



Intro. Res. Nos. 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994

Relating to the Improvements, Extensions, and Establishment of Certain Suffolk County Sewer Districts

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports Introductory Resolutions 1991, 1992, 1993, and 1994, which would authorize sewer improvements and extensions in Suffolk County Sewer District 3 (including extensions to Zone B - Connetquot River and Zone A - Carlls River) and create a new Sewer District 27 for Forge River. The authorized extensions, which are 95% funded by state and federal sources, would have to be approved by affected residents in a referendum on January 22, 2019.

Poor waste management is a leading cause of water pollution in Suffolk County. Cesspools and septic tanks leach nitrogen into the groundwater of Long Island's sole source aquifer and into surface water. Water pollution caused by waste runoff kills animal life, causes harmful algal blooms, and can close water bodies to swimming and fishing. The best long-term solution to Suffolk County's nitrogen pollution problem is to connect homes that currently use cesspools or septic tanks to sewer systems. Doing so can improve Suffolk's resiliency to future superstorms, restore vulnerable marine life populations, better protect drinking water, and protect beaches and coastal waters for both recreation and economic activity.

For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters strongly urges passage of Introductory Resolutions 1991, 1992, 1993, and 1994.

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