

**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 an act, which, if adopted, will amend the County's current-year capital budget ("Capital Budget Amendment"), as well as adoption of a related amended bond act ("Amended Bond Act") in the amount of \$8,819,000 prepared by the law firm Hawkins, Delafield & Wood, to finance capital project A0099 – Airport Natural Gas Pipeline ("A0099").

Your Committee is advised that the Capital Budget Amendment would amend the County's current-year capital budget by decreasing the County share by \$771,000 and increasing the non-County share by the same amount. This amendment is required to reflect the County's acceptance of a New York State grant.

The Amended Bond Act, in the total amount of \$8,819,000, which includes \$550,000.00 in previously authorized bonds of the County, would finance the cost of the County's share of the construction and construction management costs to extend the natural gas pipeline on the east side of the airport.

The Department of Public Works and Transportation ("Department") has advised that A0099 will achieve overall energy efficiencies at the Westchester County Airport by approximately 10-20%, by switching the heating systems of multiple facilities from oil to natural gas.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has authorized the County to issue bonds in connection with A0099 as indicated in the annexed fact sheet.

Design has been completed by outside consultant. It is estimated that construction will take 12 months to complete and will begin after execution of the construction contracts.

The Department of Planning has advised your Committee that Section 167.131 of the Laws of Westchester County 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. The Planning Department has advised that the Planning Board has previously reviewed this project and issued a report and that since there is no change in the scope of the work and this is simply a change in the financing plan, no further action by the Planning Board is necessary at this time.

The Department of Planning has further advised your Committee that based on its review, A0099 may be classified as an “Unlisted” action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQR”) and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617 (“SEQR”). A Resolution and Short Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”), prepared by the Department of Planning, 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 passage of the annexed resolution prior to enacting the Amended Bond Act.

Your Committee has carefully considered the proposed Capital Budget Amendment, as well as the related Amended Bond Act, and recommends approval of both of the proposed Acts, noting that the Amended Bond Act may only be enacted following adoption of the Capital Budget Amendment. It should also be 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 Amended Bond Act.

Dated: _____, 2026
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

Dated: March 30, 2026
White Plains, New York

Budget & Appropriations Committee

Infrastructure & Housing Committee

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Dated: March 30, 2026
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.


Budget & Appropriations



Infrastructure & Housing



TO: Michelle Greenbaum, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Carla Chaves, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Maximilian Zorn, Assistant County Attorney
Maria Baratta, Assistant County Attorney

FROM: Blanca P. Lopez, M.S. 
Commissioner

DATE: February 24, 2026

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:
A0099 AIRPORT NATURAL GAS PIPELINE**

The Planning Department has reviewed the above referenced project (Fact Sheet Unique ID: 3089) 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. Uncoordinated review is being conducted as permitted for Unlisted actions pursuant to Section 617.6(b)(4) of the implementing regulations. A Short Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared for the project and is attached for consideration by the Board of Legislators.

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

BPL/cnm

Att.

cc: Emily Saltzman, Director of Operations
Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive
Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney
Dianne Vanadia, Associate Budget Director
Lauren Walsh, Deputy Airport Manager – Administration
Christopher Prashad, Program Manager, Westchester County Airport
David Kvinge, Assistant Commissioner
Susan Darling, Chief Planner
Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there is pending before this Honorable Board a an amended bond act to issue bonds in connection with Capital Project A0099 – Airport Natural Gas Pipeline (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 New York 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 of Westchester is conducting uncoordinated review as permitted for Unlisted Actions pursuant to Section 617.6(b)(4) of the implementing regulations for the environmental review of this project; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with SEQR and its implementing regulations, a Short Environmental Assessment Form 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 Short Environmental Assessment Form 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 Short Environmental Assessment Form, to determine if this proposed action will have a significant 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 the Honorable Board's review of the Short Environmental Assessment Form and for the reasons set forth therein, this Board finds that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment from the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Legislators is authorized and directed to sign the "Determination of Significance" in the Short Environmental Assessment Form, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, as the "Responsible Officer in Lead Agency"; to issue this "Negative Declaration" on behalf of this Board in satisfaction of SEQR and its implementing regulations; 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 the Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 1 - Project Information

