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# BUDGET 2017

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**A presentation by the Westchester County Department of Health**

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**County Executive Robert P. Astorino  
uses three guideposts (The Three P's)  
to manage Westchester County:**

- **Protect Taxpayers**
- **Preserve Essential Services**
- **Promote Economic Growth**

# Budget Comparison

## 2016 - 2017

	2016 Budget	2017 Proposed
Total Tax Levy Support	61.6M	56.0M
Tax Levy Support excluding CSN 4405 Program	55.4M	56.0M
% of Tax Levy for Public Health Activities	14.6%	15.8%
Tax Levy Reduction		\$5.6M

# Budget Highlights

- 252 positions (tax levy and grant)
- Full funding for larviciding activities in response to Zika
- Increase funding for OT & hourly costs for clinician services
- Transfer of the administration of the Ryan White Program
- Transfer of the 4405 Maintenance Program to DSS
- Rate increase for preschool tuition
- Increase in number of students approved for SEIT

# 2016 Workforce Update

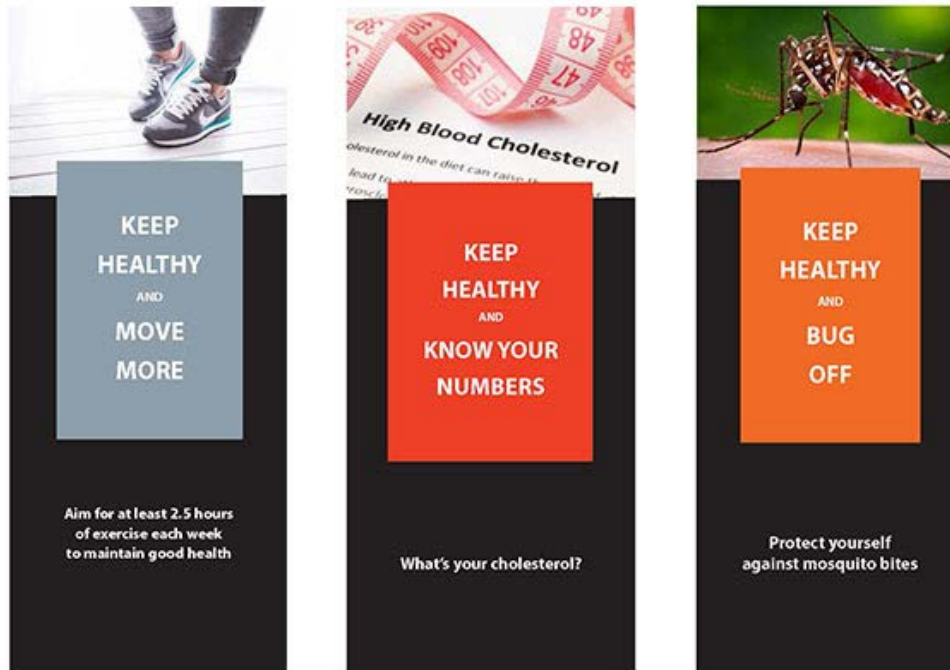
- 8 Positions filled
  - 6 tax levy & 2 grant funded
  - New physician hired (Board Certified, Infectious Disease)
- 4 Additional tax levy positions to be filled in December
- 3 Grant positions pending final approval/hiring

# Keeping the Community Healthy

- Provide STD/HIV, TB, Immunization and WIC services at our clinics
- Provide PrEP services at our clinics & in the community
- Vaccinated over 1000 people against flu
- Offer patient-centered clinic services & flexible hours

# Keep Healthy Campaign

Health education campaign that offers best practices and services to help residents lead a healthier lifestyle.



