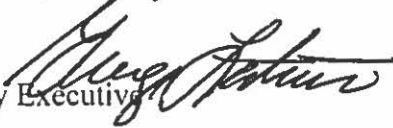


June 23, 2021

TO: Hon. Benjamin Boykin, Chair
Hon. Alfreda Williams, Vice Chair
Hon. MaryJane Shimsky, Majority Leader
Hon. Margaret Cunzio, Minority Leader

FROM: George Latimer 
Westchester County Executive

RE: Message Requesting Immediate Consideration: **Bond Act – RGP13 –
General Infrastructure – Equipment Acquisition '21-'25.**

This will confirm my request that the Board of Legislators allow submission of the referenced communication to be submitted to the Board of Legislators June 28, 2021 Agenda.

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is a bond act ("Bond Act") which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to issue bonds in the amount of \$1,000,000 to finance the following capital project: RGP13.

Therefore, since this communication is of the utmost importance, it is respectfully submitted that the County Board of Legislators accepts this submission for June 28, 2021 "blue sheet" calendar.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



George Latimer
County Executive

June 23, 2021

Westchester County Board of Legislators
800 Michaelian Office Building
White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Members of the Board of Legislators:

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is a bond act ("Bond Act") which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to issue bonds in the amount of \$1,000,000 to finance the following capital project:

RGP13 – General Infrastructure – Equipment Acquisition (2021 – 2025) ("RGP13").

The Bond Act, in the amount of \$1,000,000, will fund the purchase and installation of senior fitness equipment at various County parks.

The Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation (the "Department") has advised that for the mature adult population, active aging is a tremendously important key to continued physical and emotional health. Outdoor fitness equipment can offer a wide range of activities that help seniors regain lost agility and increase strength and flexibility. In addition, multiple workout stations can promote socialization and increase motivation.

Upon bonding authorization, the Department will evaluate potential locations and work with consultants to determine the equipment that fits the needs of the park users. Once the final determination regarding the location and specific fitness equipment is made, the fitness equipment will be purchased and installed in a phased approach.

Your Honorable Board has previously authorized the County to issue bonds for a prior component of this project as described in the annexed fact sheet.

The Planning Department has advised that based on its review, the above-referenced capital project has been 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 further environmental review is required. As you know, your Honorable Board may use such expert advice to reach its own conclusion.

Based on the importance of this project to the County, favorable action on the proposed Bond Act is respectfully requested.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Latimer", written in a cursive style.

George Latimer
County Executive

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Attachments

**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 a bond act (“Bond Act”) in the amount of \$1,000,000 to finance capital project RGP13 – General Infrastructure – Equipment Acquisition (2021 – 2025) (“RGP13”). The Bond Act, which was prepared by the law firm Hawkins Delafield & Wood, LLP, will fund the purchase and installation of senior fitness equipment at various County parks.

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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 Bond Act. Your Committee recommends the adoption of the proposed Bond Act.

Dated: _____, 2021
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

c/jg/5-17-2021

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: RGP13

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

SECTION B - BONDING AUTHORIZATIONS

To Be Completed by Finance

Total Principal \$ 1,000,000 PPU 5 Anticipated Interest Rate 0.30%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 201,805

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 1,009,025

Finance Department: Interest rates from June 14, 2021 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: 10

SECTION E - EXPECTED DESIGN WORK PROVIDER

County Staff

Consultant

Not Applicable

Prepared by: Ken Uhle

Title: Program Coord. Capital Planning PRC

Department: DPW&T


Date: 6/22/21

Reviewed By: 

Deputy Budget Director

Date: 6/22/21

TO: Michelle Greenbaum, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Jeffrey Goldman, Senior Assistant County Attorney

FROM: David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM 
Director of Environmental Planning

DATE: June 16, 2021

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:
RGP13 General Infrastructure – Equipment Acquisition (2021-2025)**

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on 05/14/2021 (Unique ID: 1686)

With respect to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Planning Department recommends that no further 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)(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.
 - **617.5(c)(31):** purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies, including surplus government property, other than the following: land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous materials.
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COMMENTS: None.

