolution No. 849-2016 issuing a Positive Declaration and requiring the preparation of a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS) for the Suffolk County Subwatersheds Wastewater Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, on November 29, 2016 and December 1, 2016 Suffolk County held public scoping hearings to solicit comments and identify issues to be addressed regarding the preparation of the DGEIS; and

WHEREAS, at its February 15, 2017 meeting, the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) reviewed the draft scoping document for the DGEIS and found that it adequately addressed all substantive comments and recommended to the County Executive and Legislature that a resolution be prepared adopting the document; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County Resolution No. 176-2017 adopted the final scoping document outlining the preparation of the DGEIS; and

WHEREAS, in July 2019, the CEQ received the initial draft of the DGEIS from the Suffolk County Department of Health Services; and

WHEREAS, in July and August of 2019, the CEQ held a series of CEQ working group meetings where the Council reviewed the initial draft of the DGEIS and provided the Suffolk County Department of Health Services with its comments; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department reviewed and considered the CEQ's comments and for each CEQ working group meeting completed a "Response to CEQ Comments" document; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Department of Health Services then updated the DGEIS document in accordance with these "Response to CEQ Comments" documents; and

WHEREAS, at its August 14, 2019 meeting, pursuant to Chapter 450 of the Suffolk County Code, the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality reviewed the updated DGEIS and found the DGEIS to be satisfactory with respect to its scope, content and adequacy subject to the additional agreed upon amendments noted at the August 14, 2019 CEQ meeting; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that based on the information received and pursuant to Chapter 450 of the Suffolk County Code, a quorum of the Council determines that the DGEIS for the County's implementation of a wastewater management strategy based on the recommendations presented in the Subwatersheds Wastewater Management Plan and the changes to the Suffolk County Sanitary Code required to implement these recommendations, is satisfactory with respect to its scope, content and adequacy for the purposes of SEQRA and should be released for public review and comment subject to the agreed upon amendments noted at the August 14, 2019 CEQ meeting; and

2nd RESOLVED, that public hearings on the DGEIS will be held on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Suffolk County Riverhead Legislative Auditorium located at 300 Center Drive, Riverhead, NY 11901 and on Friday, September 6, 2019 at 3:00 pm at the Suffolk County Community College – Brentwood Campus located at the Health, Sports & Education Center Lecture Hall, Crooked Hill Road, Brentwood, NY 11717 with written comments accepted through September 16, 2019.

DATED: 8/14/2019

RESOLUTION #: 32-2019
DATE: August 14, 2019

RECORD OF CEQ RESOLUTION VOTES

CEQ APPOINTED MEMBERS	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	NOT PRESENT	RECUSED
Robert Carpenter Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frank De Rubeis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Doall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eva Growney	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Gulbransen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hon. Al Krupski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Kaufman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Constance Kepert	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mary Ann Spencer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrea Spilka	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Larry Swanson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion: Mr. Kaufman

Second: Ms. Spilka

Further information may be obtained by contacting:

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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COMMISSIONER

**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW
(SEQRA)
NOTICE OF COMPLETION
of
DRAFT GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
And
NOTICE OF SEQRA HEARING**

DATE: August 16, 2019

Resolution #: 849-2016

SEQRA Classification: Type I

Lead Agency: Suffolk County

Address: Suffolk County Department of Health Services

Office of Ecology

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This notice is issued pursuant to Title 6 NYCRR Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law and Suffolk County Local Law #22-1985.

A Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS) has been completed and accepted for the proposed action described below. Two public hearings on the DGEIS will be held. The first hearing will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2019, at the Suffolk County Riverhead Legislative Auditorium located at 300 Center Drive, Riverhead, NY 11901. The second hearing will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, September 6, 2019, at the Suffolk County Community College - Brentwood Campus located at the Health, Sports & Education Center Lecture Hall, Crooked Hill Road, Brentwood, NY 11717. Comments are requested and will be accepted by the comment person until September 16, 2019.

Name of Action: Suffolk County Subwatersheds Wastewater Management Plan (Implementation of the Plan's Primary Recommendations)

Description of the Action: The proposed action involves Suffolk County's implementation of a wastewater management strategy based on the recommendations presented in the Suffolk County Subwatersheds Wastewater Management Plan and the changes to the Suffolk County Sanitary Code required to implement these recommendations. The Suffolk County Subwatersheds Wastewater Management Plan is a Suffolk County Reclaim Our Water and Long Island Nitrogen Action Plan initiative that provides recommendations for the development of a wastewater management program to reduce nitrogen loading from wastewater sources.



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Location: Suffolk County

Potential Environmental Impacts: As identified during SEQRA scoping, the DGEIS analyzed the following potential environmental impacts (positive or negative) that may result from Suffolk County's implementation of the Proposed Action:

- Land Use, Consistency with Community Plans and Character
- Groundwater and Surface Water Resources
- Natural Resources
- Historic and Archeological Resources
- Noise and Odors
- Human Health (Contaminant Exposure/Hazardous Materials)
- Environmental Justice
- Cumulative Impacts (Water export/impact to water supply; Potential for Growth Inducement; Energy Demand (greenhouse gas impact))
- Unavoidable Adverse Impacts
- Irreversible and Irrecoverable Commitment of Resources

A copy of the DGEIS is available for public review at the Suffolk County Department of Health Services and is posted on <https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Economic-Development-and-Planning/Planning-and-Environment/Regulatory-Review/Council-on-Environmental-Quality>

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Peconic Estuary Program
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Town of East Hampton
Town of Huntington
Town of Islip
Town of Riverhead
Town of Shelter Island
Town of Smithtown
Town of Southampton
Town of Southold
Peconic Land Trust