## 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 amended bond act ("Amended Bond Act") which, if adopted, will authorize the County to issue up to \$15,000,000 in additional bonds of the County to finance capital project RCC17 – County Center Facility Improvements ("RCC17").

The Amended Bond Act in the total amount of \$25,050,000 was prepared by the law firm Hawkins, Delafield & Wood, and includes \$10,050,000 in previously authorized bonds of the County. The additional bonds totaling \$15,000,000 would finance RCC17 as follows: \$14,514,000 would finance the planning, construction and construction management associated with the replacement of the roof other associated building renovations and flood mitigation, drainage, and related improvements other related improvements the County Center Building, and \$10,536,000 would finance the replacement of the existing generator and switch gear electrical systems.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation ("Department") has advised that the County Center has been vulnerable to flooding due to its close proximity to the Bronx River and Fulton Brook, which endangers critical electrical infrastructure.

Design is currently being undertaken by in-house staff and a consultant, and is expected to be completed by the fourth quarter of 2025. It is estimated that construction will take thirty six months to complete and will begin after award and execution of the construction contracts.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has authorized the County to issue bonds for RCC17 as indicated in the annexed fact sheet and as follows: Bond Act No. 249-2023 in the amount of \$10,050,000, which authorized financing for design, construction and construction management associated with roof replacement and other County Center building renovations. These bonds have not been sold. Accordingly, it is now requested that Bond Act No. 249-2023 be amended to increase the amount authorized by \$15,000,000, for a total authorized amount, as amended, of \$25,050,000, and to revise the scope of Bond Act No. 249-2023 to include additional work associated with RCC17.

The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, RCC17 has been classified as an "Unlisted" action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 ("SEQR"). A Resolution, and Short Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF"), prepared by the Planning Department, are attached to assist your Honorable Board in complying with SEQR. For the reasons set forth in the attached EAF, your Committee believes that the proposed action will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment and recommends the adoption of the Resolution. As you know, a determination of significance must be made prior to enacting the aforementioned Bond Act.

Your Committee has carefully considered the Amended Bond Act, and recommends approval of the Amended Bond Act. 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.

Dated: October 6th, 20 25.

Budget & Appropriations

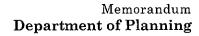
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## **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

CAPITAL PROJECT	#:RCC17	NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED			
SECTION A - CAPITAL BUDGET IMPACT  To Be Completed by Budget					
X GENERAL FUN		SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND			
	Source of County Funds (check one):	X Current Appropriations			
		Capital Budget Amendment			
GENERATOR AND I	ELECTRICAL SWITCHGEAR				
	SECTION B - BONDING AUTHORIZATIONS  To Be Completed by Finance				
Total Principa	I \$ 10,536,000 <b>PPU</b>	10 Anticipated Interest Rate 2.67%			
Anticipated A	nnual Cost (Principal and Interest):	\$ 1,216,669			
Total Debt Ser	rvice (Annual Cost x Term):	\$ 12,166,690			
Finance Depar	rtment: Interest rates from Septembe	r 24, 2025 Bond Buyer - ASBA			
	SECTION C - IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDG To Be Completed by Submitting Departme				
Potential Rela	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: 115					
Prepared by:	Robert C. Lopane, RLA				
Title:	Director of Program Development II - P	Reviewed By:			
Department:	Parks, Recreation and Conservation	CP9/25/25 Budget Director			
Date:	9/25/25	Date: 9353			

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	SECTION A - CAPITAL BU To Be Completed by				
X GENERAL FUI		SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND			
	Source of County Funds (check one):	X Current Appropriations			
		Capital Budget Amendment			
ROOF AND FLOOD	MITIGATION				
	SECTION B - BONDING AU To Be Completed by				
Total Princip	al \$ 14,514,000 <b>PPU</b>	15 Anticipated Interest Rate 3.14%			
Anticipated A	Annual Cost (Principal and Interest):	\$ 1,232,038			
Total Debt Se	ervice (Annual Cost x Term):	\$ 18,480,570			
Finance Depa	irtment: Interest rates from Septembe	er 24, 2025 Bond Buyer - ASBA			
	SECTION C - IMPACT ON OPERATING BUD To Be Completed by Submitting Departm				
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: 158					
Prepared by:	Robert C. Lopane, RLA	_ /			
Title:	Title: Director of Program Development II-PR Reviewed By: DV4125125				
Department:	Parks, Rereation & Conservation	- P9 (25) 25 Budget Director			
Date:	10/25/25	Date: 92527			





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:

September 19, 2025

SUBJECT:

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:

RCC17 COUNTY CENTER FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

The Planning Department has reviewed the above referenced project (Fact Sheet Unique ID: 3020) in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (SEQR).

Pursuant to SEQR, this project has been classified as an Unlisted action. The County is the only involved agency with discretionary authority and, therefore, must serve as lead agency. As such, a Short Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared for the project for consideration by the Board of Legislators.

