

July 21, 2025

TO: Hon. Vedat Gashi, Chair Hon. Jose Alvarado, Vice Chair Hon. Tyrae Woodson-Samuels, Majority Leader Hon. Margaret Cunzio, Minority Leader

Kenneth W. Jenkins FROM: County Executive

RE: Message Requesting Immediate Consideration: Bond Act – BLA1A (2914) – Parkland and Historical Preservation Program, and IMA with Village of Port Chester.

This will confirm my request that the Board of Legislators allow submission of the referenced communication to be submitted to the Board of Legislators July 21, 2025 Agenda.

Attached for your consideration and approval is legislation, as referenced above.

Therefore, since this communication is of the utmost importance, it is respectfully submitted that the County Board of Legislators accepts this submission for July 21, 2025 "blue sheet" calendar.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



Kenneth W. Jenkins County Executive

July 17, 2025

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 (the "Bond Act") which, if adopted by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County") to issue up to \$1,025,000 in bonds of the County to finance a component of capital project BLA1A -Parkland and Historical Preservation Program ("BLA1A"). Also attached is an Act authorizing an inter-municipal agreement ("IMA") with the Village of Port Chester (the "Village").

The Bond Act, in the amount of \$1,025,000, would finance certain waterfront and downtown revitalization improvements in the Village of Port Chester through the completion of the Loop initiative, as well the County's Department of Planning administrative expenses in an amount not-to-exceed \$25,000. This initiative involves the reconstruction of the waterfront promenade and wayfinding signage, and the enhancement of waterfront and downtown landscaping and lighting (the "Project") on property owned by the Village (collectively, the Property"), which will enhance walkability and connect the Village's business district to the Village's waterfront.

The IMA will set forth the responsibilities of the County and the Village in connection with the project. Under the proposed IMA, the Village will grant an easement in the Property for the benefit of the County in order to facilitate the issuance of County bonds to finance the capital project's construction and administrative costs of the improvements. In accordance with the IMA, the County will contribute an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 toward the aforementioned improvements, in exchange for the Property being open to all County residents. Should the Project costs exceed the amount of \$1,000,000 contributed by the County, the Village shall be solely responsible for any additional amount. Following construction, the Village will be responsible for 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 fifteen (15) years.

Following bonding authorization, design will be scheduled and is anticipated to take six (6) months to complete. It is anticipated that the design work will be completed by a consultant to be engaged by the Village. It is also estimated that construction will take thirty (30) months to complete and will begin after award and execution of the construction contracts.

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As your Honorable Board is aware, the Westchester Legacy Program is a County initiative to acquire, protect and enhance open space lands in Westchester County. To date, the Legacy Program is credited with preserving over 2,000 acres of open space in Westchester County. The acquired properties include linear parks, urban parks, active recreation facilities, as well as large tracts of open space forever preserved in their natural state.

The Legacy Program was established to aggressively pursue land acquisition with three major priorities: 1) to preserve green space, protect our county's natural habitats and protect rivers, streams and lakes and to provide passive recreation areas; 2) to purchase park land for active recreation such as baseball and soccer fields, trailways and bike paths; and 3) to acquire land for historic preservation and protection of our cultural heritage.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has previously authorized the County to issue bonds to finance prior components of BLA1A as set forth in the attached fact sheet.

It should be noted that as BLA1A 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 2025 capital budget to reflect the specific location of this project component.

In addition, 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. Accordingly, the Planning Board Report for BLA1A is annexed.

Based upon the foregoing, I recommend the adoption of the aforementioned Bond Act, as well as the Act authorizing the County to enter into the IMA.

Kenneth W. Jenkins Westchester County Executive Attachments

Reference: BLA1A (Unique ID# 2914)

# THE HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Your Committee is in receipt of a transmittal from the County Executive recommending approval of a bond act (the "Bond Act"), which if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County") to issue up to \$1,025,000 in bonds to finance a component of capital project BLA1A - Parkland and Historical Preservation Program ("BLA1A"). Also attached is an Act authorizing an inter-municipal agreement ("IMA") with the Village of Port Chester "Village").

