



Kenneth W. Jenkins
County Executive

Date: August 3, 2026

To: The Honorable Members of the Board of Legislators

From: Kenneth W. Jenkins, County Executive

RE: Acts For Capital Project BPL26 – Flood Mitigation (Lockwood Drive Culvert Replacement, City of Peekskill)

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is a bond act (the “Bond Act”), which, if adopted by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (the “County”) to issue up to \$225,000.00 in bonds of the County to finance a component of capital project BPL26 – Flood Mitigation (“BPL26”).

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The Bond Act, in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000.00), would fund up to fifty percent (50%) of the costs associated with a preliminary engineering study to provide a summary and update of previous studies and analysis of localized flooding in the area of Lockwood Drive in Peekskill. The Bond Act will fund preliminary engineering that will develop a solution for of new storm water infrastructure to reduce flooding on residential properties in the vicinity of Lockwood Drive (the “Properties”) located in Peekskill, as well as related County administrative costs.

The Department of Planning (the “Department”) has advised that the Project will address significant recurring flooding on the Properties, as well as in the Properties’ immediate vicinity.

Following bonding authorization, design will be scheduled and is anticipated to take approximately twelve to eighteen (12-18) months to complete. It is anticipated that the design work will be completed using outside consultants, engaged by Peekskill.

In 2011, your Honorable Board enacted the Westchester County Storm Water Management Law (“SWML”) to assist municipalities with storm water management (flood mitigation). *See* Laws of Westchester County (“LWC”) Chapter 241, Article III-A, Section 241.252 – 241.260. The SWML provides for the evaluation of flooding within the County through the preparation of watershed reconnaissance plans, and the SWML authorizes County cooperation with municipalities, including funding assistance, to improve storm water management and reduce flooding.

The Properties are not located within areas designated as flood hazard areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and are not currently shown on the maps or otherwise identified in the Plan as a flood problem area. Under LWC Section 241.256, a property must be shown on its associated reconnaissance plan to qualify for County funding as a Storm Water Management Project (defined in LWC Section 241.254(13)). Authority is therefore requested to approve the Plan Amendment Act to add the flood problem area designated by Peekskill. The Plan Amendment Act is necessary for the Project to be eligible for County funding under the SWML.

In accordance with the IMA, the County will pay to Peekskill, on a reimbursement basis up to fifty percent (50%) of the eligible expenses based upon the total cost of the Project, in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000.00). Peekskill will be solely responsible for any additional amount beyond the total cost of the Project. The proposed IMA requires Peekskill to adopt regulations and policies consistent with the flood mitigation criteria adopted by the County. The term of the IMA shall be for a period commencing upon full execution thereof by both parties and approval of same by the Office of County Attorney, and shall continue for a period of five (5) years.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has authorized the County to issue bonds in connection with prior components of BPL26 as indicated in the annexed fact sheet.

It should also be noted that since BPL26 is a general fund project, specific components are subject to a capital budget amendment. Section 1 of the Bond Act authorizes an amendment to the County's capital budget to the extent the Project scope is inconsistent with any details set forth in the current capital budget. Accordingly, the Bond Act, in addition to authorizing the issuance of bonds for this Project, will also amend the current-year capital budget to reflect the specific location of this Project component.

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The mitigation of flood waters, and the undertaking of the proposed Project, benefit the health, safety, and welfare of County residents. Based upon the foregoing and due to the importance of this Project to the County, favorable action on the annexed proposed acts is respectfully requested from your Honorable Board.

KWJ/BPL/DK/MJR/mb
Attachments

**HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK**

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The Department of Planning has advised your Committee that based on its review, the authorization of the proposed capital project may be classified as a Type “II” action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (“SEQR”). Therefore, no environmental review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation and concurs with this recommendation.

Please note that an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of your Honorable Board is required in order to adopt the Bond Act, while a simple majority of the voting strength of your Honorable Board is required to adopt the IMA Act.

