

CATEGORY: MISCELLANEOUS
SPONSORED BY: Sponsor Kabot, Sponsor Kenny
DEPARTMENT: LAND MANAGEMENT
RESOLUTION: 1387
TITLE: ADOPTION OF THE
EASTPORT/REMSENBURG/SPEONK/WESTHAMPTON AREA
STRATEGY STUDY

The following resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Kabot, seconded by Councilman Kenny, and duly ADOPTED with the following recorded vote:

Heaney:Yes; Kenny:Yes; Kabot:Yes; Suskind:Yes; Graboski:Yes

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Southampton, in accordance with §272-a, Town Law, is authorized to prepare and adopt a comprehensive plan and amendments thereto; and

WHEREAS, S272-a (2)(a), of Town Law enables a comprehensive plan and subsequent amendments to be prepared in the form of written and/or graphic materials that identify goals, policies, guidelines and other means for the immediate and long range protection, enhancement, growth and development of the Town; and

WHEREAS, by resolution No. 328, dated March 12, 1999, the Town Board adopted the 1999 Comprehensive Plan Update as an update to the 1970 Master Plan, which sets forth several recommendations concerning the development strategy for the Hamlets of Eastport/Remsenburg/Speonk/Westhampton; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2003, by Local Law No. 1-2003, the Town Board of the Town of Southampton adopted Chapter 307 of the Town Code (Eastport/Remsenburg/Speonk/Westhampton Moratorium) for a nine-month moratorium period on change of zones and use variances, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No.139, dated January 28, 2003, the Town Board of the Town of Southampton authorized the preparation of the Eastport/Remsenburg/Speonk/Westhampton Area Strategy Study based upon the recommendations of the 1999 Comprehensive Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, the Strategy Study was charged with defining specific areas to be addressed, including but not limited to, changes to the Town Code, changes to the Town Zoning Map, preparation of specific design guidelines, identification of community planning goals and public benefits, detailed conceptual plans for planned development district proposals, transportation planning, as well as recommendations for senior and multi- family housing, resort-tourism economic development, and protection of natural, historic/scenic resources and community character, and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 1357 (Local Law No. 71-2003), dated October 24, 2003, the Town Board of the Town of Southampton extended Chapter 307 for an additional three (3) months; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2004, by Resolution No. 9168, the Town Board of the Town of Southampton adopted Local Law No. 9 that created a new Chapter 311 of the Town Code (Eastport/Remsenburg/Speonk/Westhampton Moratorium) for a six (6) month moratorium on change of zone and certain other types of approvals while the Eastport/Remsenburg/Speonk/Westhampton Area Strategy Study was being completed; and

WHEREAS, the citizen involvement process included a series of public information meetings and focus group sessions were held by the Town and said consultants to obtain community input on the preparation of the plan; and

WHEREAS, the draft Eastport/Remsenburg/Speonk/Westhampton Area Strategy Study, dated May 2004, was circulated to the Town Board, Planning Board, Suffolk County Planning Commission and Central Pine Barrens Commission and public hearings were held on June 22, 2004, July 13, 2004, July 27, 2004, August 10, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing of August 10, 2004 was closed with a ten (10) day written comment period; and

WHEREAS, the Town Planning Board adopted a resolution dated June 24, 2004, recommending adoption of the plan with the following comments:

- Protection of the residential character of the areas and greenspace/gateways between villages and hamlets is a longstanding priority of the Town of Southampton
- Suggestion that the Housing Issues and Opportunities scope include inventory of where actual affordable and senior housing units are located and recommend specific areas and parcels where additional affordable and moderate priced housing should be sited
- Suggestion that the Town Board enact legislation that establishes an overlay district for mixed use areas in lieu of Hamlet Office/Commercial zoning along Montauk Highway and main thoroughfares where non-conforming uses are perceived to be a concern or a compliment to community character
- The Board commends the Area Study's recognition of the need for senior housing and multi-unit housing and attempting to quantify what the actual need is. The Board cautions that affordable senior housing does not meet the broad community need of housing for all age groups and income levels, which should also be addressed; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered each of the aforementioned recommendations, and the final Eastport/Remsenburg/Speonk/Westhampton Area Strategy Study has incorporated many of the suggestions; and

WHEREAS, a report was received from the Suffolk County Planning Commission, dated August 4, 2004 approving said Strategy Report as an amendment to the Town's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, an advisory letter was received from the Suffolk County Pine Barrens Commission on July 14, 2004 offering comments on the draft Area Strategy Study, and pertinent design recommendations concerning Residential Receiving Districts and Planned Development Districts (PDD's) have been incorporated accordingly, and

WHEREAS, a copy of the final Eastport/Remsenburg/Speonk/Westhampton Area Strategy Study was distributed to the Town Board, Town Clerk and to the Town Attorney on September 24, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the final Eastport/Remsenburg/Speonk/Westhampton Area Strategy Study, dated September 2004 is in accordance with the recommendations of the 1999 Comprehensive Plan Update and serves to implement and update this document; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Southampton hereby adopts, as an amendment to the Town of Southampton's Comprehensive Plan, the EASTPORT/REMSENBURG/SPEONK/WESTHAMPTON AREA STRATEGY STUDY, dated September 2004; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Town Law §272-a (11), Town Law all future Town land use regulations and all plans and capital projects shall be considered and be in accordance with the recommendations of the Eastport/Remsenburg/Speonk/Westhampton Area Strategy Study; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Land Management shall assist the Town Board and Town Attorney to prepare the necessary code amendments to implement the recommendations of the Eastport/Remsenburg/Speonk/Westhampton Area Strategy Study; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to maintain a copy of the Eastport/Remsenburg/Speonk/Westhampton Area Strategy Study on file as an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and to forward a copy of this resolution and the final Eastport/Remsenburg/Speonk/Westhampton Area Strategy Study to the Suffolk County Planning Commission, the Central Pine Barrens Commission, and the Southampton Town Planning Board.

