

**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 (“Capital Budget Amendment”), as well as adoption of a related amended bond act (“Amended Bond Act”) which, if adopted, will authorize the County to issue up to \$2,500,000 in additional bonds of the County to finance capital project RKD02 – Kensico Dam Plaza Storage Building (“RKD02”).

Your Committee is advised that the Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County’s capital budget to increase the County share for RKD02 by \$2,500,000 to \$10,350,000. The Amended Bond Act, in the total amount of \$10,350,000, which includes \$7,850,000 in previously authorized bonds of the County and was prepared by the law firm Hawkins, Delafield and Wood, would finance the cost of design, construction and construction management in connection with construction of a new maintenance building and outdoor storage area at Kensico Dam Plaza.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation (“Department”) has advised that the additional funds are required in connection with construction of a new maintenance building and outdoor storage area at Kensico Dam Plaza due to recent cost escalations, ongoing market volatility in material pricing and additional work related to enhanced security measures and other infrastructure improvements. Accordingly, additional funds are necessary to award the project to a contractor and to accommodate the subsequent increase in costs for construction and construction administration.

The Department has further advised that design was completed by a consultant. It is anticipated that construction will take 18 months to complete and will begin after award and execution of the construction contracts.

The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, RKD02 may be classified as an “Unlisted” action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617 (“SEQR”). A Resolution, and short Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”), prepared by the Planning Department, are attached to assist your Honorable Board in complying with SEQR. For the reasons set forth in the attached

EAF, your Committee believes that this proposed action will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment and accordingly recommends passage of the annexed Resolution prior to enacting the Amended Bond Act.

The Planning Department has advised that the Planning Board has previously reviewed RKD02 and issued a report, and that since there is no change in the location, size or character of the project and this is simply a change in the financing plan, no further action by the Planning Board is necessary at this time.

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 can only be enacted following adoption of the Capital Budget Amendment. It should 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: February 25, 2026
White Plains, New York

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COMMITTEE ON

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there is pending before this Honorable Board an act (“Amended Bond Act”) to authorize the County of Westchester to issue bonds in connection with capital project RKD02 – Kensico Dam Plaza Storage Building (“RKD02”); and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Board has determined that the proposed Amended Bond Act 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 the only involved agency for this action and, therefore, is assuming the role of Lead Agency for the environmental review of this project; and

WHEREAS, A Short Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”) was previously prepared for RKD02 in connection with prior Bond Act No. 224-2023 and Resolution No. 127-2023 but said EAF not attached to the final adopted legislation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with SEQR and its implementing regulations, the EAF has been updated in connection with the current request 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 EAF 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 EAF, 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 Resolution No. 127-2023 is hereby repealed, and be it further

RESOLVED, that based upon the Honorable Board's review of the updated EAF and for the reasons set forth therein, this Board finds that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment from the Bond Act 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 EAF, 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

