



Kenneth W. Jenkins
County Executive

February 2, 2026

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 Act to amend the County of Westchester's (the "County") current-year capital budget ("Capital Budget Amendment"), as well as a related amended bond act (the "Amended Bond Act,") which, if adopted, would authorize the County to issue an additional \$11,000,000 in bonds to finance the following capital project:

SSM21 – Saw Mill Section B Relief Sewer ("SSM21").

The proposed Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County's current-year capital budget to increase the County share for SSM21 by \$11,000,000. The Department of Environmental Facilities ("Department") has advised that the Capital Budget Amendment is required to fund the increased construction costs associated with this project.

The Amended Bond Act, in the total amount of \$26,000,000, which includes \$15,000,000 in previously authorized bonds of the County, would finance the cost of design, construction management and construction costs for a new relief sewer for a section of the County's Saw Mill Section B sanitary trunk sewer along Hunts' Lane in the Town of New Castle in order to handle all existing and future sewer flow in this area of the County's Saw Mill Sanitary Sewer District ("District"). The Department has advised that all of the bids submitted for the contract work exceeded the construction budget. The increase in cost is attributable to geologic nonconformity in the subsurface conditions. During the bidding process, prospective bidders requested further geotechnical analysis, which demonstrated much harder rock. The new data suggested increased duration for micro tunneling operations, which will ultimately lead to higher construction costs. Due to the geologic history in Westchester County, which involved millions of years of bedrock formation followed by glacial erosion and scouring, there is often nonconformity in the subsurface. As a result, geological conditions may differ in locations within close proximity of each other.

The design work was performed by outside consultants. It is anticipated that the construction work will take approximately thirty (30) 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 to finance this project, as follows: Bond Act No. 216-2023 in the amount of \$15,000,000 to finance design and construction management in connection with SSM21. These bonds have not been sold. Accordingly, it is now requested that Bond Act No. 216-2023 be amended to increase the amount authorized thereunder by \$11,000,000, for a total authorized amount, as amended, of \$26,000,000.

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

Sincerely,



Kenneth W. Jenkins
Westchester County Executive
KWJ/cmc/ 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 an act, which, if adopted, will amend the County’s current-year capital budget (“Capital Budget Amendment”), as well as adoption of a related amended bond act (the “Amended Bond Act”) in the amount of \$11,000,000, to finance capital project SSM21 – Saw Mill Section B Relief Sewer (“SSM21”).

Your Committee is advised that the Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County’s current-year capital budget to increase the County share for SSM21 by \$11,000,000. The Department of Environmental Facilities (“Department”) has advised that the Capital Budget Amendment is required to fund the increased construction costs associated with this project.

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Your Committee is advised that the design work was performed by outside consultants. It is anticipated that the additional construction work will take approximately thirty (30) months to complete and will begin after award and execution of the construction contracts.

Your Committee notes that this Honorable Board has previously authorized the County to issue bonds which to finance this project, as follows: Bond Act No. 216-2023 in the amount of \$15,000,000 to

finance design and construction management in connection with SSM21. These bonds have not been sold. Accordingly, it is now requested that Bond Act No. 216-2023 be amended to increase the amount authorized thereunder by \$11,000,000, for a total authorized amount, as amended, of \$26,000,000.

The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, the above-referenced capital project has been classified as an “Unlisted” action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (“SEQR”) and that SSM21 was previously reviewed by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, which classified the project as an Unlisted action under SEQR. In accordance with SEQR, a Short Form Environmental Form was prepared and, on October 18, 2021, a Negative Declaration was issued by the Board of Legislators (Resolution 178-2021). In 2023, an amended bond act was authorized to provide additional funds for the project with no change to the scope of the project. Since the current request is for an increase in funding with no change in the scope of the project, the original Negative Declaration remains valid and no further environmental review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation and concurs with this recommendation.

The Planning Department has further advised your Committee that the Planning Board has previously reviewed this project and issued a report, and that since there is no change in the scope of the work 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 may only be enacted following adoption of the Capital Budget Amendment. It should also 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: _____, 2026
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: SSM21

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 \$ 26,000,000 PPU 30 Anticipated Interest Rate 4.04%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 1,525,398

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 45,761,940

Finance Department: Interest rates from February 2, 2026 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

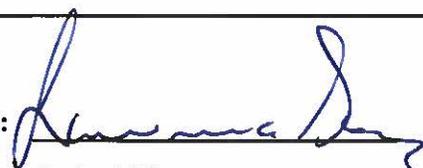
Number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Funded: 283

Prepared by: Jazmin Logan

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Department: Environmental Facilities

Date: 2/3/26

Reviewed By: 
Budget Director

Date: 2/3/26

TO: Michelle Greenbaum, Assistant County Attorney
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Maximilian Zorn, Assistant County Attorney
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FROM: David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM 
Assistant Commissioner

DATE: January 29, 2026

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT
SSM21 SAW MILL SECTION B RELIEF SEWER**

The Planning Department has reviewed the above referenced capital project (Fact Sheet Unique ID: 3073) in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (SEQR).

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Since the current request is to authorize a further increase in bond funding to finance the cost of construction with 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.

DSK/cnm

Att.

cc: Joan McDonald, Director of Operations
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An Act amending the 2026 County
 Capital Budget Appropriations for
 Capital Project SSM21 SAW MILL
 SECTION B RELIEF SEWER

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

Section 1. The Capital section of the 2026 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	Previous 2026 Appropriation	Change	Revised 2026 Appropriation
I. Appropriation	\$15,000,000	\$11,000,000	\$26,000,000

Section 2. The estimated method of financing in the Capital Section of the 2026 Westchester County Capital Budget is amended as follows:

II. METHOD OF FINANCING

Bonds and/or Notes	\$15,000,000	\$11,000,000	\$26,000,000
Non County Shares	\$0		\$0
Cash	\$0		\$0
Total	\$15,000,000	\$11,000,000	\$26,000,000

Section 3. The ACT shall take effect immediately.