

Suffolk County, New York  
**Recovery Plan**

**State and Local Fiscal Recovery  
Funds**

2024 Report

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## GENERAL OVERVIEW

### Executive Summary

Suffolk County was severely impacted by the Covid-19 Pandemic and allotted \$286.8 million in funds from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) through State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), approximately \$277 million of which is eligible for use under the Government Services from Revenue Loss category of the American Rescue Plan Act.

During the pandemic, the County stood up several vaccination POD's in the community with a special focus on underserved communities. The County provided vaccination clinics at churches, senior citizen centers, libraries, firehouses and various other centers of the community in order to reach as many residents as possible.

On May 11, 2023, the federal government declared an end to the public health emergency for COVID-19. As of that date, 79% of the County population was fully vaccinated. This included 90% of the population over 18 years of age. (cdc.gov)

The County used \$6.9 million of the ARP funds in 2021 to restore budgetary reductions.

Plans for the balance of the funds include critical wastewater infrastructure and other projects that increase resiliency in the face of climate change, improve ground and surface water quality throughout the County, stimulate the economy by providing opportunities that assist local business growth and create jobs.

The need for a modern, comprehensive wastewater infrastructure system is a high priority action as detailed in the County's award winning<sup>1</sup> [Subwatersheds Wastewater Nine Element Plan](#) to achieve the following goals:

- Combat nitrogen contamination and protect Suffolk County's vital aquifers, surface waters, and estuaries;
- Increase resilience to the effects of climate change through improved wetland health;
- Remove a significant obstacle to sustainable economic growth which has contributed to stagnation and constrained property values in many downtown business districts;
- Create hundreds of new jobs and economic opportunities for local businesses.

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<sup>1</sup> **November 2021** - The Suffolk County Subwatersheds Wastewater Plan project was awarded the American County of Engineer Companies of New York (ACEC of NY) 2022 Engineering Excellence Gold Award.

**April 2021** - The Suffolk County Department of Health Service Septic Improvement Program wins the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's [Environmental Excellence Award](#).

**September 2020** – The Suffolk County Subwatersheds Wastewater Plan receives approval as a Nine Element Plan - the plan is hailed by NYS DEC officials as a “historic first” Nine Element Plan for the entire County.

To date, the County has allocated over \$225 million of American Recovery Plan funds to projects whose aim is to reduce nitrogen pollution by eliminating old cesspools and septic systems through sewer connections and the installation of Innovative Alternative Wastewater Systems. Over \$115 million or 51% of the wastewater infrastructure project funds allocated to date, are for project areas that include designated disadvantaged communities in Suffolk County.

**Planned Uses of Funds:**

**EC 6 – Revenue Replacement - \$ 214.6 million**

**EC 5 – Water, Sewer, and Broadband infrastructure \$ 72.2 million**

**Total ARPA SLFRF Received \$ 286.8 million**

When COVID-19 was first detected in New York State in 2020, the New York City Metropolitan Area, consisting of the five New York City Counties as well as Suffolk, Nassau and Westchester Counties, was extremely hard hit by the virus. Coupled with the overwhelming health crisis, significant economic devastation occurred due to the uncertainty surrounding the virus at that time.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allows recipients to recognize the impact of revenue loss suffered due to COVID-19 through a calculated formula provided in ARPA. The total amount of eligible revenue loss can be expended under a flexible, broad-use Use of Funds category called Revenue Replacement. The Revenue Replacement category has streamlined reporting and compliance requirements and can be used for any expense covered by any of the other ARPA eligible categories including Water, Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure.

