HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK

Your Committee is in receipt of a transmittal from the County Executive recommending approval of a bond act ("Bond Act"), which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to issue up to \$2,000,000.00 in bonds of the County to finance a component of capital project BPL26 – Flood Mitigation ("BPL26"). Also attached is an act ("IMA Act") authorizing the County to enter into an intermunicipal agreement ("IMA") with the Town of Rye ("Town"), setting forth the terms of the flood mitigation project ("Project").

Your Committee is advised that the Bond Act, in the amount of \$2,000,000.00, is necessary to finance the County's share of the cost of the Project in the area of Rye Town Park, in the Town, ("Property") as part of the Storm Water Reconnaissance Plan for the Coastal Long Island Sound Basin ("Plan"), which was adopted by your Honorable Board by Act No. 134 – 2014 on August 4, 2014.

The Department of Planning ("Department") has advised that the Project will address significant recurring flooding on the Property as well as in the Property's immediate vicinity.

Design for the Project has been completed by a consultant retained by the Town. The Department estimates that the Project's construction phase will take no more than two years to complete and will begin after award and execution of the construction contracts, which are subject to the approval of construction financing by your Honorable Board.

Your Committee is further advised that the proposed IMA sets forth the responsibilities of the County and the Town in connection with the Project. Under the proposed IMA, the Town will grant the County a non-exclusive easement over the Property in order to facilitate the issuance of County bonds to finance the capital project's construction, and such easement shall encumber the Property for so long as the bonds of the County are outstanding. The Town shall construct, operate, maintain, repair, replace, inspect, or restore the Project. In accordance with the IMA, the County and the Town will each provide up to fifty percent of the total cost of the Project, which

is estimated to be \$3,800,000.00. The County will pay to the Town, on a reimbursement basis, an amount not to exceed \$1,900,000.00. Should the Project costs exceed the amount contributed by the County, the Town shall be solely responsible for any additional amount. Following construction, the Town will be responsible for the operation, maintenance, scheduling, and security of the Property and the Project at its expense. The term of the IMA will commence upon execution, and will continue for a period at least equal to the life of any County bonds issued to fund the Project, which is estimated to be thirty years.

In 2011, your Honorable Board enacted the Westchester County Storm Water Management Law ("SWML") to assist municipalities with storm water management (flood mitigation). See Laws of Westchester County ("LWC") Chapter 241, Article III-A, Sections 241.252-241.260. The SWML provides for the evaluation of flooding within the County through preparation of watershed "reconnaissance plans," and the SWML authorizes County cooperation with municipalities, including funding assistance, to improve storm water management and reduce flooding.

The Property is located within an area designated as a flood hazard area by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and shown on the flooding or storm water management maps included in the Plan. As such, the area meets the definition of "Flood or Storm Water Management Problem," pursuant to LWC Section 241.253(6), and is eligible for County funding as a "Storm Water Management Project," pursuant to LWC Section 241.256. Criteria for funding flood mitigation projects are also described in the Plan, including discretionary fund policy requirements to affirmatively further fair housing. The IMA requires the Town to adopt regulations and policies consistent with the flood mitigation criteria in the Plan for the Coastal Long Island Sound Watershed.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has authorized the County to issue bonds in connection with previous components of BPL26 as indicated in the annexed fact sheet.

It should also be noted that since BPL26 is a "general fund" project, specific components are subject to a capital budget amendment. Section 1 of the Bond Act authorizes an amendment

to the County's capital budget to the extent the Project scope is inconsistent with any details set forth in the current capital budget. Accordingly, the Bond Act, in addition to authorizing the issuance of bonds for this Project, will also amend the current-year capital budget to reflect the specific location of this Project component.

Your Committee is advised that LWC Section 167.131 mandates that a capital budget amendment that introduces a new capital project or changes the location, size or character of an existing capital project be accompanied to the Board of Legislators by a report of the Westchester County Planning Board (the "Planning Board") with respect to the physical planning aspects of the project. Accordingly, the Planning Board report for BPL26 is annexed.

