

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Council on Environmental Quality will convene a regular public meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday June 15th, 2011 in the Arthur Kunz Library, H. Lee Dennison Building, Fourth Floor, Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788. Pursuant to the Citizens Public Participation Act, all citizens are invited to submit testimony, either orally or in writing at the meeting. Written comments can also be submitted prior to the meeting to the attention of:

Michael P. Mulé
Council on Environmental Quality
Suffolk County Planning Department
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Hauppauge, NY 11788

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REVISED AGENDA

MEETING NOTIFICATION

Wednesday, June 15, 2011 9:30 a.m.

**Arthur Kunz Library
H. Lee Dennison Bldg. - 4th Floor
Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge**

Call to Order:

Minutes: check the web at
<http://www.co.suffolk.ny.us/departments/planning/minutes.aspx#ceq>
May 18, 2011 CEQ meeting minutes available for review

Correspondence:

- Letter to Sarah Lansdale from Larry Swanson regarding County Sewer Policy
- Letter to the CEQ from Sarah Lansdale regarding SUNY Empire State College Land Acquisition SHPO request
- Letter to Empire State College from State University Construction Fund regarding SHPO requirements
- Letter to Christine Malafi, County Attorney from Larry Swanson regarding the wireless communication facility at the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum
- Letter from Greg Dawson, Chair Suffolk County Park Trustee to Hon. Lynne Nowick Chair Suffolk County Parks Committee regarding the wireless communication facility at the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum

LOCATION
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Public Portion:

Historic Trust Docket:

Director's Report:

Updates on Housing Program for Historic Trust Sites

Updates on Historic Trust Custodial Agreements

Project Review:

Recommended Unlisted Actions:

- A. SUNY Empire State College, Selden, Land Acquisition, Town of Brookhaven
- B. Proposed Acquisition for Open Space Preservation Purposes Known as The Nature Conservancy, Inc. – Lack Property, Village of North Haven, Town of Southampton
 - Division of Real Estate Discussion of Environmental Assessment Schedule for Open Space Acquisitions
- C. Proposed Gabreski Airport License Agreement – Escape to New York, Town of Southampton
- D. SD #21 – SUNY Stony Brook Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade (CP 8121), Town of Brookhaven

Recommended TYPE I Actions:

- A. Proposed Suffolk County Sewer Capacity Study for Bellport, Sayville, Ronkonkoma Hub, Middle Island Corridor, Mastic/Shirley, Yaphank, and Southampton (CP 8189)
- B. Proposed Suffolk County Sewer Capacity Study for Port Jefferson, Riverhead/Calverton, Patchogue and Sag Harbor (CP 8185)

Recommended TYPE II Actions:

- A. Ratification of Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table June 7, 2011
- B. Proposed Improvements to Lindenhurst Village Square County Park, Town of Babylon

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Other Business:

- Discussion on County sewer initiatives
- DeWitt Davies, Chief Environmental Analyst, Department of Planning – Presentation on Mud Creek Watershed Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study

CAC Concerns:

***CAC MEMBERS:** The above information has been forwarded to your local Legislators, Supervisors and DEC personnel. Please check with them prior to the meeting to see if they have any comments or concerns regarding these projects that they would like brought to the CEQ's attention.

****CEQ MEMBERS:** PLEASE NOTIFY THIS OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND.

*****FOLLOWING THE MEETING PLEASE LEAVE BEHIND ALL PROJECT MATERIAL THAT YOU DO NOT WANT OR NEED AS WE CAN RECYCLE THESE MATERIALS LATER ON.**

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SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: June 15, 2011

TIME: 9:35am to 1:15pm

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library

H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 4th Floor

Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

PRESENT:

Larry Swanson, Chair; Gloria Russo, Vice-Chair; Hon. Vivian Vilorio-Fisher, Eva Growney; Tom Gulbransen, Michael Kaufman; Richard Machtay, Daniel Pichney, Mary Ann Spencer

ABSENT:

James Bagg

CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

Joy Squires, Town of Huntington

STAFF:

