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 (the "Capital Budget Amendment"), as well as adoption of a related bond act (the "Bond Act") which, if adopted, will authorize the County to issue \$1,000,000.00 in bonds to finance capital project SY036 Yonkers Joint WRRF Facility Evaluation ("SY036").

The proposed Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County's 2025 capital budget to create a new appropriation in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to fund SY036.

The Bond Act, in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, prepared by the firm of Norton Rose Fulbright, would finance the cost of a study to assess the condition of the Yonkers Joint Water Resource Recovery Facility. The study will evaluate the physical facility (structural, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, process), recently completed projects, projects currently in design /construction, future planned projects and flow capacity. The evaluation will determine what additional short term, midterm, and long-term projects should be planned for the facility in order to meet all regulations, maintain a safe working environment and continue to serve the Yonkers sanitary sewer district.

The Department of Environmental Facilities has advised that following bonding authorization, the study will begin, will be performed by a consultant, and will take approximately eighteen (18) months to complete.

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 further environmental review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation and concurs with this conclusion.

The Planning Department has further advised that Section 167.131 of the County Charter 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 necessary Planning Board report for SY036 is annexed.

Your Committee has carefully considered the proposed Capital Budget Amendment, as well as the related Bond Act, and recommends approval of both of the proposed Acts, noting that the Bond Act can only be enacted following adoption of the Capital Budget Amendment. It should be further 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 Bond Act.

Dated: May 12th, 2025 White Plains, New York 40 **COMMITTEE ON** k/jpg/03-25-25 Public works & Transportation Budget & Appropriations

Dated: May 12, 2025 White Plains, New York

The following members attended the meeting remotely and approved this item out of Committee with an affirmative vote. Their electronic signature was authorized and is below

Committee(s) on:

Budget & Appropriations

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Public Works & Transportation

Mitti

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #:	SY036	NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED
	SECTION A - CAPITAL BUI To Be Completed by	
GENERAL FUND		X SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND
	Source of County Funds (check one):	Current Appropriations
		X Capital Budget Amendment
	SECTION B - BONDING AU To Be Completed by	
Total Principal	\$ 1,000,000 PPU	5 Anticipated Interest Rate 3.12%
Anticipated An	nual Cost (Principal and Interest):	\$ 219,312
Total Debt Serv	ice (Annual Cost x Term):	\$ 1,096,560
Finance Depart	ment: Interest rates from April 9, 20	025 Bond Buyer - ASBA
SE	CTION C - IMPACT ON OPERATING BUD To Be Completed by Submitting Departm	The second
Potential Polat	ed Expenses (Annual): \$	
	ed Revenues (Annual): \$	
	rings to County and/or impact of depart	ment operations
	tail for current and next four years):	
As	SECTION D - EMPLO per federal guidelines, each \$92,000 of a	
Number of Full	Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Funded:	11
Prepared by:	Jazmin Logan	
Title:	Environmental Project Director	Reviewed By: A man c Dan
Department:	Environmental Facilities	- CP H IS 25 Budget Director
Date:	4/11/25	Date: 4 1.5 25



Memorandum **Department of Planning**

- TO: Michelle Greenbaum, Senior Assistant County Attorney Jeffrey Goldman, Senior Assistant County Attorney Carla Chaves, Senior Assistant County Attorney
- David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM FROM: Assistant Commissioner

DATE: April 3, 2025

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT: SUBJECT: SY036 YONKERS JOINT WRRF FACILITY EVALUATION

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on 3/25/2025 (Unique ID: 2906)

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)(27): conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action.

