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Commission Meeting of June 16, 2010 Brookhaven Town Hall, 1 Independence Hill Farmingville, NY

Whereas, Southaven County Park is located within the Core Preservation Area of the Central Pine Barrens, and

Whereas, within the confines of Southaven County Park, the County of Suffolk via a license agreement with a private vendor, operates the Southaven County Park Trap and Skeet Range, and

Whereas, various activities have occurred on the Trap and Skeet Range for over 80 years, and

Whereas, the Commission has received reports that activities constituting development, as defined by the Long Island Pine Barrens Protection Act of 1993 have occurred on the Trap and Skeet Range since 2001 without approval from the Commission, and

Whereas, the Commission prepared Compliance and Enforcement Investigation Report #2009-001, of which Part I contained a Findings of Fact concerning the activities at the Range, and

Whereas, the Report cites a November 1, 2004 Suffolk County Parks Environmental Assessment Form which stated that the Range was "closed for use by the general public," and

Whereas, the Report further cites a December 14, 2005 Suffolk County Legislature resolution which stated that, the "shooting range at Southaven County Park has been closed to the public since 2001," and

Whereas, the Report notes that the Range was re-opened in July 2006, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Commission, on the basis of the Report finds that the Southaven County Park Trap and Skeet Range was closed to the public between 2001 and 2006, and be it further

Resolved, that the Commission finds that the reopening of the Range constituted development as defined in the Long Island Pine Barrens Protection Act of 1993 because it represented a "re-establishment of a use which has been abandoned for one year," and be it further

Resolved, that the Commission directs the County of Suffolk to submit a Core Preservation Area hardship application to the Commission for its activities at Southaven County Park Trap and Skeet Range.

Motion by: Supervisor Lesko Seconded by: Supervisor Walter

Vote: Yes:3; No: 0; Abstention: Mr. Scully; Absent: Ms. Gallagher