Michael Mulé, Environmental Projects Coordinator

Christine DeSalvo, Senior Clerk Typist

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:

Sarah Lansdale, Director

Suffolk County Department of Planning

Dan Gulizio, Deputy Director

Suffolk County Department of Planning

Richard Martin, Director, Historic Services

Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation

Michael Pitcher, Director of Communications

Suffolk County Presiding Officer

GUESTS:

Christopher Kent, Chief Deputy Suffolk County Executive
Suffolk County

Lauretta Fischer, Chief Environmental Analyst
Suffolk County Department of Planning

Pamela Greene, Director
Suffolk County Department of Environment and Energy
Division of Real Property Acquisition and Mgmt.

Janet Longo, Acquisition Supervisor
Suffolk County Department of Environment and Energy
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Phyllis Benincasa, Acquisition Agent
Suffolk County Department of Environment and Energy
Division of Real Property Acquisition and Mgmt.

Michael Amoroso, Assistant County Attorney
Suffolk County Department of Law

Anthony Ceglio, Gabreski Airport Manager
Suffolk County Department of Environment and Energy
Aviation Division

Dave Lory, Producer
Escape to New York

Ben Wright, Principal Civil Engineer
Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Boris Rukovets, PE, Special Projects Supervisor
Suffolk County Department of Public Works

MaryAnne Taylor, Consultant
CDM

Nantie Vignola, Consultant
CDM

Mark Wagner, Consultant
Cameron Engineering

Nick Gibbons, Principal Environmental Analyst
Suffolk County Department Parks, Recreation and Conservation

Shawn Jullian, Clerk – Treasurer
Village of Lindenhurst

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Machtay to approve the May 18, 2011 minutes.
The motion was seconded by Hon. Vilorina-Fisher. Motion carried.

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HISTORIC TRUST DOCKET:

Richard Martin, Director, Historic Services, Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation updated the Council on the following:

On Housing:

- The County has rented the Oakley House in West Hills County Park and they should be moved in sometime in July.
- The Stimson House at West Hills County Park is still vacant.
- Parks Department to send out a county-wide memo to spur interest in the Stimson House.
- Hon. Vilorina-Fisher recommended that Richard bring this issue before the Parks Committee and they may be able to assist in getting the county-wide memo out.

On Custodial Agreements:

- The new contract for The Maritime Museum at West Sayville is being reviewed by the County Attorney's Office.
- The Sag Harbor Historical Society is going forward with an extension on their agreement. The Meadowcroft custodial agreement has also been extended.

PROJECT REVIEW:

1. Recommended Unlisted Actions

SUNY Empire State College, Selden, Land Acquisition, Town of Brookhaven

The Council agreed based on the letters received from the State University Construction Fund and Sarah Lansdale, Director of the Suffolk County Department of Planning, that this project go forward with the recommendation that a Phase I archeological reconnaissance survey be prepared by the State prior to any construction activity on site.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification as an Unlisted Action with a negative declaration with an additional recommendation that a Phase I archeological reconnaissance survey be prepared by the State prior to any construction activity on site. Ms. Russo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Proposed Acquisition for Open Space Preservation Purposes Known as The Nature Conservancy, Inc. – Lack Property, Village of north Haven, Town of Southampton

A presentation was given by Ms. Laretta R. Fischer, Chief Environmental Analyst with the Suffolk County Department of Planning concerning the acquisition of 25.87 acres for open space preservation purposes.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Machtay. Motion carried.

Division of Real Estate Discussion of Environmental Assessment Schedule for Open Space Acquisitions

Director Pamela Greene, Suffolk County Department of Environment and Energy Division of Real Property Acquisition and Management, along with Michael Amoroso, Assistant County Attorney with the Suffolk County Law Department gave a presentation regarding the timing of Phase I and/or Phase II Environmental Site Assessments (ESA) in relation to presenting open space acquisitions to the CEQ for SEQRA recommendations. The Council requested that a Phase I and/or Phase II ESA be conducted for all open space acquisitions prior to submission to the CEQ. Actual remediation, if needed and any removal of structures and/or underground tanks and cesspools would be done prior to closing and not necessarily before CEQ review.

