

**Resolution in Support of State Legislative Bill
S.7674 / A.11998 Enabling a Land Transfer**

**Central Pine Barrens Commission Meeting of June 21, 2006
Brookhaven Town Hall, Farmingville, NY**



Commission members present:

Mr. Scully (for New York State),

Mr. Deering (for Suffolk County),

Ms. Prusinowski and Mr. Turner (for Brookhaven Town),

Mr. Kent (for Riverhead Town), and

Mr. Shea (for Southampton Town).

Peter A. Scully
Chair

Philip J. Cardinale
Member

Brian X. Foley
Member

Patrick A. Heaney
Member

Steve A. Levy
Member

Whereas, by resolution dated August 10, 2005 the Commission advocated a Cooperative Agreement between the NYSDEC and the Longwood Central School District, whereby forested Compatible Growth Area (CGA) land at the Ridge Elementary School in Ridge, owned by the Longwood School District, would be transferred to the NYSDEC, and developed Core Preservation Area (CPA) land at the Ridge Elementary School, owned by the NYSDEC and leased by the Longwood Central School District, would be transferred to the Longwood Central School District, and

Whereas, the CGA land to be transferred to NYSDEC, after such transfer, would enjoy perpetual preservation, provide connection of two essential tracts of CPA lands (the Suffolk County Pine Trail Nature Preserve and the NYSDEC Ridge Conservation Area), and thus be a tremendous benefit to the Central Pine Barrens Region, and

Whereas, ECL Article 57, at 57-0117(7), states that alienation of the developed NYSDEC land requires a "law enacted by two successive regular sessions of the Legislature," and

Whereas, There are currently pending in the Legislature two bills, S.7674 and A.11998, sponsored by Senator Kenneth LaValle and Assemblyman Marc Alessi, respectively, which, if enacted by two successive regular sessions of the Legislature, would provide the requisite legislative authorization for the land transfer in the Cooperative Agreement advocated by the Commission in its August 10, 2005 resolution,

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Commission respectfully and enthusiastically supports the passage

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of S.7674 and A.11998, and be it further

Resolved, that the Commission encourages the sponsors to reintroduce the bill in the next session, and be it further

Resolved, that the Commission directs its Executive Director to communicate its support to the sponsors, and, further, to thank them on behalf of the Commission for their prompt action on this important matter.

Motion by: Mr. Turner

Second by: Mr. Shea

Ayes: Unanimous

Nays: None