**Project Inventory**

Current and planned water infrastructure projects include:

**EC 5 – Water Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure**

**1) Name: Forge River Watershed Sewer Project**

**ARPA Funding Amount: \$50 million**

**Identification Number: 8134 and 8510**

**EC 5.2 Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance**

**ARPA phase start date: January 2022**

**Projected/actual initiation of operations date: 2026**

**Location: Mastic-Shirley, Town of Brookhaven, County of Suffolk**

As part of its Suffolk County Coastal Resiliency Initiative (SCCRI), the County has established a new sewer district, Forge River Sewer District. The new sewer district includes a wastewater treatment plant that will serve residents and businesses in the Mastic-Shirley area as well as approximately 1,900 individual sewer connections which will replace existing, outdated septic systems. The septic systems have been identified as a primary source of legacy nitrogen pollution that has plagued the Forge River, area marshlands, bays and the Mastic/Shirley community at large for generations.

The Forge River project commenced on January 27, 2022 at an estimated cost of \$224 million and will provide economic and environmental benefits to the Mastic-Shirley communities. Project construction is estimated to take four years.

ARPA funds of \$42 million are being used for the installation of grinder pump units and the connection of residential properties to the newly constructed sewer system as well as for construction management.. Construction is under way and expected to be completed in 2026.

The remaining \$8 million are being used to plan and design the Phase 3 expansion of the Forge River Watershed Project. Design services began with community outreach. Planning and design of Phase 3 is estimated to be completed in 2025.(need estimated completion date).

### **Promoting equitable outcomes**

**Population:** Mastic-Shirley is an area with a rich history and culture. A diverse community of approximately 42.7 thousand people as reported in the 2020 Census with approximately 40% of the people living in Mastic and Shirley identified as either Black/African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, Hispanic/ Latino/Spanish or more than one race while 60% identified as white. The Poospatuck Indian Reservation, which lies within Mastic, is the smallest recognized Indian reservation in New York State and is home to about 300 members of the Unkechaug Nation.

**Geography:** The Mastic Shirley area is located on a peninsula on Suffolk County's low lying south shore and is bordered by the Carmans River and Bellport Bay on the west, the Forge River on the east and Narrow Bay on the south.

**Legacy Pollution – Water Quality/Wastewater:** The Forge River has been a distressed estuary since the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Extensive duck farming in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and decades of other adverse impacts, including septic system leachate, storm water runoff, sewage treatment plant discharges, loss of wetlands, over-development, and shoreline hardening. As a result, this once scenic and biologically productive environment has been subjected to legacy pollution, characterized by decades of recurring algal blooms, water discoloration, low dissolved oxygen levels, fish and crustacean kills, and foul-smelling odors.

**Climate Change:** Climate events such as Superstorm Sandy in 2012, caused catastrophic damage to the area when many on-site septic systems and residential heating oil tanks flooded and floated away due to the rising groundwater. Contaminants entered ground and surface waters, causing public health and water quality hazards.

The impacts of Superstorm Sandy worsened the nitrogen pollution crisis in the rivers and the Great South Bay. It exasperated the water quality crisis and substantially increased erosion of coastal wetlands, leaving area residents even more vulnerable to future storm surges.

### **Community Engagement**

Extensive community engagement is used throughout for this project.

Suffolk County has held numerous community events to educate Mastic and Shirley area residents about the Forge River Watershed Sewer Project.

Public outreach and community engagement activities include:

- Numerous Open Houses and Public Information Sessions utilizing display boards and County/State personnel. Each event allowed residents to ask questions about the project and have an open dialect about their needs.
- Environmental Review study with a Public Hearing
- NYS Governor's Office of Storm Recovery solicited public comments
- In 2019, the County put a referendum vote to the residents in Mastic-Shirley who voted 414 to 71 to create the Forge River Watershed Sewer Project.
- There is a project website to keep stakeholders and the public up to date: [Forgewatershedsewers.com](http://Forgewatershedsewers.com)
- The County also issues press releases and has public engagement at legislature meetings and numerous committees, task force and advisory panel meetings.

### **Labor Practices**

New York State Labor Law requires public work contractors and subcontractors to pay laborers, workers, or mechanics employed in the performance of a public work contract not less than prevailing rate of wage and supplement (fringe benefits) in the locality where the work is performed.

