

# THE RECREATION AND ECONOMIC



## DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF SUFFOLK COUNTY

### **2016 Operations and Accomplishments Report**

**Date Adopted:** September 27, 2017

#### **Name of Public Authority:**

The Recreation and Economic Development Corporation of Suffolk County

**Public Authority's Mission Statement:** The Recreation and Economic Development Corporation of Suffolk County ("Corporation") is a not-for-profit local development corporation organized under the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York. The Corporation was formed exclusively for the purpose of providing organized outdoor recreation and special events, such as the Suffolk County Marathon, that are of interest and benefit to the residents of Suffolk County; attracting an increased population into Suffolk County to participate in recreational events and spur economic growth; stimulating economic development throughout Suffolk County by highlighting the County's downtowns, award-winning foods and beverages, and its beautiful parks, open spaces, and natural waterways; and assisting with the revitalization of the economy.

The Corporation is legally separate and distinct from Suffolk County. The purpose of the Corporation is for the creation and implementation of recreational and special events as well as economic development initiatives in Suffolk County.

#### **2016 Activities:**

2016 was the Corporation's first year in existence. The Corporation successfully fulfilled its mission to "provide organized outdoor recreation and special events, such as the Suffolk County Marathon." The Board of Directors worked with contractors in order to coordinate a successful Suffolk County Marathon event, which took place on October 30, 2016. The Marathon event attracted sponsorships from a plethora of local businesses, donations from those who supported the cause, and thousands of runners who participated in the event. The Marathon event also fulfilled part of the Corporation's mission to attract an increased population into Suffolk County to participate in recreation events, with many runners and participants being from outside Suffolk County. The Marathon event also showcased some of Suffolk County's downtowns and beautiful parks and open spaces, achieving another goal set forth in the mission statement of the Corporation.

The revenues from the Marathon have been be distributed to various veterans organizations across Suffolk County, in fulfillment of a performance goal of the Corporation to “continue to aid, assist, cooperate, and co-sponsor organizations and groups including, but not limited to, veterans organizations.”