



June 11, 2024

Westchester County Board of Legislators
800 Michaelian Office Building
White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Legislators:

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 Two Hundred Seventy Thousand (\$270,000.00) Dollars in bonds of the County to finance a component of capital project BLA1A (2433) - Parkland and Historical Preservation Program ("BLA1A").

The Bond Act, in the amount of Two Hundred Seventy Thousand (\$270,000.00) Dollars, would fund design costs associated with the rehabilitation of a portion of the "RiverWalk" trailway located in the Village of Tarrytown ("Trailway"). The work will include general rehabilitation of the Trailway and associated infrastructure improvements.

Following bonding authorization, design will be scheduled and is anticipated to take six (6) months to complete and will be performed by in-house staff. Construction is estimated to take approximately twelve (12) months and will begin after award and execution of the construction contracts, subject to your Honorable Board's approval of construction funding.

As your Honorable Board is aware, the Westchester Legacy Program is a County initiative to acquire, protect and enhance open space lands in Westchester County. To date, the Legacy Program is credited with preserving over 2,000 acres of open space in Westchester County. The acquired properties include linear parks, urban parks, active recreation facilities as well as large tracts of open space forever preserved in their natural state.

The Legacy Program was established to aggressively pursue land acquisition with three major priorities: 1) to preserve green space, protect our county's natural habitats and protect rivers, streams and lakes and to provide passive recreation areas; 2) to purchase park land for active recreation such as baseball and soccer fields, trailways and bike paths; and 3) to acquire land for historic preservation and protection of our cultural heritage.

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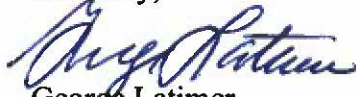
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It should be noted that since BLA1A is a “general fund” project, specific components are subject to a Capital Budget Amendment. Section 1 of the Bond Act authorizes an amendment to the County’s Capital Budget to the extent the project scope is inconsistent 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 2024 Capital Budget to reflect the specific location of this project component.

The Department of Planning has advised that the Planning Board has previously reviewed BLA1A and issued a report, and that since there are no substantial changes to the physical planning aspects of this project, no further action by the planning Board is necessary at this time.

Based upon the foregoing, I recommend the adoption of the aforementioned Bond Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George Latimer", is written over the printed name.

George Latimer
County Executive

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Attachments

**THE HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER**

Your Committee is in receipt of a transmittal from the County Executive recommending approval of a bond act (the "Bond Act"), which if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester (the "County") to issue up to \$270,000.00 in bonds to finance a component of capital project BLA1A - Parkland and Historical Preservation Program ("BLA1A").

Your Committee is advised that the Bond Act, prepared by the law firm of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, would fund the rehabilitation of a portion of the "RiverWalk" trailway located in the Village of Tarrytown ("Trailway"). The work will include general rehabilitation of the Trailway and associated infrastructure improvements.

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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.

Your Committee is also advised that since BLA1A 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 2024 Capital Budget to reflect the specific location of this project component.

The Department of Planning has further advised your Committee that the Planning Board has previously reviewed BLA1A and issued a report, and that since there is no change in the scope of the work or in the financing plan, no further action by the Planning Board is necessary at this time.

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.

Based on the importance of this project to the County, your Committee recommends favorable action on the annexed Bond Act.

Dated: _____, 2024

White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT #: BLA1A

☐ NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

SECTION A - CAPITAL BUDGET IMPACT

To Be Completed by Budget

☒ GENERAL FUND

☐ AIRPORT FUND

☐ SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

Source of County Funds (check one):

☒ Current Appropriations

☐ Capital Budget Amendment

TARRYTOWN RIVERWALK TRAILWAY IMPROVEMENTS (DESIGN)

SECTION B - BONDING AUTHORIZATIONS

To Be Completed by Finance

Total Principal \$ 270,000 PPU 5 Anticipated Interest Rate 3.11%

Anticipated Annual Cost (Principal and Interest): \$ 59,867

Total Debt Service (Annual Cost x Term): \$ 299,335

Finance Department: Interest rates from June 11, 2024 Bond Buyer - ASBA

SECTION C - IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET (exclusive of debt service)

To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget

Potential Related Expenses (Annual): \$ -

Potential Related Revenues (Annual): \$ -

Anticipated savings to County and/or impact of department operations
(describe in detail for current and next four years):

SECTION D - EMPLOYMENT

As per federal guidelines, each \$92,000 of appropriation funds one FTE Job

Number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs Funded: 3

Prepared by: Susan Darling

Title: Chief Planner

Department: Planning

Date: 6/26/24

Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

Date: 7/1/24



Memorandum
Department of Planning

TO: Michelle Greenbaum, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Jeffrey Goldman, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Carla Chaves, Senior Assistant County Attorney

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

A blue ink signature of David S. Kvinge, written in a cursive style.

DATE: January 26, 2024

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT:
BLA1A PARKLAND AND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION PROGRAM
(RiverWalk, Tarrytown)**

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on
01-22-2024 (Unique ID: 2433)

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: The current request is for design only.

DSK/jfg

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

ACT NO. -20__

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$270,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF PREPARATION OF SURVEYS, PRELIMINARY AND DETAILED PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES NECESSARY FOR PLANNING THE REHABILITATION A PORTION OF THE RIVERWALK TRAILWAY LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF TARRYTOWN; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$270,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$270,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS. (Adopted , 20__)

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, to the provisions of other laws applicable thereto, \$270,000 bonds of the County, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to finance the cost of preparation of surveys, preliminary and detailed plans, specifications and estimates necessary for planning the rehabilitation a portion of the RiverWalk Trailway located in the Village of Tarrytown, including general rehabilitation of the trail and associated infrastructure improvements; 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 object or purpose, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof is \$270,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$270,000 bonds herein authorized, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds, and the levy of a tax to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds.

Section 2. The period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose for which said \$270,000 bonds authorized by this Act are to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 62 (2nd) of the Law, is five (5) years;

Section 3. Current funds are not required to be provided as a down payment pursuant to Section 107.00 d. 9. of the Law prior to issuance of the bonds authorized herein, or any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds. The County intends to finance, on an interim basis, the costs or a portion of the costs of said improvements for which bonds are herein authorized, which costs are reasonably expected to be reimbursed with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the County, pursuant to this Act, in the maximum amount of \$270,000. 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 \$270,000 as the estimated total cost of the aforesaid 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.

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

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing Act No. -20__ with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of the said original Act, which was duly adopted by the County Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester on _____, 20__ and approved by the County Executive on _____, 20__.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said County Board of Legislators this _____ day of _____, 20__.

(SEAL) The Clerk and Chief Administrative Office of the
County Board of Legislators County of Westchester,
New York

LEGAL NOTICE

A Bond Act, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Board of Legislators on _____, 20__ and approved by the County Executive on _____, 20__ and the validity of the obligations authorized by such Bond Act may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Westchester, in the State of New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Complete copies of the amended Bond Act summarized herewith shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, New York, for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

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object or purpose: to finance the cost of preparation of surveys, preliminary and detailed plans, specifications and estimates necessary for planning the rehabilitation a portion of the RiverWalk Trailway located in the Village of Tarrytown, including general rehabilitation of the trail and associated infrastructure improvements; all as set forth in the County's Current Year Capital Budget, as amended.

amount of obligations to be issued:

and period of probable usefulness: \$270,000; five (5) years

Dated: _____, 20__
White Plains, New York

Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer of the County Board of
Legislators of the County of Westchester, New York



CAPITAL PROJECT FACT SHEET

Project ID:* BLA1A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CBA	Fact Sheet Date:* 01-10-2024
Fact Sheet Year:* 2024	Project Title:* PARKLAND AND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION PROGRAM	Legislative District ID: 8
Category* BUILDINGS, LAND & MISCELLANEOUS	Department:* PLANNING	CP Unique ID: 2433

Overall Project Description

The Legacy Program is designed to aggressively pursue land acquisition for three major objectives. One major objective is to purchase parkland for active recreation such as baseball and soccer fields, trailways and bike paths. A key component of the ball field initiative is to partner with municipalities on the acquisition and/or development of ball fields to maximize available funding. The development of RiverWalk, the proposed promenade along the Hudson River, is a key component of the Legacy Program. A second major objective is to protect our County's natural habitats and protect rivers, streams and lakes. The third objective is to preserve land for historic preservation and protection of our cultural heritage. This project continues Capital Project BLA01 Parkland Acquisition/ Westchester Legacy Program. This is a general fund, specific projects are subject to a Capital Budget Amendment.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Life Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Project Labor Agreement | <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Security | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Estimated Ultimate Total Cost	Appropriated	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Under Review
Gross	32,227	23,300	3,927	0	0	0	0	5,000
Less Non-County Shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net	32,227	23,300	3,927	0	0	0	0	5,000

Expended/Obligated Amount (in thousands) as of : 1,300

Current Bond Description: This current bond request is for the design work associated with the rehabilitation a portion of the RiverWalk Trailway located in the Village of Tarrytown. Work will include general rehabilitation of the trail and associated infrastructure improvements.

