



Kenneth W. Jenkins
Westchester County Executive

January 17, 2025

Westchester County Board of Legislators
800 Michaelian Office Building
White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Legislators:

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is a bond act ("Bond Act") which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to issue bonds in the amount of \$325,000 to finance the following capital project:

BPS42 – Firing Range Rehabilitation ("BPS42").

The Bond Act, in the amount of \$325,000, would finance the cost of improvements to the Police Academy firing range, including gunshot backstop structure and deflector plate system.

The Department of Public Safety ("Department") has advised that over time, the deflector plate system which guides fired rounds into a deceleration chamber at the back of the range to be stopped and collected becomes misshapen from the pounding of shots fired at it. The effect of this is that the opening through which the fire rounds pass to narrow in various locations which will eventually cause these rounds to be deflected back toward the firing line from which people are shooting. There is significant narrowing present now and the work should be done as soon as is reasonably possible to maintain safe conditions.

Design has been completed as the project is a refurbishing of an existing structure. It is estimated that construction will take less than one month to complete and will begin after award and execution of the construction contracts.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "K. W. Jenkins", written over the printed name and title.

Kenneth W. Jenkins
Westchester County Executive

**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 a bond act (“Bond Act”) in the amount of \$325,000 to finance capital project BPS42 – Firing Range Rehabilitation (“BPS42”). The Bond Act, which was prepared by the law firm Harris Beach, will finance the cost of improvements to the Police Academy firing range, including gunshot backstop structure and deflector plate system.

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The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, BPS42 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 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 Bond Act. Your Committee recommends the adoption of the proposed Bond Act.

Dated: _____, 20____
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: BPS42

☐ 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 \$ 325,000 PPU 5 Anticipated Interest Rate 2.95%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 71,717

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 358,587

Finance Department: maab 1-21-25

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: 4

Prepared by: Dianne Vanadia

Title: Associate Budget Director

Department: Budget


Date: 1/21/25

Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

Date: 1/21/25

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

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

DATE: January 15, 2025

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:
BPS42 FIRING RANGE REHABILITATION**

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on 11-22-2024 (Unique ID: 2727)

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: None.

DSK/dvw

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
Robert Abbamont, Director of Operations, Department of Public Works & Transportation
Susan Darling, Chief Planner
Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner
Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner

ACT NO. -20__

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$325,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE POLICE ACADEMY FIRING RANGE; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$325,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$325,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED TO FINANCE SUCH COST; 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 (the "County"), 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, to the provisions of other laws applicable thereto, \$325,000 bonds of the County, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to finance the cost of improvements to the Police Academy firing range, including gunshot backstop structure and deflector plate system; 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 objects or purposes, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$325,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$325,000 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.

Section 2. The period of probable usefulness applicable to the specific object or purpose for which bonds authorized by this resolution is to be issued within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 35 of the Law, is five (5) 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 \$325,000. This Act is a declaration of official intent adopted pursuant to the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 4. 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 5. 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. 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 6. 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 7. 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 WESTCHESTER)

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 Officer 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 _____, 20__ and approved 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 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.

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object or purpose: to finance the cost of improvements to the Police Academy firing range including gunshot backstop structure and deflector plate system; 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: \$325,000; five (5) 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:* BPS42	<input type="checkbox"/> CBA	Fact Sheet Date:* 01-02-2025
Fact Sheet Year:* 2025	Project Title:* FIRING RANGE REHABILITATION	Legislative District ID: 3
Category* BUILDINGS, LAND & MISCELLANEOUS	Department:* PUBLIC SAFETY	CP Unique ID: 2727

Overall Project Description

This project will rehabilitate the downrange end of the Police Academy firing range, addressing the gunshot backstop structure and deflector plate system.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Best Management Practices | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Efficiencies | <input 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	325	0	325	0	0	0	0	0
Less Non-County Shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net	325	0	325	0	0	0	0	0

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

Current Bond Description: Bonding is requested for the rehabilitation of the downrange end of the Police Academy firing range, addressing the gunshot backstop structure and deflector plate system.

Financing Plan for Current Request:

Non-County Shares:	\$ 0
Bonds/Notes:	325,000
Cash:	0
Total:	\$ 325,000

SEQR Classification:

TYPE II

Amount Requested:

325,000

Expected Design Work Provider:

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
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Comments:

Energy Efficiencies:

Appropriation History:

Year	Amount	Description
2025	325,000	REHABILITATE THE DOWNRANGE END OF THE POLICE ACADEMY FIRING RANGE

Total Appropriation History:

325,000

Total Financing History:

0

Recommended By:

Department of Planning

MLLL

Date

11-22-2024

Department of Public Works

RJB4

Date

11-22-2024

Budget Department

DEV9

Date

11-22-2024

Requesting Department

SQGQ

Date

11-22-2024

FIRING RANGE REHABILITATION (BPS42)

User Department : Public Safety

Managing Department(s) : Public Safety ; Public Works ;

Estimated Completion Date: TBD

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

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	Est Ult Cost	Appropriated	Exp / Obl	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Under Review
Gross	325			325					
Non County Share									
Total	325			325					

Project Description

This project will rehabilitate the downrange end of the Police Academy firing range, addressing the gunshot backstop structure and defector plate system.

Current Year Description

The current year request funds the project.

Current Year Financing Plan

Year	Bonds	Cash	Non County Shares	Total
2025	325,000			325,000

Impact on Operating Budget

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