

ACT 276 - 2025

HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Your Committee is in receipt of a communication from the County Attorney recommending the approval of an Act which, if adopted by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the “County”) to enter into an agreement (the “Agreement”) to retain, at County expense, the law firm of Broadfield US LLP (the “Firm”), to serve in an “of counsel” capacity to the County Attorney, as needed, in connection with the following two matters: (i) a claim asserted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (the “EPA”) for response costs incurred while investigating contamination levels on real property located in the Village of Mount Kisco (the “Kisco Ave Matter”); and (ii) legal issues relating to the portion of the County Trunk Sanitary Sewer System located on real property currently owned by ARCO Environmental Remediation LLC (“ARCO”) in the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson (the “River Street Matter” and together with the Kisco Ave Matter, collectively, the “Environmental Matters”). The term of the proposed Agreement will commence retroactive to September 11, 2025 and will continue until the Environmental Matters have been resolved.

Your Committee is advised that, in regard to the Kisco Ave Matter, during World War II, the Canadian Radium & Uranium Corp. participated in the Manhattan Project by operating a uranium refinery on real property located at 105 Kisco Avenue in the Village of Mount Kisco, identified as Tax Map Parcel Nos. 69.65-2-4 (with a parcel address of 107 Kisco Avenue, Mount Kisco, New York) and 69.65-2-5 (with a parcel address of 95 Kisco Avenue, Mount Kisco, New York) on the Tax Assessment Maps for the Village/Town of Mount Kisco (the “Mount Kisco Property”). Hazardous substances, including but not limited to radioactive materials, were later found on the Mount Kisco Property. In 2015, the current owner of the Mount Kisco Property, 105 Mt. Kisco Associates LLC (“105 LLC”), filed a complaint entitled 105 Mt. Kisco Associates LLC et al v. Paul Carozza et al (the “Action”) alleging, among other things, causes of action pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (“CERCLA”), 42 U.S.C. § 9601 *et seq.* More specifically, 105 LLC alleged that the Westchester County Department of Health (“DOH”) participated in an attempt to remediate the Mount Kisco Property by arranging for and/or transporting for disposal hazardous substances resulting in the contamination of soil, groundwater, and/or soil vapor associated with spills, discharges, releases and threatened releases of hazardous substances, including but not limited to radioactive materials

in and around the Mount Kisco Property. The Action was subsequently settled pursuant to that certain Stipulation and Order Approving Settlement Agreements on Third Parties, Dismissing All Claims, and Dismissing This Action, dated April 14, 2022. (the “Stipulation”). Notably, the Stipulation stated that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained therein or contained in any settlement agreement entered into in accordance therewith, the EPA would retain its right to assert any claim or cause of action relating to the Mount Kisco Property in any subsequent action or administrative proceeding. Accordingly, the EPA has now asserted a claim against DOH alleging that, pursuant to CERCLA, DOH is responsible for the reimbursement of response costs incurred by the EPA while investigating the contamination levels of the Mount Kisco Property. As such, the County needs the expertise of environmental counsel to resolve this claim.

Your Committee is further advised that, with respect to the River Street Matter, on or about 1939, the County constructed sanitary sewers and the Hastings Pumping Station on a portion of real property currently owned by ARCO and located on River Street in the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, identified as Tax Map Parcel Nos. 4.70-47-1, 4.70-47-2, 4.70-47-3 and 4.30-19-1 on the Tax Assessment Maps for the Town of Greenburgh (the “ARCO Property”). The Anaconda Wire and Cable Company and subsequent owners used the site for a variety of industrial purposes, including a wire and cable manufacturing facility. Hazardous substance contamination was discovered on the ARCO Property in the late 1980s, and the ARCO Property was classified as an Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site, Number 3-60-022, by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“NYSDEC”). The County needs to perform various sanitary sewer projects on sanitary sewers and Hastings Pump Station located on the ARCO Property.. As a result of these projects, environmental issues have been identified, including issues under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (“RCRA”), 42 U.S.C. § 6901 *et seq*, and CERCLA, for which the County needs the expertise of environmental counsel.

The Firm’s lead environmental attorney, Edward A. Smith, Esq., has extensive experience in the area of environmental law, including CERCLA cases, serving as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York for ten years, from 1990-2000. In addition, Mr. Smith previously provided similar legal services to the County in connection with each of the Environmental Matters, pursuant to two (2) agreements between the County and Mr. Smith’s former law firm, Abrams, Fensterman, Fensterman, Eisman, Formato, Ferra, Wolf & Carone, LLP,

dated February 23, 2020 and November 29, 2021, respectively (the "Prior Agreements"), both of which are now expired. As there were no additional issues necessitating Mr. Smith's services at the time, the County did not extend either of the Prior Agreements. However, now that new issues have arisen in connection with the Environmental Matters, the County once again requires his services.

