



SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

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July 23, 2026

To: Involved Agencies, Interested Agencies

RE: State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
Notice of Acceptance and Scheduling of Public Hearings
Suffolk County Water Authority North Fork Water Main Extension
Riverside-Flanders to Riverhead-Southold Town Line and East Marion to Orient, Southold

Suffolk County Water Authority (SCWA) is the sponsor for a proposed project, which would extend a new watermain from a suitable and reliable source of drinking water from SCWA's South Shore Low pressure zone (part of which is within Long Island's deep recharge area through a connection in Flanders) to the Town of Southold. The purpose of the project is to improve water supply to the existing service area (Phase 1) as well as a future long-range planning for a possible future water main extension between East Marion and Orient in the Town of Southold (Phase 2). The project would serve residential and non-residential premises in the Hamlet of Orient that are currently experiencing private well contamination issues. The water main extension would involve the installation of a water main from the intersection of Flanders Road and Cross River Drive in the Town of Southampton to the Riverhead-Southold Town line (Phase 1) and from the west side of Dam Pond in East Marion to Orient Village in Southold (Phase 2). The DEIS examines three possible routes for the proposed transmission main with particular emphasis on what are identified as the Proposed Action (Cross River Drive to Northville Turnpike to Sound Avenue to the Riverhead-Southold Town line) and Preferred Alternative (Cross River Drive to Main Road to the Riverhead-Southold Town line). The DEIS weighs the benefits and potential impacts of the identified options and provides project mitigations to prevent or mitigate impacts to the maximum extent practicable, and ensure a safe and sustainable source of water to SCWA's Southold system.

The DEIS fulfills the required scope and content outlined by SCWA in the approved Final Scope and complies with the DEIS content requirements of SEQRA and 6 NYCRR 617.9(b) and was accepted by SCWA on July 23, 2026.

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The DEIS is available online for review or download at <https://www.scwa.com/nfp/> or at the following locations in paper copy:

Suffolk County Water Authority Westhampton Building 624 Old Riverhead Road, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978 M-F 9:00AM to 4:00 PM	Southold Free Library 53705 Main Road, Southold, NY 11971 M-F 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM Sat 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM	Riverhead Public Library 330 Court Street Riverhead, NY 11901 M-Th 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM F-Sat 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
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Public hearings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday August 19, 2026

Suffolk County Water Authority
Westhampton Building
624 Old Riverhead Road,
Westhampton Beach, NY 11978
Time: 6:00 PM

Thursday August 20, 2026

Southold Recreation Center
970 Peconic Lane
Peconic, NY 11958
Time: 5:00 PM

Tuesday August 26, 2026

Riverhead Public Library
330 Court Street
Riverhead, NY 11901
Time: 4:30 PM

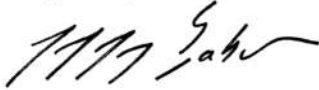
Please send all written comments to:

Joseph M. Pokorny, P.E., Deputy CEO for Operations
Suffolk County Water Authority
P.O. Box 38
4060 Sunrise Highway, Oakdale, NY 11769
(631) 563-0202
joseph.pokorny@scwa.com

Written comments will be accepted until September 11, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

Thank you.

Very Truly Yours,



Jeff Szabo

INVOLVED AGENCIES

Federal

1. US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) (*Wetlands permit to install main under navigable waters (Peconic River/Estuary) at the Cross River Drive (CR 105) crossing*).
Email: cenan-r-permit-app@usace.army.mil

State

1. NYSDEC (Tidal and Freshwater Wetlands Permits) (*SCWA has been issued a general permit for some actions within State wetlands jurisdiction but there are some exceptions and wetlands permits may be required along the one or both installation routes*).
NYSDEC
50 Circle Road
SUNY at Stony Brook
Stony Brook, NY 11790-3409
Attn: Anna Shore
Email: Ana.Shore@dec.ny.gov
Tel. 631-941-7215
2. NYSDEC (SPDES General Permit for Stormwater) (*Discharges from Construction Activity Permit and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)*).
John Muthersbaugh EIT;
NYSDEC Division of Water
Bureau of Water Permits, 4th Floor
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-3505
Email: John.muthersbaugh@dec.ny.gov
3. NYSDOT (*Crossing at intersection of Cross River Drive (CR 105) and Main Road (SR 25) in Riverhead and installation of main along Main Road (SR 25) in Orient*).
NYSDOT – Design
Mr. Ken Murphy, P.E., Region 10 Design Engineer
State Office Building
5th Floor
250 Veterans Memorial Highway
Hauppauge, NY 11788
Phone: (631) 952-6654
4. NYSDOT (Highway Work Permits)
Mr. Richard B. Causin, P.E, Regional Director
State Office Building
6th floor
250 Veterans Memorial Highway
Hauppauge, NY 11788
Phone: (631) 952-6632
5. NYSDOS (State Coastal Consistency Review and Coastal Hazard Area in E. Marion to Orient).
Mr. Joseph Sgueglia, Reference File#S-2024-0094
New York Department of State (NYSDOS)
Federal Consistency Review Unit

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Office of Planning & Development & Community Infrastructure
One Commerce Plaza- Suite 1010
99 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12231
Email: Joseph.Sgueglia@dos.ny.gov
Phone: (518) 474-1737

County

1. Suffolk County Department of Public Works (SCDPW) (*Road Openings within County ROWs, Cross River Drive (CR 105), Northville Turnpike (CR 43), Sound Avenue (CR 48).*
William Hillman, P.E., Chief Engineer
335 Yaphank Avenue
Yaphank, NY 11980