Please contact me if you require any additional information regarding this document

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Att.

cc: Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff

Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive

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Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney

Dianne Vanadia, Associate Budget Director

Kathleen O'Connor, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Conservation

Peter Tartaglia, First Deputy Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Conservation

Robert Lopane, Director of Program Development – PRC Planning

Susan Darling, Chief Planner

Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner

Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there is pending before this Honorable Board an act to authorize the County of Westchester to issue bonds in connection with capital project RCC17 – County Center Facility Improvements ("RCC17") ("Bond Act"); and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Board has determined that the proposed Bond Act would constitute an action under Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, known as the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEQR and its implementing regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617), this project is classified as an "Unlisted action," which requires this Honorable Board to make a determination as to whether the proposed action will have a significant impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the County of Westchester is the only involved agency with discretionary authority for this action and, therefore, is assuming the role of Lead Agency for the environmental review of this project; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with SEQR and its implementing regulations, a Short Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") has been prepared to assist this Honorable Board in its environmental assessment of this proposed action; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Board has carefully considered the proposed action and has reviewed the attached EAF and the criteria set forth in Section 617.7 of the implementing regulations and has identified the relevant areas of environmental concern, as described in the attached EAF, to determine if this proposed action will have a significant impact on the environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the County Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, State of New York, as follows:

**RESOLVED**, that based upon the Honorable Board's review of the EAF and for the reasons set forth therein, this Board finds that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment from the Bond Act and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Legislators is authorized and directed to sign the "Determination of Significance" in the EAF, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, as the "Responsible Officer in Lead Agency"; to issue this "Negative Declaration" on behalf of this Board in satisfaction of SEQR and its implementing regulations; and to immediately transmit same to the Commissioner of Planning to be filed, published and made available pursuant to the requirements of Part 617 of 6 NYCRR; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Resolution shall take effect immediately.

## Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 - Project Information

#### Instructions for Completing

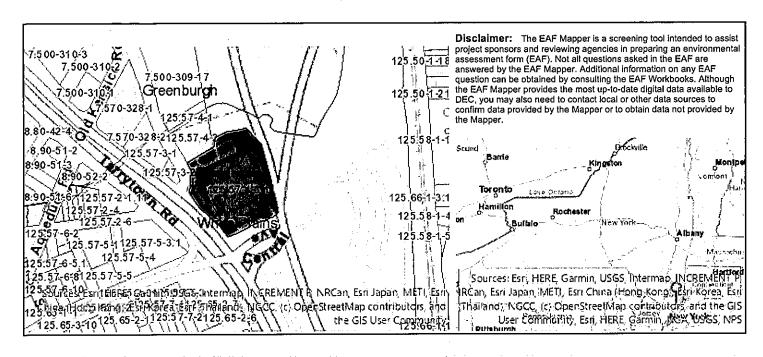
Part 1 – Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 – Project and Sponsor Information			
Name of Action or Project:			
County Center Facility Improvements (RCC17)		•	
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):	<del>.</del>		
198 Central Avenue, White Plains, Westchester County, New York			
Brief Description of Proposed Action:			
Westchester County Center is a County-owned multi-purpose arena, which includes an exhibit hall, as well as meeting rooms, office space, studios and other associated infrastructure required to support an entertainment venue. The proposed project will replace and relocate the existing generator and service equipment from the County Center roof to two (2) proposed concrete pads totaling 2,200 sq. ft. to be located in the existing rear paved parking lot. The project also includes drainage improvements that involves rehabilitation and replacement of existing area drains on the ground and first floors, and the roof. Further actions are associated with flood mitigation. Improvements will retrofit the main ground floor entrance and the entrance located on the northeast end of the building to incorporate flood barriers and related appurtenances. Approximately 400 linear feet of existing guide rail located on the east side of the County Center will be replaced with a concrete median barrier and a vehicular flood gate will be installed on the Southern walkway leading to the main ground floor entrance.			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor:	Telephone: 914-995-4400	)	
County of Westchester	E-Mail: dsk2@westchestercountyny.gov		
Address:			
148 Martine Avenue	,		
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:	
White Plains NY 10601  1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, NO YES			
administrative rule, or regulation?		NO YES	
If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other government Agency?  NO YES			
If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:			
3. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action?  b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed?  c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned  or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?  2.63 acres  0.28 acres  +/- 800 acres			
4. Check all land uses that occur on, are adjoining or near the proposed action:			
5. 🗸 Urban 🗌 Rural (non-agriculture) 🔲 Industrial 🗸 Commerci	al 🔲 Residential (subur	rban)	
☐ Forest ☐ Agriculture ☐ Aquatic ☐ Other(Specify):			
✓ Parkland			
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5.	Is the proposed action,		NO	YES	N/A
	a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?			<b>✓</b>	
	b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	!		<b>√</b>	
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?			NO	YES	
	Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental . Reason:Protect water & natural area, Reason:Exceptional or unique character, Agency:Greenburges, identify: Agency:Westchester County, Date:1-30-79, Date:1-31-90		n of,	NO	YES
8.	a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?			МО	YES
	b. Are public transportation services available at or near the site of the proposed action?				
	c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near the site of the pro-	posed			
9.	Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements?			NO	YES
	the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies:				
10	Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply?			NO	YES
Exis	If No, describe method for providing potable water:				<b>✓</b>
11	Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities?			NO	YES
Exis	If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment:isting use/no change associated with this project.				<b>✓</b>
	2. a. Does the project site contain, or is it substantially contiguous to, a building, archaeological site,		ct	NO	YES
which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places?			е		<b>✓</b>
Westchester County Center is part of the Bronx River Parkway Reservation which is on the National Register of Historic Places  b. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?				<b>✓</b>	
13	3. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, or wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?	ontain		NO	YES
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody?			V		
If	Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres:				
		<del>,</del>			