# Zika Preparedness

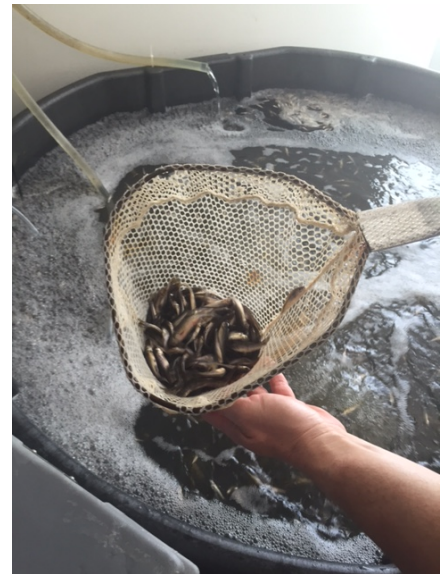
- WCDH submitted a Zika Action Plan to NYS in late April
- CE and WCDH presented county's comprehensive plan at a news conference in May and demonstrated ways that residents can reduce their risk
- CE and WCDH shared prevention strategies with BOL, municipalities and the public via email, website, social media, presentations and flyers





# Zika & WNV Preparedness

- Doubled trap site locations (21) and deployed new specialized traps to capture Aedes mosquitoes
- Evaluated and treated catch basins throughout the county with assistance from staff in all divisions
- Distributed minnows to residents to promote mosquito control in ornamental ponds



# Zika & WNV Preparedness

- No positive Zika pools
- No locally-acquired human cases of Zika
- 3 positive WNV pools (Yonkers)
- No human cases of WNV
- WCDH coordinated with local physicians to arrange testing for 685 residents
  - 31 tested positive for Zika, including 3 pregnant women
  - 300+ test results are pending with NYSDOH lab

# Narcan Training

- Trainings are ongoing
  - 2,000+ people trained since May 2014 (program inception)
  - 50 trainings conducted in 2016
  - Trainings offered to: pharmacists, medical/nursing professionals and students, psychiatrists, educators, recovery treatment professionals, and community residents
- Presented at the “Local Response to Opioid Abuse” Conference hosted by Westchester Medical Center in Oct. with over 70 people in attendance
- Presented at Grand Rounds at WMC Department of Psychiatry for faculty and residents in Nov.



# Cooling Tower Monitoring for Legionella

- Due to a NYC outbreak in July 2015, NYS enacted new regulations that require cooling towers be inspected and tested for Legionella
- WCDH now must:
  - continually review the bac-T and Legionella test results posted by operators of 426 cooling towers registered with NYS
  - Perform quality assurance review of any elevated test results
- No additional funds accompany this mandate
- Continue to work with DPW on testing and monitoring of County owned facilities

# Lead Testing in Public Schools

In response to local concerns about lead in school plumbing fixtures, WCDH worked with 6 school districts to:

- develop protocols
- collect samples
- interpret results
- communicate with parents and staff

# Lead Testing in Public Schools

September 2016 - NYS regulations became effective requiring all public schools to:

- test all water outlets in all school buildings
- enter results into a state database
- take corrective measures for outlets above the EPA action level of 15 ppb

# Lead Testing in Public Schools

- WCDH now must:
  - review all 255 public schools' lead data and remediation plans
  - assure schools have made appropriate notification about results and remediation
  - follow up as needed
- No additional funds accompany this mandate



# Advances in Onsite Waste Water Treatment

- Article VIII Sanitary Code amendments approved in 2016
- Allows for WCDH approval of advanced WWTS for septic system construction by ensuring proper operation and maintenance
- Better protects the environment by promoting replacement of and retrofits to existing non-compliant septic systems
- Allows more extensive repairs to be performed without submission of plans by an architect or engineer



# Children With Special Needs

- Increased role in Initial Service Coordination for EI
- Preschool services authorized by school districts
  - WCDH plans to increase presence at CPSE meetings
  - Center Based Tuition rates for 2015-2016 increased by 2%
  - SEIT payment reform began July 2015; regional rates have not been issued
  - SEIT rates unknown and number of children are projected to increase

# Community Collaborations

- **Hudson River Healthcare/Hudson Community Health Alliance** - IMPACT grant to reach adults with or at risk for hypertension, diabetes and stroke in 6 communities
- **County Hospitals** – conducted a joint Community Health Assessment and collaborated on the selection of health priorities for the Community Health Improvement Plan
- **Hudson Valley Hospitals** – medical countermeasure drill to practice rapidly dispensing medication in an emergency in Feb. 2017
- **End the Epidemic Steering Committee** -World AIDS Day Conference (Ending AIDS, Ending Disparities)
- **School Districts** – Continue Cross Systems Service Initiative with DCMH to improve outcomes for students at risk for residential placement



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