

Parks & Environment BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: David Tubiolo

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Monday, February 10, 2025

10:00 AM

Committee Room

Joint with B&A and PWT

CALL TO ORDER

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Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Henane De Almeida, John Befus, Tom Rooney, Peter Tartaglia, Rob Lopane, Rob Abbamont, Millie Magraw, David Kvinge, Dianne Vanadia; BOL: Jewel Williams Johnson, Judah Holstein, Colin Smith, David Imamura, Jose Alvarado, Catherine Parker, Shanae Williams, James Silverberg, Shatika Parker, Dayana Gomez, Santiago Caceras, Greg Casciato

Present: Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Nolan

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2025-36](#) **BOND ACT-RGP17-Master Plan II**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RGP17 - Master Plan II.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PARKS & ENVIRONMENT

Joint with B&A.

Guests: Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

Program Coordinator-Capital Planning Rob Lopane

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia appeared before the Committee to discuss this Bond Act RGP17-Master Plan II. This Bond Act in the amount of \$1,000,000 will finance a study to update the County's Parks and Recreation System Master Plan. This will include a

comprehensive inventory and analysis of existing parks and recreation areas, community outreach and needs assessment, level of service analysis, recreation and leisure trends analysis. The Plan will also establish goals and objectives and provide recommendations for individual park facilities, programs and services, parkland acquisition and development, environmental conservation, maintenance and operations, administration and management. The findings of the study will culminate in the preparation of a Strategic Plan that will guide the development, management and preservation of County parks and recreation facilities. The Department will hire a consultant to perform the study and the study is expected to take 18 months.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Nolan

2. [ACT-2025-37](#) **BOND ACT-RGP15-Gen'l Infrastructure-Fuel Tank Replace. & BOND ACT-RGP16-Gen'l Infrastructure-Roofing Systems**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,300,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RGP15 - General Infrastructure - Fuel Tank Replacement (2024-2028) and Capital Project RGP16- General Infrastructure - Roofing Systems (2024-2028).

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS & ENVIRONMENT

Joint with B&A and PWT.

Guests: Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

Program Coordinator-Capital Planning Rob Lopane

This \$1.3 Million Bond Act addresses design, construction and construction management for projects RGP15, in the amount of \$800,000 for fuel tanks replacements, and RGP16, in the amount of \$500,000 for roof systems repairs. For project RGP15, the tanks are at the end of useful life as determined in a study conducted in 2024 where the department gauged the statuses and needs of all tanks countywide. Currently, the tanks associated with this project are underground and the new ones will be installed above grounds at various parks including Glen Island Park, Ward Pound Ridge Reservation and Sprain Lake Golf Course. For project RGP16, the associated roof repairs and/or replacements include the Bronx River Reservation's Salt Shed, Merestead's Pump House and Croton Point Park's Dining Hall, among other building roofs in the County's park system. For both of these projects, design is anticipated to be completed in eight months while construction is anticipated to be completed in 12 months.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Nolan

3. [ACT-2025-38](#) **IMA-Kingsland Point Park-Sleepy Hollow**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Village of Sleepy Hollow whereby the Village shall operate and maintain a portion of Kingsland Point Park on behalf of the County.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PARKS & ENVIRONMENT

Joint with B&A.

Guests: Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

Program Coordinator-Capital Planning Rob Lopane

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia appeared before the Committee to discuss this IMA with the Village of Sleepy Hollow, whereby the Village will operate and maintain a portion of Kingsland Point Park on behalf of the County. Since 2003, the Village has been responsible for the operation, maintenance and scheduling of activities at the Park pursuant to a series of IMAs with the County. The Village will be responsible for the operation, maintenance and scheduling of the Park at its own expense. The Village will not be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the lighthouse. The Park will continue to be available to all Westchester County residents on an equal basis. The term of this IMA will be five years commencing retroactively on January 1, 2023 and expiring on December 31, 2027. The proposed IMA will permit the Village to enter into a sub-license for the use of portions of the Park with Teatown Lake Reservation, Inc. for educational classes at the Park's bathhouse. As well as with SEAS Westchester for sailing classes and for the operation of a kayak concession.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Nolan

4. [ACT-2025-39](#) **BOND ACT-B035E-Equipment Acquisition Program & RGP13-Gen'l Infrastructure-Equipment Acquisition**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of THREE MILLION (\$3,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project B035E - Equipment Acquisition Program (2021-2025) and Capital Project RGP13 - General Infrastructure - Equipment Acquisition (2021-2025).

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS & ENVIRONMENT

Joint with B&A and PWT.

Guests: Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

Program Coordinator-Capital Planning Rob Lopane

This funding request is two-fold: \$1 Million from the Department of Parks, Recreation and

Conservation (Parks), and \$2 Million from the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT). The Parks Department's general maintenance division is the largest fixer division and they go where needed which has led their vehicles to be become outdated and overused. This funding request for \$1 Million is part of a five-year program for the replacement of five vehicles and other machinery. Some of the machinery, like the ones used on the golf courses, are as old as 20 years and urgently need to be replaced in order to maintain the grass in optimal conditions. The DPWT's \$2 Million portion is for four six-wheel dump trucks with plows and one service truck. The snow equipment is stored at the Grasslands campus and despite being low in mileage, they are greatly affected due to continuous salt corrosion. The service truck goes out for mechanics and do field service for large and heavy equipment and will likely be recycled to the tradesmen crew as it is perfect for their needs. The new service truck will have additional features that will maximize on the capabilities out in the field.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Nolan

5. [ACT-2025-41](#) **ACT-Amend Agreement-East of Hudson Watershed Corporation**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a first amendment to an agreement with the East of Hudson Watershed Corporation in order to retroactively extend the term from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2027, and to authorize the disbursement of the remaining balance of TWO HUNDRED ELEVEN, FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO (\$211,562) DOLLARS in East of Hudson Watershed Quality Investment Program Fund earnings for operation and maintenance costs for certain approved stormwater retrofit projects.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS & ENVIRONMENT

Joint with B&A and PWT.

Guests: Planning Department

Assistant Commissioner David Kvinge

Program Administrator Millie Magraw

In 1998 as part of the New York City Watershed memorandum of agreement the County received \$38 Million to create the East of Hudson Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) and the County is the custodian of this fund: the money within the fund are to be used for specified water quality improvement projects within the NYC watershed that have been authorized by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. This Act is to amend an agreement from 2019 between the County and the East of Hudson Watershed Corporation with an amount not to exceed \$750,000 in WQIP earnings. This was awarded for the purpose of covering the operation and maintenance costs between January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2022 for storm water retrofit projects for 10 municipalities within the County: Town of Bedford, Town of Cortland, Town of Lewisboro, Town of New Castle, Town of North Castle, Town of North Salem, Town of Pound Ridge, Town of Somers, Town of Yorktown and the Town of Mount Kisco. Out of the \$750,000, there was a remaining balance of \$211,562 and the amended agreement would retroactively authorize its use for operation and maintenance projects from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Nolan

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, the Committee adjourned at 11:40 AM. by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Nolan