

Parks & Environment BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: David Tubiolo

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148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor
White Plains, NY 10601
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Monday, March 3, 2025

1:00 PM

Committee Room

Joint with LEG

CALL TO ORDER

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Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Kathleen O'Connor, Peter Tartaglia, Jason Whitehead; BOL: Colin Smith, Catherine Parker, David Imamura, Margaret Cunzio, James Silverberg, Jill Axelrod, Karen Vele, Lisa Hochman, Warren Watson

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2025-44](#) **ACT-Renaming North County Trailway and South County Trailway-Andrew P. O'Rourke Westchester County Trailway**

AN ACT renaming the "North County Trailway" and the "South County Trailway", collectively, to the "Andrew P. O'Rourke Westchester County Trailway."

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION AND PARKS & ENVIRONMENT

Guests: Law Department
Associate County Attorney Jason Whitehead

Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor-PRC

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia-PRC

This is an Act to rename both the North County Trailway, a multi-use path which spans 22.1 miles from Eastview in the Town of Mount Pleasant north to Baldwin Place in Somers, and the South County Trailway, a multi-use path which spans 14.1 miles from Eastview in the Town of Mount Pleasant south to the New York City border at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx, after the late Andrew P. O'Rourke, the former Westchester County Executive. Both paths combined shall be renamed the "Andrew P. O'Rourke Westchester County Trailway."

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Nolan, the above item

was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Nolan and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Barr and Legislator Pierce

[RES-2025-22](#) ENV RES-RWPR5-Ward Pound Ridge Reservation Fire Tower

AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION determining that there will be no significant impact on the environment from the proposed Capital Project RWPR5 - Ward Pound Ridge Reservation Fire Tower.

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

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

Aye: Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Nolan and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Barr and Legislator Pierce

[ACT-2025-56](#) CBA-RWPR5-Ward Pound Ridge Reservation Fire Tower

AN ACT amending the 2025 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project RWPR5 - Ward Pound Ridge Reservation Fire Tower.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS & ENVIRONMENT

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Aye: Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Nolan and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Barr and Legislator Pierce

[ACT-2025-57](#) BOND ACT (Amended)-RWPR5-Ward Pound Ridge Reservation Fire Tower

AN Amended BOND ACT authorizing an additional ONE MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,400,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RWPR5 - Ward Pound Ridge Reservation Fire Tower, making the total amount ONE MILLION, SEVEN86 HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,700,000) DOLLARS.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS &

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Aye: Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Nolan and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Barr and Legislator Pierce

RES-2025-23 PH-Yonkers Waterfront Park

A Public Hearing on "A LOCAL LAW authorizing the County of Westchester ("County") to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Yonkers, whereby the County will lease certain property from the City of Yonkers and contribute FIFTEEN MILLION (\$15,000,000) DOLLARS toward the construction of upland site work improvements, including remediation work, to create a riverfront park in Yonkers." [Public Hearing set for March 24, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.]. LOCAL LAW INTRO: 2025-66.

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Aye: Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Nolan and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Barr and Legislator Pierce

2025-66 LOCAL LAW-Yonkers Waterfront Park

A LOCAL LAW authorizing the County of Westchester ("County") to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Yonkers, whereby the County will lease certain property from the City of Yonkers and contribute FIFTEEN MILLION (\$15,000,000) DOLLARS toward the construction of upland site work improvements, including remediation work, to create a riverfront park in Yonkers.

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following vote:

Aye: Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Nolan and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Barr and Legislator Pierce

[2025-67](#) **CBA-BLA1A-2800-Yonkers Waterfront Park**

AN ACT amending the 2025 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project BLA1A-2800 -Yonkers Waterfront Park.

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Aye: Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Nolan and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Barr and Legislator Pierce

[2025-68](#) **BOND ACT-BLA1A-2800-Yonkers Waterfront Park**

A BOND ACT authorizing the County to issue FIFTEEN MILLION (\$15,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance the construction of upland site work improvements to create the Park, including remediation work.

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Aye: Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Nolan and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Barr and Legislator Pierce

[2025-69](#) **ACT-Property Conveyance-1 Fernbrook Street, Yonkers**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to convey to the City of Yonkers County property located at 1 Fernbrook Street, Yonkers, New York, to be used for park and recreational purposes.

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Aye: Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Nolan and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Barr and Legislator Pierce

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Nolan, the Committee adjourned at 1:15 PM. by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Nolan and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Barr and Legislator Pierce