

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Lawrence Swanson
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CEQ

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: September 20, 2017

TIME: 9:50 am – 10:30 am

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library
H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 2nd Floor
Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

PRESENT:

Larry Swanson, Chair
Frank De Rubeis
Michael Doall
Eva Growney
Hon. Kara Hahn
Mary Ann Spencer

ABSENT:

Michael Kaufman, Vice Chair
Robert Carpenter Jr.
Thomas Gulbransen
Constance Kepert

CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

None

STAFF:

Dorian Dale, Director of Sustainability
Andrew Freleng, Chief Planner
John Corral, Senior Planner
Christine DeSalvo, Principal Clerk Typist

GUESTS:

Robert Calarco, Suffolk County Legislator, District #7

Alyssa Turano, Legislative Aide, District #5

Maria Nida, Assistant County Attorney, Suffolk County Department of Law

Lauretta Fischer, Chief Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Division of Planning and Environment

Melissa Kangas, Planning Aide, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Division of Planning and Environment

Diego De La Rocha, Intern, Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Division of Planning and Environment

Jim Meyers, Principal Public Health Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Health Services

Paul Clinton, Architect, Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Keith Larsen, Capital Project Manager, Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Minutes:

August 16, 2017

A motion was made by Ms. Spencer to approve the August 16, 2017 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. De Rubeis. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

None

Public Portion:

None

Historic Trust Docket:

Director's Report:

Mr. Martin was not present at the meeting.

Project Review:

Recommended Unlisted Actions:

- A. Proposed Acquisition of Land for Open Space Preservation purposes known as the Forge River Watershed Addition – Mennuti Property, Town of Brookhaven

The project involves the acquisition of approximately 4.3 acres, consisting of two parcels identified by Suffolk County Tax Map Number 0200-713.00-03.00-002.001 and 0200-713.00-03.00-002.003, by Suffolk County under the Suffolk County Supplemental Environmental Project for Land Acquisition and the New Enhanced Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program 2014 Referendum.

This acquisition is for the dedication of land to the Suffolk County Parks Department in order to assure it remains in open space for passive recreational use.

Mr. DeRubeis made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion carries.

B. Proposed Design and Construction of a Community Park Known as Roe Park on Park Avenue in Blue Point, Town of Brookhaven

This project is proposed to be located on an approximately 2 acre site that was formerly known as the Blue Point Laundry site and is now owned by Suffolk County. Under an agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Suffolk County completed an environmental remediation to remove the hazardous materials that was detected on site. With the onsite remediation work complete, the proposed project proposes to create a neighborhood park which is then intended to be transferred to the Town of Brookhaven to manage and maintain. The proposed project includes the construction of basketball courts, multi-use courts, shade structures, a running/skating path, a handicap accessible playground and a small parking lot. The project also proposes to re-establish a natural waterway for Purgatory Creek and create additional freshwater wetland habitat for local flora and fauna on the eastern portion of the property.

After an extended discussion the CEQ believed that it was important that a sidewalk be continued adjacent to the proposed park on the south side of Park Avenue. The CEQ also noted that due to the area's low elevation that it is important that proper drainage be maintained both on the subject property and on the existing County owned parkland to the north. In addition, the CEQ believed it was important that the project sponsor also investigate the possibility of using permeable pavement for the proposed parking lot and also investigate the possibility of aligning the parking lot with Brown Avenue. The CEQ felt the above discussion items were important and should be included in the CEQ resolution.

Mr. DeRubeis made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion included that Suffolk County: will work to insure that sediment from Park Avenue does not impede proper drainage in the wetland system located on the proposed Roe Park property and directly to the north on the existing Suffolk County park property; will work with the Town of Brookhaven to establish a continuous sidewalk adjacent to the proposed Roe Park on the south side of Park Avenue; and will consider the feasibility of using permeable surface for the proposed parking area and also aligning the parking area with Browne Avenue. Hon. Hahn seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Project Review:

Recommendations for LADS Report:

Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table September 6, 2017
Ms. Growney made a motion to accept staff recommendations as amended for the September 6, 2017 Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeRubeis.
Motion carried.

Mr. De Rubies, requested that if it is at all possible for the staff to send the LADS Report to the CEQ prior to the meeting to allow for additional time for review. Staff noted that would not be a problem and that the CEQ staff will do that moving forward.

Other Business:

None

CAC Concerns:

None

Meeting Adjourned