

**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 \$1,000,000.00 to finance capital project SY053 – Yonkers Joint Sewer Districts Sewer Tunnel Rehabilitation ("SY053").

The Bond Act, which was prepared by the law firm Norton Rose Fulbright, will finance the cost of inspections for the rehabilitation of several large diameter sewer tunnels in the Yonkers Sewer Districts.

The Department of Environmental Facilities ("Department") has advised that these sewer tunnels vary in size from 60 inches to 102 inches and are located deeper than typical sewers, which makes them uniquely challenging to inspect and repair. They were installed beginning around 1905 and continuing into the 1930's which will make them up to 130 years old by the time any repairs will be performed. The inspections will be performed to determine the condition of the tunnels. Once completed, the results of the inspections will be used to develop a design to make any repairs deemed necessary. Finally, repairs will be made based on the design.

Following bonding authorization and completion of the study, the inspections will begin and are expected to be completed by the end of 2027.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has authorized bonding for prior components of SY053 as indicated on the attached fact sheet.

The Department of Planning has advised your Committee that based on its review, the authorization of the proposed capital project may be classified as a Type "II" action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 ("SEQR"). 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.

For the reasons set forth above, your Committee recommends the adoption of the proposed Bond Act.

Dated: March 24th, 2025
White Plains, New York

James Z. ... John

Signature

Donald E. Lubick

Nancy Barr

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Budget & Appropriations

Public Works & Transportation

Dated: March 24, 2025
White Plains, New York

The following members attended the meeting remotely and approved this item out of Committee with an affirmative vote. Their electronic signature was authorized and is below

Committee(s) on:

Budget & Appropriations

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colin J. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "C" and a stylized "S".

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: SY053

☐ 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 \$ 1,000,000 PPU 5 Anticipated Interest Rate 2.76%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 219,312

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 1,096,560

Finance Department: Interest rates from February 3, 2025 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: 11

Prepared by: Jazmin Logan

Title: Environmental Project Director

Department: Environmental Facilities

Date: 2/3/25

Reviewed By: 

02/04/25


Budget Director

Date: 2/4/25



Memorandum
Department of Planning

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 24, 2025

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:
SY053 Yonkers Joint Sewer Districts Sewer Tunnel Rehabilitation**

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on
12/24/2024 (Unique ID: 2725)

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 further study/inspections only.

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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
Jazmin Logan, Environmental Project Director - Capital Programs (DEF)
Robert Zambardino, Program Coordinator – Capital Programs (DEF)
Susan Darling, Chief Planner
Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner
Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner

ACT NO. _____ - 20__

BOND ACT DATED _____, 20__.

A BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF INSPECTION OF SEWER TUNNELS TO EVALUATE THE NEED FOR, AND THE DESIGN OF, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO SUCH TUNNELS, FOR THE JOINT BENEFIT OF THE COUNTY'S SOUTH YONKERS, BRONX VALLEY, CENTRAL YONKERS, HUTCHINSON VALLEY, NORTH YONKERS, SAW MILL AND UPPER BRONX SANITARY SEWER DISTRICTS.

WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described has been duly approved in the adopted capital budget for the current fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the plan for the financing of the estimated maximum cost of such capital project, as hereinafter set forth in this Bond Act, is in conformity with such capital budget; and

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital project hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, to the extent required, have been performed; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of the cost of such capital project;
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ENACTED, by the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, New York (the "County"), by the affirmative vote of not less than two thirds of the entire voting strength thereof, as follows:

Section 1. For the class of objects or purposes of paying the cost of inspection of sewer tunnels to evaluate the need for, and the design of, capital improvements to such tunnels, including incidental expenses in connection therewith, for the joint benefit of the County's South Yonkers, Bronx Valley, Central Yonkers, Hutchinson Valley, North Yonkers, Saw Mill And Upper Bronx Sanitary Sewer Districts, in and for the County, there are hereby authorized to be issued \$1,000,000 bonds of said County pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law. To the

extent that the details of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes set forth in this Bond Act are inconsistent with any details set forth in the current Capital Budget of the County, such Budget shall be deemed and is hereby amended to the extent inconsistent herewith.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the estimated maximum cost of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is \$1,000,000, and that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of the \$1,000,000 bonds of said County authorized to be issued pursuant to this Bond Act.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is five years pursuant to subdivision sixty-two of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Commissioner of Finance, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. To the extent not paid from the assessment of properties assessable for this purpose in the County's South Yonkers, Bronx Valley, Central Yonkers, Hutchinson Valley, North Yonkers, Saw Mill and Upper Bronx Sanitary Sewer Districts, or other sources, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said County a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the County by the manual or facsimile signature of the Commissioner of Finance and a facsimile of the corporate seal shall be imprinted or impressed thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the County Clerk.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as said Commissioner of Finance shall deem best for the interests of the County; including, but not limited to, the power to sell said bonds to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, the Commissioner of Finance shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the Commissioner of Finance shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 8. The Commissioner of Finance is hereby further delegated the power to authorize the sale and issuance of the bonds authorized pursuant to this Bond Act (a) at a discount in the manner authorized by paragraphs e and f of Section 57.00 of the Local Finance Law, (b) at private sale pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Local Finance Law and any regulations of the New York State Comptroller appertaining thereto, including the private sale of bonds at a premium, (c) as capital appreciation bonds or term bonds at public sale or private sale pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Local Finance Law and any regulations of the New York State Comptroller appertaining thereto, and (d) at a variable rate of interest in the manner authorized by Section 54.90 of the Local Finance Law, including notes issued in anticipation thereof. The Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements as said Commissioner of Finance shall determine reasonable and necessary to facilitate the issuance, sale, resale and, or repurchase of such bonds or notes pursuant to the provisions of Section 54.90

of the Local Finance Law. Such bonds and, or notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Commissioner of Finance.

Section 9. The power to issue and sell notes to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation pursuant to Section 169.00 of the Local Finance Law is hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be prescribed by said Commissioner of Finance consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 10. The Commissioner of Finance is hereby further authorized, at the sole discretion of the Commissioner of Finance, to execute a project finance agreement, and any other agreements with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and/or the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, including amendments thereto, and including any instruments (or amendments thereto) in the effectuation thereof, in order to effect the financing or refinancing of the class of objects or purposes described in Section 1 hereof, or a portion thereof, by a bond, and, or note issue of said County in the event of the sale of same to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 11. The intent of this Bond Act is to give the Commissioner of Finance sufficient authority to execute those applications, agreements, instruments or to do any similar acts necessary to effect the issuance of the aforesaid bonds and, or notes without resorting to further action of this Board of Legislators.

Section 12. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the County by the facsimile signature of the Commissioner of Finance, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a

designated official of the County), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the Commissioner of Finance. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the County not to impose and collect from registered owners of such bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Commissioner of Finance shall determine.

Section 13. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- (1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said County is not authorized to expend money, or
- (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this Bond Act 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
- (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 14. This Bond Act shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 - 2. Other than as specified in this Bond Act, no moneys are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 15. This Bond Act, which shall take effect immediately in accordance with the provisions of Section 33.10 of the Local Finance Law and as provided in Section 107.71 of the

Westchester County Charter, shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said County for purposes of this Bond Act, together with a notice of the Clerk of the Board of Legislators in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

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

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

The Bond Act was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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APPROVED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Date: _____

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.:
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 _____, 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 said meeting was (i) open to the general public pursuant to Section 103 of the Public Officers Law or (ii) conducted in conformance with Section 103-a of the Public Officers Law.

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 given to the following newspapers and/or other news media as follows:

Newspaper and/or Other News Media

Date Given

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 Notices

Date of Posting

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

Clerk of the County Board of Legislators
of the County of Westchester, New York

(CORPORATE
SEAL)

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.