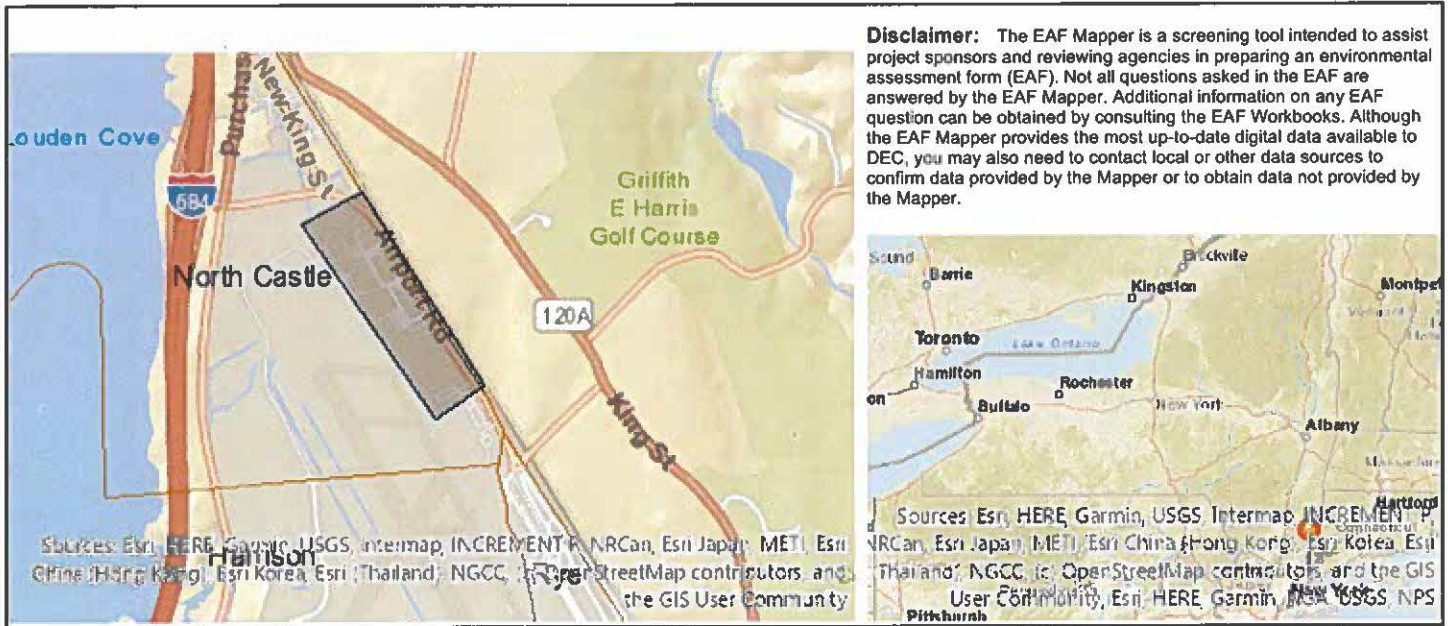
Instructions for Completing

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 | | | | |
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| Name of Action or Project: Airport Natural Gas Pipeline Extension (A0099) | | | | |
| Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Westchester County Airport, Airport Road, Town of North Castle, Westchester County, New York | | | | |
| Brief Description of Proposed Action: This project will complete the extension of the natural gas main on the east side of the airport. The scope of work includes the underground installation of approximately 2,000 linear feet of 8-inch diameter pipe from Hangar V to Building 10 with approximately 1,000 linear feet in total of 4-inch diameter lateral lines in the vicinity of Buildings 1, 2, 10 and 26. One of the gas lateral lines will extend up along the east side of Building 10 in anticipation of a new storage building for snow removal equipment that is proposed to be constructed on the north side of Building 10. The project includes gas meter assemblies and associated infrastructure at some of the buildings to support their conversion to natural gas usage. The project will also provide for the removal of existing oil tanks located near Buildings 1, 2 and 10. | | | | |
| Name of Applicant or Sponsor: County of Westchester | | Telephone: 914-995-4400 E-Mail: dsk2@westchestercountyny.gov | | |
| Address: 148 Martine Avenue | | | | |
| City/PO: White Plains | | State: NY | Zip Code: 10601 | |
| 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. | | | NO <input type="checkbox"/> | YES <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval: New York State - Aviation Capital Grant | | | NO <input type="checkbox"/> | YES <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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? | | | +/-1 acres 0.8 acres +/-698 acres | |
| 4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action: | | | | |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other(Specify): Airport <input type="checkbox"/> Parkland | | | | |

| 5. Is the proposed action, | NO | YES | N/A |
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| a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape? | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? Name: Airport 60 Ldn Noise Contour, Reason: Exceptional or unique character, Agency: Westchester County, If Yes, identify: Date: 1-31-90 | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO | YES <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action? | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements? If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: Not applicable. | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO | YES <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? If No, describe method for providing potable water: Not applicable. | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO | YES <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: Not applicable. | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO | YES <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site, or district 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 State Register of Historic Places? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO | YES <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: | | | |



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| Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area] | Yes |
| Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area - Identify] | Name:Airport 60 Ldn Noise Contour, Reason:Exceptional or unique character, Agency:Westchester County, Date:1-31-90 |
| Part 1 / Question 12a [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites] | No |
| Part 1 / Question 12b [Archeological Sites] | Yes |
| Part 1 / Question 13a [Wetlands or Other Regulated Waterbodies] | Yes - Digital mapping information on local, New York State, and federal wetlands and waterbodies is known to be incomplete. Refer to the EAF Workbook. |
| Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal] | No |
| Part 1 / Question 16 [100 Year Flood Plain] | No |
| Part 1 / Question 20 [Remediation Site] | Yes |

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**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? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Will the proposed action impact existing: | | |
| a. public / private water supplies? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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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.

This project will complete the extension of natural gas mains at the Westchester County Airport to allow all facilities at the airport the opportunity to convert to natural gas usage. This benefits the environment as natural gas is more energy efficient and produces less hydrocarbon emissions than oil when used for heating. It also allows for the elimination of on-site oil tanks and oil deliveries, further reducing impacts on the environment.

The installation of the proposed gas lines in this last segment will have minimal environmental impacts. All of the work will be in active areas of the airport that are already heavily disturbed, most of which will be within or alongside the Airport access road or within existing paved areas. As such, no archaeological impacts are anticipated.

Since the Westchester County Airport is under the New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program, all work will be done in accordance with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's approved IRM Limited Remedial Investigation/Limited Remedial Action Work Plan.

The project is located within the 60 Ldn (DNL) noise contour of the Westchester County Airport. This area was designated by the County as a Critical Environmental Area to ensure that airport noise levels are considered in connection with any proposed action. The proposed gas lines will have no impact on airport noise levels.

- 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

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

Claudia S. Stewart

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)