The County is committed to strong labor standards to promote effective and efficient delivery of high-quality projects, while also supporting the economic recovery through strong employment opportunities for workers.

The County has entered into a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) to guide construction of the treatment facility for the Forge River Sewer District. This will ensure that this important infrastructure project will utilize strong labor standards to promote effective and efficient delivery of high-quality sewers, while also supporting the economic recovery through strong employment opportunities for workers. The County will follow all applicable Federal rules for labor practices when using ARP funds for the Forge River project.

### **Use of Evidence and Performance Reporting – See Exhibit A**

- 2) Name: Huntington Station Hub Sewer Project**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$22.2 million**  
**Identification Number: 8195**  
**EC 5.2 Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance**  
**ARPA phase start date: June 2023**  
**Projected/actual initiation of operations: 2027**  
**Location: Huntington Station Hub, Town of Huntington, County of Suffolk**

This Project seeks to address the lack of sewers in Huntington Station, which has been an obstacle to revitalization efforts by both the County and the Town, by establishing a sewer district extension, and installing sewers in the vicinity of the Huntington Railroad Station and to its south along NYS Route 110 (the "Huntington Station Hub", "HSH").

Suffolk County is partnering with the Town of Huntington in their revitalization efforts, to plan, design and construct infrastructure improvements. In December 2021, the Town of Huntington allocated \$22M in American Rescue Plan Act funding for the Huntington Station Hub Sewer Project. Suffolk County matched the Town's \$22M and allocated \$22M of the County's ARP towards the HSH Sewer Project. Additionally, New York State allocated a total of \$22M from the 022 State Budget for the project bringing total funding for the HSH Sewer Project to approximately \$66M.

## **Promoting equitable outcomes**

**Geography:** Huntington Station is approximately 5.5 square miles, all of which is land.

**Center For Economic Justice:**

**Designated Disadvantaged Community** Tract Number 36103111000/2

**Population:** Huntington Station is a major transit hub in Suffolk County. It is also home to a diverse population of approximately 34.8 thousand residents as reported in the 2020 Census, with approximately 73% of the people living in the project area identified as Hispanic/Latino, Black/African American, Asian, Other or more than one race and 39% as white.

The project area is located in a designated disadvantaged community<sup>i2</sup> due to the percent of low- income households and the share of household members without a high school diploma or English proficiency.

## **Use of Evidence and Performance Reporting** – See Exhibit A

### **EC 6 – Revenue Replacement**

#### **Sewer Projects (1 – 15) :**

1) **Name: Carlls River**

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**107-1 West Babylon & Carlls River – Wyandanch, Wheatley Heights and Deer Park Sewer Project**

**ARPA Funding Amount: \$30.0 million**

**Identification Number: 8512 & 8513**

**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**

**ARPA funded phase start date: February 2024**

**Location: Deer Park, West Babylon, Wheatley Heights and Wyandanch**

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**Project Area includes Center For Economic Justice:**

**Designated Disadvantaged Community [Tract Number 36103122501](#)**

The ARPA funds will be used to provide funds to design and construct an extension of the Southwest Sewer District No. 3 to enable the connections of nearly 350 homes in West Babylon. ARPA funds will also be used to design an additional extension of Southwest Sewer District No. 3 to connect the communities of Wyandanch, Deer Park and Wheatly Heights

3) **Name: Connetquot River**

**- Oakdale Phase 1A & 1B**

**ARPA Funding Amount: \$20.0 million**

**Identification Number: 8504 & 8514**

**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**

**ARPA funded phase start date : 2024**

**Location: Oakdale, Connetquot River/Grand Canal area**

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<sup>2</sup> [Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool](#)

These projects will extend Southwest Sewer District No. 3 into the Oakdale area and will address the following environmental circumstances:

- \* High Nitrogen/Poor Flushing
- \* Harmful Algal Blooms
- \* Depleted Coastal Resiliency
- \* Wetlands loss
- \* Seagrass loss
- \* Shellfish loss
- \* Low Dissolved Oxygen

- 4) Name: Mastic Beach, Neighborhood Road Sewer Project**  
**Location: Mastic Beach, Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$20.0 million**  
**Identification Number: 8511**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA funded phase start date: 2024**

ARPA funds will be used for a feasibility study, design and construction of the sewers.

