### ACT 56 - 2025 (BOND) ACT 57 - 2025

Reference RWPR5

## 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 \$1,700,000 in bonds of the County to finance capital project RWPR5 – Ward Pound Ridge Reservation Fire Tower ("RWPR5").

Your Committee is advised that proposed Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County's capital budget to increase the County share for RWPR5 by \$900,000. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation ("Department") has advised that the Capital Budget Amendment is necessary to fund construction of the fire tower at the County's Ward Pound Ridge Reservation ("Reservation").

The Amended Bond Act, in the total amount of \$1,700,000, which increases the amount authorized by \$1,400,000 and includes \$300,000 in previously authorized bonds of the County, would finance the cost of installation of a fire tower at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation and all associated site work. It should be noted that the estimated maximum cost of RWPR5 is \$1,800,000, which includes \$100,000 in non-County shares.

The Department has advised that that the financing is necessary to replace an iconic feature at the Reservation. The new fire tower will be installed at the site of the former fire tower, located on the highest point in the Reservation, which is 860 feet above sea level. The site is accessible via the Reservation's blue trail from the Kimberly Bridge picnic area and, once constructed, will be a fantastic destination point with spectacular views across the entire Reservation.

Design is currently being undertaken by a consultant and is expected to be completed by the second quarter of 2025. 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 RWPR5 as follows: Bond Act No. 188-2021 in the amount of \$300,000, which authorized

financing for installation of a fire tower at the Ward Pound Ridge Reservation and all associated site work. These bonds have not been sold. Accordingly, it is now requested that Bond Act No. 188-2021 be amended to increase the amount authorized by \$1,400,000, for a total authorized amount, as amended, of \$1,700,000.

The Planning Department has advised your Committee that based on its review, RWPR5 has been classified as an "Unlisted" action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR"). A Resolution, and proposed Negative Declaration, along with a full Environmental Assessment Form, prepared by the Planning Department, are attached to assist your Honorable Board in complying with SEQR. Upon review, your Committee concludes that the proposed action will not have any significant impact on the environment and recommends the adoption of the Resolution adopting the Negative Declaration. As you know, a determination of significance must be made prior to enacting the aforementioned Bond Act

Your Committee is advised that Section 167.131 of the County Charter mandates that a capital budget amendment that introduces a new capital project or changes the location, size or character of an existing capital project be accompanied to the Board of Legislators by a report of the Westchester County Planning Board (the "Planning Board") with respect to the physical planning aspects of the project. Accordingly, the Planning Board report for RWPR5 is annexed.

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 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: March 3, 2025.
White Plains, New York

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Parks & Envlopment 3/3/2025 Public Works & Transportation 317125 Dated: March 3, 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** 

Colin O. SANTE

Dated: March 7, 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:

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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#### **RESOLUTION 22 - 2025**

WHEREAS, there is pending before this Honorable Board an act to authorize the County of Westchester to issue bonds in connection with capital project RWPR5 ("Bond Act"); and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Board has determined that the proposed Bond Act would constitute an action under Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, known as the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEQRA and its implementing regulations (6 NYCRR Part 617), this project is classified as an "Unlisted action," which requires this Honorable Board to make a determination as to whether the proposed action will have a significant impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the County of Westchester conducted coordinated review as permitted for Unlisted actions pursuant to Section 617.6(b)(3) of the implementing regulations and, having received no objections, is assuming the role of Lead Agency for the environmental review of this project; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with SEQRA and its implementing regulations, a Full Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") has been prepared to assist this Honorable Board in its environmental assessment of this proposed action; and

WHEREAS, this Honorable Board has carefully considered the proposed action and has reviewed the attached EAF and the criteria set forth in Section 617.7 of the implementing regulations and has identified the relevant areas of environmental concern, as described in the attached EAF, to determine if this proposed action will have a significant impact on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the County Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, State of New York, as follows:

**RESOLVED**, that based upon the Honorable Board's review of the EAF and for the reasons set forth therein, this Board finds that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment from the Bond Act and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Legislators is authorized and directed to sign the "Determination of Significance" in the EAF, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, as the "Responsible Officer in Lead Agency"; to issue this "Negative Declaration" on behalf of this Board in satisfaction of SEQRA and its implementing regulations; and to immediately transmit same to the Commissioner of Planning to be filed, published and made available pursuant to the requirements of Part 617 of 6 NYCRR; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Resolution shall take effect immediately.



#### Department of Planning

432 Michaelian Office Building White Plains, NY 10601

To:

The Westchester County Planning Board

From:

Susan Darling, Chief Planner

Date:

February 5, 2025

RE:

NO-ACTION MEMO - Capital Budget Amendment - RWPR5 Ward Pound Ridge

Fire Tower (2025 CBA)

The County Executive is requesting an amendment to the 2025 Capital Budget to modify the funding of the above project. Capital project RWPR5 Ward Pound Ridge Fire Tower (2025 CBA) will increase the County share for RWPR5 by \$900,000. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation has advised that the Capital Budget Amendment is necessary to fund construction of the fire tower at the County's Ward Pound Ridge Reservation.

The Amended Bond Act, in the total amount of \$1,700,000, which includes \$300,000 in previously authorized bonds of the County, would finance the cost of installation of a fire tower at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation and all associated site work.

This project was classified as a PL2 in the Planning Board Report for the 2020 Capital Budget adopted February 4, 2020.

There are no substantial changes to the physical planning aspects of this project as reviewed by the Board; therefore, no further action by your Board is necessary.

cc:

Blanca P. López, Commissioner

David S. Kvinge, Assistant Commissioner

Michael Lipkin, Associate Planner

#### Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 - Project and Setting

#### **Instructions for Completing Part 1**

Part 1 is to be completed by the applicant or project sponsor. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification.

Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information; indicate whether missing information does not exist, or is not reasonably available to the sponsor; and, when possible, generally describe work or studies which would be necessary to update or fully develop that information.

Applicants/sponsors must complete all items in Sections A & B. In Sections C, D & E, most items contain an initial question that must be answered either "Yes" or "No". If the answer to the initial question is "Yes", complete the sub-questions that follow. If the answer to the initial question is "No", proceed to the next question. Section F allows the project sponsor to identify and attach any additional information. Section G requires the name and signature of the applicant or project sponsor to verify that the information contained in Part 1 is accurate and complete.

#### A. Project and Applicant/Sponsor Information.

Name of Action or Project: Ward Pound Ridge Reservation Fire Tower					
Project Location (describe, and attach a general location map):	1 19. 11.14				
Highest point located in the southeast section of Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Tow	n of Pound Ridge, Westchester	County			
Brief Description of Proposed Action (include purpose or need):					
Installation of a new fire tower at the same location where one once stood at the Courbe used for public viewing. The base of the tower will be approximately 22 feet square concrete foundation anchored to bedrock. An existing dirt path from Pell Hill to the top original fire tower, will be used for construction access. The path, which has since send the placement of gravel in several small sections, to level off and provide sufficient with	and will consist of galvanized st of the mountain, which previous yed as a hiking trail, will require	teel members, founded on a sly served as a driveway to the some minor improvements, such as			
Name of Applicant/Sponsor:	me of Applicant/Sponsor: Telephone: 914-995-2000				
County of Westchester	E-Mail:				
Address: 148 Martine Avenue					
City/PO: White Plains	State: NY	Zip Code: 10601			
Project Contact (if not same as sponsor; give name and title/role):	Telephone: 914-995-	4400			
David S. Kvinge, Assistant Commissioner of Planning	E-Mail: dsk2@westcl	E-Mail: dsk2@westchestercountyny.gov			
Address: 148 Martine Avenue, Room 432					
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:			
White Plains	NY	10601			
Property Owner (if not same as sponsor):	Telephone:				
	E-Mail:				
Address:					
City/PO:	State:	Zip Code:			

#### **B.** Government Approvals

B. Government Approvals, Funding, or Sponsorship. ("Funding" includes grants, loans, tax relief, and any other forms of financial assistance.)					
Government Entity	If Yes: Identify Agency and Approval(s) Required	Applicati (Actual or 1	195		
a. City Counsel, Town Board, ☐Yes✔No or Village Board of Trustees		Al-Care			
b. City, Town or Village ☐Yes☑No Planning Board or Commission					
c. City, Town or ☐Yes☑No Village Zoning Board of Appeals					
d. Other local agencies ☐Yes☑No					
e. County agencies   ✓ Yes   No	Westchester County Board of Legislators (funding)		100		
f. Regional agencies Yes No					
g. State agencies  Yes No	DASNY SAM Grant SHPO (consultation)				
h. Federal agencies ☐Yes☑No		\$400 AND	- Urrount		
<ul><li>i. Coastal Resources.</li><li>i. Is the project site within a Coastal Area, or</li></ul>	or the waterfront area of a Designated Inland W	aterway?	□Yes <b>☑</b> No		
		☐ Yes☑No ☐ Yes☐No			
C. Planning and Zoning	C. Planning and Zoning				
C.1. Planning and zoning actions.					
Will administrative or legislative adoption, or amendment of a plan, local law, ordinance, rule or regulation be the only approval(s) which must be granted to enable the proposed action to proceed?  ■ If Yes, complete sections C, F and G.  ■ If No, proceed to question C.2 and complete all remaining sections and questions in Part 1					
C.2. Adopted land use plans.					
a. Do any municipally- adopted (city, town, vil where the proposed action would be located?	lage or county) comprehensive land use plan(s)	include the site	<b>Z</b> Yes□No		
If Yes, does the comprehensive plan include spowould be located?		roposed action	□Yes ✓ No		
b. Is the site of the proposed action within any l Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA); design or other?) If Yes, identify the plan(s): NYC Watershed Boundary; Greenway Compact Comm	nated State or Federal heritage area; watershed i	management plan;	<b>Z</b> Yes□No		
c. Is the proposed action located wholly or part or an adopted municipal farmland protection If Yes, identify the plan(s):		pal open space plan,	□Yes <b>Z</b> No		

