

# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL  
QUALITY

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## SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, July 18, 2001

TIME: 9:35 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

### PRESENT:

Voting Members - Theresa Elkowitz, Chairperson, Presiding; Larry Swanson, Vice-Chair,  
Legislator Joseph Caracappa, Tom Cramer, Mike Kaufman and Nancy Manfredonia

ABSENT: Jack Finkenberg and Lance Mallamo

### Staff:

James Bagg, Chief Environmental Analyst  
Kathleen Rigano, Secretary

### Departmental Staff:

Suffolk County Executive's Office  
Todd Johnson  
George Proios  
Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation  
Judy Gordon, Assistant Deputy Commissioner  
Richard Martin, Director, Historic Services  
Suffolk County Department of Public Works  
Bob Falk, Permit Administrator

### Conservation Advisory Councils

Joy Squires, Huntington Conservation Board

### Guests: Ken Corti, Sr. Environmental Scientist, Baker Corporation

Thomas Stahl, Sr. Engineer, Baker Corporation  
Bill Bonesso, Attorney, Forchelli, Curto  
Vincent Pizzulli, Attorney, Forchelli, Curto

MINUTES:

On a motion by Larry Swanson, seconded by Michael Kaufman, the minutes of the May 15, 2001, meeting were unanimously approved.

PROJECT REVIEW:

1. Recommended Type II Actions:

- a. Ratification of Staff Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table June 5, 2001 and June 26, 2001.

A motion was made by Michael Kaufman to ratify the staff recommendations. The motion was seconded by Thomas Cramer and passed unanimously.

2. Chairperson Elkowitz described the following Type II projects that involved various planning efforts and improvements at County Park facilities:

- a. Proposed Installation of a Playground at Indian Island County Park, Town of Riverhead

This project involves the installation of a single playground in the group camping area at Indian Island County Park. The project area measures 100 ft. x 120 ft.

- b. Proposed Development of a Master Plan for Cedar Point County Park, Town of East Hampton

This project involves the development of a master plan for Cedar Point County Park, East Hampton. This plan will address campground design, utilities, capital improvements and an inspection of existing structures.

- c. Proposed Installation of a Playground at Southaven County Park, Town of Brookhaven

This project involves installation of a playground in the family camping area at Southaven County Park in the Town of Brookhaven. This playground will replace existing equipment that has deteriorated beyond repair. The project area measures approximately 40 ft. x 50 ft. (2,000 sq. ft.).

- d. Proposed Development of a Master Plan to Address Spillways, Culverts, Dams and Similar Water-Control Structures in Waterways throughout Parklands

This master plan addresses structures which are located both in active and passive parks, the majority of which require some measure of maintenance. The plan will inventory, inspect and recommend repairs to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation.

e. Proposed Development of a Traffic Study for Cupsogue County Park, Town of Westhampton

This project involves the development of a traffic study for Cupsogue County Park, Westhampton, which will address several traffic-related issues that concern the Park, including parking and entrance/exit design.

f. Proposed Development of a Master Plan for Meschutt County Park, Hampton Bays, Town of Smithtown

This Master Plan, located on the east side of the Shinnecock Canal in Hampton Bays will address numerous issues that concern the park, including sand management, parking, camping areas, building construction, and playgrounds.

g. Proposed Construction of a Sanitary Facility at Southaven County Park, Town of Brookhaven

This project involves the construction of a 23 ft. x 30 ft. sanitary building at Southaven County Park in the Town of Brookhaven. This structure will replace an existing building that is no longer adequate to serve the family picnic area. All work will be limited to previously cleared areas. A determination by the NYSDEC will be sought under the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Program.

h. Proposed Construction of a Sanitary Facility at Indian Island County Park, Town of Riverhead

This project involves the construction of a 40' x 80' (3,200 square foot) sanitary building at Indian Island County Park. This structure will serve the family camping area. All work will be limited to previously cleared areas and no cutting of vegetation will be required. A determination by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation will be sought under the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Program.

i. Proposed Replacement of a Bridge at Blydenburgh County Park, Hauppauge, Town of Smithtown

This project involves the replacement of an existing bridge that crosses a tributary of the Nissequogue River in Blydenburgh County Park. This project area is located on the east side of the park and is visible from Brookside Drive. This bridge has deteriorated beyond repair and has created a hazardous condition. Fresh Water Wetlands and Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers permits will be secured from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation prior to the commencement of this project.

j. Proposed Construction of an Extension to a Horse Shelter at Theodore Roosevelt County Park, Montauk, Town of East Hampton

This project involves the construction of a 200 sq. ft. extension to an existing horse shelter structure at Theodore Roosevelt County Park. The purpose of this project is to provide food service to park patrons who come to the facility for barbecues and evening programs during the summer months. This project will be installed entirely in a previously cleared area and no vegetation will be cut.

k. Proposed Maintenance or Repair to the Caretakers House on the Chandler Estate, Mr. Sinai, Town of Brookhaven

This project involves maintenance or repair in kind to the structure on the Chandler Estate property, which is in disrepair. It is for repair in kind in order to be able to put a tenant in the building.