14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply:		
Shoreline Forest Agricultural/grasslands Early mid-successional		
☐ Wetland ☑ Urban ☐ Suburban		
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or	NO	YES
Federal government as threatened or endangered?  Peregrine Falcon		<b>✓</b>
16. Is the project site located in the 100-year flood plan?	NO	YES
·		✓
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources?  If Yes,	NO	YES
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a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties?		
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe:		
18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that would result in the impoundment of water	NO	YES
or other liquids (e.g., retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)?		
If Yes, explain the purpose and size of the impoundment:		
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19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility?	NO	YES
If Yes, describe:		
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20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or	NO	YES
completed) for hazardous waste?		
If Yes, describe:		
This site has not been subject to hazardous waste remediation. The nearest remediation parcel is 1 Water Street, which is located southeast over 1,500 feet away.		_
I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BI MY KNOWLEDGE	EST OF	
Applicant/sponsor/name: County of Westchester Date: September 19,	2025	
Signature:Title: Assistant Commissioner of Plann	ing	



Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 7 [Critical Environmental Area - Identify]	, Reason:Protect water & natural area, Reason:Exceptional or unique character, Agency:Greenburgh, Town of, Agency:Westchester County, Date:1-30-79, Date:1-31-90
Part 1 / Question 12a [National or State Register of Historic Places or State Eligible Sites]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 12b [Archeological Sites]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 13a [Wetlands or Other Regulated Waterbodies]	Yes - Digital mapping information on local, New York State, and federal wetlands and waterbodies is known to be incomplete. Refer to the EAF Workbook.
Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 15 [Threatened or Endangered Animal - Name]	Peregrine Falcon
Part 1 / Question 16 [100 Year Flood Plain]	Yes
Part 1 / Question 20 [Remediation Site]	Yes

#### Agency Use Only [If applicable]

Project: RCC17 County Center Improvements

Date: September 2025

### Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 2 - Impact Assessment

#### Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

		No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1.	Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	<b>✓</b>	
2.	Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	<b>✓</b>	
3.	Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<b>✓</b>	
4.	Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	<b>✓</b>	
5.	Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	<b>✓</b>	
6.	Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	<b>✓</b>	
7.	Will the proposed action impact existing: a. public / private water supplies?	V	
	b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	<b>✓</b>	
8.	Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	<b>✓</b>	
9.	Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?		
10.	Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<b>V</b>	
11.	Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<b>✓</b>	

Agency Use Only [If applicable]		
Project:	RCC17 County Center Improvements	
Date:	September 2025	

# Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 Determination of Significance

For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur", or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

The project will not have significant adverse impact as it involves replacement and rehabilitation work within previously developed/disturbed areas of an existing county facility.

Concrete pads will be located in the parking area to rear of the building, much of which will be on existing pavement. Approximately up to four trees may need to be removed for access and construction for the proposed relocation of the generators and associated equipment. The trees to be removed consist of three native red oaks and one invasive Norway maple. However, the three native species will be replaced on a three to one basis to be located on site where possible. If additional trees cannot be accommodated on the project site, replacement trees will be planted elsewhere within the Bronx River reservation. Exterior flood mitigation and drainage infrastructure activities will occur on previously disturbed areas.

The site is located within the Bronx River Parkway Reservation, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. The County Center is a contributing component associated with the designation of the Bronx River Parkway Reservation on the National Register. The project involves replacement and/or relocation of non historic elements. The proposed median barrier will be sympathetic to the adjacent existing historic structures which are on the national register. As such, the project will not have adverse impact on the site's historic character.

As County parkland, the County Center is also designated a Critical Environmental Area. All County park lands were designated Critical Environmental Areas as they possess recreational, educational, social, cultural and ecological values for residents and visitors. Proposed work shall preserve those functions and provide resiliency as needed.

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that the proposed action may result in one or more pote environmental impact statement is required.		
Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.		
that the proposed action will not result in any significant	adverse environmental impacts.	
County of Mantahanta		
County of Westchester		
Name of Lead Agency	Date	
Malika Vanderburg	Clerk to the Board of Legislators	
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Responsible Officer	
	- Jan Was	
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)	

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