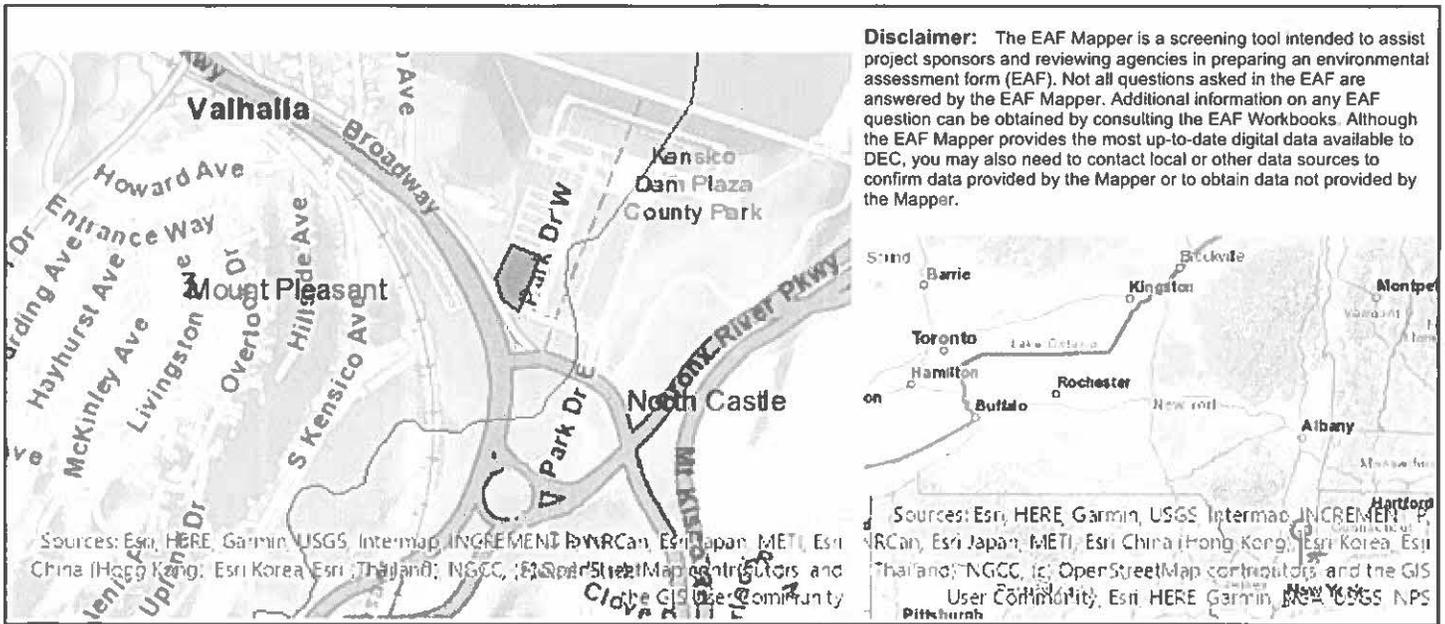
Instructions for Completing

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: Kensico Dam Maintenance Facility (RKD02) | | | | |
| Project Location (describe, and attach a location map): Kensico Dam Plaza, 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla (Town of Mount Pleasant), Westchester County, NY | | | | |
| Brief Description of Proposed Action: Construction of a new maintenance facility at the southwest end of the plaza of the County park. The facility will include the construction of a new building with a height of approximately 26.75 feet and a footprint of 5,075 SF to provide space for indoor equipment and vehicle storage, a workshop area, office/meeting rooms and employee facilities. The new facility will also provide an outdoor storage yard, fuel tanks and dispensers, and approximately 25 parking spaces for park employees. The project will include a low retaining wall (approximately 123 linear feet) on the west side to minimize grading and the the installation of an underground stormwater infiltration system to manage stormwater runoff from the added impervious surfaces. The project will also include landscaping and associated site work. | | | | |
| 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 checked="" 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: Westchester County Parks, Recreation & Conservation Board - Tree Removal Permit. | | | NO <input type="checkbox"/> | YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? | | +/- 1.1 acres | | |
| b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? | | +/- 1.1 acres | | |
| c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? | | +/- 895 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 type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban) | | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other(Specify): Institutional (religious) | | | | |
| <input checked="" 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? | NO | YES | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <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:County & State Park Lands, Reason:Exceptional or unique character, Agency:Westchester County, Date:1- If Yes, identify: <u>31-90</u> | NO | YES | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels? | NO | YES | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the proposed action? | <input 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: <u>Heat pump technology exceeding code will be used for heating and cooling. Exterior wall insulation will also exceed code R-19 in cavities and R-15 continuous (vs. minimum R-13 and R-7.5, respectively). Also, solar panels will added to roof.</u> | NO | YES | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____ | NO | YES | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| 11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____ | NO | YES | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" 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? Kensico Dam Plaza is part of the Bronx River Parkway Reservation Historic District and is on both the National and State Registers. | NO | YES | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input 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? | NO | YES | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <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:County & State Park Lands, 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] | Yes |
| Part 1 / Question 12b [Archeological Sites] | No |
| 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] | No |

Project: RKD02

Date: January 2026

**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 |
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| 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.

Use of Kensico Dam Plaza has increased substantially with many large-scale special events and ethnic festivals being hosted there throughout the year. Staff are currently working out of a small office and have to use temporary containers for equipment storage. There is no workshop, storage or employee area and staff must travel off site for support functions such as gas fueling. The facility will be energy efficient, utilize heat pump technology and solar panels that will minimize its carbon footprint, and optimize operations and support of this popular public park.

The new maintenance facility will be located in an area that is already partially developed as an overflow parking lot and comprised of gravel. Some additional clearing will be required on the west side, which is currently wooded. Installation of a low retaining wall, 2 feet in height or less, will minimize grading and reduce tree impacts to half. Approximately 24 trees (6 inches DBH or greater) will be removed, including 9 trees that are equal to or greater than 24 inches DBH. The majority (over two thirds) are spruce trees. The facility will maintain a wooded buffer, which includes many additional spruces, of at least 60 feet with the neighboring church property. Tree removal impact will be offset by the planting of 48 trees, including deciduous and coniferous trees, within the park property. Many will be strategically located to provide a visual buffer of the new facility.

The project will create approximately 23,810 square feet of total impervious surfaces. Due to site constraints, a subsurface infiltration system will be installed beneath the pavement of the new parking lot to provide for stormwater management. The stormwater management system will include a hydrodynamic separator to mitigate water quality impacts. Further water quality protection measures include aboveground placement of the fuel tanks featuring double walls and leak detection, a canopy over the fueling area, and adherence to best management practices for maintenance facility operations, including covering of the outdoor bulk storage compartments when not in use. The interior garage floor drainage system will include an oil/water separator to mitigate potential contamination from indoor maintenance activities.

Kensico Dam Plaza is part of the Bronx River Parkway Reservation, which is on the National and State Registers of Historic Places. The new maintenance building will feature exterior stone facing which will be sympathetic with the historic stone dam. Although the retaining wall will be low and less visible, it can either be made of stone or concrete curb with stone veneer to further blend in with the historic dam.

- 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

Malika Vanderberg

Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency

Date

Clerk of the Board of Legislators

Title of Responsible Officer

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Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)