



Kenneth W. Jenkins  
Westchester County Executive

March 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 which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to amend its current year Capital Budget ("Capital Budget Amendment"), as well to as adopt a related amended bond act ("Amended Bond Act") to finance the following capital project:

RP056 – Playland Infrastructure, Rides and Site Work ("RP056").

The proposed Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County's capital budget to increase the County share for RP056 by \$6,000,000. The proposed capital budget amendment is required to finance critical improvements to buildings, rides, utilities, and associated structures, site work and infrastructure which are essential to the continued operation of the park. These improvements will address life-safety concerns, regulatory compliance, and long-deferred maintenance while preserving the historic integrity of this nationally recognized facility.

The Amended Bond Act which increases the total bond amount by \$9,000,000, bringing the total bond amount to \$21,000,000, would finance the costs of design, construction and construction management of various infrastructure and site work improvements at Playland Park, including improvements to various rides, facilities, utilities and other associated infrastructure and site work.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation ("Department") has advised that Playland is a National Historic Landmark comprising historic buildings, rides, and attractions that have been enjoyed by generations of park patrons. Over time, the buildings, rides, and associated infrastructure have significantly aged and now require substantial repairs and upgrades to meet modern safety standards, improve operational reliability, and extend their useful life. This project will comprehensively address these needs, including critical improvements to buildings and structures essential to the continued operation of the amusement park.

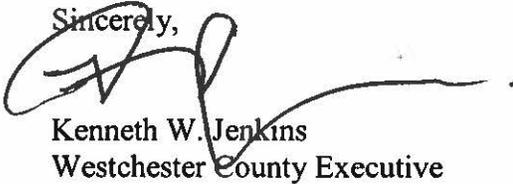
Following bonding authorization, design will be scheduled and it is estimated that design will take eight months to complete. It is anticipated that the design work will be completed by a consultant. It is estimated that construction will take twelve months to complete and will begin after award and execution of the construction contracts.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has authorized the County to issue bonds for RP056 as indicated in the annexed fact sheet and as follows: Bond Act No. 159-2025 in the amount of \$12,000,000, which authorized financing for the above-referenced scope of work in connection with RP056. These bonds have not been sold. Accordingly, it is now requested that Bond Act No. 159-2025 be amended to increase the amount authorized by \$9,000,000, for a total authorized amount, as amended, of \$21,000,000.

The Planning Department has advised that the Planning Board has previously reviewed RP056 and issued a report, and that since there is no change in the location, size or character of the project and this is simply a change in the financing plan, no further action by the Planning Board is necessary at this time.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. W. Jenkins', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Westchester County Executive

**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 act amending the County’s current-year capital budget (“Capital Budget Amendment”), as well as adoption of a related amended bond act (“Amended Bond Act”) which, if adopted, will authorize the County to issue up to \$9,000,000 in additional bonds of the County to finance capital project RP056 – Playland Infrastructure, Rides and Site Work (“RP056”).

Your Committee is advised that the Capital Budget Amendment will amend will amend the County’s capital budget to increase the County share for RP056 by \$6,000,000. The proposed capital budget amendment is required to finance critical improvements to buildings, rides, utilities, and associated structures, site work and infrastructure which are essential to the continued operation of the park. These improvements will address life-safety concerns, regulatory compliance, and long-deferred maintenance while preserving the historic integrity of this nationally recognized facility.

The Amended Bond Act prepared by the law firm Hawkins, Delafield and Wood in the total amount of \$21,000,000, which includes \$12,000,000 in previously authorized bonds of the County, would finance the costs of design, construction and construction management of various infrastructure and site work improvements at Playland Park, including improvements to various rides, facilities, utilities and other associated infrastructure and site work.

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The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, RP028 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.

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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 can only be enacted following adoption of the Capital Budget Amendment. It should 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: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.  
White Plains, New York

**COMMITTEE ON**

# FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: RP056

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 \$ 21,000,000 PPU 15 Anticipated Interest Rate 2.86%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 1,743,849

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 26,157,735

Finance Department: Interest rates from February 25, 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):

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## SECTION D - EMPLOYMENT

As per federal guidelines, each \$92,000 of appropriation funds one FTE Job

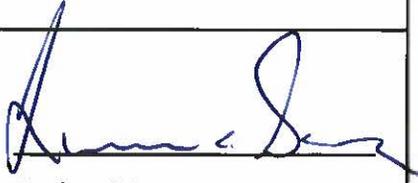
Number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Funded: 228

Prepared by: Dianne Vanadia

Title: Associate Budget Director

Department: Budget

Date: 2/26/26

Reviewed By: 

02/26/26 Budget Director

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

TO: Michelle Greenbaum, Senior Assistant County Attorney  
Carla Chaves, Senior Assistant County Attorney  
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Maria Baratta, Assistant County Attorney

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

DATE: February 24, 2026

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:  
RP056 PLAYLAND INFRASTRUCTURE, RIDES AND SITE WORK**

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**PROJECT/ACTION:** Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on 02-23-2026 (Unique ID: 3175)

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.
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**COMMENTS:** None.

DSK/cnm

cc: Emily Saltzman, Director of Operations  
Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive  
Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney  
Kathleen O'Connor, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Conservation  
Peter Tartaglia, First Deputy Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Conservation  
Dianne Vanadia, Associate Budget Director  
Robert Lopane, Director of Program Development – PRC Planning  
Susan Darling, Chief Planner  
Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner

An Act amending the 2026 County  
 Capital Budget Appropriations for  
 Capital Project RP056 PLAYLAND  
 INFRASTRUCTURE, RIDES AND SITE  
 WORK

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	\$42,710,000	\$6,000,000	\$48,710,000

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	\$42,710,000	\$6,000,000	\$48,710,000
Non County Shares	\$0		\$0
Cash	\$0		\$0
Total	\$42,710,000	\$6,000,000	\$48,710,000

Section 3. The ACT shall take effect immediately.