- 5) Name: Brookhaven Central Sewer District Project**  
**Location: Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$15.4 million**  
**Identification Number: 8519**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA funded phase start date: 2023**

ARPA funds will be used for a feasibility study, planning and design, and land acquisition for a new sewer district which will serve the areas of Centereach, Coram, Farmingville and Selden. The preliminary plan and estimate is for five miles of sewers, six miles of force main, four pumping stations and a wastewater treatment plant.

- 6) Name: Kings Park/Smithtown Downtown Sewer Project**  
**Location: Smithtown Downtown/Main Street, Town of Smithtown, Suffolk County**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$11.8 million**  
**Identification Number: 8144 & 8153**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA funded phase start date: 2024**

This project will utilize \$3m of ARPA funds to design an extension of Kings Park Sewer District No. 6 to serve the Smithtown Main Street area. The infrastructure investment will support economic growth, environmental sustainability and water quality in the Smithtown business district.

The existing Sewer District No. 6 treatment plant will be upgraded and funded by ARPA at an estimated cost of \$7 million and a location for effluent recharge is being purchased with \$1.8 million of ARPA funds. An effluent filter, pump station and force main will also be constructed.

- 7) Name: Village of Patchogue Sewer Project**  
**Location: Village of Patchogue, Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$10.0 million**  
**Identification Number: Res 643-2023**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA funded phase start date : 2024**

The Village of Patchogue currently has a sewer project underway in the Patchogue River Watershed which will eliminate about 240 cesspools and septic systems that are polluting local waterways with nitrogen. ARPA funds from the County will allow for an additional 100 homes to connect to the village sewer system.

- 8) Name: Holbrook Business District Sewer Project**  
**Location: Main Street and Union Avenue Business District, Holbrook, Town of Islip**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$9.5 million**  
**Identification Number: 8167**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA funded phase start date: 2024**

ARPA funding will be used to design and construct an extension of the Southwest Sewer District No. 3. Sewer collection in this area will allow for economic growth and development, create housing opportunities for workers, retirees, and younger residents, foster economic stimulus, and provide enhanced environmental protection.

- 9) Port Jefferson Hub**  
**Location: NYS Route 112 from LIRR station in Port Jefferson to Terryville Road**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$5.5 million**  
**Identification Number: 8154**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA funded phase start date: February 2024**

ARPA funds will be used to design and construct an extension to the Port Jefferson Sewer District No. 2 to provide sewer connections for approximately 50 business parcels in the Main Street upper Port Jefferson business hub.

- 10) Name: Kings Park Business District Sewer Project**  
**Location: Main Street, Kings Park, Town of Smithtown**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$5.4 million**  
**Identification Number: 8145**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**Project Start date : February 2023**

Project will connect the Kings Park business district, Kingswood Apartment Complex and a small number of residential parcels to Suffolk County Sewer District # 6. Expanding the sewer district to this area of Kings Park will support economic growth and development, and improve environmental conditions.

**11) Name: Riverside Sewer Project**  
**Location: Flanders Road, Riverside, Town of Southampton**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$5.0 million**  
**Identification Number: RES 1065-2023**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA phase start date: 2024**

**Center For Economic Justice:**  
**[Designated Disadvantaged Community Tract Number 36103145604](#)**

The Town of Southampton approved a new sewer district in the Riverside area. The project involves construction of a sewer plant, infrastructure and pumping stations and would have an estimated 682 connections. Suffolk County is providing \$5 million in ARPA funds toward the cost of the project.