Proposed Gabreski Airport License Agreement – Escape to New York, Town of Southampton

Anthony Ceglio, Gabreski Airport Manager with the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Workforce Housing, Aviation Division, informed the Council that Escape to New York and Secret Productions will be holding an outdoor event at the Shinnecock Indian Reservation in Southampton from August 5 to August 7, 2011. The proposal involves the temporary use of approximately 15.6 acres of land at Gabreski Airport for vehicle parking and tent camping. The license agreement will be for a 7 day period from August 1 thru August 8. All required permits are being requested and coordinated with the Suffolk County Department of Health. Mr. Dave Lory, Producer from Escape to New York went in to detail on the proposed plan as well as his coordination with local emergency service. Mr. Ceglio informed the Council that ACAP recommended classification as an Unlisted Action with a negative declaration.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

SD #21 – SUNY Stony Brook Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade (CP 8121), Town of Brookhaven

Chairman Larry Swanson recused himself from this project and Vice Chair Gloria Russo took over the proceedings. Larry Swanson left the table and did not vote on the project.

Ben Wright Principal Civil Engineer with the Suffolk County Department of Public Works made a presentation regarding the proposed project which is to expand and improve the existing STP to treat additional flow by adding; sludge thickening, denitrification tanks, odor control and associated site work. Mr. Wright indicated that the County is under a consent order by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and would like to initiate construction by spring of next year.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Machtay. Motion carried.

2. Recommended Type I Actions

Proposed Suffolk County Sewer Capacity Study for Bellport, Sayville, Ronkonkoma Hub, Middle Island Corridor, Mastic/Shirley, Yaphank, and Southampton (CP8179)

Boris Rukovets, PE, Special Projects Supervisor, Suffolk County Department of Public Works and consultants from CDM made a presentation regarding the proposed project which is for the development of a feasibility study to assess the costs and benefits of sewerage areas identified as critical by the Suffolk County Sewer District Wastewater Treatment Taskforce. The project sponsor requested a Positive Declaration and submitted a draft scoping document for the Council's review.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification as a Type I Action with a Positive Declaration and the conduct of a public scoping hearing. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

Proposed Suffolk County Sewer Capacity Study for Port Jefferson, Riverhead/Calverton, Patchogue and Sag Harbor (CP 8185)

Boris Rukovets, PE, Special Projects Supervisor, Suffolk County Department of Public Works and consultants from Cameron Engineering made a presentation regarding the proposed project which is for the development of a feasibility study to assess the costs and benefits of expanding existing sewer districts that discharge to the surface water bodies. The initiating unit has committed to addressing environmental goals, objections and concerns and has conducted a coordinated review seeking lead agency status for the County. In addition to the preparation of a feasibility study, Environmental Assessment Forms will be prepared for each of the proposed expansion areas should the County decide to pursue these initiatives in the future.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification as a Type I Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion was seconded by Ms. Growney. Motion carried.

3. Recommended Type II Actions

Ratification of Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table June 7, 2011

Ms. Russo made a motion to accept staff recommendations. Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Proposed Improvements to Lindenhurst Village Square County Park, Town of Babylon

Nick Gibbons, Principal Environmental Analyst with the Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation made a presentation regarding the proposed project which consists of replacement of a 12'x18' gazebo that was completely destroyed by recent storms, the construction of an 18'x25' multi-purpose structure and the installation of paver walkways to connect existing and proposed park elements.

Ms. Russo made a motion to recommend classification as a Type II Action. Hon. Vivian Vilorio-Fisher seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Dan Gulizio, Deputy Director of the Suffolk County Department of Planning gave a presentation on County sewer initiatives and policy.
- DeWitt Davies, Chief Environmental Analyst with the Suffolk County Department of Planning gave a presentation on the upcoming Mud Creek Watershed Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study.

CAC Concerns:

- Ms. Squires informed the Council that the NYSDEC is in the process of amending the SEQRA Environmental Assessment Forms.