

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

Your Committee is in receipt of a transmission from the County Executive recommending approval by the County of Westchester (“County”) of an act amending the County’s current-year capital budget (the “Capital Budget Amendment”), as well as adoption of a related bond act (the “Bond Act”) which, if adopted, will authorize the County to issue \$600,000.00 in bonds to finance capital project SBB36 – Blind Brook WRRF Facility Evaluation (“SBB36”).

The proposed Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County’s 2025 capital budget to create a new appropriation in the amount of \$600,000.00 to fund SBB36.

The Bond Act, in the amount of \$600,000.00, prepared by the firm of Norton Rose Fulbright, would finance the cost of a study to assess the condition of the Blink Brook Water Resource Recovery Facility. The study will evaluate the physical facility (structural, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, process), recently completed projects, projects currently in design /construction, future planned projects and flow capacity. The evaluation will determine what additional short term, midterm, and long-term projects should be planned for the facility in order to meet all regulations, maintain a safe working environment and continue to serve the Blind Brook sanitary sewer district.

The Department of Environmental Facilities has advised that following bonding authorization, the study will begin, will be performed by a consultant, and will take approximately eighteen (18) months to complete.

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 further environmental review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation and concurs with this recommendation.

The Planning Department has further advised that Section 167.131 of the County Charter 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 necessary Planning Board report for SBB36 is annexed.

Your Committee has carefully considered the proposed Capital Budget Amendment, as well as the related Bond Act, and recommends approval of both of the proposed Acts, noting that the Bond Act can only be enacted following adoption of the Capital Budget Amendment. It should be further noted that an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of your Honorable Board is required in order to amend the County's Capital Budget and to adopt the Bond Act.

Dated: May 12th, 2025
White Plains, New York

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COMMITTEE ON

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Budget & Appropriations

Public Works & Transportation

Dated: May 12, 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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Public Works & Transportation

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: SBB36

☐ 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 \$ 600,000 PPU 5 Anticipated Interest Rate 3.12%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 131,587

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 657,935

Finance Department: Interest rates from April 9, 2025 Bond Buyer - ASBA

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):

SECTION D - EMPLOYMENT

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

Number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Funded: 7

Prepared by: Jazmin Logan

Title: Environmental Project Director

Department: Environmental Facilities

Date: 4/11/25

Reviewed By:

*DV 4/14/25
@ 4/15/25*

Budget Director


Date:

4/15/25



Memorandum
Department of Planning

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: April 3, 2025

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:
SBB36 BLIND BROOK WRRF FACILITY EVALUATION**

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on 3/20/2025 (Unique ID: 2890)

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: None.

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cc: Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff
Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive
Lawrence Soule, Budget Director
Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney
Dianne Vanadia, Associate Budget Director
Jazmin Logan, Environmental Project Director - Capital Programs (DEF)
Robert Zambardino, Program Coordinator – Capital Programs (DEF)
Susan Darling, Chief Planner
Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner
Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner

RESOLUTION 25- 4
WESTCHESTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

2025 Capital Budget Amendment
Amendment of Planning Board Report on the 2025 Capital Projects
Westchester County Sanitary Sewer District Studies
Four Districts

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 167.131 of the County Charter, the Planning Board must submit its recommendations with regard to the physical planning aspects of proposed capital projects not included in the county budget or change in the location of a capital project; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Facilities is requesting capital funding for comprehensive studies for four of the sanitary sewer districts; and

WHEREAS, the studies will include an evaluation of the following five listed items to determine what additional short term, mid-term, and long-term projects should be planned for the facility in order to meet all regulations and maintain a safe and functional facility and continue to serve the district(s):

- 1) the physical facility (structural, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, process)
- 2) recently completed projects
- 3) projects currently in design / construction
- 4) future planned projects
- 5) flow capacity study

WHEREAS, the capital project and cost of these studies of the sanitary sewer districts are listed below; and

Sewer District	Capital Project ID	Project Cost
Blind Brook Sanitary Sewer District	SBB36	\$600,000
Mamaroneck Sanitary Sewer District	SM036	\$600,000
New Rochelle Sanitary Sewer District	SNR36	\$600,000
Yonkers Joint Sanitary Sewer District	SY036	\$1,000,000
Total		\$2,800,000

WHEREAS, the Planning Board finds that the above sites and projects have been reviewed with respect to *Westchester 2025 Context for County and Municipal Planning in Westchester County and Policies to Guide County Planning* adopted by the Board on May 6, 2008, amended January 5, 2010, and its recommended strategies set forth in *Patterns for Westchester: The Land and the People*, adopted December 5, 1995; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Planning Board, pursuant to Section 167.131 of the County Charter, recommends the inclusion of the above listed sites to be funded using 2025 Capital Budget appropriations for **Westchester County Sanitary Sewer District Studies - Four Districts**.

Adopted this 1st day of April 2025.


Bernard Thombs, Chair

SBB36 Blind Brook WRRF Facility Evaluation

FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Estimated Ultimate Cost	Approp- riated	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Under Review
Gross	600							600
Non-County Share								
County								
Share	600							600

Project Description

This project aims to assess the Blind Brook Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF). The assessment will include an evaluation of the following; the physical facility (structural, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, process), recently completed projects, projects currently in design / construction, future planned projects and a flow capacity study. The evaluation will determine what additional short term, mid-term, and long-term projects should be planned for the facility in order to meet all regulations, maintain a safe working environmental and continue to serve the Blind Brook sanitary sewer district.

Appropriation Requests

2025: \$600,000 for Study.

Justification

This study includes an evaluation of the following; the physical facility (structural, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, process), recently completed projects, projects currently in design / construction, future planned projects and a flow capacity study. The evaluation will determine what additional short term, mid-term, and long-term projects should be planned for the facility in order to meet all regulations and maintain a safe and functional facility and continue to serve the Blind Brook sanitary sewer district.

Consistency with Programs or Plans

This project is generally consistent with the policies of "Westchester 2025" in that it is a capital improvement for physical facilities that enables the County to deliver services in an economic and humane manner.

Planning Board Analysis

PL1: The Planning Board supports the proposed study. Planning Department staff will monitor the progress of the study to address safety, aesthetic and environmental planning concerns. As per Westchester County policy, stormwater management must be addressed with every capital project where feasible. The study should incorporate the latest version of the NYS Stormwater Management Design Manual and the NYS Standards and Specifications for Erosion and Sediment Control.

An Act amending the 2025 County
Capital Budget Appropriations for
Capital Project SBB36 BLIND
BROOK WRRF FACILITY
EVALUATION

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. The Capital section of the 2025 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	Previous 2025 Appropriation	Change	Revised 2025 Appropriation
I. Appropriation	\$0	\$600,000	\$600,000

Section 2. The estimated method of financing in the Capital Section of the 2025 Westchester County Capital Budget is amended as follows:

II. METHOD OF
FINANCING

Bonds and/or Notes	\$0	\$600,000	\$600,000
Non County Shares	\$0		\$0
Cash	\$0		\$0
Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>

Section 3. The ACT shall take effect immediately.