**12) Name: Coventry Manor – Sewer District 23 Improvements**  
**Location: Town of Brookhaven**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$4.5 million**  
**Identification Number: 8149**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA funded phase start date: 2024**

ARPA funds will be used to pay for cost increases for ongoing improvements to Sewer District 23 – Coventry Manor.

**13) Name: North Bellport Sewer Project**  
**Location: Brookhaven Avenue, west to Bourdois Avenue, east to Bellport Avenue**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$3.6 million**  
**Identification Number: 8517**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA funded phase start date: 2024**

**Center For Economic Justice:**  
**[Designated Disadvantaged Community Tract Number 36103159103](#)**

ARPA funds will be used for design costs for this sewer project.

**14) Name: Brentwood Sewer Project**  
**Location: Suffolk Avenue, Brentwood Rd, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brentwood**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$3.1 million**  
**Identification Number: 8112**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA funded phase start date: 2024**

**Center For Economic Justice:**  
**[Designated Disadvantaged Community Tract Number 36103159103](#)**

ARPA funds will be used for design costs for this sewer project.

**15) Name: St James Business District, Lake Avenue Sewer Project**  
**Location: Lake Avenue, St James, Town of Smithtown**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$3.0 million**  
**Identification Number: 8515**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA phase start date:: 2024**

ARPA funds will go toward the design and construction of gravity sewer to extend existing sewers installed by the Town of Smithtown to the SD 28 wastewater treatment plant.

**16) Name: West Islip/Southwest Sewer District Connections**  
**Location: West Islip, Town of Islip**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$2 million**  
**Identification Number: 8518**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA funded phase start date: 2024**

ARPA funds will go toward completing design of a project to extend the Southwest Sewer District No. 3 to connect approximately 518 parcels in West Islip

**17) Name: Central Islip Sewer Project**  
**Location: Central Islip, Town of Islip**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$1.9 million**  
**Identification Number: 8198**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA phase start date 2023**

**Center For Economic Justice:**  
**Designated Disadvantaged Community [Tract Number 36103146203](#)**

ARPA funds will be utilized to construct an extension of Southwest Sewer District No.2 to go connect 66 parcels to sewers.

**18) Name: Sewer Programs and Administration**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$575 thousand**  
**Identification Number: 362-DPW-8110**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA funded phase start date : April 2021**

## **EC 6 – Revenue Replacement (continued)**

### **Other water infrastructure projects (1-4):**

#### **1) Septic Improvement Program – Grant Funds**

**ARPA Funding Amount: \$7.5 million**  
**Identification Number: 362-DPW-8110-4770**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA funded phase start date: March 2023**  
**Program Obligation End Date: Dec 2024**

Nitrogen pollution from cesspools and septic systems has been identified as the largest single cause of degraded water quality contributing to beach closures, restrictions on shell fishing, toxic algae blooms, and massive fish kills. When nitrogen reaches surface waters it contributes to degradation of our marshes, bays, and beaches.

Reversing degradation of water quality will depend on replacement of existing systems with new, individual Innovative and Alternative Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (I/A OWTS). I/A OWTS provide substantial reductions of nitrogen pollution. Suffolk County has launched the [Reclaim Our Water](#) initiative to regulate the use of I/A OWTS to ensure these advanced wastewater treatment systems continue to reduce nitrogen as they are designed to do.

To make the cost of I/A systems more affordable for homeowners, Suffolk County has developed the Septic Improvement Program (SIP). Under the SIP, homeowners who decide to replace their cesspool or septic system with the new I/A OWTS technologies may be eligible for grants from New York State and Suffolk County toward the purchase and installation of a nitrogen removal septic system and leaching structure. This funding enables homeowners to replace aging and failing cesspools with state-of-the-art technologies that significantly improve treatment, extend system life, and enhance safety.

498 grant contracts have been signed to date.