C.3. Zoning	
a. Is the site of the proposed action located in a municipality with an adopted zoning law or ordinance.  If Yes, what is the zoning classification(s) including any applicable overlay district?  R-3A Three-acre Residential District	☑ Yes □ No
b. Is the use permitted or allowed by a special or conditional use permit?	☐ Yes ☑ No
c. Is a zoning change requested as part of the proposed action?  If Yes,  i. What is the proposed new zoning for the site?	☐ Yes ☑ No
C.4. Existing community services.	
a. In what school district is the project site located? Bedford School District	
b. What police or other public protection forces serve the project site?  Pound Ridge Police Department	
c. Which fire protection and emergency medical services serve the project site?  Pound Ridge Fire District; Lewisboro EMS	
d. What parks serve the project site?  N/A	
D. Project Details	<u> </u>
D.1. Proposed and Potential Development	
a. What is the general nature of the proposed action (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial, recreational; if mixed components)? Recreational	l, include all
b. a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? +/- 2 acres	
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? +/- 2 acres	
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned	
or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor?  4,315 acres	
c. Is the proposed action an expansion of an existing project or use?  i. If Yes, what is the approximate percentage of the proposed expansion and identify the units (e.g., acres, miles square feet)? % Units:	☐ Yes☑ No , housing units,
d. Is the proposed action a subdivision, or does it include a subdivision?	Yes No
If Yes,  i. Purpose or type of subdivision? (e.g., residential, industrial, commercial; if mixed, specify types)	
ii. Is a cluster/conservation layout proposed?	□Yes□No
iii. Number of lots proposed?	
e. Will the proposed action be constructed in multiple phases?  i. If No, anticipated period of construction:  3-6 months  ii. If Yes:	Yes No
Total number of phases anticipated	
Anticipated commencement date of phase 1 (including demolition) month year	
<ul> <li>Anticipated completion date of final phase</li> <li>Generally describe connections or relationships among phases, including any contingencies where progred determine timing or duration of future phases:</li> </ul>	

f. Does the project					☐Yes <b>Z</b> No
If Yes, show num			701 E 11	NATIONAL TRANSPORTER	
	One Family	Two Family	Three Family	Multiple Family (four or more)	
Initial Phase					
At completion					
of all phases					
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If Yes,	sed action include	t new non-residenti	ar construction (the	uding expansions):	M Les III
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			110 height:	22 width; and 22 length	
		space to be heated		0 square feet	
h Does the propo	sed action include	construction or otl	ner activities that wi	Il result in the impoundment of any	☐Yes <b>Z</b> No
				agoon or other storage?	
If Yes,	× • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		* F. T		
/ Downson of the	: impoundment:				
ii. If a water imp	oundment, the pri	ncipal source of the	water:	Ground water Surface water stream	ns Other specify:
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iii. If other than w	vater, identify the	type of impounded	contained liquids ar	nd their source.	
in Anneovimata	cize of the propos	ed impoundment	Volume:	million gallons; surface area:	acres
v. Dimensions o	size of the proposed day	ea impounding st	ructure:	height; length	acics
vi Construction	method/materials	for the proposed da	am or impounding s	tructure (e.g., earth fill, rock, wood, cond	crete):
71. Construction		to the proposed as		,,,,	
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D.2. Project Op	erations				
a. Does the propo	sed action include	any excavation, m	ining, or dredging, o	during construction, operations, or both?	Yes No
				s or foundations where all excavated	
materials will r		, 5			
If Yes:	over district the following size of the following street and the size of the s				
i. What is the pu	irpose of the exca-	vation or dredging?			
ii. How much ma	terial (including r	ock, earth, sedimen	ts, etc.) is proposed	to be removed from the site?	
	(specify tons or c				
<ul> <li>Over wh</li> </ul>	at duration of tim	e?	16°1. (20)		200
iii. Describe natu	re and characteris	tics of materials to l	oe excavated or dred	lged, and plans to use, manage or dispos	e of them.
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iv Will there he	onsite dewatering	or processing of e	xcavated materials?		Yes No
If yes, descri	10.7	or processing or c.	Acavated materials.		
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v. What is the to	otal area to be drec	lged or excavated?	1	acres	
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			or dredging?	feet	
	avation require bla				☐Yes ☐No
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b. Would the pro-	posed action cause	or result in alterati	on of, increase or de	ecrease in size of, or encroachment	☐Yes <b>/</b> No
			ach or adjacent area		= <del></del>
If Yes:		D. 000 2 000	Para 19 Carolor		20. 0
				water index number, wetland map numb	er or geographic
description):					
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ii. Describe how the proposed action would affect that waterbody or wetland, e.g. excavation, fill, placem alteration of channels, banks and shorelines. Indicate extent of activities, alterations and additions in sq	
ii. Will the proposed action cause or result in disturbance to bottom sediments?  If Yes, describe:	□Yes □No
iv. Will the proposed action cause or result in the destruction or removal of aquatic vegetation?  If Yes:	☐Yes☐No
acres of aquatic vegetation proposed to be removed:	
expected acreage of aquatic vegetation remaining after project completion:	
purpose of proposed removal (e.g. beach clearing, invasive species control, boat access):	
proposed method of plant removal:	
if chemical/herbicide treatment will be used, specify product(s):	
P. Describe any proposed reclamation/mitigation following disturbance:	
Will the proposed action use, or create a new demand for water?	☐Yes <b>Z</b> No
Yes:	
i. Total anticipated water usage/demand per day: gallons/day	DVDV-
i. Will the proposed action obtain water from an existing public water supply?	□Yes □No
Yes:	
Name of district or service area:	
Does the existing public water supply have capacity to serve the proposal?	☐ Yes☐ No
Is the project site in the existing district?	☐Yes☐No
Is expansion of the district needed?	☐ Yes☐ No
Do existing lines serve the project site?	☐ Yes☐ No
Will line extension within an existing district be necessary to supply the project?  Yes:	□Yes □No
Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project:	5,000
Source(s) of supply for the district:	
v. Is a new water supply district or service area proposed to be formed to serve the project site? , Yes:	☐ Yes☐No
Applicant/sponsor for new district:	
Date application submitted or anticipated:	
Proposed source(s) of supply for new district:	
v. If a public water supply will not be used, describe plans to provide water supply for the project:	
i. If water supply will be from wells (public or private), what is the maximum pumping capacity:	gallons/minute.
Will the proposed action generate liquid wastes?	☐ Yes <b>Z</b> No
Yes:	
Total anticipated liquid waste generation per day: gallons/day	( )
<ul> <li>Nature of liquid wastes to be generated (e.g., sanitary wastewater, industrial; if combination, describe a approximate volumes or proportions of each):</li> </ul>	
Will the proposed action use any existing public wastewater treatment facilities?	□Yes□No
If Yes:	<del></del>
Name of wastewater treatment plant to be used:	
Name of district:	
Does the existing wastewater treatment plant have capacity to serve the project?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Is the project site in the existing district?  In any angle of the district model o	☐ Yes ☐ No
Is expansion of the district needed?	☐ Yes ☐ No

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Do existing sewer lines serve the project site?	□Yes□No
<ul> <li>Will a line extension within an existing district be necessary to serve the project?</li> </ul>	□Yes □No
If Yes:	
Describe extensions or capacity expansions proposed to serve this project:	<del></del>
iv. Will a new wastewater (sewage) treatment district be formed to serve the project site?	□Yes□No
If Yes:	
Applicant/sponsor for new district:	
Date application submitted or anticipated:	
What is the receiving water for the wastewater discharge?	
v. If public facilities will not be used, describe plans to provide wastewater treatment for the project, including spec	ifying proposed
receiving water (name and classification if surface discharge or describe subsurface disposal plans):	
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vi. Describe any plans or designs to capture, recycle or reuse liquid waste:	
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e. Will the proposed action disturb more than one acre and create stormwater runoff, either from new point sources (i.e. ditches, pipes, swales, curbs, gutters or other concentrated flows of stormwater) or non-point	□Yes ZNo
source (i.e. sheet flow) during construction or post construction?	
If Yes:	
i. How much impervious surface will the project create in relation to total size of project parcel?	
Square feet or acres (impervious surface)	
Square feet or acres (parcel size)	
ii. Describe types of new point sources.	
iii. Where will the stormwater runoff be directed (i.e. on-site stormwater management facility/structures, adjacent p	roperties.
groundwater, on-site surface water or off-site surface waters)?	
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If to surface waters, identify receiving water bodies or wetlands:	<del></del>
Will stormwater runoff flow to adjacent properties?	□Yes□No
iv. Does the proposed plan minimize impervious surfaces, use pervious materials or collect and re-use stormwater?	
f. Does the proposed action include, or will it use on-site, one or more sources of air emissions, including fuel	<b>Z</b> Yes □No
combustion, waste incineration, or other processes or operations?	1 1
If Yes, identify:	
i. Mobile sources during project operations (e.g., heavy equipment, fleet or delivery vehicles)	
The project will require a crane, delivery trucks and other heavy equipment to install the tower.  ii. Stationary sources during construction (e.g., power generation, structural heating, batch plant, crushers)	
None	
iii. Stationary sources during operations (e.g., process emissions, large boilers, electric generation)	
None	
g. Will any air emission sources named in D.2.f (above), require a NY State Air Registration, Air Facility Permit,	☐Yes <b>Z</b> No
or Federal Clean Air Act Title IV or Title V Permit?	
If Yes:	
i. Is the project site located in an Air quality non-attainment area? (Area routinely or periodically fails to meet	□Yes□No
ambient air quality standards for all or some parts of the year)	
ii. In addition to emissions as calculated in the application, the project will generate:	
<ul> <li>Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)</li> <li>Tons/year (short tons) of Nitrous Oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O)</li> </ul>	
Tons/year (short tons) of Perfluorocarbons (PFCs)	
• Tons/year (short tons) of Yerhadiocarbons (Yes) • Tons/year (short tons) of Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF <sub>6</sub> )	
Tons/year (short tons) of Carbon Dioxide equivalent of Hydroflourocarbons (HFCs)	
Tons/year (short tons) of Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)	

h. Will the proposed action generate or emit methane (included landfills, composting facilities)?  If Yes:  i. Estimate methane generation in tons/year (metric):  ii. Describe any methane capture, control or elimination medelectricity, flaring):		Yes No
Will the proposed action result in the release of air polluta quarry or landfill operations?  If Yes: Describe operations and nature of emissions (e.g., di	Andrew Court (1990) and	□Yes <b>☑</b> No
j. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in new demand for transportation facilities or services?  If Yes:  i. When is the peak traffic expected (Check all that apply)  Randomly between hours of	):  Morning  Evening  Weekend	Yes No
<ul> <li>iii. Parking spaces: Existing</li></ul>	isting roads, creation of new roads or change in existing available within ½ mile of the proposed site? sortation or accommodations for use of hybrid, electric	☐Yes☐No access, describe: ☐Yes☐No ☐Yes☐No ☐Yes☐No ☐Yes☐No
<ul> <li>k. Will the proposed action (for commercial or industrial profor energy?</li> <li>If Yes: <ul> <li>i. Estimate annual electricity demand during operation of t</li> </ul> </li> <li>ii. Anticipated sources/suppliers of electricity for the project other):</li> </ul>	the proposed action:	Yes No
iii. Will the proposed action require a new, or an upgrade, to  1. Hours of operation. Answer all items which apply.  i. During Construction:  • Monday - Friday:  • Saturday:  • Sunday:  • Holidays:	ii. During Operations:  Monday - Friday; Saturday: Sunday: Dawn to dusk Dawn to dusk Holidays: Dawn to dusk	

m. Will the proposed action produce noise that will exceed existing ambient noise levels during construction,	✓ Yes □No
operation, or both?	
If yes:	
i. Provide details including sources, time of day and duration:	
During construction only, which is anticipated to take less than 6 months, occurring during daytime hours as listed above.	
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ii. Will the proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a noise barrier or screen?	LI Yes MINO
Describe:	
n. Will the proposed action have outdoor lighting?	☐ Yes ☑ No
If yes:	
i. Describe source(s), location(s), height of fixture(s), direction/aim, and proximity to nearest occupied structures:	
ii. Will proposed action remove existing natural barriers that could act as a light barrier or screen?	□Yes□No
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Describe:	
o. Does the proposed action have the potential to produce odors for more than one hour per day?	☐ Yes ☑ No
If Yes, describe possible sources, potential frequency and duration of odor emissions, and proximity to nearest	
occupied structures:	
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p. Will the proposed action include any bulk storage of petroleum (combined capacity of over 1,100 gallons)	☐ Yes ☑ No
or chemical products 185 gallons in above ground storage or any amount in underground storage?	
If Yes:	
i. Product(s) to be stored	
ii. Volume(s) per unit time (e.g., month, year) iii. Generally, describe the proposed storage facilities:	
the Generally, describe the proposed storage facilities.	
q. Will the proposed action (commercial, industrial and recreational projects only) use pesticides (i.e., herbicides,	☐ Yes ☑No
insecticides) during construction or operation?	
If Yes:	
i. Describe proposed treatment(s):	
ii. Will the proposed action use Integrated Pest Management Practices?	☐ Yes ☐No
r. Will the proposed action (commercial or industrial projects only) involve or require the management or disposal	
of solid waste (excluding hazardous materials)?	☐ 1 c2 ► 140
If Yes:	
i. Describe any solid waste(s) to be generated during construction or operation of the facility:	
• Construction: tons per (unit of time)	
<ul> <li>Operation: tons per (unit of time)</li> <li>ii. Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, recycling or reuse of materials to avoid disposal as solid waste:</li> </ul>	
m. Describe any proposals for on-site infillingation, recycling of feuse of materials to avoid disposal as solid waste:	
Construction:	
Operation:	
iii. Proposed disposal methods/facilities for solid waste generated on-site:	
Construction:	
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Operation:	
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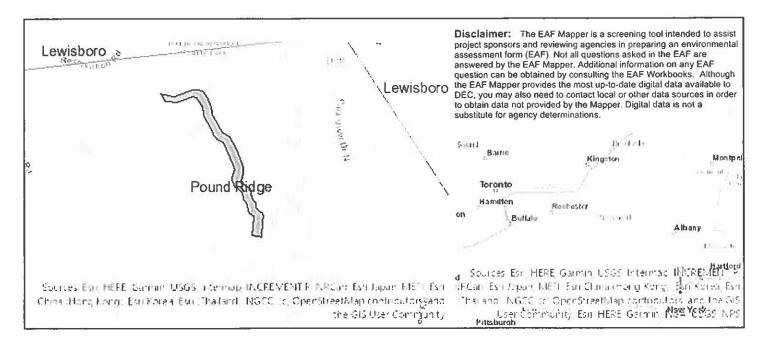
if Ye i. ii. iii. I t. Wi wa If Ye	s. Does the proposed action include construction or modification of a solid waste management facility?  Yes No  If Yes:  i. Type of management or handling of waste proposed for the site (e.g., recycling or transfer station, composting, landfill, or other disposal activities):  ii. Anticipated rate of disposal/processing:  • Tons/month, if transfer or other non-combustion/thermal treatment, or  • Tons/hour, if combustion or thermal treatment  iii. If landfill, anticipated site life: years  t. Will the proposed action at the site involve the commercial generation, treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous Yes No waste?  If Yes:  i. Name(s) of all hazardous wastes or constituents to be generated, handled or managed at facility:				
	Specify amount to be handled or generatedto Describe any proposals for on-site minimization, rec		s constituents:		
	Will any hazardous wastes be disposed at an existing es: provide name and location of facility:	g offsite hazardous waste fa	cility?	□Yes□No	
If No	o: describe proposed management of any hazardous	wastes which will not be se	nt to a hazardous waste facilit	y:	
E. S	ite and Setting of Proposed Action				
E.1.	. Land uses on and surrounding the project site		*		
i. U U	a. Existing land uses.  i. Check all uses that occur on, adjoining and near the project site.  Urban Industrial Commercial Residential (suburban) Rural (non-farm)  Forest Agriculture Aquatic Other (specify): Recreational (passive)  ii. If mix of uses, generally describe:				
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b. La	and uses and covertypes on the project site.				
	Land use or Covertype	Current Acreage	Acreage After Project Completion	Change (Acres +/-)	
	Roads, buildings, and other paved or impervious surfaces		J	,	
•	Forested				
	Meadows, grasslands or brushlands (non- agricultural, including abandoned agricultural)	0.2	0.2	0	
	Agricultural (includes active orchards, field, greenhouse etc.)			Lang 1, 1849 - 185	
•	Surface water features (lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, etc.)				
	Wetlands (freshwater or tidal)				
	Non-vegetated (bare rock, earth or fill)	1.8	1.8	0	
•	Other Describe:	1,0	1,0		