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 Dianne Vanadia, Associate Budget Director Jazmin Logan, Environmental Project Director - Capital Programs (DEF) Robert Zambardino, Program Coordinator - Capital Programs (DEF) Susan Darling, Chief Planner Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner

RESOLUTION 25-_____ WESTCHESTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

2025 Capital Budget Amendment Amendment of Planning Board Report on the 2025 Capital Projects Westchester County Sanitary Sewer District Studies Four Districts

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 167.131 of the County Charter, the Planning Board must submit its recommendations with regard to the physical planning aspects of proposed capital projects not included in the county budget or change in the location of a capital project; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Facilities is requesting capital funding for comprehensive studies for four of the sanitary sewer districts; and

WHEREAS, the studies will include an evaluation of the following five listed items to determine what additional short term, mid-term, and long-term projects should be planned for the facility in order to meet all regulations and maintain a safe and functional facility and continue to serve the district(s):

- 1) the physical facility (structural, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, process)
 - 2) recently completed projects
 - 3) projects currently in design / construction
 - 4) future planned projects
 - 5) flow capacity study

WHEREAS, the capital project and cost of these studies of the sanitary sewer districts are listed below; and

Sewer District	Capital Project ID	Project Cost
Blind Brook Sanilary Sewer District	SBB36	\$600,000
Mamaroneck Sanitary Sewer District	SM036	\$600,000
New Rochelle Sanitary Sewer District	SNR36	\$600,000
Yonkers Joint Sanitary Sewer D strict	SY036	\$1,000,000
Total		\$2,800,000

WHEREAS, the Planning Board finds that the above sites and projects have been reviewed with respect to Westchester 2025 Context for County and Municipal Planning in Westchester County and Policies to Guide County Planning adopted by the Board on May 6, 2008, amended January 5, 2010, and its recommended strategies set forth in Patterns for Westchester: The Land and the People, adopted December 5, 1995; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Planning Board, pursuant to Section 167.131 of the County Charter, recommends the inclusion of the above listed sites to be funded using 2025 Capital Budget appropriations for Westchester County Sanitary Sewer District Studies - Four Districts.

Adopted this 1st day of April 2025.

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Bernard Thombs, Chair

SY036 Yonkers Joint WRRF Facility Evaluation

FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Estimated Ultimate	Approp-						Under		
	Cost	riated	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Review		
Gross Non-County Share County	1,000							1,000		
Share	1,000							1,000		

Project Description

This project aims to assess the Yonkers Joint Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF). The assessment will include an evaluation of the following; the physical facility (structural, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, process), recently completed projects, projects currently in design / construction, future planned projects and a flow capacity study. The evaluation will determine what additional short term, mid-term, and long-term projects should be planned for the facility in order to meet all regulations, maintain a safe working environmental and continue to serve the Yonkers Joint sanitary sewer district.

Appropriation Requests

2025: \$1,000,000 for Study.

Justification

This study includes an evaluation of the following; the physical facility (structural, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, process), recently completed projects, projects currently in design / construction, future planned projects and a flow capacity study. The evaluation will determine what additional short term, mid-term, and long-term projects should be planned for the facility in order to meet all regulations and maintain a safe and functional facility and continue to serve the Yonkers Joint sanitary sewer district.

Consistency with Programs or Plans

This project is generally consistent with the policies of "Westchester 2025" in that it is a capital improvement for physical facilities that enables the County to deliver services in an economic and humane manner.

Planning Board Analysis

PL1: The Planning Board supports the proposed study. Planning Department staff will monitor the progress of the study to address safety, aesthetic and environmental planning concerns. As per Westchester County policy, stormwater management must be addressed with every capital project where feasible. The study should incorporate the latest version of the NYS Stormwater Management Design Manual and the NYS Standards and Specifications for Erosion and Sediment Control.

ACT No. 97 - 2025

An Act amending the 2025 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project SY036 YONKERS JOINT WRRF FACILITY EVALUATION

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. The Capital section of the 2025 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	Previous 2025 Appropriation	Change	Revised 2025 Appropriation
I. Appropriation	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

Section 2. The estimated method of financing in the Capital Section of the 2025 Westchester County Capital Budget is amended as follows:

II. METHOD OF FINANCING

Bonds and/or Notes	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Non County Shares	\$0		\$0
Cash	\$0		\$0
Total	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

Section 3. The ACT shall take effect immediately.

ACT NO. <u>98</u> - 2025

BOND ACT DATED _____ May 19, 2025.

A BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF A STUDY TO EVALUATE VARIOUS SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT AT THE YONKERS JOINT WATER RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY.

WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described has been duly approved in the adopted capital budget for the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the plan for the financing of the estimated maximum cost of such capital project, as hereinafter set forth in this Bond Act, is in conformity with such capital budget; and

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital project hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act to the extent required, have been performed; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of the cost of such capital project; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ENACTED, by the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, New York, by the affirmative vote of not less than two thirds of the entire voting strength thereof, as follows:

Section 1. For paying the cost of a study to evaluate various systems and equipment, including mechanical, HVAC, plumbing, instrumentation, electrical, architectural, and structural systems and appurtenances, at the Yonkers Joint Water Resource Recovery Facility, and including incidental expenses in connection therewith, a specific object or purpose, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$1,000,000 bonds of said County pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law. To the extent that the details of the aforesaid specific object or purpose set forth in this act are inconsistent with any details set forth in the current Capital Budget of the County, such Budget shall be deemed and is hereby amended to the extent inconsistent herewith.

<u>Section 2.</u> It is hereby determined that the estimated maximum cost of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is \$1,000,000, and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of the \$1,000,000 bonds of said County authorized to be issued pursuant to this Bond Act.

<u>Section 3.</u> It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is five years, pursuant to subdivision sixty-two of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

<u>Section 4.</u> Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Commissioner of Finance, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. The faith and credit of the County of Westchester, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. To the extent not paid from the assessment of properties assessable for this purpose in the County's South Yonkers, Bronx Valley, Central Yonkers, Hutchinson Valley, North Yonkers, Saw Mill and Upper Bronx Sanitary Sewer Districts, as allocated by the County, or other sources, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said County a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

<u>Section 6.</u> Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the County of Westchester, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the Commissioner of Finance and a facsimile of the corporate seal shall be imprinted or impressed thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the County Clerk.

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Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as said Commissioner of Finance shall deem best for the interests of the County; including, but not limited to, the power to sell said bonds to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, the Commissioner of Finance shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the Commissioner of Finance shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

<u>Section 8.</u> The Commissioner of Finance is hereby further delegated the power to authorize the sale and issuance of the bonds authorized pursuant to this Bond Act (a) at a discount in the manner authorized by paragraphs e and f of Section 57.00 of the Local Finance Law, (b) at private sale pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Local Finance Law and any regulations of the New York State Comptroller appertaining thereto, including the private sale of bonds at a premium, (c) as capital appreciation bonds or term bonds at public sale or private sale pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Local Finance Law and any regulations of the applicable provisions of the Local Finance Law and any regulations of the New York State Comptroller appertaining thereto, and (d) at a variable rate of interest in the manner authorized by Section 54.90 of the Local Finance Law, including notes issued in anticipation thereof. The Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements as said Commissioner of Finance shall determine reasonable and necessary to facilitate the issuance, sale, resale and, or repurchase of such bonds or notes pursuant to the provisions of Section 54.90 of the Local Finance Law. Such bonds and, or notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Commissioner of Finance.

<u>Section 9.</u> The power to issue and sell notes to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation pursuant to Section 169.00 of the Local Finance Law is hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be prescribed by said Commissioner of Finance consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 10. The Commissioner of Finance is hereby further authorized, at his or her sole discretion, to execute a project financing and loan agreement, and any other agreements with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and/or the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, including amendments thereto, and including any instruments (or amendments thereto) in the effectuation thereof, in order to effect the financing or refinancing of the specific object or purpose described in Section 1 hereof, or a portion thereof, by a bond, and, or note issue of said County in the event of the sale of same to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 11. The intent of this Bond Act is to give the Commissioner of Finance sufficient authority to execute those applications, agreements, instruments or to do any similar acts necessary to effect the issuance of the aforesaid bonds and, or notes without resorting to further action of this Board of Legislators.

Section 12. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the County by the facsimile signature of the Commissioner of Finance, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the County), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the Commissioner of Finance. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the County not to impose and collect from registered owners of such bonds any

charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Commissioner of Finance shall determine.

