

ACT 115 - 2023

**THE HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS  
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER**

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IMA ON FILE

Your Committee is in receipt of a transmittal from the County Executive recommending approval of an act (the “Act”), which, if adopted by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester to amend an intermunicipal agreement (the “IMA”) with the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson (the “Village”), pursuant to which the Village agreed to undertake an Urban Forestry Management Project at Hillside Woods and Park (the “Park”), by extending the project completion date from May 31, 2023 to May 31, 2024.

Your Committee is advised that in 1993 the County and the Village entered into an agreement (the “1993 Agreement”) to simultaneously purchase an undivided interest in Hillside Woods, an approximately 52-acre woodland in the Village, for the purpose of establishing the Park. Pursuant to the terms of the 1993 Agreement, the Village agreed to assume full responsibility for the administration and management of the Park. Due to an overpopulation of deer, competing invasive plants, and poor light conditions on the forest floor, the Park is now in a severely deteriorated condition. In an effort to remedy this condition, in 2021 the Village and the County agreed to implement an Urban Forestry Management Project (the “Project”) to restore the Park back to its natural condition.

Thereafter, by Act No. 88-2021 approved on May 24, 2021, your Honorable Board authorized the County to enter into the IMA with the Village, pursuant to which the Village would undertake the Project which would include, among other things, tree and invasive plant removal; tree and shrub replanting; and installation of deer fencing. In consideration for performing the Project, the County agreed to pay the Village an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000, payable in accordance with an itemized budget. The IMA was subsequently executed.

Your Committee is advised that although the term of the IMA commenced on June 1, 2021 (the “Commencement Date”) and will not expire until the expiration of the County Bonds issued in connection with the Project, the second subparagraph of Section “3” of the IMA specified that the “Project itself shall be fully completed no later than two (2) years from the Commencement Date (the ‘Project Completion Date’)”

Your Committee is advised that the Village encountered unanticipated delays in bidding out the various goods and services needed for the Project and, consequently, will be unable to complete the Project by the May 31, 2023 Project Completion Date. The parties now desire to amend the IMA for the limited purpose of extending the Project Completion Date from May 31, 2023 to May 31, 2024, to give the Village additional time to complete the Project.

The Planning Department has advised that this project was previously reviewed by your Honorable Board and was classified an Unlisted action under SEQR. In accordance with SEQR, a Short Environmental Assessment Form was prepared and on May 24, 2021, a Negative Declaration was issued by the Board of Legislators (Resolution 113-2021). Since there is no change in the scope of the project, the original Negative Declaration remains valid and no further environmental review is required.

Please note that a majority of the voting strength of your Honorable Board is required to adopt the Act authorizing the amendment to the IMA.

Based on the importance of this Project to the County, your Committee recommends favorable action on the Act authorizing the amendment to the IMA.

Dated: June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

White Plains, New York

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Budget & Appropriations

Public Works & Transportation

Parks & Recreation

# FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: Hillside Woods Forestry Project

NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

## OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget

### SECTION A - FUND

GENERAL FUND

AIRPORT FUND

SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

### SECTION B - EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Expense \$                     -

Total Current Year Revenue \$                     -

Source of Funds (check one):  Current Appropriations  Transfer of Existing Appropriations

Additional Appropriations

Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: Extend the term of the agreement by one year from May 31, 2023 to

May 31, 2024.

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount 0

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Potential Related Operating Budget Revenues: Annual Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Savings to County and/or Impact on Department Operations:

Current Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Next Four Years: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Prepared by: John Condon

Title: Director - Concessions

Department: Parks, Recreation and Conservation


Date: May 5, 2023

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Reviewed By:

[Signature]  
Budget Director

Date: 5/11/23

TO: John Condon, Director - Concessions  
Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation

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

DATE: May 5, 2023

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR HILLSIDE WOODS  
INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT EXTENSION**

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Pursuant to a request by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, the Planning Department has reviewed the above referenced action with respect to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (SEQR).

The action involves an amendment of an intermunicipal agreement between the County and the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, whereby the County would provide funding under capital project RHW01—Hillside Woods Restoration towards an urban forestry management program at Hillside Woods, a jointly owned park located in Hastings-on-Hudson. The amendment is for an extension of the agreement by one year, from May 31, 2023 to May 31, 2024, in order to provide the Village with the additional time it needs to complete the project.

The woodland restoration project was previously reviewed by the Westchester County Board of Legislators and was classified an Unlisted action under SEQR. In accordance with SEQR, a Short Environmental Assessment Form was prepared and on May 24, 2021, a Negative Declaration was issued by the Board of Legislators (Resolution 113-2021). Since there is no change in the scope of the project, the original Negative Declaration remains valid and no further environmental review is required.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

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cc: Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff  
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Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney  
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Robert Lopane, Program Coordinator, Department of Public Works & Transportation  
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**ACT NO. 2023 - 115**

**AN ACT** authorizing the County of Westchester to amend an intermunicipal agreement with the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson in connection with an Urban Forestry Management Project, by extending the project completion date from May 31, 2023 to May 31, 2024

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

**Section 1.** The County of Westchester (the “County”) is hereby authorized to amend an intermunicipal agreement with the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson (the “Village”) dated June 1, 2021 (the “IMA”), pursuant to which the Village agreed to undertake an Urban Forestry Management Project (the “Project”) at Hillside Woods and Park (the “Park”), which Project was to be completed by May 31, 2023 (the “Project Completion Date”), in order to extend the Project Completion Date from May 31, 2023 to May 31, 2024.

**§2.** Except as otherwise specifically amended hereby, all remaining terms and conditions set forth in the IMA shall remain in full force and effect.

**§4.** The County Executive or his authorized designee is empowered to execute any and all documents necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

**§5.** This Act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK            )  
  )    ss.  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY        )

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared the foregoing Act, Act No. 115 - 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 June 20, 2023, and approved by the County Executive on June 21, 2023.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said County Board of Legislators on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2023.



Malika Vanderberg

The Clerk of the Westchester County  
Board of Legislators

County of Westchester, New York