The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, the Project may be classified as an "Unlisted" action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 ("SEQR"). A Resolution, and Short Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF"), prepared by the Planning Department, are attached to assist your Honorable Board in complying with SEQR. For the reasons set forth in the attached EAF, your Committee believes that the proposed action will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment and recommends the adoption of the Resolution prior to enacting the aforementioned Bond Act.

Please note that an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of your Honorable Board is required in order to adopt the Bond Act, while a simple majority of the voting strength of your Honorable Board is required to adopt the IMA Act.

Based on the importance of this Project to the County, your Committee recommends favorable action on the annexed proposed Acts.

Dated: November 24th, 2025 White Plains, New York

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Budget & Appropriations

COMMITTEE ON

Public works & Transportation

Dated: November 24, 2025 White Plains, New York

The following members attended the meeting remotely and approved this item out of Committee with an affirmative vote. Their electronic signature was authorized and is below

Committee(s) on:

Budget & Appropriations

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #:	BPL26	NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED		
	SECTION A - CAPITAL BUD To Be Completed by I			
X GENERAL FUND	AIRPORT FUND	SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND		
So	ource of County Funds (check one):	X Current Appropriations		
		Capital Budget Amendment		
RYE TOWN PARK AREA,	, TOWN OF RYE			
	SECTION B - BONDING AUT To Be Completed by F			
Total Principal \$	2,000,000 PPU	30 Anticipated Interest Rate 4.13%		
Anticipated Annua	al Cost (Principal and Interest):	\$ 118,664		
Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 3,559,920				
Finance Departmen	nt: Interest rates from October 9,	, 2025 Bond Buyer - ASBA		
	ION C - IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDG To Be Completed by Submitting Departme	SCHOOL STREET,		
		and and neviewed by budget		
Potential Related Expenses (Annual): \$ -				
Potential Related R	Revenues (Annual): \$	-		
Anticipated savings to County and/or impact of department operations (describe in detail for current and next four years):				
(describe in detail)	Tor current and next roar years,			
	SECTION D - EMPLO	YMENT		
As per federal guidelines, each \$92,000 of appropriation funds one FTE Job				
Number of Full Tim	ne Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Funded:	22		
Prepared by: Di	ianne Vanadia	. \		
Title: As	ssociate Budget Director	Reviewed By:		
Department: Bu	udget	Budget Director		
Date: 10	0/14/25	Date: ///14/25		





TO:

Michelle Greenbaum, Senior Assistant County Attorney

Jeffrey Goldman, Senior Assistant County Attorney Carla Chaves, Senior Assistant County Attorney Maximilian Zorn, Assistant County Attorney

FROM:

David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM

Assistant Commissioner

DATE:

September 16, 2025

SUBJECT:

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:

BPL26 FLOOD MITIGATION - RYE TOWN PARK POND DRAINAGE

IMPROVEMENTS

The Planning Department has reviewed the above referenced capital project (Fact Sheet Unique ID <u>2981</u>) in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (SEQR).

Pursuant to SEQR, this project has been classified as an Unlisted action. The County, in an effort to expedite the project, is conducting uncoordinated review as permitted by SEQR. A Short Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared for the project for consideration by the Board of Legislators.

Please contact me if you require any additional information regarding this document.

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Att.

cc: Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff

Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive

Lawrence Soule, Budget Director

Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney

Blanca P. Lopez, Commissioner of Planning

Dianne Vanadia, Associate Budget Director

Susan Darling, Chief Planner

Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner

Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 -

WHEREAS, there is pending before this Honorable Board a Bond Act authorizing the County of Westchester (the "County") to issue bonds of the County in connection with capital project BPL26 – Flood Mitigation (Unique ID# 2981). Also attached is an Intermunicipal Agreement ("IMA") Act authorizing the County to enter into an IMA with the Town of Rye ("Town") to carry out a flood mitigation project in the area of Rye Town Park, in the Town, as part of the Storm Water Reconnaissance Plan ("Plan") for the Coastal Long Island Sound Basin (together the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Board has determined that the proposed Project would constitute an action under Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, known as the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEQR and its implementing regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617), this Project is classified as an "Unlisted" action, which requires this Honorable Board to make a determination as to whether the proposed action will have a significant impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the County is assuming the role of Lead Agency and conducting an uncoordinated review as permitted by SEQR; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with SEQR and its implementing regulations, a Short Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") has been prepared to assist this Honorable Board in its environmental assessment of this proposed action; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Board has carefully considered the proposed action and has reviewed the attached EAF and the criteria set forth in Section 617.7 of the implementing regulations and has identified the relevant areas of environmental concern, as described in the attached EAF, to determine if this proposed action will have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the County Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, State of New York, as follows:

