

RESOLUTION NO. 76 2021

WHEREAS, the Westchester County Board of Legislators (“Board”) duly established County Water District No. 3 (“District”) in 1977 pursuant to Article 5-A of the New York State County Law (“Article 5-A”); and

WHEREAS, the District is comprised of the territorial limits of the County’s Valhalla Campus at Grasslands; and

WHEREAS, the District is wholly owned by the County of Westchester (“County”); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Facilities has prepared and submitted to this Honorable Board a report dated January 5, 2021, as may be amended from time to time (“District Report”), which recommends capital project: WD309 – Water Storage Facilities and Maintenance Program (“WD309”), which represents an increase and improvement of District facilities; and

WHEREAS, WD309 will finance design, construction management and construction costs for the rehabilitation and capital maintenance of the existing water storage tower for the Grasslands Reservation, including but not limited to, painting and coating of the interior and exterior of the storage tower, paving of the existing service roadways and area surrounding the tank, required drainage remediation work, housekeeping site work, electrical and control instrumentation improvements, and piping and valve work, and incidental expenses in connection therewith, which is a specific object or purpose, in and for the benefit of the District.; and

WHEREAS, the County is currently seeking authorization of the issuance of up to \$9,300,000 in bonds of the County to finance WD309, stating the estimated maximum cost of the capital project is \$9,800,000 subject to the permission of the Comptroller of the State of New York; noting that the financing plan of the WD309 includes a \$500,000 in bonds previously authorized by Act 193-2015; and

WHEREAS, the Department has advised that the cost resulting from the proposed increase and improvement of district facilities to all taxable parcels in the County represents an estimated average tax assessment increase of \$1.46 per parcel, as more fully set forth in the District Report; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article 5-A, this Board is required to schedule a public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that a public hearing shall be held upon the proposed increase and improvement of facilities for the District, as more fully set forth in the District Report dated January 5, 2021, as may be amended from time to time; said hearing to be held in the Board of Legislators Chambers, Room 800, Michaelian Office Building, 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York 10601 on the 26th day of April, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized and empowered take all necessary steps in furtherance hereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to cause notice of such public hearing to be published in the official newspapers of the County of Westchester having a general circulation in the District and in the manner required by law, the first publication thereof to be not less than ten (10) or more than twenty (20) days before the date set forth above for the public hearing. Such Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Property owners in Westchester County are hereby notified that legislation is currently before the Westchester County Board of Legislators ("Board") to carry out the following proposed capital project WD309 – Water Storage Facilities and Maintenance Program ("WD309") ("Capital Project"), for the benefit of County Water District No. 3 (the "District") as more fully set forth herein and in the District Report dated January 5, 2021, as may be amended from time to time ("District Report"). The District Report is available for review from the Office of the Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities.

The issuance of bonds would finance the cost of design, construction management and construction costs for the rehabilitation and capital maintenance of the existing water storage tower for the Grasslands Reservation, including but not limited to, painting and coating of the interior and exterior of the storage tower, paving of the existing service roadways and area surrounding the tank, required drainage remediation work, housekeeping site work, electrical and control instrumentation improvements, and piping and valve work, and incidental expenses in connection therewith, which is a specific object or purpose, in and for the benefit of the District.

It should be noted that the District does not consist of any private one or two family homes. It does not include any property owned by individual private property owners, but rather it is a District wholly owned by the County. The County is currently seeking authorization of a bond act to authorize the issuance of up to \$9,300,000, in bonds of the County, subject to the permission of the New York State Comptroller, stating the estimated maximum cost of the Capital Project is \$9,800,000, including \$500,000 in previously authorized bonds of the County. The average cost that will result from the increase and improvement to the facilities of the District in connection with the Capital Project equates to a single year debt payment of approximately \$376,000, which, if distributed over the 256,792 taxable parcels in the County, equates to an estimated average increase in tax assessment of \$1.46 per parcel.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Legislators of Westchester County on the ___ day of _____, 20__ at __:___ .m. in the chambers of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, 8th floor, 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York for the purpose of hearing persons or parties interested in the aforementioned increase and improvement of facilities for the District.

Dated: _____, 2021
White Plains, New York

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