1. Proposed Preliminary Planning and Budgetary Processes for the Chandler Estate, Mt. Sinai, Town of Brookhaven

This project involves hiring an architect/engineer to evaluate a structure on the Chandler Estate and make recommendations.

A motion was made by Michael Kaufman to classify the above projects as Type II actions pursuant to the appropriate numbers under 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c). The motion was seconded by Thomas Cramer and passed unanimously.

3. Proposed NYSDEC Consent Order for Sewer District 18 - Hauppauge Industrial, Town of Smithtown

Chairperson Elkowitz read the memorandum as submitted by Ben Wright, P.E., Chief Engineer, Division of Sanitation in the Department of Public Works. This project involves a Consent Order issued by NYSDEC that requires payment of \$12,500 of a civil penalty with an additional \$12,500 being suspended. The Consent Order was based on non-compliance with the Discharge Permit at the Heartland sewage treatment facility. This resolution will authorize the execution of the Order on Consent and payment of the civil penalty. The order includes requirements for the Department of Public Works to submit monitoring reports.

A motion was made by Nancy Manfredonia to classify this project as a Type II action. The motion was seconded by Larry Swanson and passed unanimously.

4. Proposed Ocean Grounding Beds at Smith Point County Park, Fire Island, Town of Brookhaven

A presentation regarding the proposal was given at the meeting by William Bonesso, Esq., representing MAC Landing Corporation who will install two ocean grounding beds comprising approximately 1,700 sq. ft. which will be appurtenant to the existing fiber optic cables in the area. The Parks Trustees have approved the project and the NYSDEC has issued a Tidal Wetlands Permit. No significant habitats will be affected. The area will be protected with straw bales or silt fence and will be revegetated with indigenous species.

A motion was made by Thomas Cramer to classify this project as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Michael Kaufman and passed by a unanimous vote.

5. Proposed Restoration and Renovation Plans for the Timber Point Clubhouse and Golf Courses, Town of Islip

Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services, gave a presentation regarding the proposal at the meeting. The project involves preparing the restoration/renovation plans and design for the clubhouse and golf course. The second floor of the Clubhouse is underutilized at this time. A horse concession on the site that is not being used and the study will explore alternate future uses of that facility.

A motion was made by Nancy Manfredonia to classify this project as a Type II Action. The motion was seconded by Thomas Cramer and passed by a unanimous vote.

Historic Services - Director's Report

Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services reported on the following:

- a. The tours at Coindre Hall will begin in September 2001, on Saturdays between 11 AM and 2 PM and one day during the week. The Splashes of Hope Organization has their offices there and will conduct the tours.
- b. The Mae West Show at Deepwells has been very well received. It was extended two additional weeks with two shows daily. Newsday has given it a good review. The Fall Fair and the Holiday Show will be the next exhibitions at Deepwells.
- c. A meeting has been scheduled at Blydenburgh with Walter Hollien, Millwright, concerning the plans to install the mill equipment. He will be paid from the hotel/motel monies that the County receives. The photo exhibit covering the mill, Miller's Cottage and Weld House will be installed pending the delivery of the new exhibit panels. This should be completed by the end of the summer. The tours continue on Saturdays from 12 noon to 4 PM. Antiques are being purchased for the Weld House in order to convey an accurate historic interior. These should be in place by the fall.

- d. With regard to the Miller House, Historic Services has agreed with Parks to go ahead with the heat installation. A proposal for \$19,000 has been received.
- e. In Farmingville, the next phase of the schoolhouse restoration is to install the windows. Richard Martin will be meeting with the Fire Marshall and if the Fire Marshall and the Department of Public Works are satisfied, he feels that public tours could be scheduled for the schoolhouse building since no plumbing is necessary.
- f. Plans have been set for the Black Duck Lodge. The lead abatement issues have to be addressed to satisfy the Health Department. An outside contractor might have to be hired to do this work.
- g. Historic Services is working with a landscape architect from the Department of Public Works for work done at the Booth House in Yaphank. The next phase would be to hire an architect to reconstruct the chimney.
- h. The Police Museum will open in October 2001.
- i. The Third House in Montauk requires restoration and renovation. Work will have to be evaluated and priorities set. Restoration will be cut back in order to go to the 1930's Dude Ranch time. As a result only the dining room will be upgraded.
- j. The Montauk Lighthouse Weekend event is scheduled for August 18 and 19.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM