

**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 amending the County's current-year capital budget ("Capital Budget Amendment"), as well as adoption of a related bond act (the "Bond Act") in the amount of \$330,000 to finance capital project RPA04 – General Infrastructure Pathways and Trails II ("RPA04").

Your Committee is advised that the proposed Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County's 2024 capital budget by appropriating \$330,000 for this new project.

Your Committee is further advised that the Bond Act, prepared by the law firm of Hawkins Delafield and Wood, LLP, will fund the cost of design and construction management associated with the reconstruction of a boardwalk and other trailway improvements along the Briarcliff-Peekskill Trailway.

The Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation (the "Department") has advised that the existing boardwalk crossing the Furnace Brook Stream was damaged during recent flood events and has fallen into disrepair. Prioritizing funding for the design of this improvement will help to address this immediate concern.

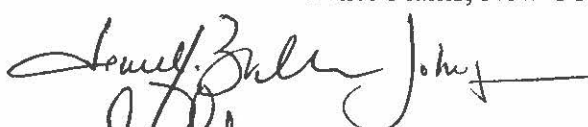

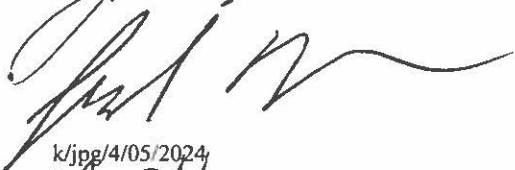
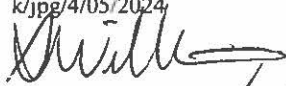


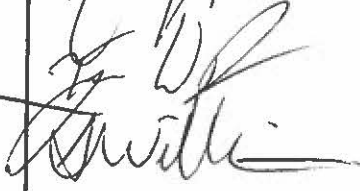

Your Committee is advised that following bonding authorization, design will be scheduled and is anticipated to take twelve (12) months to complete and will be performed by in-house design staff. It is estimated that construction will take twelve (12) months to complete and will begin after award and execution of the construction contracts, subject to your Honorable Board's further approval of construction funding.

The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, the above-referenced capital project 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.

Additionally, Section 167.131 of the County Charter mandates that a capital budget amendment that introduces a new capital project or changes the location, size or character of an existing capital project be accompanied to the Board of Legislators by a report of the Westchester County Planning Board (the "Planning Board") with respect to the physical planning aspects of the project. Accordingly, the required Planning Board report is herewith attached.

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 Capital Budget Amendment and the related Bond Act, noting that the Bond Act can only be enacted following adoption of the Capital Budget Amendment. For the reasons set forth above, your Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of both of the proposed acts.

Dated: June 17th, 2024
White Plains, New York

  David J. Tubish Nancy Barr For VP  k/jpg/4/05/2024  Colin J. Barr	  Nancy Barr For VP 	 David J. Tubish Nancy Barr For VP
Budget & Appropriations	Public Works & Transportation	Parks & Environment

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 \$ 330,000 PPU 5 Anticipated Interest Rate 2.94%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 72,796

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 363,980

Finance Department: Interest rates from May 7, 2024 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: 4

Prepared by: Robert Lopane, RLA

Title: Program Coordinator Capital Planning

Department: Public Works & Transportation

Date: 5/13/24


Reviewed By: 

DU 5/13/24

Budget Director

Date: 5/13/24

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: May 7, 2024

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
04-03-2024 (Unique ID: 2532)

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)(27):** conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action.

COMMENTS: The current request is for design only. Funds for construction management will not be expended unless the Board of Legislators approves funding for construction of the project. Further environmental review will be conducted following completion of design and prior to Board approval of funding for construction.

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
Kathleen O'Connor, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Conservation
Peter Tartaglia, First Deputy Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Conservation
Robert Lopane, Program Coordinator, Department of Public Works & Transportation
Susan Darling, Chief Planner
Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner
Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner

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WESTCHESTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

**Amendment of Planning Board Report on 2024 Capital Project Requests
RPA04 General Infrastructure Program – Pathways and Trails II
Briarcliff-Peekskill Trailway Improvements**

WHEREAS, RPA04 General Infrastructure Program – Pathways and Trails II 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, and

WHEREAS, the County Executive will submit legislation to the County Board of Legislators which would authorize amending the 2024 Capital Budget to include the **RPA04 General Infrastructure Program – Pathways and Trails II Briarcliff-Peekskill Trailway Improvements**, to include funding in the amount of \$330,000 for design, administrative review, and construction management, and

WHEREAS, the existing boardwalk crossing the Furnace Brook Stream on the Briarcliff-Peekskill Trailway is in disrepair and is in need of replacement and approximately 40' extensions on each end. This boardwalk is approximately 380' feet long and is located between Watch Hill Road and Furnace Brook Dock, just south of the entrance to the Sportsmen Center and just north of the Town of Cortlandt's Charles Cook Pool, and

WHEREAS, this project is classified as a "PL2" - "approved in concept, subject to review when more detailed studies or plans are prepared," and

WHEREAS, the project is generally consistent with *Westchester 2025 – Policies to Guide County Planning*, as adopted by the Planning Board on May 6, 2008 and amended on January 5, 2010 by maintaining county facilities; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Planning Board, pursuant to Section 167.131 of the County Charter, amends its Report on the 2024 Capital Project Requests to include the attached report on Capital Project **RPA04 General Infrastructure Program – Pathways and Trails II**, with a specific project location at the Briarcliff-Peekskill Trailway in the amount of \$330,000.

Adopted this 2nd day of April, 2024


Richard Hyman, Chair

RP04 General Infrastructure Program – Pathways and Trails II

Briarcliff-Peekskill Trailway Improvements

FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Estimated Ultimate Total Cost	Approp- riated	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Under Review
Gross	2,100		330	1,770				
Less non- County Shares								
Net	2,100		330	1,770				

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.

APPROPRIATION/FUNDING REQUESTS:

2024: Design, Administration, Construction Management
2025: Construction

JUSTIFICATION:

Walking, hiking and biking trails continue to be the most popular recreation facility according to a recent resident recreation preference survey of County residents. Usage of the trail system increased dramatically during the Covid-19 Pandemic period. While some trailways have been recently improved within the past 10 years under other capital projects, much of the trailway system is old, worn and continues to deteriorate to a level that has become extremely difficult to maintain. This project will address the need to restore these trails.

The existing boardwalk crossing the Furnace Brook Stream on the Briarcliff-Peekskill Trailway was damaged during recent flooding events and has fallen into disrepair. Since there is no alternative way around the boardwalk, it has become critically important to reconstruct this segment of the trailway so that local County residents can continue to use and enjoy this recreation facility.

CONSISTENCY WITH PROGRAMS OR PLANS:

This project is consistent with the County's Open Space Policies which identifies the provision of active recreation as a County policy. "Westchester 2025", the County's long-range planning policy document, recommends the continued protection of cultural resources while enhancing the use of passive and active recreation facilities.

As per Westchester County policy, stormwater management must be addressed with every capital project. Designs should comply with the NYS Stormwater Management Design Manual and the NYS Standards and Specifications for Erosion and Sediment Control.

Planning Board Analysis:

PL2: The Planning Board supports this and other projects with the goal to keep park facilities in a well-maintained state. Performing physical improvements on a priority basis reflects a comprehensive approach to undertaking capital improvements.

ACT No. 125 - 2024

An Act amending the 2024 County
Capital Budget Appropriations for
Capital Project RPA04 GENERAL
INFRASTRUCTURE PATHWAYS
AND TRAILS II

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

Section 1. The Capital section of the 2024 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	Previous 2024 Appropriation	Change	Revised 2024 Appropriation
I. Appropriation	\$0	\$330,000	\$330,000

Section 2. The estimated method of financing in the Capital Section of the 2024 Westchester County Capital Budget is amended as follows:

II. METHOD OF
FINANCING

Bonds and/or Notes	\$0	\$330,000	\$330,000
Non County Shares	\$0		\$0
Cash	\$0		\$0
Total	\$0	\$330,000	\$330,000

Section 3. The ACT shall take effect immediately.

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. (Adopted 06/17 , 2024)

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, \$330,000 bonds of the County, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to finance the cost of preparation of surveys, preliminary and detailed plans, specifications and estimates necessary for planning and construction management of the reconstruction of a boardwalk and other trailway improvements along the Briarcliff-Peekskill Trailway, 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 total estimated cost of said specific object or purpose, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof is \$330,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$330,000 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 of said specific object or purpose, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 62(2nd) 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 \$330,000. 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 \$330,000 as the estimated total 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

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CAPITAL PROJECT FACT SHEET

Project ID:*
RPA04

☒ CBA

Fact Sheet Date:*
03-28-2024

Fact Sheet Year:*
2024

Project Title:*
GENERAL INFRASTRUCTURE
PATHWAYS AND TRAILS II

Legislative District ID:
1, 9,

Category*
RECREATION FACILITIES

Department:*
PARKS, RECREATION &
CONSERVATION

CP Unique ID:
2532

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.

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FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Estimated Ultimate Total Cost	Appropriated	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Under Review
Gross	2,100	0	0	1,770	0	0	0	330
Less Non-County Shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net	2,100	0	0	1,770	0	0	0	330

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

Current Bond Description: This project will fund design and construction management for the reconstruction of a boardwalk and other trailway improvements along the Briarcliff-Peekskill Trailway.

Financing Plan for Current Request:

Non-County Shares:	\$ 0
Bonds/Notes:	330,000
Cash:	0
Total:	\$ 330,000

SEQR Classification:
TYPE II

Amount Requested:
330,000

Expected Design Work Provider:

☒ County Staff ☐ Consultant ☐ Not Applicable

Comments:

A Capital Budget Amendment in the amount of \$330,000 is requested and shown under review to fund the design and construction management of the reconstruction of the boardwalk and other trailway improvements. The existing boardwalk crossing the Furnace Brook Stream was damaged during recent flood events and has fallen into disrepair. Prioritizing funding for the design of these improvements will help to address this immediate concern.

Energy Efficiencies:

Total Financing History:
0

Recommended By:

Department of Planning

MLLL

Date

04-03-2024

Department of Public Works

RJB4

Date

04-03-2024

Budget Department

DEV9

Date

04-04-2024

Requesting Department

RCL3

Date

04-05-2024

STATE OF NEW YORK)
)
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER)

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Legislators of said County, including the Bond Act contained therein, held on June 17, 2024 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all members of said Board had due notice of said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, pursuant to Section 103 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, PRIOR to the time of said meeting, I duly caused a public notice of the time and place of said meeting to be to be given to the following newspapers and/or other news media as follows:

Newspaper and/or other news media

Date Given
June 12, 2024

News Channel 12
The Journal News
Hometown Media
CBS2NY
The Examiner News
WABCTV News

I FURTHER CERTIFY that PRIOR to the time of said meeting, I duly caused public notice of the time and place of said meeting to be conspicuously posted in the following designated public location(s) on the following dates:

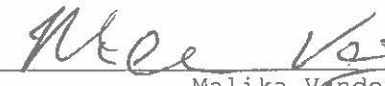
Designated Location(s)
of posted notice

Date of Posting
June 12, 2024

www.westchesterlegislators.com

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County Board of Legislators on June 18, 2024.





Malika Venderberg, Clerk
Westchester County Board of Legislators

The foregoing Bond Act was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

AYES:

Legislator Jose Alvarado
Legislator Nancy Barr
Legislator Benjamin Boykin
Legislator Terry Clements
Legislator Margaret Cunzio
Legislator Vedat Gashi
Legislator Judah Holstein
Legislator David Imamura
Legislator James Nolan
Legislator Catherine Parker
Legislator Erika Pierce
Legislator Colin Smith
Legislator David Tubiolo
Legislator Emiljana Ulaj
Legislator Shanae Williams
Legislator Jewel Williams-Johnson
Legislator Tyrae Woodson-Samuels

NOES:

ABSENT:

EXCUSED:

The Bond Act was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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APPROVED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Date: 6-18-24

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

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing Act No. 125 - 2024, and (Bond) Act No. 126 - 2024, with the originals on file in my office, and that the same are correct transcripts therefrom, and of the whole, of said original Act, and (Bond) Act, which were duly adopted by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, of the County of Westchester on June 17, 2024, and approved by the County Executive on June 18, 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said County Board of Legislators on this 19th day of June, 2024.

Malika Vanderberg

Malika Vanderberg

The Clerk of the Westchester County
Board of Legislators

County of Westchester, New York

