



George Latimer
County Executive

September 4, 2024

Westchester County Board of Legislators
800 Michaelian Office Building
White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Legislators:

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is a bond act ("Bond Act") which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to issue bonds in the amount of \$750,000 to finance a component of the following capital project:

WCC87 – Classroom Building Renovation ("WCC87").

The Bond Act, in the amount of \$750,000, would finance the County's approximately 50% share of the cost of planning and design associated with the Westchester Community College ("College") Classroom Building Renovation Project. The College Classroom Building Renovation Project will address mechanical, acoustic, and lighting issues at the College's Classroom Building. The renovation project also includes exterior door replacement as well as classroom, toilet room, and corridor finishes. Approximately 18,000 sq. feet of classroom, class lab, and support space will be renovated in the College Classroom Building to provide updated space for the School of Business and Professional Careers.

The College has advised that the planning and design phase of WCC87 will consist of hiring professional architectural and engineering firms for design services associated with project services. Design services shall include preparing construction contract documents (drawings and specifications), construction cost estimates, bid analysis, preparation of any addenda if required, and recommendation to award the construction contracts. Design services will also be provided during construction consisting of shop drawing and submittal review, attendance at project meetings, periodic site visits, and preparation of as-built drawings. Site development will include provisions for temporary facilities, clearing of the site, general grading, walkways, geothermal fields (where applicable) site accessories, landscaping and site lighting.

The College has advised that the total amount appropriated for Phase 1 of WCC87 is \$1,500,000. This bond request, in the amount of \$750,000, represents the County's 50% share of this phase of the project. The remaining 50% will be funded by New York State.

Following receipt by the College of New York State funds and County bonding authorization, design will be scheduled and is anticipated to take twenty-four (24) months to complete. It is anticipated that the design work will be completed by consultants. It is estimated that construction will take twenty-four months to complete and will begin after award and execution of the construction contracts.

Based on the importance of this project to the County, favorable action on the proposed Bond Act is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Latimer", written in a cursive style.

George Latimer
Westchester County Executive

GL/DG/cmc/nn

**HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK**

Your Committee is in receipt of a transmittal from the County Executive recommending approval by the County of Westchester (“County”) of a bond act (“Bond Act”) in the amount of \$750,000 to finance a component of capital project WCC87 – Classroom Building Renovation (“WCC87”). The Bond Act, which was prepared by the law firm Harris Beach, PLLC, will finance the County’s approximately 50% share of the cost of planning and design associated with the Westchester Community College (“College”) Classroom Building Renovation Project. The College Classroom Building Renovation Project will address mechanical, acoustic, and lighting issues at the College’s Classroom Building. The renovation project also includes exterior door replacement as well as classroom, toilet room, and corridor finishes. Approximately 18,000 sq. feet of classroom, class lab, and support space will be renovated in the College Classroom Building to provide updated space for the School of Business and Professional Careers.

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The College has advised that the total amount appropriated for Phase I of WCC87 is \$1,500,000. This bond request, in the amount of \$750,000, represents the County’s 50% share of this phase of the project. The remaining 50% will be funded by New York State.

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The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, the above-referenced capital project may be classified as a Type “II” action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQR”) and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617. Therefore, no environmental review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation and concurs with this recommendation.

It should be noted that an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of your Honorable Board is required in order to adopt the Bond Act. Your Committee recommends the adoption of the proposed Bond Act.

Dated: _____, 2024
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: WCC87

NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

SECTION A - CAPITAL BUDGET IMPACT

To Be Completed by Budget

GENERAL FUND

AIRPORT FUND

SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

Source of County Funds (check one):

Current Appropriations

Capital Budget Amendment

SECTION B - BONDING AUTHORIZATIONS

To Be Completed by Finance

Total Principal \$ 750,000 PPU 5 Anticipated Interest Rate 2.40%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 162,626

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 813,131

Finance Department: maab 9-10-24

SECTION C - IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET (exclusive of debt service)

To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget

Potential Related Expenses (Annual): \$ -

Potential Related Revenues (Annual): \$ -

Anticipated savings to County and/or impact of department operations
(describe in detail for current and next four years):

No Operating Impact

SECTION D - EMPLOYMENT

As per federal guidelines, each \$92,000 of appropriation funds one FTE Job

Number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Funded: 8

Prepared by: Dawn Gillins

Title: Assistant Vice President/Comptroller

Department: WCC

Date: 9/13/24

Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

Date: 9/13/24

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9/13/24

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TO: Michelle Greenbaum, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Jeffrey Goldman, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Carla Chaves, Senior Assistant County Attorney

FROM: David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM
Assistant Commissioner



DATE: August 6, 2024

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:
WCC87 CLASSROOM BUILDING RENOVATION**

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on 07-16-2024 (Unique ID: 2576)

With respect to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Planning Department recommends that no environmental review is required for the proposed action, because the project or component of the project for which funding is requested may be classified as a **TYPE II action** pursuant to section(s):

- **617.5(c)(27):** conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action.