Your Committee is advised that the Bond Act, in the amount of \$1,025,000, prepared by the law firm of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, would finance certain waterfront and downtown revitalization improvements in the Village of Port Chester through the completion of the Loop initiative, as well as the County's Department of Planning administrative expenses in an amount not-to-exceed \$25,000. This initiative involves the reconstruction of the waterfront promenade and wayfinding signage, and the enhancement of waterfront and downtown landscaping and lighting (the "Project") on property owned by the Village (collectively, the Property"), which will enhance walkability and connect the Village's business district to the Village's waterfront.

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In addition, 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. Accordingly, the Planning Board Report for BLA1A is annexed.

Furthermore, 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 SEQRA documentation and concurs with this recommendation.

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 an affirmative vote of a majority of the voting strength of your Honorable Board is required to adopt the Act authorizing the IMA.

Based on the importance of this project to the County, your Committee recommends favorable action on the annexed Bond Act and Act authorizing the IMA.

Dated: , 2025

White Plains, New York

**COMMITTEE ON** 

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# **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

CAPITAL PROJECT #	:BLA1A	NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED
	SECTION A - CAPITAL BU	DGET IMPACT
	To Be Completed by	Budget
<b>X</b> GENERAL FUNC	AIRPORT FUND	SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND
	Source of County Funds (check one):	X Current Appropriations
		Capital Budget Amendment
Village of Portchest	er Loop Initiative	
	SECTION B - BONDING AU	THORIZATIONS
	To Be Completed by	Finance
Total Principal	\$ 1,025,000 <b>PPU</b>	15 Anticipated Interest Rate 3.55%
Anticipated An	nual Cost (Principal and Interest):	\$ 89,749
Total Debt Serv	<b>rice</b> (Annual Cost x Term):	\$ 1,346,235
Finance Depart	ment: Interest rates from Munistat	Services 7/18/25 - ASBA
SI	ECTION C - IMPACT ON OPERATING BUD	
	To Be Completed by Submitting Departm	ent and Reviewed by Budget
Potential Relate	ed Expenses (Annual): \$	-
Potential Relate	ed Revenues (Annual): \$	-
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	rings to County and/or impact of departs	ment operations
(describe in de	tail for current and next four years):	
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As	SECTION D - EMPLO per federal guidelines, each \$92,000 of a	
Number of Full	Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Funded:	
Prepared by:	Susan Darling	. // (/
Title:	Chief Planner	Reviewed By:
Department:	Planning	<b>Dudget Director</b>
Date:	7/18/25	Date: <u>71827</u>



- 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: May 22, 2025
- SUBJECT: STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT: BLA1A PARKLAND AND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION PROGRAM (Port Chester Loop/Waterfront Promenade)

**PROJECT/ACTION:** Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on 04-16-2025 (Unique ID: 2914)

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)(2): replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy, or fire codes unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part;
- 617.5(c)(9): construction or expansion of a primary or accessory/appurtenant, nonresidential structure or facility involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area and not involving a change in zoning or a use variance and consistent with local land use controls, but not radio communication or microwave transmission facilities.

# 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 Blanca P. Lopez, Commissioner of Planning Dianne Vanadia, Associate Budget Director Susan Darling, Chief Planner Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner

# BLA1A Parkland and Historical Preservation Program

Waterfront Promenade Improvements, Village of Port Chester

# FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Estimated Ultimate Total Cost	Approp- riated	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Under Review
Gross Less non-County	42,777	37,727						5,000
Shares Net	42,777	37,727						5,000

# **Project Description**

This project continues Capital Project BLA01 Parkland Acquisition/Westchester Legacy Program. The Legacy Program is designed to aggressively pursue land acquisition for three major objectives:

- 1. Purchase parkland for active recreation such as baseball and soccer fields, trails and bike paths.
- 2. Preserve green space, protect natural habitats and protect rivers, streams, and lakes.
- 3. Preserve land for historic preservation and protection of our cultural landscape.