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Dated: _____, 2026
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

TO: Carla Chaves, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Maximilian Zorn, Assistant County Attorney
Maria Baratta, Assistant County Attorney

FROM: David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM
Assistant Commissioner



DATE: July 2, 2026

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT
BPL26 FLOOD MITIGATION – LOCKWOOD DRIVE (CITY OF
PEEKSKILL)**

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on
06/04/2026 (Unique ID: 3197)

With respect to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Planning Department recommends that no environmental review is required for the proposed action, because the project or component of the project for which funding is requested may be classified as a **TYPE II action** pursuant to section(s):

- **617.5(c)(27):** conducting concurrent environmental, engineering, economic, feasibility and other studies and preliminary planning and budgetary processes necessary to the formulation of a proposal for action, provided those activities do not commit the agency to commence, engage in or approve such action.

COMMENTS: None.

DSK/oav

cc: Emily Saltzman, Director of Operations
Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive
Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney
Blanca P. Lopez, Commissioner of Planning
Dianne Vanadia, Associate Budget Director
Matthew Castro, Chief Planner
Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner

BPL26 Flood Mitigation

FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Estimated Ultimate Total Cost	Approp- riated	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Under Review
Gross	120,750	76,500	44,250					
Non-County Share								
County Share	120,750	76,500	44,250					

Project Description

This project provides funding for County and local municipal flood mitigation projects that are recommended by the County Stormwater Advisory Board and identified in watershed-based flood action plans and the County-wide hazard mitigation plan and proposed by local municipalities. Grants and other funding sources will be sought to the greatest extent practical.

This 2025 Capital Budget Amendment to BPL26 is for \$1,250,000 for the Lockwood Drive Culvert project in the City of Peekskill. The project has been reviewed and approved by the County Stormwater Advisory Board.

Appropriation Requests

2009: \$5,400,000 for Flood Mitigation of County facilities.

2012: \$5,000,000 for Flood mitigation.

2013: \$5,000,000 for Flood mitigation.

2015: \$150,000 for Flood mitigation.

2016: \$5,000,000 for Flood mitigation.

2021: \$200,000 for Flood mitigation.

2022: \$11,000,000 for Flood mitigation.

2023: \$17,500,000 for Flood mitigation

1. \$17,000,000 for Village of Mamaroneck from the Sheldrake and Mamaroneck Rivers.
2. BOL add of \$300,000 for Town of Mamaroneck Drainage Study,
3. \$200,000 for Yonkers Scotti Field flood projects, and

2024 BOL adds (\$27,250,000 total)

1. Pelham Flood Mitigation, \$16,000,000
2. Pelham Manor Flood Mitigation, \$6,000,000
3. Bronxville Stormwater Conveyance system, \$ 200,000
4. City of Rye Stormwater System Improvements for Flood Mitigation, \$250,000
5. County Share of ACE Project in Village of Mamaroneck, \$4,000,000
6. Flood Mitigation Study - Village of Mamaroneck Jefferson Avenue Parking Lot, \$150,000
7. Village of Mamaroneck Detention Retention Enhancement Study, \$150,000
8. Ardsley Road and Edgemont Road Drainage Study in Edgemont, \$500,000

2025: \$10M additional flood mitigation funds for continuation of this project. \$34,250,000 for BOL additions to the 2025 appropriations

Justification

The program enables Westchester County to construct projects and partner with municipalities and other government agencies to provide funding for flood mitigation or flood damage reduction projects. Through partnerships with our municipalities and other government entities such as the US Army Corps of Engineers and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, the County will work to reduce flooding problems and impacts on people and property throughout Westchester County.

Consistency with Programs or Plans

This project is consistent with the policies of “**Westchester 2025**”, the County’s long-range land use policies. As per Westchester County policy, stormwater management must be addressed with every capital project where feasible.

Planning Board Recommendations

☒ The Planning Board recommends this 2025 Capital Budget Amendment for Lockwood Drive Culvert project in the City of Peekskill per resolution number 25-29 signed on the following date: 11-5-25. The Planning Board designates this project as **PL2**.

Comments

Planning Department staff will monitor the progress of design to address physical and environmental planning concerns including the stormwater management. Standards contained in the “Management Design Manual and the NYS Standards and Specifications for Erosion and Sediment Control” should be maintained.

ACT NO. 2026 - _____

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to amend the Storm Water Reconnaissance Plan for the Peekskill and Haverstraw Bays, adopted by your Honorable Board by Act No. 135-2014 on August 4, 2014, to add flood problem areas designated by the City of Peekskill in compliance with Article III-A of the Westchester County Storm Water Management Law.

