

19. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

More than 100 boards, commissions, councils, coalitions, committees, districts, authorities, and task forces have been established to resolve problems and to advise the County Executive and the Legislature. A few of these are described below. Except for legislators and county employees, members of these boards and commissions are unpaid volunteers.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN ADVISORY BOARD

This task force was created in 2000 as a non-partisan group to discuss issues of importance and relevance to the African-American community, and to make recommendations regarding proposed legislation to the Suffolk County Legislature regarding African-American- business development, civic participation of the African-American community, and to promote cultural understanding between government and the African-American community and Suffolk County residents.

ASIAN-AMERICAN ADVISORY BOARD

This task force was created in 2005 as a non-partisan group to discuss issues of importance and relevance to the Asian-American community, and to make recommendations regarding proposed legislation to the Suffolk County Legislature regarding Asian-American- business development, civic participation of the Asian-American community, and to promote cultural understanding between government and the Asian-American community and Suffolk County residents.

CANCER AWARENESS TASK FORCE

The task force is described in Chapter 15.

COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

The council is described in Chapter 15.

DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD

The board has 15 members.

ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The committee is described in Chapter 15.

ETHICS COMMISSION

The Suffolk County "Code of Ethics" is contained in Article XXX of the County Charter. The Suffolk County Ethics Commission was established in January 1989 under Local Law No. 44- 1988 and combined with the Board of Public Disclosure as a result of Local Law No. 11-1991. The Commission has three members, one appointed by the County Executive, one appointed by the County Legislature, and one appointed by the Presiding Officer of the County Legislature. No more than two members can belong to the same political party, no members can hold office in any political party, and none can be employed as a lobbyist. Members serve four-year terms, are not salaried, but are reimbursed for reasonable expenses. The Commission's purpose is to actively monitor governmental activities and County employees to ensure integrity in government. As

part of its responsibilities, the Commission reviews public disclosure statements and potential conflicts of interest, misconduct and improprieties in County Government.

FIRE, RESCUE & EMERGENCY SERVICES (FRES) COMMISSION

GAMING TASK FORCE

The task force consists of four members and an appointee of the Presiding Officer of the County Legislature.

HATE CRIMES TASK FORCE

Resolution 13-2009 established this task force with 13 members, which include two county legislators, four people selected by the Legislature, and one selected by the County Executive. The purpose is to examine the sources of racial tension in the county, and to study and analyze the mechanisms used to report hate crimes.

HISPANIC ADVISORY BOARD

This task force was created as a non-partisan group to discuss issues of importance and relevance to the Hispanic community, and to make recommendations regarding proposed legislation to the Suffolk County Legislature regarding Hispanic business development, civic participation of the Hispanic community, and to promote cultural understanding between government and the Hispanic community and Suffolk County residents.

HOMESTEAD ASYST TASK FORCE

The task force is described in Chapter 15.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

INTER-FAITH ANTI-BIAS TASK FORCE

The task force is a non-partisan group, under the auspices of the Suffolk County Executive, which is made up of concerned clergy and lay persons who will work together to address the issue of prejudice and racism in any segment of our county. The task force will work to prevent and combat prejudice and racism, and diffuse their destructive effects.

LONG ISLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

The Council is described in Chapter 17.

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COALITION

MOTION PICTURE/TV/FILM COMMISSION

To facilitate the economic growth of Suffolk County, the Suffolk County Film Commission serves to raise public and industry awareness; make recommendations to appropriate government officials and bodies; facilitate the development of industry productions, festivals, and competitions; and further the interest of industries allied with the motion picture and television industries by articulating and advocating for the industry's needs and opportunities.

MUSLIM-AMERICAN ADVISORY BOARD

This task force was created in 2005 as a non-partisan group to discuss issues of importance and relevance to the Muslim-American community, and to make recommendations regarding proposed legislation to the Suffolk County Legislature regarding Muslim-American- business development, civic participation of the Muslim-American community, and to promote cultural understanding between government and the Muslim-American community and Suffolk County residents.

NASSAU-SUFFOLK HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL

PARKS, RECREATION & CONSERVATION

The parks board of trustees consists of a member from each of the ten towns, a member-at-large, a representative from the County Executive's office and a representative from the office of the Presiding Officer of the County Legislature.

PESTICIDE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The advisory committee is described in Chapter 15.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The commission is described in Chapter 17.

REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

The commission is described in Chapter 15.

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

SEWER AGENCY

The agency includes three members from the legislature, one from the Department of Public Works, one from Planning and one from the Department of Public Health. The purpose of the agency is to assemble data relating to the sewage collection, conveyance, treatment and disposal problems, and data about available water, and to prepare maps and plans for the establishment of sewer districts in certain areas of the county, particularly in the western five townships.

SITINGS OF MEMORIALS AND SYMBOLS COMMITTEE

The committee, which has seven members, shall review all requests for the proposed placement, siting and installation of memorials and/or symbols on county-owned or county-leased property, or the naming of any county facility, park, or road

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The conservation district is described in Chapter 15.

SUFFOLK COUNTY ELECTRICAL AGENCY

The agency is a seven person unpaid board, consisting of four appointees of the Legislature and three appointees of the County Executive. The purpose of the agency is to allocate 5 megawatts of low-cost power from the New York Power Authority under state legislation. The decisions do not require approval by either the Legislature or the County Executive.

TICK MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE

The task force is described in Chapter 15.

TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

VANDERBILT MUSEUM

The Board of Trustees of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum has the sole power and control over the development, maintenance and operation of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium. The board consists of a President, two Vice-Presidents, an Executive Director, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and nine Trustees.

VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WATER AND LAND INVASIVES ADVISORY BOARD

The board advises the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Energy and the Suffolk County Legislature on matters relating to invasive species in the county. The members of the board serve without compensation. The board consists of: The Chairperson of the Legislature's Environment, Planning and Agriculture Committee, the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Energy, the County Executive, the Presiding Officer of the Legislature, the Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, a member of an environmental group chosen by the Chairperson of the Legislature's Environment, Planning and Agriculture Committee, a representative chosen by the Long Island Farm Bureau, a representative chosen by the Long Island Nursery and Landscape Association, a member of the Long Island Invasive Species Management Area (LIISMA), and a representative of the Suffolk County Soil and Water Conservation District.

WELFARE TO WORK COMMISSION

The commission has 20 members.

WOMEN'S ADVISORY COMMISSION

The mission of the commission is to explore and identify the needs of the women of Suffolk County; to advise the Office of Women's Services, the County Executive, and the Legislature of those findings; to advocate for appropriate changes in policy and practices to meet those needs; to coordinate and develop resources in both the public and private sectors; to stimulate community awareness and interest in women's issues and in the resources available; and to insure recognition of a response to the needs and accomplishments of Suffolk women.

WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COALITION

YOUTH BOARD COORDINATING COUNCIL