Section 13. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said
County is not authorized to expend money, or

 The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this Bond Act 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

 Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

<u>Section 14.</u> This Bond Act shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 - 2. Other than as specified in this Bond Act, no moneys are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

<u>Section 15.</u> This Bond Act, which shall take effect immediately in accordance with the provisions of Section 33.10 of the Local Finance Law and as provided in Section 107.71 of the Westchester County Charter, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said County for purposes of this Bond Act, together with a notice of the Clerk of the Board of Legislators in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

CAPITAL PROJECT FACT SHEET

Project ID:* SY036	x CBA	Fact Sheet Date:* 03-24-2025
Fact Sheet Year:* 2025	Project Title:* YONKERS JOINT WRRF FACILITY EVALUATION	Legislative District ID: 2, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 5, 3,
Category* SEWER AND WATER DISTRICTS	Department:* ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES	CP Unique ID: 2906

Overall Project Description

This project aims to assess the Yonkers Joint Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF). The assessment will include an evaluation of the following; the physical facility (structural, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, process), recently completed projects, projects currently in design / construction, future planned projects and a flow capacity study. The evaluation will determine what additional short term, mid-term, and long-term projects should be planned for the facility in order to meet all regulations, maintain a safe working environmental and continue to serve the Yonkers Joint sanitary sewer district.

Best Management Practices	Energy Efficiencies	Infrastructure
🗌 Life Safety	Project Labor Agreement	Revenue
Security	- Other	

FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Estimated Ultimate Total Cost	Appropriated	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Under Review
Gross	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000
Less Non-County Shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000

Expended/Obligated Amount (in thousands) as of: 0

Current Bond Description: This bond authorization request will fund a Study which includes an evaluation of the following; the physical facility (structural, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, process), recently completed projects, projects currently in design / construction, future planned projects and a flow capacity study. The evaluation will determine what additional short term, midterm, and long-term projects should be planned for the facility in order to meet all regulations, maintain a safe working environment and continue to serve the Yonkers Joint Sanitary Sewer District.

Financing Plan for Current Request:

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

SEQR Classification:

TYPE II

Amount Requested:

1,000,000

Expected Design Work Provider:

County Staff

🗷 Consultant

D Not Applicable

Comments:

A 2025 Capital Budget Amendment is requested to fund the Yonkers Joint Facility Evaluation. The funds needed are shown in "Under Review."

Energy Efficiencies:

Total Financing History: 0

Recommended By:

Department of Planning MLLL

Department of Public Works RJB4

Budget Department DEV9

Requesting Department JCL1 Date 03-25-2025

Date 03-25-2025

Date 03-27-2025

Date 03-27-2025 430 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 May 19, 2025 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 May 14, 2025

News Channel 12 The Journal News Hometown Media CBS2NY The Examiner News WABCTV News

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 May 14, 2025

www.westchesterlegislators.com

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County Board of Legislators on May 20, 2025.



Marika Vanderberg, Clerk Westchester County Board of Legislators

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

AYES: Legislator Jose Alvarado Legislator Nancy Barr Legislator Benjamin Boykin Legislator Terry Clements Legislator Margaret Cunzio Legislator Vedat Gashi Legislator Judah Holstein Legislator David Imamura Legislator James Nolan Legislator Catherine Parker Legislator Erika Pierce Legislator David Tubiolo Legislator Emiljana Ulaj Legislator Shanae Williams Legislator Jewel Williams-Johnson Legislator Tyrae Woodson-Samuels

NOES:

ABSENT:

Legislator Colin Smith

EXCUSED:

The Bond Act was thereupon declared duly adopted.

* * * * * * THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPROVED 507.0

STATE OF NEW YORK SS. **COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing Act No. 97 - 2025, and (Bond) Act No. 98 - 2025, with the originals on file in my office, and that the same are correct transcripts therefrom, and of the whole, of said original Act, and (Bond) Act, which were duly adopted by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, of the County of Westchester on May 19, 2025, and approved by the County Executive on May 20, 2025.

> IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said County Board of Legislators on this 20th day of May, 2025.

Vanderberg Malika

The Clerk of the Westchester County Board of Legislators

County of Westchester, New York

