

**Res. 185 - 2022**

**Resolution supporting the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs  
Environmental Bond Act of 2022**

WHEREAS, manmade climate change is increasing the frequency of severe storms, damaging our ecosystem, and threatening coastal regions, placing Westchester County at risk; and

WHEREAS, New York State urgently needs improved wastewater and drinking water infrastructure; critical water infrastructure is well past its intended lifespan and some systems are over 100 years old; and

WHEREAS, Westchester County has experienced severe flooding brought on by more frequent and severe storms; the remnants of Hurricane Ida caused between \$16 billion and \$24 billion in damage to our region, damaged or destroyed many homes and demonstrated vulnerabilities in municipal water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, investing in our water infrastructure will reduce flooding, reduce exposure to lead and other hazardous substances, and create jobs and other tangible economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature has proposed the first environmental bond act in 20 years: The Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022, which will be on the ballot for approval by New York's voters on November 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 would authorize \$4.2 billion in bonds to finance critical environmental restoration and action to mitigate the impact of climate change, to finance the protection of New York State's clean water reserves, to finance infrastructure projects rebuilding in areas damaged by flooding and projects that reduce the risk of flooding in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 provides the crucial resources necessary to respond to the crises facing our state and our county; now, therefore, be it

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Westchester County Board of Legislators believes the passage of the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 will be helpful to improve many aspects of Westchester's environment.

Dated: September 29, 2022  
White Plains, New York

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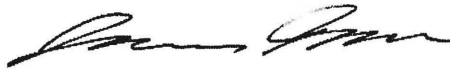
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COMMITTEES ON

Dated: September 28, 2022  
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.***

**Budget & Appropriations**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Sam Gian", written in a cursive style.

STATE OF NEW YORK )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER )

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing Resolution, Resolution No. 185 - 2022, with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole, of said original Resolution, which was duly adopted by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, of said County on October 3, 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said County Board of Legislators on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.



Malika Vanderberg

The Clerk of the Westchester County  
Board of Legislators

County of Westchester, New York