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

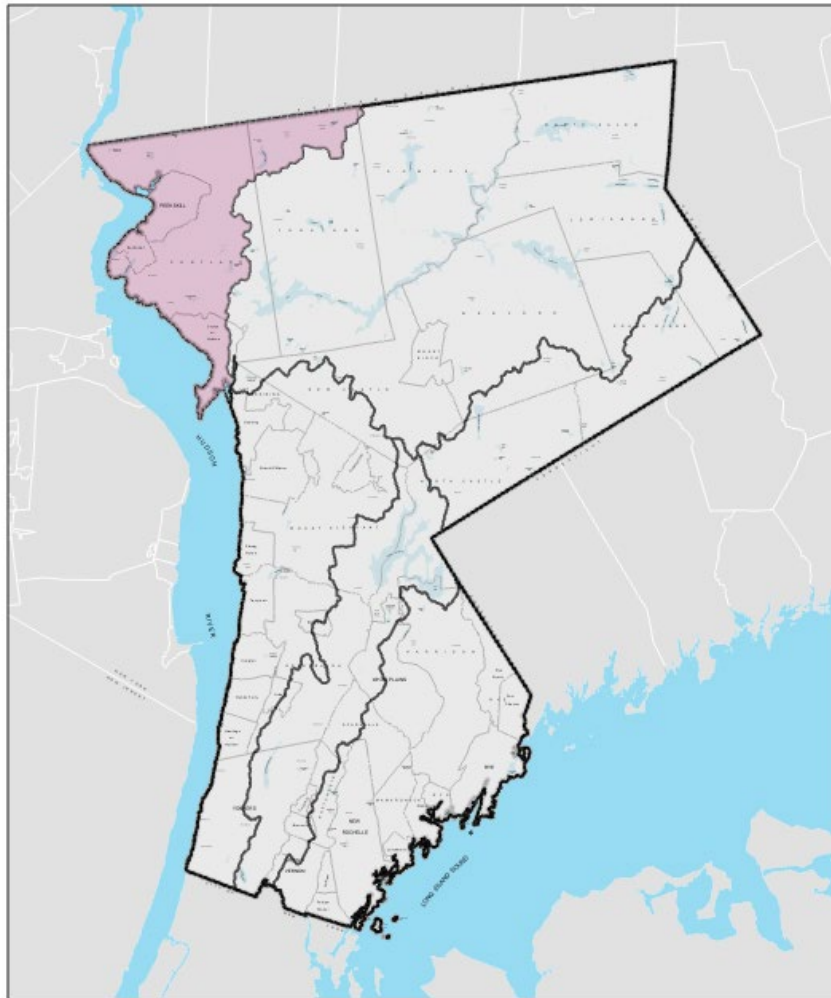
Section 1. This Board hereby approves an amendment annexed hereto to the Storm Water Reconnaissance Plan prepared for the Peekskill and Haverstraw Bays (the “Plan”), adopted by your Honorable Board by Act No. 135-2014 on August 4, 2014, to add flood problem areas designated by the City of Peekskill in compliance with Article III-A of the Westchester County Storm Water Management Law.

§2. The County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute and deliver all instruments and to take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

§3. This Act shall take effect immediately.

**Amendments to the
Stormwater Reconnaissance Plan for the
Peekskill and Haverstraw Bays Watershed
Westchester County, New York**

Adopted by the Westchester County Board of Legislators
by Act XX-2026 on DATE.



Kenneth W. Jenkins, County Executive
Blanca P. Lopez, Commissioner
Department of Planning

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1. OVERVIEW

This document compiles amendments to the stormwater reconnaissance plans prepared pursuant to the County Stormwater Management Law. Amendments are required to add new studies or areas of significant and/or recurring flooding identified by local municipalities so that such areas may become designated as “Flood Problem Areas” within the reconnaissance plans and consequently become eligible for funding assistance under the program created by the Stormwater Management Law. The process to amend the plans consists of either submission of a study to reduce flooding or flood risk; or completion of a questionnaire completed by the municipality describing a flood problem area. Studies and proposed flood problem areas are reviewed and approved by the County. This is typically done in conjunction with the submission of an application for Phase I (study and engineering) and/or Phase II (project implementation) funding assistance under the program. The following pages include descriptions of additional flood studies and Flood Problem Areas for the Peekskill and Haverstraw Bays Watershed as approved by the County Board of Legislators.