Financing Plan for Current Request:

Non-County Shares:	\$ 0
Bonds/Notes:	270,000
Cash:	0
Total:	\$ 270,000

SEQR Classification:

TYPE II

Amount Requested:

270,000

Expected Design Work Provider:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
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Comments:

Energy Efficiencies:

Appropriation History:

Year	Amount	Description
2020	1,000,000	FUNDS THIS PROJECT
2021	17,000,000	LUDLOW PARK (WATER ACCESS PARK), YONKERS, \$10,000,000; 4TH STREET PLAYGROUND, MT. VERNON, \$2,000,000 AND RIVERWALK IMPROVEMENTS, YONKERS, \$5,000,000
2022	-700,000	DESIGN OF RIVERWALK IMPROVEMENTS IN TARRYTOWN \$1,300,000; 4TH STREET PLAYGROUND MT. VERNON APPROPRIATION REDUCTION (\$2,000,000)
2023	6,000,000	A TURF FIELD AT FLINT PARK IN LARCHMONT \$1,000,000; A LINEAR PARK EXTENDING NORTH FROM THE YONKERS JOINT WATER RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY IN THE LUDLOW SECTION OF YONKERS \$5,000,000.
2024	3,927,000	\$1,000,000 FOR REHAB OF RIVERWALK IN TARRYTOWN; \$500,000 FOR GENERAL PURPOSES AND COST INFLATION; \$2,000,000 FOR SILLMAN PARK UPGRADES IN ARDSLEY; \$427,000 FOR RYE TOWN PARK INTERIOR BATHROOM.

Total Appropriation History:

27,227,000

Financing History:

Year	Bond Act #	Amount	Issued	Description
23	227	200,000		0 PARKLAND AND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION PROGRAM

Total Financing History:

200,000

Recommended By:**Department of Planning**

MLLL

Date

01-22-2024

Department of Public Works

RJB4

Date

01-22-2024

Budget Department

DEV9

Date

01-23-2024

Requesting Department

MLLL

Date

01-24-2024

PARKLAND AND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION PROGRAM (BLA1A)

User Department : Planning

Managing Department(s) : Planning ;

Estimated Completion Date: TBD

Planning Board Recommendation: Project approved in concept but subject to subsequent staff review.

FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM (in thousands)

	Est Ult Cost	Appropriated	Exp / Obl	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Under Review
Gross	32,227	23,300	1,300	3,927					5,000
Non County Share									
Total	32,227	23,300	1,300	3,927					5,000

Project Description

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Current Year Description

The current year request funds rehabilitation of the existing Riverwalk in Tarrytown (\$1m), and provides additional funds to the project (\$500,000), as well as funding Board of Legislators' additions for Silliman Park upgrades in Ardsley (\$2m) and Rye Town Park Bathhouse upgrades (\$427,000).

Current Year Financing Plan

Year	Bonds	Cash	Non County Shares	Total
2024	3,927,000			3,927,000

Impact on Operating Budget

The impact on the Operating Budget is the appropriation of Cash to Capital and the debt service associated with the issuance of bonds.

Appropriation History

Year	Amount	Description	Status
2020	1,000,000	Funds this project	AWAITING BOND AUTHORIZATION
2021	17,000,000	Ludlow Park (Water Access Park), Yonkers, \$10,000,000; 4th Street Playground, Mt. Vernon, \$2,000,000 and Riverwalk Improvements, Yonkers, \$5,000,000	AWAITING BOND AUTHORIZATION
2022	(700,000)	Design of Riverwalk improvements in Tarrytown \$1,300,000; 4th Street Playground Mt. Vernon appropriation reduction (\$2,000,000)	\$1,300,000 DESIGN; (\$2,000,000) APPROPRIATION REDUCTION
2023	6,000,000	A turf field at Flint Park in Larchmont \$1,000,000; a linear park extending north from the Yonkers Joint Water Resource Recovery Facility in the Ludlow section of Yonkers \$5,000,000.	AWAITING BOND AUTHORIZATION
Total	23,300,000		

PARKLAND AND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION PROGRAM (BLA1A)

Prior Appropriations

	Appropriated	Collected	Uncollected
Bond Proceeds	22,000,000		22,000,000
Funds Revenue	1,300,000	1,300,000	
Total	23,300,000	1,300,000	22,000,000

Bonds Authorized

Bond Act	Amount	Date Sold	Amount Sold	Balance
227 23	200,000			200,000
Total	200,000			200,000