ACT NO. _____-20____

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class of objects or purposes:	cost of inspection of sewer tunnels to evaluate the need for, and the design of, capital improvements to such tunnels, including incidental expenses in connection therewith
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period of probable usefulness:	five years
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amount of obligations to be issued:	\$1,000,000
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Dated: _____
White Plains, New York

Clerk of the County Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, New York

CAPITAL PROJECT FACT SHEET

Project ID:* SY053	<input type="checkbox"/> CBA	Fact Sheet Date:* 01-02-2025
Fact Sheet Year:* 2025	Project Title:* YONKERS JOINT SEWER DISTRICTS SEWER TUNNEL REHABILITATION	Legislative District ID: 2, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 5, 4, 3,
Category* SEWER AND WATER DISTRICTS	Department:* ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES	CP Unique ID: 2725

Overall Project Description

This project will provide for the inspection and rehabilitation of several large diameter sewer tunnels in the Yonkers Sewer Districts. A study was conducted first to evaluate different technologies to determine the best way to inspect the tunnels. Then an inspection will be performed to determine the condition of the tunnels. Once completed, the results of the inspection will be used to develop a design to make any repairs deemed necessary. Finally, repairs will be made based on the design.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Best Management Practices | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Efficiencies | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure |
| <input 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	7,560	1,200	0	0	0	0	0	6,360
Less Non-County Shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net	7,560	1,200	0	0	0	0	0	6,360

Expended/Obligated Amount (in thousands) as of : 189

Current Bond Description: This request will provide inspection funding for the rehabilitation of several large diameter sewer tunnels in the Yonkers Sewer Districts.

Financing Plan for Current Request:

Non-County Shares:	\$ 0
Bonds/Notes:	1,000,000
Cash:	0
Total:	\$ 1,000,000

SEQR Classification:

TYPE II

Amount Requested:

1,000,000

Expected Design Work Provider:

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

These sewer tunnels vary in size from 60 inches to 102 inches and are located deeper than typical sewers, which makes them uniquely challenging to inspect and repair. They were installed beginning around 1905 and continuing into the 1930's which will make them up to 130 years old by the time any repairs will be performed.

Energy Efficiencies:

Appropriation History:

Year	Amount	Description
2022	200,000	FUNDS A STUDY
2024	1,000,000	FUNDS INSPECTION

Total Appropriation History:

1,200,000

Financing History:

Year	Bond Act #	Amount	Issued	Description
21	211	0	0	YONKERS JOINT SEWER DISTRICTS SEWER TUNNEL REHABILITATION
22	147	0	0	YONKERS JOINT SEWER DISTRICTS SEWER TUNNEL REHABILITATION
23	83	0	0	YONKERS JOINT SEWER DISTRICTS SEWER TUNNEL REHABILITATION
24	95	200,000	0	STUDY

Total Financing History:

200,000

Recommended By:**Department of Planning**

MLLL

Date

12-24-2024

Department of Public Works

RJB4

Date

01-02-2025

Budget Department

DEV9

Date

01-14-2025

Requesting Department

JCL1

Date

01-14-2025

YONKERS JOINT SEWER DISTRICTS SEWER TUNNEL REHABILITATION (SY053)

User Department : Environmental Facilities

Managing Department(s) : Environmental Facilities ;

Estimated Completion Date: TBD

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

FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Est Ult Cost	Appropriated	Exp / Obl	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Under Review
Gross	7,560	1,200	189						6,360
Non County Share									
Total	7,560	1,200	189						6,360

Project Description

This project will provide for the inspection and rehabilitation of several large diameter sewer tunnels in the Yonkers Sewer Districts.

Current Year Description

There is no current year request.

Impact on Operating Budget

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

Appropriation History

Year	Amount	Description	Status
2022	200,000	Funds a study	STUDY
2024	1,000,000	Funds inspection	AWAITING BOND AUTHORIZATION
Total	1,200,000		

Prior Appropriations

	Appropriated	Collected	Uncollected
Bond Proceeds	1,200,000		1,200,000
Total	1,200,000		1,200,000

Bonds Authorized

Bond Act	Amount	Date Sold	Amount Sold	Balance
211 21				
147 22				
83 23				
95 24	200,000			200,000
Total	200,000			200,000