

Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive and Legislator Krupski

**RESOLUTION NO. 1103 -2015, ACCEPTING AND APPROVING
THE SUFFOLK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND
PROTECTION PLAN - 2015**

WHEREAS, Article 25-AAA of the New York State Agricultural and Markets Law directs the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Commissioner to initiate and maintain a State Agricultural and Farmland Protection Program to provide financial and technical assistance to municipalities; and

WHEREAS, this Legislature authorized, empowered and directed, by Resolution No. 429-2012, the Suffolk County Planning Department to file a grant application to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for 50% matching State Funds to assist in the development of an update to the Suffolk County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, New York State Awarded Suffolk County \$50,000 in funding to update the 1996 Suffolk County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, this Legislature accepted and appropriated the \$50,000 grant from the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets and authorized, empowered and directed, by Resolution No. 342-2013, the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning to prepare an update to the Suffolk County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, the total project budget was \$100,000, of which there is a required 50% match with at least 20% of the match (\$10,000) in cash comprised of Non-County funds from project partners and with the remainder from in-kind matches from Suffolk County for personnel services (\$40,000); and

WHEREAS, New York State approved the Long Island Community Foundation providing a \$10,000 grant to the Peconic Land Trust as a partner on the project to fulfill the required matching cash contribution; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Economic Development and Planning has completed a report entitled, Suffolk County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan – 2015, which recognizes Suffolk County’s agricultural historical importance and economic value as an agricultural industry leader in New York State; and

WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board reviewed and approved the plan at its meeting on December 1, 2015; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, that the document entitled, Suffolk County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan – 2015, dated December 2015, be and hereby is accepted and approved; and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that Suffolk County, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Lead Agency hereby finds and determines that the adoption of this resolution constitutes a Type II Action pursuant to Title 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(20)(21)(27) as

this legislative decision involves the adoption of concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action. As such, this Legislature has no further responsibilities under SEQRA.

DATED: December 15, 2015

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: December 21, 2015