



Kenneth W. Jenkins
County Executive

July 11, 2025

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 an amended bond act (the "Amended Bond Act") which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to issue additional bonds in the amount of \$1,770,000 to finance the following capital project:

RPA04 – General Infrastructure Pathways and Trails II ("RPA04").

The Amended Bond Act, in the total amount of \$2,100,000, would finance the cost of construction and construction management associated with the reconstruction of the existing boardwalk and other railway improvements along the Briarcliff-Peekskill Trailway.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation ("Department") has advised that the existing boardwalk crossing over Furnace Brook Stream was damaged during recent flood events and has since fallen into disrepair. Reconstructing this segment of the trailway has become critically important to ensure that local County residents can continue to safely access and enjoy this recreational facility.

Design is currently underway using in-house design staff and is expected to be completed by the end of the third quarter of this year. It is anticipated that construction will take approximately twelve months to complete and will begin after award and execution of the construction contracts.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has previously authorized the County to issue bonds for RPA04 as follows: Bond Act No. 126 - 2024 in the amount of \$330,000, to finance the cost of design and construction management associated with the reconstruction of the existing boardwalk and other railway improvements along the Briarcliff-Peekskill Trailway. No bonds have been issued under Bond Act No. 126 - 2024.

Accordingly, it is now requested to amend Bond Act No. 126 - 2024 to increase the initial amount authorized thereunder by \$1,770,000, for a total authorized amount, as amended, of \$2,100,000, to expand the scope of services to include construction and construction management associated with the reconstruction of the existing boardwalk and other railway improvements along the Briarcliff-Peekskill Trailway.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kenneth W. Jenkins', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kenneth W. Jenkins
Westchester County Executive
KWJ/HJG/emc/nn

**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 an amended bond act (the “Amended Bond Act”), in the total amount of \$2,100,000, to finance capital project General Infrastructure Pathways and Trails II (“RPA04”). The Bond Act, which was prepared by the law firm Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLC, will finance the cost of construction and construction management associated with the reconstruction of the existing boardwalk and other railway improvements along the Briarcliff-Peekskill Trailway.

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The Department of Planning has advised your Committee that based on its review, the authorization of the proposed capital project may be classified as a Type "II" action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 ("SEQR"). Therefore, no environmental review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation and concurs with this recommendation.

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

Dated: _____, 20____.
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: RPA04

☐ 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 \$ 2,100,000 PPU 15 Anticipated Interest Rate 3.55%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 184,552

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 2,768,280

Finance Department: Interest rates from Munistat Services 7/16/25 - 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: 23

Prepared by: Dianne Vanadia

Title: Associate Budget Director

Department: Budget

Date: 7/16/25

Reviewed By:


7/16/25
7/16/25

Arthur Paupert

Budget Director

Date: _____

TO: Michelle Greenbaum, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Jeffrey Goldman, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Carla Chaves, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Maximilian Zorn, Assistant County Attorney

FROM: David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM 
Assistant Commissioner

DATE: July 10, 2025

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:
RPA04 GENERAL INFRASTRUCTURE PATHWAYS AND TRAILS II**

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on
06-24-2025 (Unique ID: 2983)

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.

COMMENTS: Aside from the boardwalk reconstruction, other railway improvements that may be funded under this project will be limited to rehabilitation of existing paths, restoration work, or minor improvements like the provision of signage or safety measures as needed.

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, Director of Program Development – PRC Planning
Susan Darling, Chief Planner
Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner
Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner

ACT NO. -20_____

BOND ACT OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK, AMENDING THE BOND ACT ADOPTED JUNE 17, 2024, IN RELATION TO IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE BRIARCLIFF-PEEKSKILL TRAILWAY, AT THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$2,100,000. (Adopted _____, 20_____).

WHEREAS, this Board has heretofore duly authorized the issuance of \$330,000 bonds to finance the cost of preparation of surveys, preliminary and detailed plans, specifications and estimates necessary for planning and construction management of improvements along the Briarcliff-Peekskill Trailway, pursuant to Act No. 126-2024 duly adopted on June 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is now appropriate to authorize such improvements, and it is necessary to increase the amount of bonds to be issued and the appropriation for such project for the estimated cost of such improvement;

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 June 17, 2024, entitled:

“ACT NO. 126-2024

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$330,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE

COST OF PREPARATION OF SURVEYS, PRELIMINARY AND DETAILED PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES NECESSARY FOR PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE BRIARCLIFF-PEEKSKILL TRAILWAY, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$330,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$330,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS.”

is hereby amended to read as follows:

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,100,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE BRIARCLIFF-PEEKSKILL TRAILWAY, INCLUDING THE PREPARATION OF PRELIMINARY PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$2,100,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,100,000 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; \$2,100,000 bonds of the County, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to finance the construction and construction management of the reconstruction of the existing boardwalk and other trailway improvements along the Briarcliff-Peekskill Trailway, including the preparation of preliminary plans and specifications, 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 maximum cost of said specific object or purpose, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof is \$2,100,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$2,100,000 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 and notes.

