

ACT NO. -20\_\_\_\_\_

BOND ACT OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK, AMENDING THE BOND ACT ADOPTED OCTOBER 18, 2021, IN RELATION TO THE INSTALLATION OF A FIRE TOWER AT WARD POUND RIDGE RESERVATION, AT THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,800,000. (Adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_).

WHEREAS, this Board has heretofore duly authorized the issuance of \$300,000 bonds to finance the installation of a fire tower at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, pursuant to Act No. 188-2021 duly adopted on October 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, it has now been determined that additional funds are needed for such purposes;

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 (A).** The bond act duly adopted by this Board on October 18, 2021, entitled:

“ACT NO. 188-2021

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE INSTALLATION OF A FIRE TOWER AT WARD POUND RIDGE RESERVATION, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$400,000;

STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS; AND THE APPLICATION OF \$100,000 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO BE EXPENDED TOWARDS THE COST OF SAID SPECIFIC OBJECT OR PURPOSE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COUNTY'S OBLIGATIONS ISSUED THEREFOR, OR TO BE BUDGETED AS AN OFFSET TO THE TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,700,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE INSTALLATION OF A FIRE TOWER AT WARD POUND RIDGE RESERVATION, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$1,800,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,700,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS; AND THE APPLICATION OF \$100,000 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO BE EXPENDED TOWARDS THE COST OF SAID SPECIFIC OBJECT OR PURPOSE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COUNTY'S OBLIGATIONS ISSUED THEREFOR, OR TO BE BUDGETED AS AN OFFSET TO THE TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS. (Adopted                      , 20\_\_\_\_)

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, \$1,700,000 bonds of the County, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to finance the cost the installation of a fire tower at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation and all associated site work, 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 specific object or purpose, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof is \$1,800,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$1,700,000 bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds, the levy of a tax to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds and notes, and the application of \$100,000 expected to be received from the State of New York to be expended towards the cost of said specific object or purpose or redemption of the County's obligations issued therefor, or to be budgeted as an offset to the taxes for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds.

Section 2. The period of probable usefulness of the specific object or purpose for which the \$1,700,000 bonds authorized by section 1 of this Act are to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a.56 of the Law, is ten (10) 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 \$1,700,000. 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 \$1,800,000 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.

**Section (B).** The amendment of the bond act set forth in Section (A) of this act shall in no way affect the validity of the liabilities incurred, obligations issued, or action taken pursuant to said bond act, and all such liabilities incurred, obligations issued, or action taken shall be deemed to have been incurred, issued or taken pursuant to said bond act, as so amended.

**Section (C).** 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 NEW YORK                )

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 Office 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 October 18, 2021 and amended on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ and approved, as amended, 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 amended 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 the construction and construction management for the installation of a fire tower at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, 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: \$1,700,000; ten (10) years

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
White Plains, New York

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Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer of the County Board of  
Legislators of the County of Westchester, New York



# FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: RWPRS

☐ 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 \$ 1,700,000 PPU 10 Anticipated Interest Rate 2.92%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 199,773

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 1,997,726

Finance Department: maab 2-6-25

## 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: 18

Prepared by: Dianne Vanadia

Title: Associate Budget Director

Department: Budget

Date: 2/7/25

Reviewed By: 

2/7/25

Budget Director

Date: 2/7/25



## CAPITAL PROJECT FACT SHEET

<b>Project ID:*</b> <b>RWPR5</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>CBA</b>	<b>Fact Sheet Date:*</b> 01-02-2025
<b>Fact Sheet Year:*</b> 2025	<b>Project Title:*</b> WARD POUND RIDGE RESERVATION FIRE TOWER	<b>Legislative District ID:</b> 2,
<b>Category*</b> RECREATION FACILITIES	<b>Department:*</b> PARKS, RECREATION & CONSERVATION	<b>CP Unique ID:</b> 2780

### Overall Project Description

This project will construct a new fire tower where one once stood at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation.

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| <input 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	1,800	900	0	0	0	0	0	900
Less Non-County Shares	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net	1,700	800	0	0	0	0	0	900

**Expended/Obligated Amount (in thousands) as of:** 270

**Current Bond Description:** This project will fund construction and construction management for the installation of the fire tower and associated site work at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation.

### Financing Plan for Current Request:

Non-County Shares:	\$ 0
Bonds/Notes:	1,400,000
Cash:	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,400,000</b>

### SEQR Classification:

UNLISTED

### Amount Requested:

1,400,000

### Expected Design Work Provider:

- ☐ County Staff
 ☒ Consultant
 ☐ Not Applicable

### Comments:

A capital budget amendment ("CBA") adding \$900,000 to this project is also requested with this bond authorization request. This CBA amount is shown in "Under Review" in the Five Year Capital Program information listed above.

### Energy Efficiencies:

### Appropriation History:

Year	Amount	Description
2020	100,000	FUNDS THIS PROJECT
2021	300,000	CONSTRUCTION
2024	500,000	FUNDS ADDITIONAL COSTS INCLUDING SAFETY RELATED WORK NEEDED PER PROJECT DESIGN

### Total Appropriation History:

900,000

**Financing History:**

Year	Bond Act #	Amount	Issued	Description
21	188	300,000	24,680	WARD POUND FIRE TOWER REPLACEMENT

**Total Financing History:**

300,000

**Recommended By:****Department of Planning**

MLLL

**Date**

12-13-2024

**Department of Public Works**

RJB4

**Date**

12-13-2024

**Budget Department**

DEV9

**Date**

12-13-2024

**Requesting Department**

RCL3

**Date**

12-16-2024

## WARD POUND RIDGE RESERVATION FIRE TOWER ( RWPR5 )

**User Department :** Parks, Recreation & Conservation

**Managing Department(s) :** Parks, Recreation & Conservation ; Public Works ;

**Estimated Completion Date:** TBD

**Planning Board Recommendation:** Project has historical implications. 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	900	900	270						
Non County Share	(100)	(100)							
Total	800	800	270						

### Project Description

This project will construct a new fire tower where one once stood at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation.

### Current Year Description

There is no current year request.

### Impact on Operating Budget

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

### Appropriation History

Year	Amount	Description	Status
2020	100,000	Funds this project	DESIGN
2021	300,000	Construction	DESIGN
2024	500,000	Funds additional costs including safety related work needed per project design	AWAITING BOND AUTHORIZATION
Total	900,000		

### Prior Appropriations

	Appropriated	Collected	Uncollected
Bond Proceeds	800,000	24,680	775,320
State Funds	100,000		100,000
Total	900,000	24,680	875,320

### Bonds Authorized

Bond Act	Amount	Date Sold	Amount Sold	Balance
188 21	300,000	11/30/23	22,467	275,320
		11/30/23	2,213	
Total	300,000		24,680	275,320