BLA1A Parkland and Historical Preservation Program is a general fund capital program which require a capital budget amendment when specific project site locations are identified.

The Waterfront Promenade Improvements project will utilize a share funding from previously appropriated funds in **BLA1A Parkland and Historical Preservation Program** for the construction of site work improvements to a create waterfront promenade in the Village of Port Chester, in the amount of \$1,025,000. The Waterfront Promenade and Loop will be available for use by all county residents. The project will contribute towards creation of a uniform circular path from the Port Chester waterfront, through the downtown business district, to the secondary retail area, past the Metro North train station and Capitol Theatre, down to Liberty Square, and back to the waterfront. The funding will be used for a share of the costs of implementing the pathway, which may include improvements to sidewalks, plantings, and lighting.

# **Appropriations/Requests**

2020:	Funding for acquisition of properties for parkland and historic preservation (\$1,000,000)
2021:	Creation of a new park in Ludlow Park, Yonkers (\$10,000,000); 4 <sup>th</sup> Street Playground, Mt. Vernon (\$2,000,000); RiverWalk Improvements, Yonkers (\$5,000,000)
2022:	Funding for environmental reviews for the design and construction of RiverWalk trail connections in Tarrytown (\$1,300,000)
2023:	Funding for a True Linear RiverWalk Park in Yonkers (\$5,000,000) and Flint Park Turf Field, Larchmont (\$1,000,000), Habirshaw County Park (2020 appropriations)
2024:	\$1,000,000 for Improvements to RiverWalk in Tarrytown. BOL add of \$2,000,000 for Silliman Park in Ardsley, BOL add of \$427,000 for Rye Town Interior Bathhouse, \$500,000 was added for general purposes and cost inflation
2025:	\$2,000,000 for the construction and CM of the Habirshaw County Park; \$3,000,000 for the construction and CM of improvements to RiverWalk in the Village of Tarrytown; \$100,000 for the acquisition of 311 Welcher Avenue, City of Peekskill from previously appropriated funds; BOL add of \$3,000,000 for Mount Vernon 4 <sup>th</sup> Street Park Legacy Project; BOL add of \$2,550,000 for Ward House Purchase and Restoration, Village of Tuckahoe
Under Review:	\$5,000,000 additional funding for parkland preservation

# Justification

The Westchester County park and open space system has contributed greatly to the quality of life in the County. Municipal officials and residents throughout Westchester have indicated that open space preservation remains a top priority. The acquisition and protection of lands for environmental protection helps to build on this legacy. The County has played an important role in expanding opportunities for active recreation; traditionally it was municipalities and school districts that developed athletic fields.

The 1999 Open Space Policies were adopted by both the Planning and Parks Boards. These policies have goals for a continued County park and open space acquisition program that includes:

- 1. Provision of opportunities for active and passive recreation, with emphasis on locations close to concentrations of the County's population;
- 2. Establishment of a series of open space linkages to provide a connected system of parklands;
- 3. Preservation of significant amounts of the Hudson River waterfront;
- 4. Protection of environmentally significant properties; and
- 5. Preservation of properties considered to be of historic significance.

# **Consistency With Programs or Plans**

The project is consistent with the policies of *Westchester 2025*, the County's long-range land use policies, and the 1999 Open Space Polices in that it supports open space preservation, provides opportunities for active and passive recreation, promotes open space linkages, preserves environmentally significant properties and helps preserve properties considered to be of historic significance.

# Planning Board Analysis

**PL2:** The Planning Board supports this project to improve parkland and recreational opportunities in the densely populated Village of Port Chester. The Planning Board supports projects with the goal to keep park facilities in a well-maintained state. Performing physical improvements on a priority basis reflects a comprehensive approach to undertaking capital improvements.