RESOLVED, that based upon this Honorable Board's review of the EAF and the reasons set forth therein, this Board finds that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment in connection with the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Clerk of the Board of Legislators is authorized and directed to sign the Determination of Significance in the EAF, which is attached and made a part hereof, as responsible officer in Lead Agency; to issue this "Negative Declaration" on behalf of this Board in satisfaction of SEQR; and to immediately transmit same to the Commissioner of Planning to be filed, published and made available pursuant to the requirements of Part 617 of 6 NYCRR; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 - Project Information

Instructions for Completing

Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

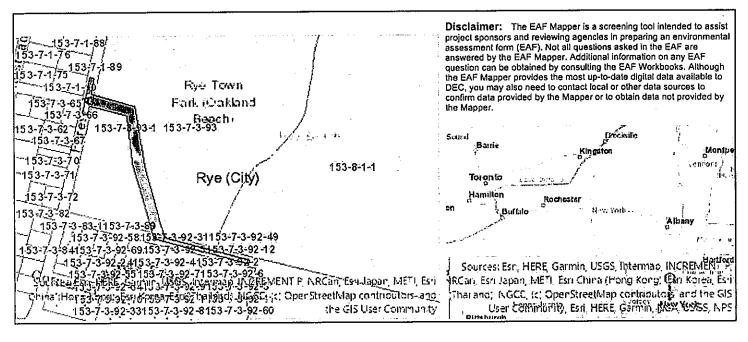
Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

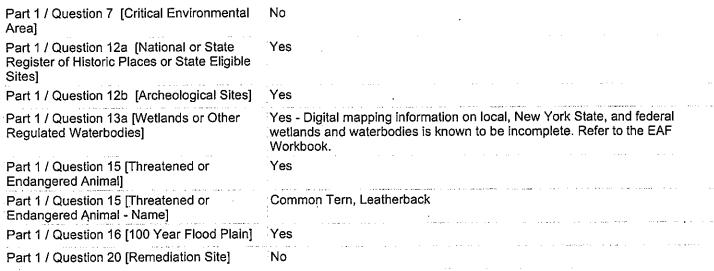
Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information			
Name of Action or Project:		<u>-</u>	
Rye Town Park Pond Drainage			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):			
95 Dearborn Avenue, City of Rye, NY			
Brief Description of Proposed Action:			
Install new piping to divert stormwater from the Forest Avenue-Oakland Beach Avenue intersection away from Rye Town Park pond. Stormwater from the City of Rye would no longer enter the pond thereby drastically reducing its load during storm events and limiting its tributary area to only surface runoff from the park. Additionally, modifications to the pond spillway and outlet channel area (to allow ponding) could effectively eliminate beach flooding from stormwater in storms as great as the 100-year event. The recommended project includes installing a new pipe from Forest Avenue through Rye Town Park and the park parking lot and out to Dearborn Avenue, then turning east down Dearborn Avenue and ultimately discharging directly into Long Island Sound at the end of Dearborn Avenue.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor:	Telephone: 914-939-3553	3	
Town of Rye: Gary J. Zuckerman, Supervisor E-Mail: gzuckerman@townofryeny.		wnofryeny.com	
Address:			
222 Grace Church St, Suite 302			
City/PO: State: Zip Code:			
Post Chester			
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation?			
If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency? NO YES			
If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: Westchester County Flood Mitigation Program; NYSDEC Coastal Erosion Hazard Area permit; City of Rye Planning Commission			
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? 36.3 acres 36.3 acres			
	acres		
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:	acres	<u>. </u>	
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4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:	✓ Reşidential (subur	rban)	