Section 2. The period of probable usefulness of said specific object or purpose, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 19(c) of the Law, is fifteen (15) 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 maximum amount of \$2,100,000. 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 \$2,100,000 as the estimated maximum cost of the aforesaid specific object or purpose 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.

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 in accordance with Section 107.71 of the Westchester County Charter.

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
 : ss.:
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

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 Office 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 June 17, 2024 and amended on _____, 20____ and approved, as amended, 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 amended 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_____

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object or purpose: to finance the construction and construction management of the reconstruction of the existing boardwalk and other railway improvements along the Briarcliff-Peekskill Trailway, including the preparation of preliminary plans and specifications, 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: \$2,100,000; fifteen (15) 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:* RPA04 Fact Sheet Year:* 2025 Category* RECREATION FACILITIES	<input type="checkbox"/> CBA Project Title:* GENERAL INFRASTRUCTURE PATHWAYS AND TRAILS II Department:* PARKS, RECREATION & CONSERVATION	Fact Sheet Date:* 06-16-2025 Legislative District ID: 1, 9, CP Unique ID: 2983
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Overall Project Description

This project funds the repairs and rehabilitation to the County parks trail system in various locations throughout the County including the Briarcliff-Peekskill, Hutchinson River, Twin Lakes, Nature Study Woods, Playland Parkway, and other pathways and trails. The work will include grading and drainage, surface material, footbridges and boardwalks, site furniture, signage, fencing and barrier rails, landscaping, pavement markings and other related site work.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Best Management Practices | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Efficiencies | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure |
| <input checked="" 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	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Under Review
Gross	2,100	330	1,770	0	0	0	0	0
Less Non-County Shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net	2,100	330	1,770	0	0	0	0	0

Expended/Obligated Amount (in thousands) as of : 62

Current Bond Description: This Project will fund construction and construction management associated with the reconstruction of the existing boardwalk and other trailway improvements along the Briarcliff-Peekskill Trailway.

Financing Plan for Current Request:

Non-County Shares:	\$ 0
Bonds/Notes:	1,770,000
Cash:	0
Total:	\$ 1,770,000

SEQR Classification:
TYPE II

Amount Requested:
1,770,000

Expected Design Work Provider:

☐ County Staff
 ☐ Consultant
 ☐ Not Applicable

Comments:

Energy Efficiencies:

Appropriation History:

Year	Amount	Description
2024	330,000	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A BROADWALK AND OTHER TRAILWAY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE BRIARCLIFF-PEEKSKILL TRAILWAY.
2025	1,770,000	FUNDS THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A BOARDWALK AND OTHER TRAILWAY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE BRIARCLIFF-PEEKSKILL TRAILWAY.

Total Appropriation History:

2,100,000

Financing History:

Year	Bond Act #	Amount	Issued	Description
24	126	330,000	0	

Total Financing History:

330,000

Recommended By:**Department of Planning**
SEDR**Date**
06-24-2025**Department of Public Works**
RJB4**Date**
06-24-2025**Budget Department**
DEV9**Date**
06-25-2025**Requesting Department**
RCL3**Date**
07-02-2025

GENERAL INFRASTRUCTURE PATHWAYS AND TRAILS II (RPA04)

User Department : Parks, Recreation & Conservation

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

Estimated Completion Date: TBD

Planning Board Recommendation: Project approved in concept but subject to subsequent staff review.

FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Est Ult Cost	Appropriated	Exp / Obl	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Under Review
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Non County Share									
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Current Year Description

The current year request funds the reconstruction of a boardwalk and other trailway improvements along the Briarcliff-Peekskill Trailway.

Current Year Financing Plan

Year	Bonds	Cash	Non County Shares	Total
2025	1,770,000			1,770,000

Impact on Operating Budget

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

Appropriation History

Year	Amount	Description	Status
2024	330,000	Design and construction management for the reconstruction of a boardwalk and other trailway improvements along the Briarcliff-Peekskill Trailway.	DESIGN
Total	330,000		

Prior Appropriations

	Appropriated	Collected	Uncollected
Bond Proceeds	330,000		330,000
Total	330,000		330,000

Bonds Authorized

Bond Act	Amount	Date Sold	Amount Sold	Balance
125 24	330,000			330,000
Total	330,000			330,000