c. Is the project site presently used by members of the community for public recreation?  i. If Yes: explain: The site is within a county park. The former driveway is used as a trail to the top which offers scenic views.	✓ Yes No
d. Are there any facilities serving children, the elderly, people with disabilities (e.g., schools, hospitals, licensed day care centers, or group homes) within 1500 feet of the project site?	☐ Yes ✓ No
If Yes,	
i. Identify Facilities:	
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e. Does the project site contain an existing dam?	☐ Yes ✓ No
If Yes:	
i. Dimensions of the dam and impoundment:	
Dam height:  feet  feet	
• Dam length: feet	
<ul> <li>Surface area: acres</li> <li>Volume impounded: gallons OR acre-feet</li> </ul>	
ii. Dam's existing hazard classification: iii. Provide date and summarize results of last inspection:	
m. I tovide date and summarize results of last inspection.	
f. Has the project site ever been used as a municipal, commercial or industrial solid waste management facility, or does the project site adjoin property which is now, or was at one time, used as a solid waste management facility.	☐Yes <b>Z</b> No ity?
If Yes:	☐Yes☐ No
i. Has the facility been formally closed?	☐ tes☐ 140
If yes, cite sources/documentation:    Continue of the collider of the co	
ii. Describe the location of the project site relative to the boundaries of the solid waste management facility:	
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iii. Describe any development constraints due to the prior solid waste activities:	
g. Have hazardous wastes been generated, treated and/or disposed of at the site, or does the project site adjoin	Yes No
property which is now or was at one time used to commercially treat, store and/or dispose of hazardous waste?	L researe
If Yes:	
i. Describe waste(s) handled and waste management activities, including approximate time when activities occurre	ed:
h. Potential contamination history. Has there been a reported spill at the proposed project site, or have any remedial actions been conducted at or adjacent to the proposed site? (Within the greater 4,000-acre park, but not in	✓ Yes No
If Yes: proximity to project site }	
i. Is any portion of the site listed on the NYSDEC Spills Incidents database or Environmental Site Remediation database? Check all that apply:	<b>✓</b> Yes No
Yes - Spills Incidents database (Fuel spill on Reservation Rd) Provide DEC ID number(s): 0210131 (Closed 12/9/20	003)
Yes – Environmental Site Remediation database Provide DEC ID number(s):	
☐ Neither database	
ii. If site has been subject of RCRA corrective activities, describe control measures:	
iii. Is the project within 2000 feet of any site in the NYSDEC Environmental Site Remediation database? If yes, provide DEC ID number(s): V00507	✓ Yes□No
iv. If yes to (i), (ii) or (iii) above, describe current status of site(s):	
V00507 refers to a former refuse disposal area for the park that was utilized from 1950s - 1980s for refuse generated at the park (i.e. campgrounds and on-site residences and small quantities of bulk and industrial wastes). A Remedial Closure Work Plan was develo	., trash from ped under the

v. Is the project site subject to an institutional control	limiting property uses?	☐Yes☑No
<ul> <li>If yes, DEC site ID number:</li> <li>Describe the type of institutional control (e.g</li> </ul>	deed restriction or agreement)	
<ul> <li>Describe the type of institutional control (e.g.</li> <li>Describe any use limitations:</li> </ul>	deed restriction of easement).	
Describe any engineering controls:		
<ul> <li>Will the project affect the institutional or eng</li> </ul>	ineering controls in place?	☐ Yes ☐ No
• Explain:		
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E.2. Natural Resources On or Near Project Site		
a. What is the average depth to bedrock on the project	site?0 fee	et
b. Are there bedrock outcroppings on the project site?		<b>✓</b> Yes No
If Yes, what proportion of the site is comprised of bed	rock outcroppings?	2 %
c. Predominant soil type(s) present on project site:	CtC Chatfield-Hollis-Rock, rolling	70 %
	CuD Chatfield-Hollis-Rock, hilly	20 %
	ChB, ChD, CsD	
d. What is the average depth to the water table on the		
e. Drainage status of project site soils: Well Draine	d:	
☐ Moderately ☐ Poorly Drain		
	N	0 % of site
f. Approximate proportion of proposed action site with		5 % of site
		5 % of site
g. Are there any unique geologic features on the proje If Yes, describe:	ct site?	☐ Yes ✓ No
If ites, describe.		
h. Surface water features.		
i. Does any portion of the project site contain wetlan	ds or other waterbodies (including stream	s, rivers, <b>☑</b> Yes□No
ponds or lakes)?	mient cita?	<b>Z</b> Yes No
ii. Do any wetlands or other waterbodies adjoin the p. If Yes to either i or ii, continue. If No, skip to E.2.i.	oject site:	W I CS INO
iii. Are any of the wetlands or waterbodies within or	adjoining the project site regulated by any	federal, Yes No
state or local agency?		
iv. For each identified regulated wetland and waterbo  Streams: Name		ng information:
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Wetlands: Name Federal Waters		roximate Size 0.2 acre
• Wetland No. (if regulated by DEC)  v. Are any of the above water bodies listed in the most	t secont compilation of NIVS system quality	y-impaired Yes No
v. Are any of the above water bodies listed in the most waterbodies?	it recent compliation of N 15 water quality	y-impaired it es wino
If yes, name of impaired water body/bodies and basis	for listing as impaired:	
i. Is the project site in a designated Floodway?		□Yes <b>Z</b> No
j. Is the project site in the 100-year Floodplain?		□Yes <b>Z</b> No
k. Is the project site in the 500-year Floodplain?		□Yes <b>Z</b> No
1. Is the project site located over, or immediately adjoints Voc.	ning, a primary, principal or sole source a	quifer? Yes \(\overline{\mathbb{Z}}\)No
If Yes:		
i. Name of aquifer:		

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m.	Identify the predominant wildlife species	and the second s	site:	***************************************	
	American toad	Blue Jay		White-tailed deer	
	Red-tailed hawk	Downy woodpecker		Eastern rat snake	
	Northern cardinal	Barred owl		Eastern garter snake	-20-0
n. D	Does the project site contain a designated s	significant natural community?			✓ Yes   No
If Y	es:				
i. Acidid	Describe the habitat/community (composi c Talus Slope Woodland	ition, function, and basis for de	esignation):		
	Source(s) of description or evaluation: NY	Y Natural Heritage program			
Ш.	Extent of community/habitat:		95.05		
	Currently:	. —	acres		
	<ul> <li>Following completion of project as p</li> </ul>	proposed:	95.04 acres		
	<ul> <li>Gain or loss (indicate + or -):</li> </ul>	-	-0.01 acres		
er If Y	Does project site contain any species of plandangered or threatened, or does it contain Yes:  Species and listing (endangered or threatened)	n any areas identified as habitat	for an endange	ered or threatened speci	Yes No es?
s If y	Does the project site contain any species of special concern?  Yes:  Species and listing:	of plant or animal that is listed t	by NYS as rare,	or as a species of	□Yes☑No
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	s the project site or adjoining area currentles, give a brief description of how the pro				☐Yes ☑No
E.3	. Designated Public Resources On or N	ear Project Site			
A	s the project site, or any portion of it, locat Agriculture and Markets Law, Article 25-A es, provide county plus district name/num	AA, Section 303 and 304?		d pursuant to	□Yes <b>Z</b> No
i.	Are agricultural lands consisting of highly If Yes: acreage(s) on project site?  Source(s) of soil rating(s):	productive soils present?			□Yes <b>Z</b> No
If Y i.		Biological Community	☐ Geological	Feature	∏Yes <b>Z</b> No
If Y	s the project site located in or does it adjoi res: CEA name: County & State Park Lands Basis for designation: Exceptional or unique		nmental Area?		<b>Z</b> Yes□No
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ш.	Designating agency and date: Agency We	salcriester County, Date: 1-31-90			

Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic P	
which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places? If Yes:  i. Nature of historic/archaeological resource:	
	✓ Yes No
If Yes:	
i. Describe possible resource(s): Precontact Native American resources have been found within the overall park, but none of	lirectly in project area.
ii. Basis for identification: Phase IA of Ward Pound Ridge Reservation (Hartgen, 2007)	
scenic or aesthetic resource?	<b>✓</b> Yes No
i. Identify resource: Not officially designated as a scenic resource, but high point of park offers publicly accessible panoramic	scenic views.
which is listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places? If Yes:  i. Nature of historic/archaeological resource:	
Program 6 NYCRR 666?	☐ Yes ☑ No
	□Yes □No
Attach any additional information which may be needed to clarify your project.  If you have identified any adverse impacts which could be associated with your proposal, please describe those in	mpacts plus any
I certify that the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge.	
<ul> <li>iii. Name:</li> <li>iii. Brief description of attributes on which listing is based:</li> <li>f. Is the project site, or any portion of it, located in or adjacent to an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory?</li> <li>g. Have additional archaeological or historic site(s) or resources been identified on the project site?</li> <li>If Yes: <ul> <li>i. Describe possible resource(s): Precontact Native American resources have been found within the overall park, but not it. Basis for identification: Phase IA of Ward Pound Ridge Reservation (Hartgen, 2007)</li> <li>h. Is the project site within fives miles of any officially designated and publicly accessible federal, state, or locascenic or aesthetic resource?</li> <li>If Yes: <ul> <li>i. Identify resource: Not officially designated as a scenic resource, but high point of park offers publicly accessible panora it. Nature of, or basis for, designation (e.g., established highway overlook, state or local park, state historic tractic.): County park.</li> <li>iii. Distance between project and resource:  <ul> <li>o miles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>ii. Is the project site located within a designated river corridor under the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Program 6 NYCRR 666?</li> </ul> </li> <li>If Yes: <ul> <li>i. Identify the name of the river and its designation:</li> <li>iii. Is the activity consistent with development restrictions contained in 6NYCRR Part 666?</li> </ul> </li> <li>F. Additional Information <ul> <li>Attach any additional information which may be needed to clarify your project.</li> </ul> </li> <li>If you have identified any adverse impacts which could be associated with your proposal, please describe tho measures which you propose to avoid or minimize them.</li> </ul> </li> <li>G. Verification <ul> <li>I certify that the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	



B.i.i [Coastal or Waterfront Area]	No
B.i.ii [Local Waterfront Revitalization Area]	No
C.2.b. [Special Planning District]	Yes - Digital mapping data are not available for all Special Planning Districts. Refer to EAF Workbook.
C.2.b. [Special Planning District - Name]	NYC Watershed Boundary
E.1.h [DEC Spills or Remediation Site - Potential Contamination History]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.1.h.i [DEC Spills or Remediation Site - Listed]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.1.h.i [DEC Spills or Remediation Site - Environmental Site Remediation Database]	Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.1.h.iii [Within 2,000' of DEC Remediation Site]	Yes
E.1.h.iii [Within 2,000' of DEC Remediation Site - DEC ID]	V00507
E.2.g [Unique Geologic Features]	No
E.2.h.i [Surface Water Features]	Yes
E.2.h.ii [Surface Water Features]	Yes
E.2.h.iii [Surface Water Features]	Yes - Digital mapping information on local and federal wetlands and waterbodies is known to be incomplete. Refer to EAF Workbook.
E.2.h.iv [Surface Water Features - Wetlands Name]	Federal Waters
E.2.h.v [Impaired Water Bodies]	No
E.2.i. [Floodway]	No
E.2.j. [100 Year Floodplain]	No
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No

E.2.k. [500 Year Floodplain]

E.2.I. [Aquifers] No
E.2.n. [Natural Communities] Yes

E.2.n.i [Natural Communities - Name] Acidic Talus Slope Woodland

E.2.n.i [Natural Communities - Acres] 95.05
E.2.o. [Endangered or Threatened Species] No
E.2.p. [Rare Plants or Animals] No
E.3.a. [Agricultural District] No
E.3.c. [National Natural Landmark] No
E.3.d {Critical Environmental Area] Yes

E.3.d [Critical Environmental Area - Name] County & State Park Lands

E.3.d.ii [Critical Environmental Area -

Reason]

Exceptional or unique character

E.3.d.iii [Critical Environmental Area - Date

and Agency]

Agency: Westchester County, Date: 1-31-90

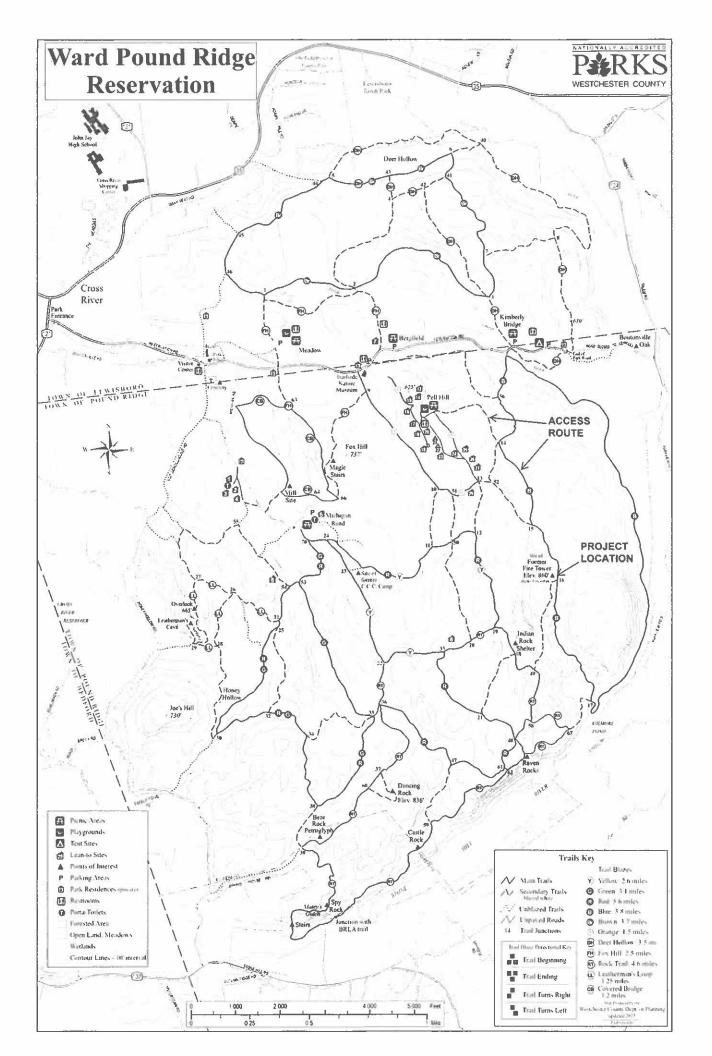
E.3.e. [National or State Register of Historic

Places or State Eligible Sites]

Digital mapping data are not available or are incomplete. Refer to EAF

Workbook.

E.3.f. [Archeological Sites] Yes
E.3.i. [Designated River Corridor] No



## Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 2 - Identification of Potential Project Impacts

	Agency Use Only [If applicable]
Project :	RWPR5 Fire Tower
Date:	February 2025

Part 2 is to be completed by the lead agency. Part 2 is designed to help the lead agency inventory all potential resources that could be affected by a proposed project or action. We recognize that the lead agency's reviewer(s) will not necessarily be environmental professionals. So, the questions are designed to walk a reviewer through the assessment process by providing a series of questions that can be answered using the information found in Part 1. To further assist the lead agency in completing Part 2, the form identifies the most relevant questions in Part 1 that will provide the information needed to answer the Part 2 question. When Part 2 is completed, the lead agency will have identified the relevant environmental areas that may be impacted by the proposed activity.

If the lead agency is a state agency and the action is in any Coastal Area, complete the Coastal Assessment Form before proceeding with this assessment.

#### Tips for completing Part 2:

- Review all of the information provided in Part 1.
- Review any application, maps, supporting materials and the Full EAF Workbook.
- Answer each of the 18 questions in Part 2.
- If you answer "Yes" to a numbered question, please complete all the questions that follow in that section.
- If you answer "No" to a numbered question, move on to the next numbered question.
- Check appropriate column to indicate the anticipated size of the impact.
- Proposed projects that would exceed a numeric threshold contained in a question should result in the reviewing agency checking the box "Moderate to large impact may occur."
- The reviewer is not expected to be an expert in environmental analysis.
- If you are not sure or undecided about the size of an impact, it may help to review the sub-questions for the general
  question and consult the workbook.
- When answering a question consider all components of the proposed activity, that is, the "whole action".
- Consider the possibility for long-term and cumulative impacts as well as direct impacts.
- Answer the question in a reasonable manner considering the scale and context of the project.

1. Impact on Land Proposed action may involve construction on, or physical alteration of, the land surface of the proposed site. (See Part 1. D.1)  If "Yes", answer questions a - j. If "No", move on to Section 2.	□nc	) Z	YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may involve construction on land where depth to water table is less than 3 feet.	E2d	Ø	
b. The proposed action may involve construction on slopes of 15% or greater.	E2f		₽ZI
c. The proposed action may involve construction on land where bedrock is exposed, or generally within 5 feet of existing ground surface.	E2a		Ø
d. The proposed action may involve the excavation and removal of more than 1,000 tons of natural material.	D2a	Ø	
e. The proposed action may involve construction that continues for more than one year or in multiple phases.	Dle	Ø	
f. The proposed action may result in increased erosion, whether from physical disturbance or vegetation removal (including from treatment by herbicides).	D2e, D2q	Ø	
g. The proposed action is, or may be, located within a Coastal Erosion hazard area.	Bli	Ø	
h. Other impacts:			

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2. Impact on Geological Features  The proposed action may result in the modification or destruction of, or inhib access to, any unique or unusual land forms on the site (e.g., cliffs, dunes, minerals, fossils, caves). (See Part 1. E.2.g)  If "Yes", answer questions a - c. If "No", move on to Section 3.	it 🔽 NO		YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Identify the specific land form(s) attached:	E2g	О	0
b. The proposed action may affect or is adjacent to a geological feature listed as a registered National Natural Landmark.  Specific feature:	E3c	0	0
c. Other impacts:			
3. Impacts on Surface Water  The proposed action may affect one or more wetlands or other surface water bodies (e.g., streams, rivers, ponds or lakes). (See Part 1. D.2, E.2.h)  If "Yes", answer questions a - 1. If "No", move on to Section 4.	✓NO		YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may create a new water body.	D2b, D1h	0	
b. The proposed action may result in an increase or decrease of over 10% or more than a 10 acre increase or decrease in the surface area of any body of water.	D2b	О	D
c. The proposed action may involve dredging more than 100 cubic yards of material from a wetland or water body.	D2a	0	0
d. The proposed action may involve construction within or adjoining a freshwater or tidal wetland, or in the bed or banks of any other water body.	E2h	0	О
e. The proposed action may create turbidity in a waterbody, either from upland erosion, runoff or by disturbing bottom sediments.	D2a, D2h		0
f. The proposed action may include construction of one or more intake(s) for withdrawal of water from surface water.	D2c	0	
g. The proposed action may include construction of one or more outfall(s) for discharge of wastewater to surface water(s).	D2d	0	0
h. The proposed action may cause soil erosion, or otherwise create a source of stormwater discharge that may lead to siltation or other degradation of receiving water bodies.	D2e	0	а
i. The proposed action may affect the water quality of any water bodies within or downstream of the site of the proposed action.	E2h	О	0
j. The proposed action may involve the application of pesticides or herbicides in or around any water body.	D2q, E2h	0	0
k. The proposed action may require the construction of new, or expansion of existing, wastewater treatment facilities.	Dla, D2d		0

I. Other impacts:			0
		ň.	
4. Impact on groundwater  The proposed action may result in new or additional use of ground water, or may have the potential to introduce contaminants to ground water or an aquife (See Part 1. D.2.a, D.2.c, D.2.d, D.2.p, D.2.q, D.2.t)  If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", move on to Section 5.	<b>√</b> NO		YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
<ul> <li>a. The proposed action may require new water supply wells, or create additional demand on supplies from existing water supply wells.</li> </ul>	D2c	0	0
b. Water supply demand from the proposed action may exceed safe and sustainable withdrawal capacity rate of the local supply or aquifer.  Cite Source:	D2c		
c. The proposed action may allow or result in residential uses in areas without water and sewer services.	D1a, D2c	О	0
d. The proposed action may include or require wastewater discharged to groundwater.	D2d, E2l	П	0
e. The proposed action may result in the construction of water supply wells in locations where groundwater is, or is suspected to be, contaminated.	D2c, E1f, E1g, E1h	П	0
f. The proposed action may require the bulk storage of petroleum or chemical products over ground water or an aquifer.	D2p, E2l	0	0
g. The proposed action may involve the commercial application of pesticides within 100 feet of potable drinking water or irrigation sources.	E2h, D2q, E2l, D2c		
h. Other impacts:		О	0
5. Impact on Flooding The proposed action may result in development on lands subject to flooding. (See Part 1. E.2) If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", move on to Section 6.	<b>☑</b> NO		YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in development in a designated floodway.	E2i	0	0
b. The proposed action may result in development within a 100 year floodplain.	E2j		0
c. The proposed action may result in development within a 500 year floodplain.	E2k	0	0
d. The proposed action may result in, or require, modification of existing drainage patterns.	D2b, D2e		0
e. The proposed action may change flood water flows that contribute to flooding.	D2b, E2i, E2j, E2k	0	0
f. If there is a dam located on the site of the proposed action, is the dam in need of repair, or upgrade?	Ele	ם	

g. Other impacts:		О	О
6. Impacts on Air			
The proposed action may include a state regulated air emission source.  (See Part 1. D.2.f., D,2,h, D.2.g)  If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", move on to Section 7.	✓NO		YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
<ul> <li>a. If the proposed action requires federal or state air emission permits, the action may also emit one or more greenhouse gases at or above the following levels: <ol> <li>i. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)</li> <li>ii. More than 3.5 tons/year of nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O)</li> <li>iii. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon equivalent of perfluorocarbons (PFCs)</li> <li>iv. More than .045 tons/year of sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>)</li> <li>v. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon dioxide equivalent of hydrochloroflourocarbons (HFCs) emissions</li> <li>vi. 43 tons/year or more of methane</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	D2g D2g D2g D2g D2g D2g	0000	0 0 0
b. The proposed action may generate 10 tons/year or more of any one designated hazardous air pollutant, or 25 tons/year or more of any combination of such hazardous air pollutants.	D2g	0	0
c. The proposed action may require a state air registration, or may produce an emissions rate of total contaminants that may exceed 5 lbs. per hour, or may include a heat source capable of producing more than 10 million BTU's per hour.	D2f, D2g	0	0
d. The proposed action may reach 50% of any of the thresholds in "a" through "c", above.	D2g	0	
e. The proposed action may result in the combustion or thermal treatment of more than 1 ton of refuse per hour.	D2s	0	
f. Other impacts:			
7. Impact on Plants and Animals  The proposed action may result in a loss of flora or fauna. (See Part 1. E.2. 1  If "Yes", answer questions a - j. If "No", move on to Section 8.	mq.)	□NO	<b>✓</b> YES
A 100 ; unoner questions u : j. IJ 110 ; more on to section o.	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may cause reduction in population or loss of individuals of any threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the Federal government, that use the site, or are found on, over, or near the site.	E2o	Ø	
b. The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any rare, threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the federal government.	E2o	Ø	
c. The proposed action may cause reduction in population, or loss of individuals, of any species of special concern or conservation need, as listed by New York State or the Federal government, that use the site, or are found on, over, or near the site.	E2p	Ø	
d. The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any species of special concern and conservation need, as listed by New York State or the Federal government.	E2p	Ø	

<u>U</u>		0	
e. The proposed action may diminish the capacity of a registered National Natural Landmark to support the biological community it was established to protect.	E3c	Ø	
f. The proposed action may result in the removal of, or ground disturbance in, any portion of a designated significant natural community.  Source: Ground disturbance of Acidic Talus Slope Woodland per NY Natural Heritage Program.	E2n	Ø	
g. The proposed action may substantially interfere with nesting/breeding, foraging, or over-wintering habitat for the predominant species that occupy or use the project site.	E2m	Ø	
h. The proposed action requires the conversion of more than 10 acres of forest, grassland or any other regionally or locally important habitat.  Habitat type & information source:	Elb	Ø	
i. Proposed action (commercial, industrial or recreational projects, only) involves use of herbicides or pesticides.	D2q	Ø	
j. Other impacts:			
8. Impact on Agricultural Resources  The proposed action may impact agricultural resources. (See Part 1. E.3.a. a If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", move on to Section 9.	nd b.)	NO	YES
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9. Impact on Aesthetic Resources  The land use of the proposed action are obviously different from, or are in sharp contrast to, current land use patterns between the proposed project and a scenic or aesthetic resource. (Part 1. E.1.a, E.1.b, E.3.h.)  If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", go to Section 10.	□N€	) <b>Z</b>	]YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Proposed action may be visible from any officially designated federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource.	E3h	Ø	
b. The proposed action may result in the obstruction, elimination or significant screening of one or more officially designated scenic views.	E3h, C2b	Ø	
c. The proposed action may be visible from publicly accessible vantage points: i. Seasonally (e.g., screened by summer foliage, but visible during other seasons) ii. Year round	E3h		
d. The situation or activity in which viewers are engaged while viewing the proposed action is:	E3h		
Routine travel by residents, including travel to and from work     Recreational or tourism based activities	E2q, E1c		
e. The proposed action may cause a diminishment of the public enjoyment and appreciation of the designated aesthetic resource.	E3h	Ø	
f. There are similar projects visible within the following distance of the proposed project:  0-1/2 mile 1/2 -3 mile 3-5 mile 5+ mile	DIa, EIa, DIf, DIg	Ø	
g. Other impacts:			
10. Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources			e y Service State Control of the State Control of t
The proposed action may occur in or adjacent to a historic or archaeological resource. (Part 1. E.3.e, f. and g.)  If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 11.	□N(	) <b>/</b>	YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, any buildings, archaeological site or district which is listed on or has been nominated by the NYS Board of Historic Preservation for inclusion on the State or National Register of Historic Places.	E3e	Ø	
b. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory.	E3f	Ø	
c. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an archaeological site not included on the NY SHPO inventory.  Source:	E3g	Ø	

d. Other impacts:			
If any of the above (a-d) are answered "Moderate to large impact may e. occur", continue with the following questions to help support conclusions in Part 3:			
<ol> <li>The proposed action may result in the destruction or alteration of all or part of the site or property.</li> </ol>	E3e, E3g, E3f		
<ol> <li>The proposed action may result in the alteration of the property's setting or integrity.</li> </ol>	E3e, E3f, E3g, E1a, E1b		
iii. The proposed action may result in the introduction of visual elements which are out of character with the site or property, or may alter its setting.	E3e, E3f, E3g, E3h, C2, C3		
11. Impact on Open Space and Recreation	3 92 W	2 22	
The proposed action may result in a loss of recreational opportunities or a reduction of an open space resource as designated in any adopted municipal open space plan.  (See Part 1. C.2.c, E.1.c., E.2.q.)	<b>√</b> N0	o [	YES
If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 12.			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in an impairment of natural functions, or "ecosystem services", provided by an undeveloped area, including but not limited to stormwater storage, nutrient cycling, wildlife habitat.	D2e, E1b E2h, E2m, E2o, E2n, E2p		
b. The proposed action may result in the loss of a current or future recreational resource.	C2a, E1c, C2c, E2q	0	a
c. The proposed action may eliminate open space or recreational resource in an area with few such resources.	C2a, C2c E1c, E2q	a	
d. The proposed action may result in loss of an area now used informally by the community as an open space resource.	C2c, E1c	a	
e. Other impacts:		0	a
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12. Impact on Critical Environmental Areas  The proposed action may be located within or adjacent to a critical environmental area (CEA). (See Part 1. E.3.d)  If "Yes", answer questions a - c. If "No", go to Section 13.	N		YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in a reduction in the quantity of the resource or characteristic which was the basis for designation of the CEA.	E3d	Ø	
b. The proposed action may result in a reduction in the quality of the resource or characteristic which was the basis for designation of the CEA.	E3d	Ø	
c. Other impacts:			

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13. Impact on Transportation  The proposed action may result in a change to existing transportation systems (See Part 1. D.2.j)  If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", go to Section 14.	. <b>I</b> NO		YES
Ty Tes , answer questions at j. Ty Tvo , go to Section 1.	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Projected traffic increase may exceed capacity of existing road network.	D2j		0
b. The proposed action may result in the construction of paved parking area for 500 or more vehicles.	D2j	0	0
c. The proposed action will degrade existing transit access.	D2j	0	٥
d. The proposed action will degrade existing pedestrian or bicycle accommodations.	D2j	0	
e. The proposed action may alter the present pattern of movement of people or goods.	D2j		
f. Other impacts:		0	
14. Impact on Energy The proposed action may cause an increase in the use of any form of energy. (See Part 1. D.2.k) If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 15.	<b>√</b> N0	o 🗆	YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action will require a new, or an upgrade to an existing, substation.	D2k		0
b. The proposed action will require the creation or extension of an energy transmission or supply system to serve more than 50 single or two-family residences or to serve a commercial or industrial use.	D1f, D1q, D2k		0
c. The proposed action may utilize more than 2,500 MWhrs per year of electricity.	D2k		0
d. The proposed action may involve heating and/or cooling of more than 100,000 square feet of building area when completed.	Dlg	0	0
e. Other Impacts:			
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15. Impact on Noise, Odor, and Light  The proposed action may result in an increase in noise, odors, or outdoor ligh (See Part 1. D.2.m., n., and o.)  If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", go to Section 16.	ting. 🚺 NC	)	YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
The proposed action may produce sound above noise levels established by local regulation.	Part I	small impact	to large impact may
	Part I Question(s)	small impact may occur	to large impact may occur

d. The proposed action may result in light shining onto adjoining properties.	D2n		0
e. The proposed action may result in lighting creating sky-glow brighter than existing area conditions.	D2n, E1a	0	۵
f. Other impacts:		0	0

16. Impact on Human Health  The proposed action may have an impact on human health from exposure to new or existing sources of contaminants. (See Part 1.D.2.q., E.1. d. f. g. and h.)  If "Yes", answer questions a - m. If "No", go to Section 17.					
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No,or small impact may cccur	Moderate to large impact may occur		
a. The proposed action is located within 1500 feet of a school, hospital, licensed day care center, group home, nursing home or retirement community.	E1d	0	0		
b. The site of the proposed action is currently undergoing remediation.	Elg, Elh	0	0		
c. There is a completed emergency spill remediation, or a completed environmental site remediation on, or adjacent to, the site of the proposed action.	Elg, Elh		0		
d. The site of the action is subject to an institutional control limiting the use of the property (e.g., easement or deed restriction).	Elg, Elh	0			
e. The proposed action may affect institutional control measures that were put in place to ensure that the site remains protective of the environment and human health.	Elg, Elh		۵		
f. The proposed action has adequate control measures in place to ensure that future generation, treatment and/or disposal of hazardous wastes will be protective of the environment and human health.	D2t	0	П		
g. The proposed action involves construction or modification of a solid waste management facility.	D2q, E1f	0	0		
h. The proposed action may result in the unearthing of solid or hazardous waste.	D2q, E1f	0	0		
<ol> <li>The proposed action may result in an increase in the rate of disposal, or processing, of solid waste.</li> </ol>	D2r, D2s	0	0		
j. The proposed action may result in excavation or other disturbance within 2000 feet of a site used for the disposal of solid or hazardous waste.	Elf, Elg Elh	0			
k. The proposed action may result in the migration of explosive gases from a landfill site to adjacent off site structures.	Elf, Elg	0	0		
The proposed action may result in the release of contaminated leachate from the project site.	D2s, E1f, D2r	0			
m. Other impacts:	21007/200				

17. Consistency with Community Plans  The proposed action is not consistent with adopted land use plans.  (See Part 1. C.1, C.2. and C.3.)	✓NO		'ES
If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", go to Section 18.			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action's land use components may be different from, or in sharp contrast to, current surrounding land use pattern(s).	C2, C3, D1a E1a, E1b	0	۵
b. The proposed action will cause the permanent population of the city, town or village in which the project is located to grow by more than 5%.	C2		
c. The proposed action is inconsistent with local land use plans or zoning regulations.	C2, C2, C3		۵
d. The proposed action is inconsistent with any County plans, or other regional land use plans.	C2, C2	0	0
e. The proposed action may cause a change in the density of development that is not supported by existing infrastructure or is distant from existing infrastructure.	C3, D1c, D1d, D1f, D1d, Elb	0	
f. The proposed action is located in an area characterized by low density development that will require new or expanded public infrastructure.	C4, D2c, D2d D2j		0
g. The proposed action may induce secondary development impacts (e.g., residential or commercial development not included in the proposed action)	C2a		0
h. Other:			
18. Consistency with Community Character  The proposed project is inconsistent with the existing community character.  (See Part 1. C.2, C.3, D.2, E.3)  If "Yes", answer questions a - q. If "No", proceed to Part 3.	<b>√</b> NO		'ES
The proposed project is inconsistent with the existing community character.	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
The proposed project is inconsistent with the existing community character. (See Part 1. C.2, C.3, D.2, E.3)	Relevant Part I	No, or small impact	Moderate to large impact may
The proposed project is inconsistent with the existing community character. (See Part 1. C.2, C.3, D.2, E.3)  If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", proceed to Part 3.  a. The proposed action may replace or eliminate existing facilities, structures, or areas	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
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The proposed project is inconsistent with the existing community character. (See Part 1. C.2, C.3, D.2, E.3)  If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", proceed to Part 3.  a. The proposed action may replace or eliminate existing facilities, structures, or areas of historic importance to the community.  b. The proposed action may create a demand for additional community services (e.g. schools, police and fire)  c. The proposed action may displace affordable or low-income housing in an area where	Relevant Part I Question(s)  E3e, E3f, E3g  C4  C2, C3, D1f	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
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Project : RWPR5 Fire Tower
Date : February 2025

# Full Environmental Assessment Form Part 3 - Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts and Determination of Significance

Part 3 provides the reasons in support of the determination of significance. The lead agency must complete Part 3 for every question in Part 2 where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

Based on the analysis in Part 3, the lead agency must decide whether to require an environmental impact statement to further assess the proposed action or whether available information is sufficient for the lead agency to conclude that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. By completing the certification on the next page, the lead agency can complete its determination of significance.

#### **Reasons Supporting This Determination:**

To complete this section:

- Identify the impact based on the Part 2 responses and describe its magnitude. Magnitude considers factors such as severity, size or extent of an impact.
- Assess the importance of the impact. Importance relates to the geographic scope, duration, probability of the impact
  occurring, number of people affected by the impact and any additional environmental consequences if the impact were to
  occur.
- The assessment should take into consideration any design element or project changes.
- Repeat this process for each Part 2 question where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where
  there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse
  environmental impact.
- Provide the reason(s) why the impact may, or will not, result in a significant adverse environmental impact
- For Conditional Negative Declarations identify the specific condition(s) imposed that will modify the proposed action so that no significant adverse environmental impacts will result.
- · Attach additional sheets, as needed.

The proposed fire tower will have minimal environmental impacts since it will be placed in the same location as the original fire tower, which remains an open area with scenic views and is accessible via an old access drive that now serves as a trail for park visitors to hike to the top. Exposed bedrock is found throughout the project site. Rock impacts will be limited to the anchoring of the new tower, which will consist of four concrete foundation piers, each being only 18 inches square, that will be secured to the bedrock with rods.

The only other disturbance will be to the old access drive, much of which will be on some degree of slope, which will require some improvements to minimize impacts associated with the use of construction vehicles during installation. The improvements will include the removal of ditches and laying of fresh gravel to prevent erosion and control stormwater runoff. Some sections may need slight widening and vegetation to be pruned back to provide adequate clearance for construction equipment, but this will be limited to the immediate area of the existing access drive and there will be no significant impact to the acidic talus slope woodlands.

At 110 feet tall on the highest point of the park, the top of the tower is likely to be seen from other locations. However, it's visibility will be diminished by distance, since the tower site is located 2,000 feet or more from the park boundaries, and limited by the surrounding mature forest. The tower will taper to a 9-foot square observation deck with a hip roof, reminiscent of old fire towers. Galvanized steel will weather to a dull gray finish. Lighting of the structure is not required by FAA; therefore, the tower will not be lit and there will be no nighttime impacts. A 155-foot cellular tower is located approximately 1.5 miles to the southeast.

Archaeological resources at the park will not be impacted as none of the known sites are within or adjacent to the project areas and the project will only affect areas that have previously been disturbed.

The project will enhance	the recreational c	component or the	paiks	JEA designation	l.
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Determination of Significance - Type 1 and Unlisted Actions					
SEQR Status:	Type 1	✓ Unlisted	AND		
Identify portions of E	AF completed for this I	Project: 🔽 Part 1	Part 2	Part 3	

Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF, as noted, plus this additional support information
and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the  County of Westchester, acting by and through its Board of Legislators, as lead agency that:
A. This project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued.
B. Although this project could have a significant adverse impact on the environment, that impact will be avoided or substantially mitigated because of the following conditions which will be required by the lead agency:
There will, therefore, be no significant adverse impacts from the project as conditioned, and, therefore, this conditioned negative declaration is issued. A conditioned negative declaration may be used only for UNLISTED actions (see 6 NYCRR 617.d).
C. This Project may result in one or more significant adverse impacts on the environment, and an environmental impact statement must be prepared to further assess the impact(s) and possible mitigation and to explore alternatives to avoid or reduce those impacts. Accordingly, this positive declaration is issued.
Name of Action: Ward Pound Ridge Reservation Fire Tower
Name of Lead Agency: County of Westchester
Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Malika Vanderberg
Title of Responsible Officer: Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer to the Board of Legislators
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Mer Date: 3/1/2025
Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)  Date: 2/4/2025
For Further Information:
Contact Person: David S. Kvinge, Assistant Commissioner, Westchester County Department of Planning
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Telephone Number: 914-995-4400
E-mail: dsk2@westchestercountyny.gov
For Type 1 Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a copy of this Notice is sent to:
Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally located (e.g., Town / City / Village of) Other involved agencies (if any) Applicant (if any) Environmental Notice Bulletin: <a href="http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html">http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html</a>

ACT No. 56 - 2025

An Act amending the 2025 County
Capital Budget Appropriations for
Capital Project RWPR5 WARD POUND
RIDGE RESERVATION FIRE TOWER

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

Section 1. The Capital section of the 2025 County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	Previous 2025 Appropriation	Change	Revised 2025 Appropriation
I. Appropriation	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$1,800,000

Section 2. The estimated method of financing in the Capital Section of the 2025 Westchester County Capital Budget is amended as follows:

#### II. METHOD OF FINANCING

Bonds and/or Notes	\$800,000	\$900,000	\$1,700,000
Non County Shares	\$100,000		\$100,000
Cash			\$0
Total	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$1,800,000

Section 3. The ACT shall take effect immediately.

REFERENCE: RWPR5

#### ACT NO. 57 - 2025

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 03/10, 2025 ).

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 03/10, 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, \$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.

# **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

CAPITAL PROJECT #	: RWPR5	NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED						
	SECTION A - CAPITAL BUDGET IMPACT To Be Completed by Budget							
X GENERAL FUNC	AIRPORT FUND	SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND						
	Source of County Funds (check one):	Current Appropriations						
		X Capital Budget Amendment						
	SECTION B - BONDING AUT To Be Completed by							
Total Principal	\$ 1,700,000 <b>PPU</b>	10 Anticipated Interest Rate 2.92%						
Anticipated An	nual Cost (Principal and Interest):	\$ 199,773						
Total Debt Serv	vice (Annual Cost x Term):	\$ 1,997,726						
Finance Depart	tment: maab 2-6-25							
Si	ECTION C - IMPACT ON OPERATING BUD  To 8e Completed by Submitting Department	20						
Potential Relat	ed Expenses (Annual): \$	and national by basset						
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	vings to County and/or impact of departr tail for current and next four years):	ment operations						
"								
	SECTION D - EMPLO	YMENT						
As	per federal guidelines, each \$92,000 of a	ppropriation funds one FTE Job						
Number of Full	Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Funded:	18						
Prepared by:	Dianne Vanadia							
Title:	Associate Budget Director	Reviewed By: King linz						
Department:	Budget	DV 2/7/25 Budget Director						
Date:	2/7/25	Date: 2/7/27						

## CAPITAL PROJECT FACT SHEET

Project ID:* RWPR5	<b>▼ CBA</b>				act Sheet 1-02-2025			
Fact Sheet Year:* 2025	Project Title:* WARD POUND RIDGE RESERVATION FIRE TOWER				.egislative ,	District l	ID:	
Category* RECREATION FACILITIES	<b>Depa</b> PARI	Department:* PARKS, RECREATION & CONSERVATION			P Unique	e ID:		
Overall Project Description This project will construct a new	fire tower where	e one once stood at	Ward Pou	nd Ridge	Reservatio	n.		
☐ Best Management Practices	□ En	ergy Efficiencies		×	] Infrastru	cture		
☐ Life Safety		ject Labor Agreem	ent		] Revenue			
☐ Security	□ Otl	5.00			•			
FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PROG	RAM (in thous	ands)						
	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
Financing Plan for Current Red Non-County Shares: Bonds/Notes: Cash: Total:	quest	\$ 0 1,400,000 0 \$ 1,400,000						
SEQR Classification: UNLISTED		<i>\$</i> 2,400,000	200					
Amount Requested: 1,400,000								
Expected Design Work Provide				_				
County Staff	x Co	nsultant			] Not App	licable		
Comments: A capital budget amendment ("C CBA amount is shown in "Under	BA") adding \$9 Review" in the	00,000 to this proje Five Year Capital F	ct is also i Program in	requested of	with this b listed abo	ond autho	rization re	equest. This
Energy Efficiencies:								
Appropriation History:								
Year	Amount			Des	cription			
2020	100,0	00 FUNDS THIS P	ROJECT					
2021		00 CONSTRUCTION						
2024	500,0	00 FUNDS ADDIT NEEDED PER	TIONAL C PROJECT	COSTS IN DESIGN	CLUDING	G SAFET	Y RELAT	ED WORK
Total Appropriation History								

Total Appropriation History:

900,000

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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 PlanningDateMLLL12-13-2024

Department of Public Works Date

RJB4 12-13-2024

Budget DepartmentDateDEV912-13-2024

Requesting Department Date
RCL3 12-16-2024

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# 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)

900,000

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	<b>Est Ult Cost</b>	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**

Total

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

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

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

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430 STATE OF NEW YORK
)
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER )
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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 March 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 March 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 March 6, 2025

Clerk

of Legislators

Malika Wanderberg

Westchester County Board

www.westchesterlegislators.com

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County Board of Legislators on March 11, 2025.

SOUNTY OF LEGISTER COUNTY OF CHESTER COUNTY

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

AYES:

Legislator Nancy Barr
Legislator Benjamin Boykin
Legislator Terry Clements
Legislator Vedat Gashi
Legislator Judah Holstein
Legislator David Imamura
Legislator James Nolan
Legislator Catherine Parker
Legislator Erika Pierce
Legislator Emiljana Ulaj
Legislator Shanae Williams
Legislator Jewel Williams-Johnso

Legislator Jewel Williams-Johnson Legislator Tyrae Woodson-Samuels

NOES:

ABSENT: Legislator Jose Alvarado

Legislator Colin Smith

EXCUSED:

The Bond Act was thereupon declared duly adopted.

APPROVED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Mate:

STATE OF NEW YORK	)	
	)	SS
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER	)	

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing Resolution No. 22 - 2025, Act No. 56 - 2025, and (Bond) Act No. 57 - 2025, with the originals on file in my office, and that the same are correct transcripts therefrom, and of the whole, of said original Resolution, Act, and (Bond) Act, which were duly adopted by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, of the County of Westchester on March 10, 2025, and approved by the County Executive on March 11, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said County Board of Legislators on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

Malika Vanderberg

The Clerk of the Westchester County
Board of Legislators

County of Westchester, New York

