

(BOND) ACT 29 - 2025

Reference RB03W

**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 amended bond act ("Bond Act") in the total amount of \$2,725,000, which includes \$300,000 in previously authorized bonds of the County, to finance capital project RB03W -- Quaker Bridge Road Over Croton River, Cortlandt (BIN3348560) ("RB03W"). The Bond Act, which was prepared by the law firm Hawkins, Delafield & Wood, is required to finance the cost of design necessary for planning the replacement of the Quaker Bridge Road bridge in the Town of Cortlandt, with a proposed new, two-lane bridge, without the current clearance restrictions, and related work.

The Department of Public Works and Transportation ("Department") has advised that the current bridge, which was built in 1894 and has an annual daily traffic count ("AADT") of 925, is in need of replacement to maintain a safe roadway for the traveling public. In 2023 the New York State Department of Transportation gave the bridge a condition rating of 3.79. This rating system, using a scale of 1 ("hazardous") through 7 ("new"), is a weighted average of the condition of an evaluated bridge. The bridge has continued to deteriorate and was closed in November 2024 due to its current condition.

Following bond authorization, design is anticipated to take eight months to complete and will be performed by a consultant. It is anticipated that construction will take approximately ten 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.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has previously authorized the County to issue bonds for RB03W as follows: Bond Act No. 41-2015 in the amount of \$300,000, which authorized bonds to finance the cost of a study to determine viable options and associated costs for the replacement of the Quaker Bridge. No bonds have been issued under Bond Act No. 41-2015. Accordingly, it is now requested that Bond Act No. 41-2015 be amended to increase the amount authorized by \$2,425,000 for a total authorized amount, as amended, of \$2,725,000.

The Department of Planning has advised your Committee that based on its review, RB03W 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 further environmental review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation and concurs with this recommendation.

Your Committee has carefully considered Bond Act and recommends approval of the proposed Bond Act.

Dated: February 3, 2025.  
White Plains, New York

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Dated: February 3, 2025  
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***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.***

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colin J. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**COMMITTEE ON**

**Budget & Appropriations**

# FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: RB03W

☐ 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 \$ 2,725,000 PPU 5 Anticipated Interest Rate 2.98%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 601,809

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 3,009,043

Finance Department: maab 1-14-25

## 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):

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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: 30

Prepared by: Robert Abbamont

Title: Director of Operations (Capital)

Department: Public Works/Transportation

Date: 1/14/25

Reviewed By: 


1/14/25

Budget Director

Date:

1/14/25

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 7, 2025

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:  
RB03W Quaker Bridge Road Over Croton River, Cortlandt (BIN 3348560)**

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**PROJECT/ACTION:** Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on  
12-13-2024 (Unique ID: 2744)

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.

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**COMMENTS:** The current request is for design only.

DSK/cnm

cc: Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff  
Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive  
Lawrence Soule, Budget Director  
Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney  
Blanca P. Lopez, Commissioner of Planning  
Dianne Vanadia, Associate Budget Director  
Robert Abbamont, Director of Operations, Department of Public Works & Transportation  
Susan Darling, Chief Planner  
Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner  
Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner

ACT NO. 29 - 2025

BOND ACT OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK, AMENDING THE BOND ACT ADOPTED MARCH 23, 2015, IN RELATION TO PLANNING OF THE REPLACEMENT OF THE QUAKER BRIDGE ROAD BRIDGE OVER THE CROTON RIVER, AT THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$2,725,000. (Adopted 02/10, 2025 ).

WHEREAS, this Board has heretofore duly authorized the issuance of \$300,000 bonds to finance the cost of preparation of surveys, preliminary and detailed plans, specifications and estimates necessary for planning the replacement of the Quaker Road Bridge of the Croton River, pursuant to Act No. 41-2015 duly adopted on March 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that an additional \$2,425,000 is now required for such planning, and it is necessary to increase the amount of bonds to be issued;

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 March 23, 2015, entitled:

“ACT NO. 41-2015

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 PREPARATION OF SURVEYS, PRELIMINARY AND DETAILED PLANS,

SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES NECESSARY FOR PLANNING OF THE REPLACEMENT OF THE QUAKER BRIDGE ROAD BRIDGE IN THE TOWN OF CORTLANDT; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$300,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS.”

is hereby amended to read as follows:

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,725,000 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 OF THE REPLACEMENT OF THE QUAKER BRIDGE ROAD BRIDGE IN THE TOWN OF CORTLANDT; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$2,725,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,725,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS. (Adopted 02/10 , 2025\_\_)

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, \$2,725,000 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 the replacement of the Quaker Bridge Road bridge in the Town of Cortlandt, with a proposed new, two-lane bridge, without the current clearance restrictions, and related 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 County's Current Year Capital Budget, 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 \$2,725,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$2,725,000 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 the specific object or purpose for which the bonds authorized by this Act are to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 62(2<sup>nd</sup>) 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



