

Suffolk County Legislature – 2/7/2018
Resolution #1011

The Long Island Builders institute respectfully opposes item #1011, which seeks to remove the sewer connection fee reductions that serve to incentivize the construction of affordable housing. This legislation takes the position that the current law, which has only existed for less than a year, has failed to incentivize the construction of affordable housing. Less than a year is not enough time to pass judgment on whether or not the current law has failed, mainly due to the fact that it takes 5-7 years just to get a project approved at both the county and town level. If projects were being approved in a year's time and these incentives were going unused, then we could understand its removal.

We have reached out to the builders and developers who make up our membership and have been notified that there are parcels in places such as Selden, Farmingville, and Islip where making use of these incentives are under consideration. However, the financial incentives under current law are still being computed as they depend on town density approvals and county health department approvals, all of which are still going through the approval process.

The Long Island Builders Institute respectfully requests that this measure be voted down and that home builders be given a longer opportunity to bring projects before you that will make use of the current law.