2. ADDITIONAL STUDIES

No additional studies for this plan are proposed at this time.

3. ADDITIONAL FLOOD PROBLEM AREAS

Map Area ID: PKS-9

Municipality: Peekskill

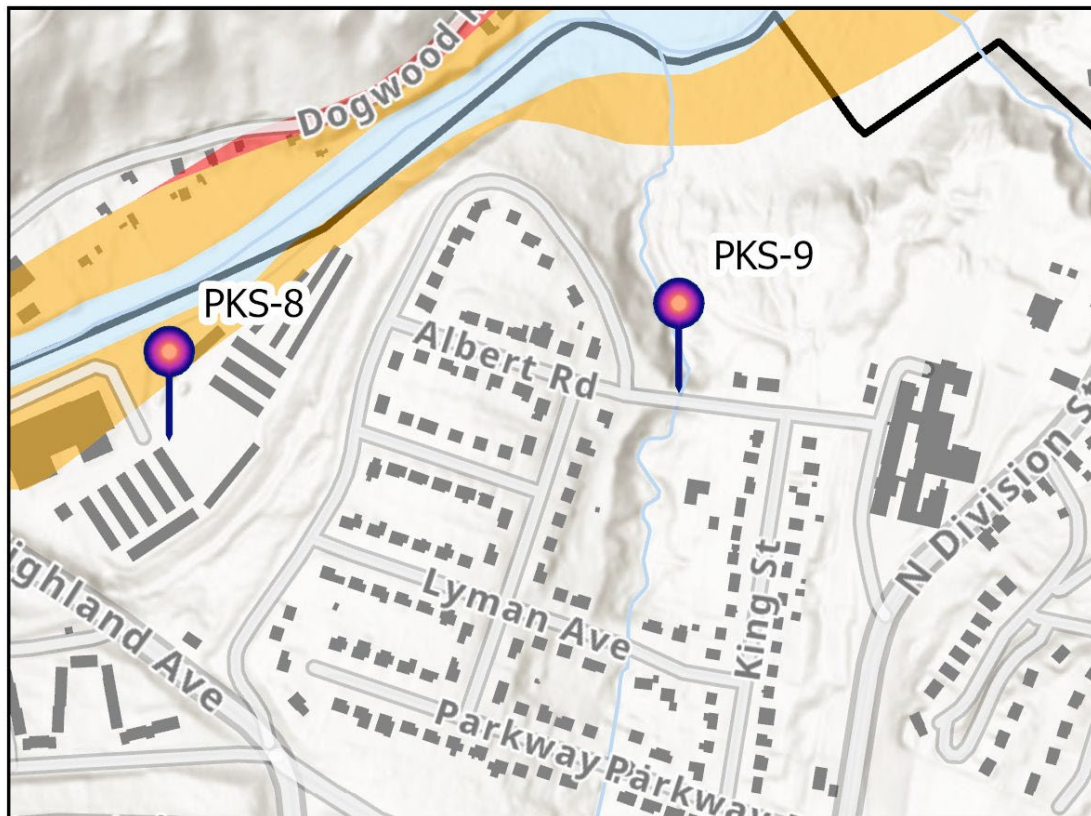
General Location: Area between Lockwood Drive and Lyman Avenue

Nearest Watercourse or Waterbody: Peekskill Hollow Creek

Associated Study/Report: None

Evaluation Score: Low

General Description of Flooding: The low-lying drainage way between Lockwood Drive and Lyman Avenue first flooded in 2022 due to a culvert collapse. Emergency measures were taken to address the situation and have thus far prevented a repeat occurrence. However, recent storm events have caused increasing erosion in the area and caused a partial collapse of the roadway, reducing it to 1.5 lanes. Should the roadway fail further, disruption to essential utilities within the right-of-way that service the surrounding residential and business communities is possible.



PEEKSKILL AND HAVERSTRAW BAYS