#### **2) Public Drinking Water Connections – Suffolk County Water Authority**

**Location: Calverton, Town of Riverhead**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$1.3 million**  
**Identification Number: RES 567-2023**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA funded phase start date: 2024**  
**Est Operations Start Date: 4Q2024**

ARPA funds will help cover the cost of bringing municipal water to homes whose groundwater wells have been impacted by contamination.

#### **3) Public Drinking Water Connections – Suffolk County Water Authority**

**Location: Oak Beach Town of Babylon**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$800 thousand**  
**Identification Number: RES 941-2023**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA funded phase start date: 2024**  
**Est Operations Start Date: 2025**

ARPA funds will help cover the cost of bringing municipal water to 56 homes whose groundwater wells have been impacted by contamination.

- 4) New Residential Septic Improvement Program – Grant Funds**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$90 thousand**  
**Identification Number: RES 963-2021**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA funded phase start date: November 2021**  
**Program Obligation End Date: Dec 2022**

ARPA funds were used for a grant program for new home construction to assist in defraying the cost to homeowners of new residential housing that includes an Innovative/Alternative Wastewater Treatment Systems. Six 6 grants agreements were executed for this program.

### **Economic Growth and Recovery Projects:**

Suffolk County is committed to supporting the growth of small businesses and the strength and vibrancy of traditional “Main Streets” or downtowns through strategic investments in projects and programs that support small businesses, strengthen local arts and cultural organizations, promote tourism and enhance workforce development efforts.

#### **Current and planned economic growth and recovery projects include:**

- 1) JumpSMART – Small Business Recovery**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$29.5 million**  
**Identification Number: 362-EDP**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA funded phase start date: 2023**  
**Program end date: September 2026**

Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and our downtowns represent the heart of our communities. Accordingly, the county has established the JumpSMART Small Business Downtown Investment Program to provide funding to support downtown growth and to help local businesses and institutions to remain economically competitive in the aftermath of the Covid pandemic. This program funds projects to preserve and strengthen the vibrancy of downtown business areas which are key to the County’s economic recovery. More than 60 local businesses have been awarded funding for much needed capital improvements, program expansions and workforce development.

- 2) JumpSTART – Downtown Revitalization**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$5.4 million**  
**Identification Number: 362-EDP**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA funded phase start date: 2023**  
**Program end date: 2026**

A sister program to JumpSMART, JumpSTART provides capital investment funds to local municipalities for downtown revitalization projects such as streetscape improvements, traffic calming and pedestrian improvements and downtown green spaces.

**3) Budget Restoration:**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$6.9 million**  
**Identification Number: Res 204-2021**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA funded phase start date: 2021**  
**Completed: 2021**

**4) Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project**  
**Location: County parking lots**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$2.5 million**  
**Identification Number: 1834**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA funded phase start date 2023**

Funds to be used for the planning and installation of electric vehicle charging equipment at various County facilities.

**5) Suffolk County Landbank for Lawrence Aviation Industries (LAI) Superfund Site**  
**Location: Port Jefferson Station**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$2.5 million**  
**Identification Number: Res 916-2023**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA funded phase start date: 2024**

The SCLBC is specifically charged with the goal of reducing the number of properties that are both tax delinquent and environmentally challenged as is the case with the LAI Superfund site. The County is providing the Suffolk County Landbank \$2.5 million in ARPA funds to facilitate the necessary releases to redevelop the property.

**6) Expansion of Summer Youth Employment Program**  
**Location: Countywide**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$375 thousand**  
**Identification Number: Res 552-2023**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**Est/Actual Start date: June 2023 Project Completed: September 2023**

COVID-19 highlighted disparities in employment and access to employment. In order to break the cycle of poverty and create economic equity this program prepared youth for jobs in in-demand industries such as Manufacturing and Clean/Renewable Energy with family-sustaining wages and an opportunity to advance.