As per Westchester County policy, stormwater management must be addressed with every capital project. Designs should comply with the NYS Stormwater Management Design Manual and the NYS Standards and Specifications for Erosion and Sediment Control.

# RESOLUTION 25- 28 WESTCHESTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

## BLA1A Parkland and Historical Preservation Program Port Chester Waterfront Promenade Capital Budget Amendment to the 2025 Capital Program

WHEREAS. BLA1A Parkland and Historical Preservation Program funds will be used for a share of the construction of site work improvements to a create waterfront promenade in the Village of Port Chester, for use by all county residents, in the amount of \$1,025,000; and

WHEREAS, the County Planning Board is required to review all site designations utilizing funds from the capital program BLA1A Parkland and Historical Preservation Program; and

WHEREAS, this improvement project will contribute toward the creation of a uniform circular path from the Port Chester waterfront, through the downtown business district, to the secondary retail area, past the MTA's train station and Capital Theatre, down to Liberty Square, and back to the waterfront; and

WHEREAS, funds from BLA1A Parkland and Historical Preservation Program will be used for a share of the costs of implementing the pathway, which may include improvements to sidewalks, plantings, and lighting; and

WHEREAS, the promenade will be open and accessible to all Westchester County residents; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive will submit legislation to the County Board of Legislators which would authorize an amendment adding this site to the 2025 Capital Budget requests utilizing appropriated funds in BLA1A Parkland and Historical Preservation Program; and

WHEREAS, the project is consistent with the policies of *Westchester 2025*, in that it will enhance the quality of parks and recreation facilities in Westchester; be it

**RESOLVED**, that the County Planning Board, pursuant to Section 167.131 of the County Charter, amends its report on the 2025 Capital Budget to use of \$1,025,000 from already appropriated funds from **BLA1A Parkland and Historical Preservation Program** for a share of the construction and administrative costs of improvements to create a riverfront promenade in the Village of Port Chester.

Adopted this 6rd day of May 2025

Bernard Thombs, Chair

**REFERENCE BLA1A** 

# ACT NO. -20

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,025,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATERFRONT AND DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VILLAGE OF PORT CHESTER UNDER THE WESTCHESTER LEGACY PROGRAM; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$1,025,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,025,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; 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 two-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, \$1,025,000 bonds of the County, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to finance the cost of the construction of waterfront and downtown improvements in the Village of Port Chester under the Westchester Legacy program, through the completion of The Loop initiative, including reconstruction of the waterfront promenade and wayfinding signage, and the enhancement of waterfront and downtown landscaping, all as set forth in the County's Current Year Capital Budget, as amended, pursuant to an intermunicipal agreement between the County and the Village of Port Chester. 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 specific object of purpose, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof is \$1,025,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$1,025,000 bonds herein authorized, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds, and the levy of a tax to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds.

Section 2. The period of probable usefulness of said specific object or purpose, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 19 (c) of the Law, is fifteen (15) 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 \$1,025,000. This Act is a declaration of official intent adopted pursuant to the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 4. The estimate of \$1,025,000 as the estimated total cost of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is hereby approved.

Section 5. 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 6. 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 7. 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 8. 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\_\_\_.

(SEAL)

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

## 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.

ACT NO. \_\_\_\_\_-20\_\_\_\_

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object or purpose: to finance the cost of the construction of waterfront and downtown improvements in the Village of Port Chester under the Westchester Legacy Program, through the completion of The Loop initiative, including reconstruction of the waterfront promenade and wayfinding signage, and the enhancement of waterfront and downtown landscaping, all as set forth in the County's Current Year Capital Budget, as amended, pursuant to an intermunicipal agreement between the County and the Village of Port Chester

amount of obligations to be issued: and period of probable usefulness: \$1,025,000; fifteen (15) 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

