

(BOND) ACT 248 - 2023

References BPL36, T0073, T0047, RCC17,
RBR07,B015E, RB180, RB04A,
BCR50,BCR62
Bond Act Amendment for RCC17

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

Your Committee is in receipt of an amended bond act (“Amended Bond Act”) of the County of Westchester (“County”) authorizing amendment to prior Bond Act No. 219-2021 to remove a \$50,000 portion of the authorization allocable to components of Capital Project RCC17 County Center Facility Improvements (“RCC17”), and to decrease the authorization of said Bond Act No. 219-2021 attributable to RCC17 by \$50,000, to a new total decreased authorization of \$13,650,000.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation (“Department”) has advised your Committee that the County Center roof is in poor condition and in need of replacement. The existing roof is leaking in several places and has exceeded its life expectancy. RCC17 will fund the complete roof replacement and underlayment including roof deck repairs, waterproofing, stucco wall repairs, eaves, gutters and downspouts, and all other associated building renovations. The Department has advised that this infrastructure repair is critical to the safe operation of the park facility.

Design is currently being undertaken by in-house staff and is expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2024. It is estimated that construction will take twelve months to complete and will begin after award and execution of the construction contracts.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has authorized the County to issue bonds in connection with RCC17 as indicated in the annexed fact sheet and as follows: Bond Act No. 219-2021, in relevant part, authorized the County to issue bonds to finance design and construction management for restoration and modification of the County Center. These bonds have not been sold. Accordingly, it is now requested that Bond Act No. 219-2021 be amended to decrease the amount authorized and attributable to RCC17 by \$50,000, for a total authorized amount, as amended, of \$13,650,000.

A separate, concurrent request seeks approval of a Bond Act to authorize the County to issue bonds to finance design and construction for RCC17 in the total amount of \$10,050,000, which includes the \$50,000 authorization proposed to be removed from Bond Act No. 219-2021.

Your Committee is advised that as was initiated last year, the County Budget Department is submitting this Design and Construction to your Honorable Board simultaneously with the proposed 2024 Capital Budget. It is the County's goal to submit this Amended Bond Act now so that the referenced projects will be ready to proceed without delay in early 2024.

The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, RCC17 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.

Your Committee has carefully considered the Amended Bond Act, and recommends approval of the Amended Bond Act. 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 Amended Bond Act.

Dated: November 27th, 2023.
White Plains, New York

Joseph Bill Jones
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Albert Amos
Catharine Park

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Catharine Park

COMMITTEE ON

Budget & Appropriations

Public Works & Transportation

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: _____

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

amend Act 219-21 BPL36, T0073, T0047, RCC17, RBR07, B015E, RB180, RB04A, BCR50, BCR62

SECTION B - BONDING AUTHORIZATIONS

To Be Completed by Finance

Total Principal \$ 13,650,000 PPU 5 Anticipated Interest Rate 3.59%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 3,071,306

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 15,356,530

Finance Department: Interest rates from October 10, 2023 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: 148

Prepared by: Dianne Vanadia

Title: Associate Budget Director

Department: Budget


Date: 10/7/23

Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

Date: 10/11/23
10/11/23

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: October 4, 2023

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:
RCC17 COUNTY CENTER FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on 08-30-2023 (Unique ID: 2365)

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.
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COMMENTS: None

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
Kathleen O'Connor, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Conservation
Peter Tartaglia, First Deputy Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Conservation
Dianne Vanadia, Associate Budget Director
Robert Lopane, Program Coordinator, Department of Public Works & Transportation
Blanca P. Lopez, Commissioner of Planning
Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner
Claudia Maxwell, Associate Environmental Planner

REFERENCE BPL36
T0073
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ACT NO. 248 - 2023

BOND ACT OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK, AMENDING ACT 219-2021 ADOPTED DECEMBER 7, 2021, IN RELATION TO THE PREPARATION OF SURVEYS, PRELIMINARY AND DETAILED PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES NECESSARY FOR PLANNING VARIOUS CAPITAL PURPOSES IN AND FOR THE COUNTY, AT THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$16,950,000. (Adopted 12/11 , 2023).

WHEREAS, this Board has heretofore duly authorized the issuance of \$13,700,000 bonds to finance the cost of preparation of surveys, preliminary and detailed plans, specifications and estimates necessary for various capital purposes in and for the County, pursuant to Act No. 219-2021 duly adopted on December 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, \$50,000 of such amount was authorized for the preparation of surveys, preliminary and detailed plans, specifications and estimates necessary for the replacement of the County Center roof and associated building renovations; and

WHEREAS, such \$50,000 has been or will be authorized pursuant to another Bond Act authorizing the planning, construction and construction management associated with the replacement of the roof and other associated building renovations of the County Center Building and that it is necessary to reduce the amount of bonds Authorized pursuant to Bond Act 219-2021, now therefore

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 (A) The bond act duly adopted by this Board on December 7, 2021, entitled:

“ACT NO. 219-2021

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$13,700,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COST OF PREPARATION OF SURVEYS, PRELIMINARY AND DETAILED PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES NECESSARY FOR PLANNING VARIOUS CAPITAL PURPOSES IN AND FOR THE COUNTY; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$17,000,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE EXPENDITURE OF \$3,300,000 GRANT FUNDS EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED AND THE ISSUANCE OF \$13,700,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS

are hereby amended and consolidated to read as follows:

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$13,650,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COST OF PREPARATION OF SURVEYS, PRELIMINARY AND DETAILED PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES NECESSARY FOR PLANNING VARIOUS CAPITAL PURPOSES IN AND FOR THE COUNTY; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$16,950,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE EXPENDITURE OF \$3,300,000 GRANT FUNDS EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED AND THE ISSUANCE OF \$13,650,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS.

(Adopted 12/11 , 2023)

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, and to the provisions of other laws applicable thereto, \$13,650,000 bonds of the County, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to finance a portion of the cost of preparation of surveys, preliminary and detailed plans, specifications and estimates necessary for planning various capital purposes in and for the County, to wit: campus wide site improvements at the Valhalla Complex, the electrification of the County's two mass transit bus garages, design and engineering services for the replacement of the HVAC system at the Cerrato maintenance facility, design for the restoration and modification of the County Center, design for the reconstruction of the Bronx River Pathway, design associated with the replacement of chillers, ice storage system and related work at the Michaelian Office Building, design associated with the rehabilitation of approximately 5.57 miles of Central Avenue from the Bronx/Westchester line to the NYS Thruway bridge and the rehabilitation of the Central Avenue access ramps to and from Palmer Road, a distance of approximately 0.38 miles, study and preliminary design to determine options and associated costs for the replacement of the Broad Street viaduct over the Bronx River Parkway, design for a stand-alone building to replace the existing infirmary at the County Jail, and design to rehabilitate or replace elevators for the Corrections Department; 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 total cost of said class of objects or purposes, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof is \$16,950,000. The plan of financing includes the expenditure of \$3,000,000 expected to be received from ConEd and \$300,000 expected to be received from the New York Power Authority (collectively, the "Grant Funds") and the issuance of \$13,650,000 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 the class of objects or purposes for which said \$13,650,000 bonds authorized by this Act are 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 total amount of \$13,650,000. 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 \$16,950,000 as the estimated total cost of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes 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 not earlier than January 1, 2024 and in accordance with Section 107.71 of the Westchester County Charter.

SECTION (B) The amendment of the bond act set forth in Section (A) of this act shall in no way affect the validity of the liabilities incurred, obligations issued, or action taken pursuant to said bond act, and all such liabilities incurred, obligations issued, or action taken shall be deemed to have been incurred, issued or taken pursuant to said bond act, as so amended.

SECTION (C) This Act shall take effect not earlier than January 1, 2024 and in accordance with Section 107.71 of the Westchester County Charter.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
)
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER)

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Legislators of said County, including the Bond Act contained therein, held on December 11, 2023 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all members of said Board had due notice of said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, pursuant to Section 103 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, PRIOR to the time of said meeting, I duly caused a public notice of the time and place of said meeting to be to be given to the following newspapers and/or other news media as follows:

Newspaper and/or other news media

Date Given
December 6, 2023

WVOX
FIOS1
News Channel 12
The Journal News

Hometown Media

I FURTHER CERTIFY that PRIOR to the time of said meeting, I duly caused public notice of the time and place of said meeting to be conspicuously posted in the following designated public location(s) on the following dates:

Designated Location(s)
of posted notice

Date of Posting
December 6, 2023

www.westchesterlegislators.com

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County Board of Legislators on December 11, 2023.





Malika Vanderberg Clerk
Westchester County Board of Legislators

Bond Act was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

AYES: Legislator Jose Alvarado
 Legislator Nancy Barr
 Legislator Catherine Borgia
 Legislator Benjamin Boykin
 Legislator Symra Brandon
 Legislator Terry Clements
 Legislator Margaret Cunzio
 Legislator Vedat Gashi
 Legislator David Imamura
 Legislator Damon Maher
 Legislator James Nolan
 Legislator Erika Pierce
 Legislator Colin Smith
 Legislator Jewel Williams-Johnson
 Legislator Tyrae Woodson-Samuels


NOES: Legislator Catherine Parker

ABSENT:

EXCUSED: Legislator David Tubiolo

The Bond Act was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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APPROVED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE



Date: 12-13-23

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.
WESTCHESTER COUNTY)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing (Bond) Act, (Bond) Act No. 248 - 2023, 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 December 11, 2023, and approved by the County Executive on December 13, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said County Board of Legislators on this 14th day of December, 2023.



Malika Vanderberg

The Clerk of the Westchester County
Board of Legislators

County of Westchester, New York