The ARPA funding allowed for an additional 57 young people to be brought into the Suffolk Futures: Sector-Led Earn and Learn, Taste of the Trades Program. The program funds and provides the following services: Industry-designed boot camp which incorporates sector skills overview and employer specific hands-on skills training provided through Suffolk Educational Institutions. Participants of the program were between the ages of 14-24 and were provided with paid work experience, in addition to job shadowing at employer sites, Professional Communication and Work-Readiness Skills, Financial Literacy and Wrap-Around Workforce Support.

- 7) Ballpark Improvements**  
**Location: County stadium, Town of Islip**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$400 thousand**  
**Identification Number: 6425**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA funded phase start date: April 2023**  
**Project Completed: May 2023**

In light of the loss of revenue for several years suffered due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Long Island Ducks Baseball Team could not bear the cost necessary to replace the electronic video scoreboard and sound system. ARPA funds were used to provide the new video scoreboard and sound system at the County stadium, home of the Long Island Ducks.

- 8) Long Island Philharmonic's free concert at Heckscher State Park**  
**Location: Heckscher State Park, Town of Islip**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$75 thousand**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA funded phase start date: July 2024**  
**Project Completion: August 2024**

This free summer concert had traditionally been an event attended by up to tens of thousands of Suffolk County residents; however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its long reaching social and economic effects, the concert has not occurred since 2020, however this year, to celebrate the centennial anniversary of New York State Parks, the concert is coming back and is scheduled to be held on August 10, 2024

- 9) Animal Welfare**  
**Location: various Suffolk County locations**  
**ARPA Funding Amount: \$140 thousand**  
**EC 6.1 Provision of Government Services**  
**ARPA funded phase start date: 2024**  
**Project Completion: 2026**

Various not-for-profit animal shelter entities have struggled in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and, are in need of assistance as a result of the increase in costs of caring for abandoned and abused animals. ARPA funding will be used to assist four such organizations in dire need of assistance from Suffolk County to continue operations at full-service levels.

## **Exhibit A**

### **Use of Evidence and Performance Reporting**

Suffolk County is a life science and research hub. Many of the nations most advanced life science and research institutes and organizations such as the US Army Corps of Engineers, Gobler Laboratory at Stony Brook University, The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Cornell Cooperative Extension and many others partner with Suffolk County Departments of Health, Public Works and Economic Development and Planning to conduct extensive scientific testing, monitoring and evidence that is used to evaluate and assess County water-related projects involving wastewater, groundwater, watershed, wells, rivers,

On going performance management is also incorporated into all County water quality and climate resiliency projects through extensive annual, monthly and real-time monitoring of water quality and other environmental conditions related to project performance.

Please see links below for additional information and reports:

**[Suffolk County Public & Environmental Health Laboratory](#)** - The PEHL is accredited by both the NYSDOH-Environmental Laboratory Approval Program (ELAP) and the National Environmental Laboratory Approval Program (NELAP) for potable and non-potable water, solid and hazardous wastes categories.

The PEHL analyzes samples of potable water, bottled water, groundwater, fresh surface waters, marine waters as well as soil, hazardous and solid wastes and sewage for: toxic heavy metals; radioactive isotopes; suspected carcinogenic volatile organic compounds, pesticides, semi-volatile organic compounds and bacteriological contamination. The Laboratory's responsibility includes testing of both public and private wells and water supplies to determine the potability of water. It includes monitoring pool and bathing beach water to assure their safety. It also analyzes samples of the ocean, bays, lakes, rivers and streams for pollutants and nutrients that can damage the ecosystem. The PEHL analyzes marine water samples for chlorophyll-a and *Aureococcus anophagefferens* ("Brown Tide"). The PEHL also analyzes samples for hazardous materials that may have been discharged, stored or transported in violation of the law. These tests may be performed as part of routine Department industrial surveillance, undercover investigations or search warrants conducted by the Environmental Crime Unit of the District Attorney's Office.

**[Suffolk County Department of Health Environmental Quality](#)**

**[Department of Public Works - Sanitation/Industrial Waste](#)**

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