Under the proposed Agreement, the Firm will be paid a total amount not-to-exceed \$20,000.00, payable at various hourly rates for various personnel.

Your Committee is advised that the proposed Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a) x thereof which exempts "procurements for the services of lawyers . . .".

The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, the proposed Agreement does not meet the definition of an "action" under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR part 617(2)(b). Please refer to the memorandum from the Department of Planning dated January 14, 2025, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Legislators. Your Committee concurs with this recommendation.

It should be noted that an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of your Honorable Board is required to adopt the attached Act. Accordingly, your Committee recommends the adoption of the proposed Act.

Dated: November 24, 2025
White Plains, New York

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COMMITTEES ON

Budget & Appropriations

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: Broadfield - Two Matters EPA & ARCO ☐ NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget

SECTION A - FUND

☒ GENERAL FUND

☐ AIRPORT FUND

☐ SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

SECTION B - EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Expense NTE \$20,000.00

Total Current Year Revenue \$ -

Source of Funds (check one): ☒ Current Appropriations ☐ Transfer of Existing Appropriations

☐ Additional Appropriations

☐ Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: 101_18_1000_4923

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount N/A

Describe: Authorizing the County to retain the firm of Broadfield US LLP to serve in (i) a claim by the EPA for response cost while investigating contamination levels on real property (ii) in connection with the portion of the County Trunk Sanitary Sewer System owned by ARCO Disposal Site # 3-60-022.

Potential Related Operating Budget Revenues: Annual Amount N/A

Describe: _____

Anticipated Savings to County and/or Impact on Department Operations:

Current Year: N/A

Next Four Years: N/A

Prepared by: Patricia Haggerty

Title: Sr. Budget Analyst

Department: Budget

Date: October 21, 2025

Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

Date: 10/21/25

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to retain, at County expense, the law firm of Broadfield US LLP (the "Firm"), to serve in an "of counsel" capacity to the County Attorney, as needed, in connection with the following two matters: (i) a claim asserted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for response costs incurred while investigating contamination levels on real property located at 105 Kisco Avenue in the Village of Mount Kisco; and (ii) in connection with the portion of the County Trunk Sanitary Sewer System located on the real property owned by ARCO Environmental Remediation LLC, classified by the NYSDEC as Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Number 3-60-022.

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

Section 1. The County of Westchester (the "County") is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") to retain, at County expense, the law firm of Broadfield US LLP (the "Firm"), to serve in an "of counsel" capacity to the County Attorney, as needed, in connection with the following two matters: (i) a claim asserted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for response costs incurred while investigating contamination levels on real property located at 105 Kisco Avenue in the Village of Mount Kisco (the "Kisco Ave Matter"); and (ii) in connection with the portion of the County Trunk Sanitary Sewer System located on the real property owned by ARCO Environmental Remediation LLC, classified as Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Number 3-60-022 by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, identified as Tax Map Parcel Nos. 4.70-47-1, 4.70-47-2, 4.70-47-3 and 4.30-19-1 on the Tax Assessment Maps for the Town of Greenburgh and having an address of River Street, Village of Hastings-on-Hudson (the "River Street Matter" and together with the Kisco Ave Matter, collectively, the "Environmental Matters").

§2. The Agreement shall be for a term that will commence retroactive to September 11, 2025 and continue until the Environmental Matters are resolved. For the services rendered, the Firm shall be paid a total amount not-to-exceed \$20,000.00, payable at various hourly rates for various personnel. In addition, the Firm will be reimbursed, at cost, for *reasonable and necessary* out of pocket expenses and disbursements.

§3. The Firm is hereby authorized to take any and all steps that are reasonably necessary to represent the County concerning the Environmental Matters, in accordance with the terms to be specified in the Agreement.

§4. The County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute all instruments and take all actions reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

§5. This Act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.
WESTCHESTER COUNTY)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing Act, Act No. 276 - 2025, 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 December 8, 2025, and approved by the County Executive on December 15, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said County Board of Legislators on this 15th day of December, 2025.

Malika Vanderberg

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The Clerk of the Westchester County
Board of Legislators

County of Westchester, New York