5. Is the proposed action,	NO	YES	N/A
a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?		\	
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	$\overline{\Box}$		
		NO	YES
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?			V
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area?		NO	YES
If Yes, identify:		\	
		NO	YES
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?			IES
b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?			
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action?			V
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?		NO	YES
If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies:			
Not applicable. There is no proposed use of energy.		√	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?		NO	YES
If No, describe method for providing potable water: Not applicable. There is no water supply necessary.		V	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?		NO	YES
If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment:			
Not applicable. No waste water will be generated.			
12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district	t	NO	YES
which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the			7
State Register of Historic Places?			
b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?			V
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?		NO	YES 🗸
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?			一
If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres:			
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14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:			
☑Shoreline ☐ Forest ☐ Agricultural/grasslands ☐ Early mid-successional			
☑ Wetland ☐ Urban ☑ Suburban			
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or	NO	YES	
Federal government as threatened or endangered? Common Tern, Leatherback			
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO	YES	
10. Is the project site rocated in the 100-year nood plan?			
		V	
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources?	NO	YES	
If Yes,			
a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?			
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)?			
If Yes, briefly describe:	担 し、 5		
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water	NO	YES	
or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)?			
. If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:			
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19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste	NO	YES	
management facility? If Yes, describe:	1		
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20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or	NO	YES	
completed) for hazardous waste? If Yes, describe:	l	l	
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE			
Applicant/sponsor/name: Town of Rye Date: July 29, 2025			
March 2 1 1 1			
Signature: Title: Town Supervisor	-		
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EAF Mapper Summary Report





Agency Use Only [If applicable]

Project: Rye Town Park Pond Drainage

Date: September 2025

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 2 - Impact Assessment

Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

		No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1.	Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	✓	
2.	Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	✓	
3.	Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	✓	
4.	Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	V	
5.	Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	✓	
6.	Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	✓	
7.	Will the proposed action impact existing: a. public / private water supplies?	✓	
	b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	✓	
8.	Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	V	
9.	Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	V	
10.	Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	✓	
11.	Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	✓	

Agency Use Only [If applicable]		
Project:	Rye Town Park Pond Drainage	
Date:	September 2025	

Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 Determination of Significance

For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur", or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

The project will not have significant adverse impact as it involves the installation of new stormwater infrastructure in previously disturbed areas. New stormwater infrastructure will divert stormwater from the Forest Avenue-Oakland Beach Avenue intersection away from Rye Town Park pond. As such, a proposed pipe will run through Rye Town Park and the park parking lot and out to Dearborn Avenue, then turning east down Dearborn Avenue and discharging directly into Long Island Sound. A water treatment device and velocity dissipator will be installed as part of the project. Installation of this pipe and associated equipment will require minor earthwork within open space areas of the park. Erosion and sediment controls will be employed in accordance with State standards to minimize impacts during construction. Affected areas will be restored for their continued use as open space within the park.

The Rye Town Park and Oakland Beach are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. However, the action will install new subsurface drainage infrastructure that is will not affect the historic character of the adjacent buildings, park or beach. No modifications are proposed to any buildings nor is any disturbance planned for the beach. As stated previously, all open space areas that are disturbed, will be mitigated to ensure their previous functions are maintained within the park.

The project is intended to reduce flooding in connection with storm water from the City of Rye. Proposed improvements will have the capacity to attenuate up to the 100-year frequency storm originating from surrounding community which is already heavily disturbed. Excess stormwater will be metered back into the Long Island Sound as temporary impoundment drain and return to their pre-storm state. The overall drainage pattern will not change.

The proposed action is also a regulated activity requiring a Coastal Erosion Management Permit from the NYSDEC. Development under the permit requires actions be undertaken in a manner that minimizes damage to property and natural protective features, natural resources, minimizes erosion and protect human life.

Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required. Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation,		
that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.		
County of Westchester		
Name of Lead Agency	Date	
Malika Vanderburg	Clerk to the Board of Legislators	
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Responsible Officer	
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)	