\$2,725,000. 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 \$2,725,000 as the estimated maximum 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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## CAPITAL PROJECT FACT SHEET

**Project ID:\***

RB03W

☐ CBA

**Fact Sheet Date:\***

01-02-2025

**Fact Sheet Year:\***

2025

**Project Title:\***

QUAKER BRIDGE ROAD OVER  
CROTON RIVER, CORTLANDT (BIN  
3348560)

**Legislative District ID:**

9,

**Category\***

ROADS & BRIDGES

**Department:\***

PUBLIC WORKS

**CP Unique ID:**

2744

### Overall Project Description

This project will fund the replacement of the bridge with a proposed new, two-lane bridge without the current clearance restrictions.

☒ Best Management Practices

☐ Energy Efficiencies

☒ Infrastructure

☒ Life Safety

☐ Project Labor Agreement

☐ Revenue

☐ Security

☐ Other

### FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Estimated Ultimate Total Cost	Appropriated	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Under Review
Gross	20,325	300	20,025	0	0	0	0	0
Less Non-County Shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net	20,325	300	20,025	0	0	0	0	0

**Expended/Obligated Amount (in thousands) as of :** 299

**Current Bond Description:** Funding is requested for design associated with the replacement of the bridge with a proposed new, two-lane bridge, without the current clearance restrictions, and related work.

### Financing Plan for Current Request:

Non-County Shares:	\$ 0
Bonds/Notes:	2,425,000
Cash:	0
Total:	\$ 2,425,000

### SEQR Classification:

TYPE II

### Amount Requested:

2,425,000

### Expected Design Work Provider:

☐ County Staff

☒ Consultant

☐ Not Applicable

### Comments:

BCR: 3.79 (2023); AADT: 925

### Energy Efficiencies:

### Appropriation History:

Year	Amount	Description
2015	300,000	STUDY
2025	20,025,000	DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

### Total Appropriation History:

20,325,000

**Financing History:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Bond Act #</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Issued</b>	<b>Description</b>
15	41	300,000		0 QUAKER BRIDGE ROAD OVER CROTON RIVER

**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**

RJB4

**Date**

12-13-2024

# QUAKER BRIDGE ROAD OVER CROTON RIVER, CORTLANDT (BIN 3348560) ( RB03W )

**User Department :** Public Works

**Managing Department(s) :** 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	20,325	300	299	20,025					
Non County Share									
Total	20,325	300	299	20,025					

## **Project Description**

This project will fund the replacement of the bridge with a proposed new, two-lane bridge without the current clearance restrictions.

## **Current Year Description**

The current year request funds the project.

## **Current Year Financing Plan**

Year	Bonds	Cash	Non County Shares	Total
2025	20,025,000			20,025,000

## **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
2015	300,000	Study	COMPLETE
Total	300,000		

## **Prior Appropriations**

	Appropriated	Collected	Uncollected
Bond Proceeds	300,000		300,000
Total	300,000		300,000

## **Bonds Authorized**

Bond Act	Amount	Date Sold	Amount Sold	Balance
41 15	300,000			300,000
Total	300,000			300,000

430     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 February 10, 2025 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  
February 6, 2025

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:

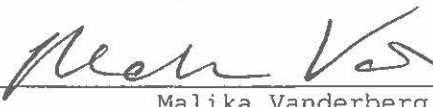
Designated Location(s)  
of posted notice

Date of Posting  
February 6, 2025

[www.westchesterlegislators.com](http://www.westchesterlegislators.com)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County Board of Legislators on February 10, 2025.



  
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Malika Vanderberg, 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 David Tubiolo  
                          Legislator Emiljana Ula  
                          Legislator Shanae Williams  
                          Legislator Jewel Williams-Johnson  
                          Legislator Tyrae Woodson-Samuels

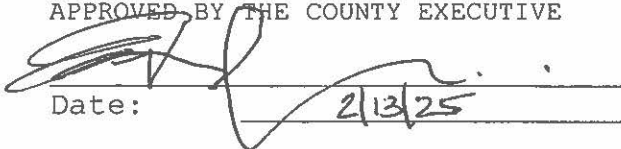
NOES:

ABSENT:               Legislator Colin Smith

EXCUSED:

The Bond Act was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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APPROVED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

  
Date:               2/13/25

STATE OF NEW YORK            )  
  )  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY        )     ss.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared the foregoing (Bond) Act, (Bond) Act No. 29 - 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 February 10, 2025, and approved by the County Executive on February 13, 2025.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said County Board of Legislators on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

*Malika Vanderberg*

Malika Vanderberg

The Clerk of the Westchester County  
Board of Legislators

County of Westchester, New York