Other

1. Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) (*Ministerial permit to directional drill and installation of main under the Long Island Rail Road).*
Robert Paley; Email: MTARE@mtahq.org
Metropolitan Transportation Authority Real Estate Department
2 Broadway, 16th Floor
New York, NY 10004-2207

INTERESTED AGENCIES

State

1. New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) (*Cultural Resource Information Systems (CRIS) referral (project adjacency to historic district and Federal and State Listed or Eligible historic or cultural resources).*
Token: 25PR04320
2. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC Division of Marine Resources, Marine Habitat Protection Section) (*Adjacency to Orient Harbor Significant Coastal Fish & Wildlife Habitat, Orient).*
NYSDEC, Region 1
Division of Marine Resources
Marine Habitat Protection
50 Circle Road, SUNY Campus
Stony Brook, NY 11790

County

1. Suffolk County Parks Department (*Adjacency of main installation to Indian Island County Park along Cross River Drive).*
Suffolk County Parks
P.O. Box 144
West Sayville, NY 11796

Towns

1. Town of Southampton (*Installation of main beginning at SR24 and CR 105)*
Town of Southampton Town Board (Town Council Office)
116 Hampton Road

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Southampton, NY 11968

2. Town of Southampton (*Administrative Wetlands Permit or letter of non-jurisdiction*).
Harry S. Ludlow, Chairperson
Town of Southampton Conservation Board
Southampton Town Hall
116 Hampton Road
Southampton, NY 11968
3. Town of Southampton Trustees (*Installation of main in underwater lands of the Peconic River/Estuary parallel with Cross River Drive*).
Southampton Town Board of Trustees
240 West Montauk Highway
Building B- First Floor
Hampton Bays, NY 11946
4. Town of Riverhead Town Board (*Notification of directional drill and installation of water main beneath Hubbard Avenue, in underwater lands of the Peconic River/Estuary parallel with Cross River Drive and work within 150' of Town wetlands, road openings, construction of booster station on property owned by SCWA off Pier Avenue (SCTM: 600-8-3-1.9)*).
4 West Second Street
Riverhead, New York 11901
5. Town of Riverhead Conservation Advisory Council (*Wetlands Permit(s) possibly fresh and tidal per §295-4 installation of pipeline in underwater lands of Peconic River/Estuary parallel with Cross River Drive*).
Town of Riverhead
Conservation Advisory Council
4 W. 2nd Street
Riverhead, New York 11901
6. Town of Riverhead (*Directional drill and installation of water main beneath Hubbard Avenue*).
Mike Zaleski, Superintendent
Town of Riverhead Highway Department
Town of Riverhead
1177 Osborne Avenue
Riverhead, NY 11901
7. Town of Southold (*Orient Road openings*).
Tim Abrams; Email: tima@southoldtownny.gov
Building Maintenance Supervisor
Town of Southold Department of Public Works
Southold Town Hall
53095 Main Road
P.O. Box 1179
Southold, NY 11971
8. Town of Southold (*Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) Consistency*).
Planning Department
Town of Southold, Town Hall

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53095 Route 25
PO Box 1179
Southold, NY 11971

9. Town of Southold Town Board (*Road Openings, LWRP Consistency*).

Town of Southold Town Board
53095 Main Rd
P.O. Box 1179
Southold, NY 11971

10. Town of Southold (*Wetlands*).

Town of Southold
Board of Trustees
Southold Town Hall Annex
54375 Main Rd
P.O. Box 1179
Southold, NY 11971

Regional

1. Peconic Estuary Program (*Peconic River, Sawmill Creek, Terrys Creek main crossings*)

Joyce Novak, PhD; Email: joyce.novak@stonybrook.edu;
Executive Director
Peconic Estuary Partners Main Office
Peconic Estuary Partnership
Riverhead County Center
300 Center Drive, Room 250S
Riverhead, NY 11901

2. Long Island Sound Study (*Main installation in proximity to LI Sound*).

Mark Tedesco, Director, EPA; Email: Tedesco.Mark@epa.gov
Long Island Sound Office
Stamford Government Center
888 Washington Boulevard, Suite 9-11
Stamford CT 06904-2152

3. Lillit Genovesi; Email: lg543@cornell.edu

Western Long Island Sound Outreach Coordinator
Long Island Sound Office (New York)
New York Sea Grant
500 Innovation Road, IDC Building, Suite 227
Stony Brook, University
Stony Brook, NY 11794

4. Riverhead Water District

Frank Mancini, Water District Superintendent
Town of Riverhead Long Island
4 West Second Street
Riverhead, NY 11901

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LOCAL NON-AGENCY PARTIES OF INTEREST (COMPLIMENTARY COPIES)

1. Group for the East End
Group for the East End
PO Box 1792
Southold, NY 11971
Attn: Robert DeLuca, President
<https://thegroup.org/contact#:~:text=info%40eastendenvironment.org>
2. Orient Association
Orient Association
POB 282
Orient, NY 11957
3. East Marion Community Association
East Marion Community Association (EMCA)
PO Box 625
East Marion, NY 11939
Email: info@emca.us
4. Southold Peconic Civic Association
Southold Peconic Civic Association
POB 168
Southold, NY 11971
5. Nature Conservancy of Long Island
Kevin McDonald
Nature Conservancy of Long Island
142 Route 114
East Hampton, NY 11937
6. North Fork Environmental Council
12700 Main Road, PO Box 799
Mattituck, NY 11952
office@nfec1.org
(631) 298-8880