COMMENTS: The current request is for planning and design only.

DSK/cnm

cc: Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff
Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive
Lawrence Soule, Budget Director
Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney
Dawn Gillins, Westchester Community College
Dianne Vanadia, Associate Budget Director
Susan Darling, Chief Planner
Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner
Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner

ACT NO. -20__

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$750,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE PLANNING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CLASSROOM BUILDING AT THE WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS; STATING THE TOTAL ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$1,500,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$750,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED TO FINANCE THE COUNTY'S SHARE OF SUCH COST AND THE APPLICATION OF \$750,000 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK TOWARDS THE COST OF SAID OBJECTS OR PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS. (Adopted , 20__)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK (by the affirmative vote of not less than Third-thirds of the voting strength of said Board), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (the "Law"), the Westchester County Administrative Code, being Chapter 852 of the Laws of 1948, as amended, to the provisions of other laws applicable thereto, \$750,000 bonds of the County, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to finance the cost of the planning for improvements to the classroom building at the Westchester Community College Campus; all as

set forth in the County's current year Capital Budget, as amended. To the extent that the details set forth in this act are inconsistent with any details set forth in the current year Capital Budget of the County, such Budget shall be deemed and is hereby amended. The estimated maximum cost of said object or purpose, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof is \$1,500,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$750,000 bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds, the application of \$750,000 expected to be received from the State of New York to be expended towards the cost of said objects or purposes, and the levy of a tax to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds and notes.

Section 2. The period of probable usefulness applicable to the specific object or purpose for which the bonds authorized by this resolution is to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 62(2nd) of the Law, is five (5) years.

Section 3. Current funds are not required to be provided as a down payment pursuant to Section 107.00 d. 9. of the Law prior to issuance of the bonds authorized herein, or any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds. The County intends to finance, on an interim basis, the costs or a portion of the costs of said improvements for which bonds are herein authorized, which costs are reasonably expected to be reimbursed with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the County, pursuant to this Act, in the maximum amount of \$750,000. This Act is a declaration of official intent adopted pursuant to the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of this Act and of the Law, and pursuant to the provisions of §30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals thereof, and of §§50.00, 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of said Law, the powers and

duties of the County Board of Legislators relative to authorizing the issuance of any notes in anticipation of the sale of the bonds herein authorized, or the renewals thereof, relative to providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, relative to prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the respective amounts of bonds herein authorized, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds or the renewals of said notes, and relative to executing agreements for credit enhancement, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance of the County, as the chief fiscal officer of the County.

Section 5. Each of the bonds authorized by this Act and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale thereof shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by §52.00 of said Local Finance Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the County of Westchester, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the County. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds or the renewals of said notes, and provision shall be made annually in the budgets of the County by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the notes and bonds to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this Act and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the County is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this Act or a summary hereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 7. This Act shall take effect in accordance with Section 107.71 of the Westchester County Charter.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
 : ss.:
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing Act No. -20__ with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of the said original Act, which was duly adopted by the County Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester on , 20__ and approved by the County Executive on , 20__.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said County Board of Legislators this day of , 20__.

The Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer of the
County Board of Legislators
County of Westchester, New York

(SEAL)

LEGAL NOTICE

A Bond Act, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Board of Legislators on _____, 20__ and approved by the County Executive on _____, 20__ and the validity of the obligations authorized by such Bond Act may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Westchester, in the State of New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Complete copies of the Bond Act summarized herewith shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, New York, for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

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object or purpose: to finance the cost of the planning for improvements to the classroom building at the Westchester Community College Campus; at the estimated maximum cost of \$1,500,000; all as set forth in the County's current year Capital Budget, as amended.

amount of obligations to be issued:

and period of probable usefulness: \$750,000; five (5) years

Dated: _____, 20__
White Plains, New York

Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer of the County
Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, New York