# **CAPITAL PROJECT FACT SHEET**

Project ID:*	ĭ CBA	Fact Sheet Date:*
BLA1A		04-01-2025
Fact Sheet Year:*	Project Title:*	Legislative District ID:
2025	PARKLAND AND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION PROGRAM	6
Category*	Department:*	CP Unique ID:
BUILDINGS, LAND & MISCELLANEOUS	PLANNING	2914

#### **Overall Project Description**

The Legacy Program is designed to aggressively pursue land acquisition for three major objectives. One major objective is to purchase parkland for active recreation such as baseball and soccer fields, trail ways and bike paths. A key component of the ball field initiative is to partner with municipalities on the acquisition and/or development of ball fields to maximize available funding. The development of RiverWalk, the proposed promenade along the Hudson River, is a key component of the Legacy Program. A second major objective is to protect our County's natural habitats and protect rivers, streams and lakes. The third objective is to preserve land for historic preservation and protection of our cultural heritage. This project continues Capital Project BLA01 Parkland Acquisition/ Westchester Legacy Program. This is a general fund, specific projects are subject to a Capital Budget Amendment.

Best Management Practices	Energy Efficiencies	Infrastructure ▼
x Life Safety	Project Labor Agreement	Revenue

□ Other

Security

#### FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Estimated Ultimate Total Cost	Appropriated	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Under Review
Gross	42,777	27,227	10,550	0	0	0	0	5,000
Less Non-County Shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net	42,777	27,227	10,550	0	0	0	0	5,000

#### Expended/Obligated Amount (in thousands) as of: 2,413

**Current Bond Description:** This current bond request will provide a share of the cost of funding for the implementation of waterfront and downtown revitalization improvements in the Village of Port Chester through the completion of The Loop initiative. This initiative involves reconstruction of the waterfront promenade and wayfinding signage, and the enhancement of waterfront and downtown landscaping, which will enhance walkability and connect the Village's business district to the waterfront. An Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) will be required.

#### Financing Plan for Current Request:

Non-County Shares:	\$0
Bonds/Notes:	1,025,000
Cash:	0
Total:	\$ 1,025,000

□ Not Applicable

## SEQR Classification: TYPE II

# Amount Requested: 1,025,000

#### 1,023,000

#### **Expected Design Work Provider:**

County Staff

Consultant

Comments:

**Energy Efficiencies:** 

# **Appropriation History:**

Year	Amount	Description
2020	1,000,000	FUNDS THIS PROJECT
2021	17,000,000	LUDLOW PARK (WATER ACCESS PARK), YONKERS, \$10,000,000; 4TH STREET PLAYGROUND, MT. VERNON, \$2,000,000 AND RIVERWALKIMPROVEMENTS, YONKERS, \$5,000,000
2022	-700,000	DESIGN OF RIVERWALK IMPROVEMENTS IN TARRYTOWN \$1,300,000; 4TH STREET PLAYGROUND MT. VERNON APPROPRIATION REDUCTION (\$2,000,000)
2023	6,000,000	A TURF FIELD AT FLINT PARK IN LARCHMONT \$1,000,000; A LINEAR PARK EXTENDING NORTH FROM THE YONKERS JOINT WATER RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILTY IN THE LUDLOW SECTION OF YONKERS \$5,000,000.
2024	3,927,000	FUNDS THE REHABILITATION OF THE EXISTING RIVERWALK IN TARRYTOWN (\$1M) AND PROVIDES ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE PROJECT (\$500,000), AS WELL AS FUNDING FOR SILLIMAN PARK UPGRADES IN ARDSLEY (\$2M) AND RYE TOWN PARK BATHHOUSE UPGRADES (\$427,000)

# **Total Appropriation History:** 27,227,000

# **Financing History:**

Year	Bond Act #	Amount	Issued	Description
23	227	200,000	0	PARKLAND AND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION PROGRAM
24	149	270,000	0	RIVERWALK
24	233	100,000	0	311 WELCHER AVE
24	73	1,000,000	0	PARKLAND AND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION PROGRAM - ID # 2434