DSK/dvw

cc: Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff
Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive
Kathleen O'Connor, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Conservation
Peter Tartaglia, First Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Conservation
Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney
Gideon Grande, Deputy Budget Director

Lorraine Yazzetta, Associate Budget Director
Anthony Zaino, Assistant Commissioner
William Brady, Chief Planner
Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner
Claudia Maxwell, Associate Environmental Planner

ACT NO. - 20__

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF SENIOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT AT VARIOUS COUNTY PARKS; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$1,000,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 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, and to the provisions of other laws applicable thereto, \$1,000,000 bonds of the County, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to finance the cost of the design and installation of senior fitness equipment at various County Parks; 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 \$1,000,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$1,000,000 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 specific object or purpose for which the bonds authorized by this Act are to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 35 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 \$1,000,000. 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 \$1,000,000 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 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___

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF SENIOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT AT VARIOUS COUNTY PARKS; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$1,000,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS. (Adopted _____, 20___)

object or purpose: to finance the cost of the design and installation of senior fitness equipment at various County Parks; all as set forth in the County's Current Year Capital Budget, as amended.

amount of obligations to be issued
and period of probable usefulness: \$1,000,000; five (5) 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:* RGP13	<input type="checkbox"/> CBA	Fact Sheet Date:* 05-12-2021
Fact Sheet Year:* 2021	Project Title:* GENERAL INFRASTRUCTURE - EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION (2021- 2025)	Legislative District ID:
Category* RECREATION FACILITIES	Department:* PARKS, RECREATION & CONSERVATION	CP Unique ID: 1686

Overall Project Description

This project funds the continued acquisition of heavy equipment and vehicles throughout the Parks system.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Best Management Practices | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Efficiencies | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Project Labor Agreement | <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Security | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Estimated Ultimate Total Cost	Appropriated	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Under Review
Gross	3,500	0	1,500	500	500	500	500	0
Less Non-County Shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net	3,500	0	1,500	500	500	500	500	0

Expended/Obligated Amount (in thousands) as of : 474

Current Bond Description: The current request will fund the purchase and installation of senior fitness equipment at various parks.

Financing Plan for Current Request:

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

SEQR Classification:
TYPE II

Amount Requested:
1,000,000

Comments:

Energy Efficiencies:

Appropriation History:

Year	Amount	Description
2021	1,500,000	CONTINUATION OF THIS PROJECT \$500,000; PURCHASE/INSTALLATION OF SENIOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT \$1,000,000

Total Appropriation History:
1,500,000

Financing History:

Year	Bond Act #	Amount	Issued	Description
2021	13	500,000		EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Total Financing History:
500,000

Recommended By:

Department of Planning
WBB4

Date
05-14-2021

Department of Public Works
RJB4

Date
05-17-2021

Budget Department
LMYI

Date
05-17-2021

Requesting Department
KUU1

Date
05-17-2021

GENERAL INFRASTRUCTURE - EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION (2021-2025) (RGP13)

User Department : Parks, Recreation & Conservation
Managing Department(s) : Parks, Recreation & Conservation ; Public Works ;

Estimated Completion Date: TBD

Planning Board Recommendation: Project without physical planning aspects of concern to the Westchester County Planning Board.

FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Est Ult Cost	Appropriated	Exp / Obl	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Under Review
Gross	3,500			1,500	500	500	500	500	
Non County Share									
Total	3,500			1,500	500	500	500	500	

Project Description

This project funds the continued acquisition of heavy equipment and vehicles throughout the Parks system.

Current Year Description

The current request funds the continuation of this project, \$500,000 and the purchase/installation of senior fitness equipment, \$1,000,000.

Current Year Financing Plan

Year	Bonds	Cash	Non County Shares	Total
2021	1,500,000			1,500,000

Impact on Operating Budget

The impact on the Operating Budget is the debt service associated with the issuance of bonds.