# **Total Financing History:**

1,570,000

Recommended By:	
Department of Planning	Date
MLLL	04-16-2025
Department of Public Works	Date
RJB4	04-21-2025
Budget Department	Date
DEV9	04-22-2025
Requesting Department	Date
MLLL	04-22-2025



# PARKLAND AND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION PROGRAM ( BLA1A )

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	Est Ult Cost	Appropriated	Exp / Obl	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Under Review
Gross	42,777	27,227	2,324	10,550					5,00
Non County Share									
Total	42,777	27,227	2,324	10,550					5,00

## **Project Description**

The Legacy Program is designed to aggressively pursue land acquisition for three major objectives. One major objective is to purchase parkland for active recreation such as baseball and soccer fields, trail ways and bike paths. A key component of the ball field initiative is to partner with municipalities on the acquisition and/or development of ball fields to maximize available funding. The development of RiverWalk, the proposed promenade along the Hudson River, is a key component of the Legacy Program. A second major objective is to protect our County's natural habitats and protect rivers, streams and lakes. The third objective is to preserve land for historic preservation and protection of our cultural heritage. This project continues Capital Project BLA01 Parkland Acquisition/ Westchester Legacy Program. This is a general fund, specific projects are subject to a Capital Budget Amendment.

## **Current Year Description**

The current year request funds the construction of Habirshaw Park improvements located in the City of Yonkers (\$2m), the construction of Riverwalk improvements located in the Village of Tarrytown (\$3m), Mt. Vernon 4th Street Park improvements (\$3m), and Ward House Purchase and Restoration in the Village of Tuckahoe (\$2.55m).

<b>Current Yea</b>	r Financing Plan			
Year	Bonds	Cash	Non County Shares	Total
2025	10,550,000			10,550,000

# Impact on Operating Budget

The impact on the Operating Budget is the appropriation of Cash to Capital and the debt service associated with the issuance of bonds.

# PARKLAND AND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION PROGRAM (BLA1A)

#### **Appropriation History Amount Description** Year Status 2020 1,000,000 Funds this project \$270,000 DESIGN; \$800,000 AWAITING BOND AUTHORIZATION 2021 17,000,000 Ludlow Park (Water Access Park), Yonkers, \$10,000,000; 4th Street AWAITING BOND AUTHORIZATION Playground, Mt. Vernon, \$2,000,000 and Riverwalk Improvements, Yonkers, \$5,000,000 (700,000) Design of Riverwalk improvements in Tarrytown \$1,300,000; 4th Street 2022 \$1,300,000 DESIGN; (\$2,000,000) APPROPRIATION Playground Mt. Vernon appropriation reduction (\$2,000,000) REDUCTION 2023 6,000,000 A turf field at Flint Park in Larchmont \$1,000,000; a linear park extending \$1,000,000 IN PROGRESS; \$5,000,000 AWAITING north from the Yonkers Joint Water Resource Recovery Facility in the BOND AUTHORIZATION Ludlow section of Yonkers \$5,000,000. 3,927,000 Funds the rehabilitation of the existing Riverwalk in Tarrytown (\$1M) and 2024 \$270,000 DESIGN; \$100,000 PENDING PROPERTY provides additional funds to the project (\$500,000), as well as funding for ACQUISITION; \$3,557,000 AWAITING BOND Silliman Park upgrades in Ardsley (\$2M) and Rye Town Park Bathhouse **AUTHORIZATION** upgrades (\$427,000) Total 27,227,000 **Prior Appropriations**

	Appropriated	Collected	Uncollected
<b>Bond Proceeds</b>	25,927,000		25,927,000
<b>Funds Revenue</b>	1,300,000	1,300,000	
Total	27,227,000	1,300,000	25,927,000

Bonds Aut	thorize	ed being being			
Bond A	ct	Amount	Date Sold	Amount Sold	Balance
227	23	200,000			200,000
73	24	1,000,000			1,000,000
149	24	270,000			270,000
233	24	100,000			100,000
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