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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

2017 PROPOSED BUDGET

A presentation by the Department of Planning
November 16, 2016

Program Areas

- Citizen Boards
- Design and Development
- Housing
- Environment
- Land Use



Planning: CITIZEN BOARDS

Provide staff support and guidance

- County Planning Board
- Soil & Water Conservation District Board
- Housing Opportunity Commission
- Stormwater Advisory Board
- Northern Westchester Watershed Committee



Administer County's Capital Budget process

- Staff member serves as Executive Secretary to Capital Projects Committee.
- Staff oversees process for submissions.



Prepare reviews of capital project requests

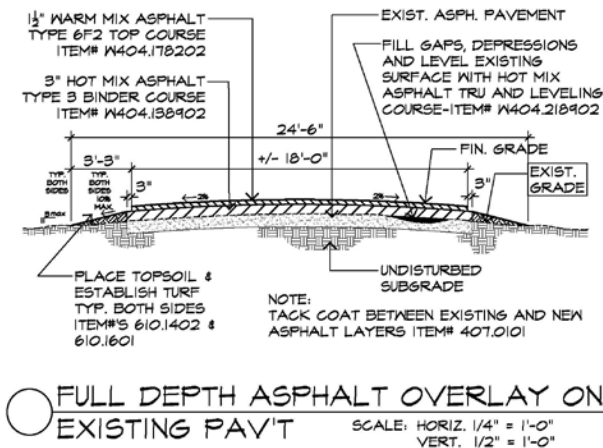
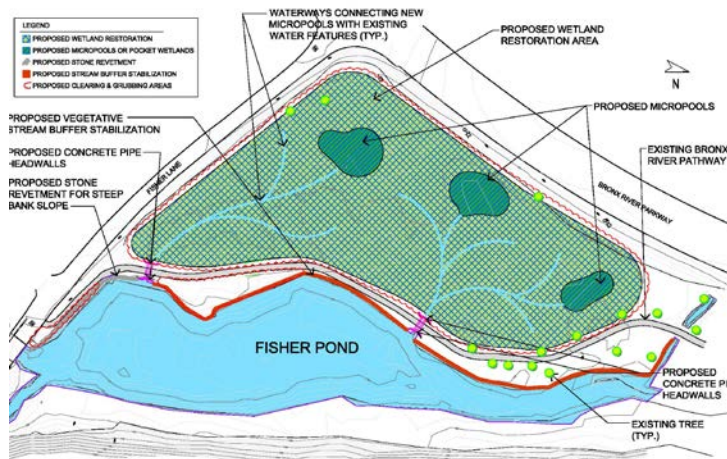
- Charter mandate for Planning Board to review physical impacts of County capital project requests.
- Submit report by September 10.



Planning: DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

Design projects and prepare construction plans

- Bikeways and railways
- Wetland restorations
- Park improvements
- Playgrounds
- Golf course improvements
- Streetscape improvements



Oversee project implementation



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Manage County role in affordable housing development

- Assistance
 - ✓ Land acquisition
 - ✓ Infrastructure
- Staff reviews and underwrites funding requests.
- County funding to only fill gap needed to assure project viability.



Follow-through on housing created under the Housing Settlement

- Oversee construction and use of County funding.
- Review marketing efforts and the purchase/occupancy of AFFH units.
- Administer “Homeseeker Central Intake” web site listings and registrants.

Before



After



Conduct annual housing monitoring

- All housing units provided County funding must be monitored by staff annually for continuing compliance.
- Over 3,250 homes and apartments
 - ✓ 82% rental
 - ✓ 18% home ownership
- Staff reviews rent rolls and occupancy changes.
- Staff inspects condition of units.

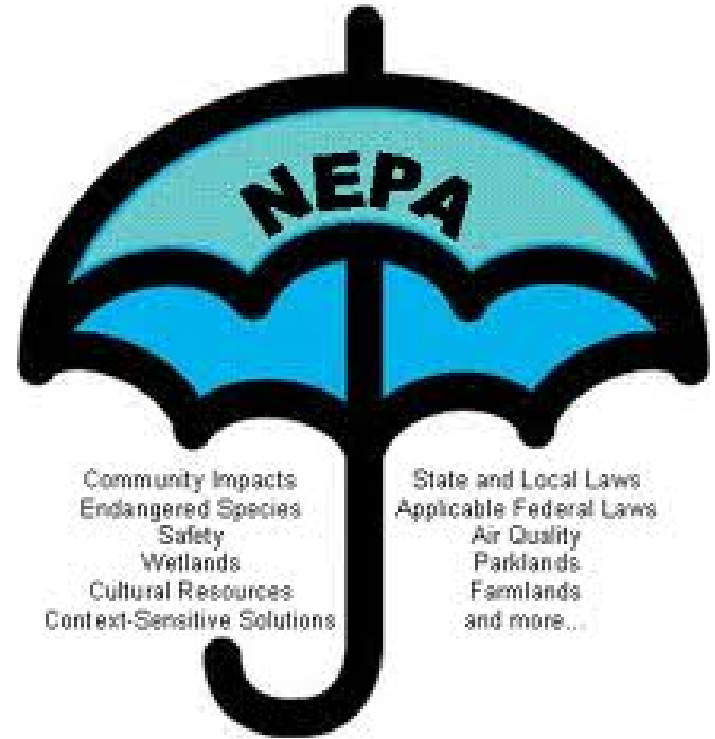


Prepare documentation of SEQR compliance for all County actions

- NYS Environmental Quality Review Act requires all local agencies to conduct environmental review prior to approving, undertaking or funding certain actions.
- Applies to BOL, A&C, BOH, County departments (*capital projects, local laws, property transactions, sewage district modifications, sanitary code regulations, etc.*).
- Staff reviews over 200 BOL actions per year.
- Staff reviews over 1,000 A&C resolutions per year.

Prepare documentation of NEPA compliance

- National Environmental Protection Act requires agencies using federal funds to conduct environmental review prior to approving, undertaking or funding certain actions.
- Staff reviews over 100 actions per year.



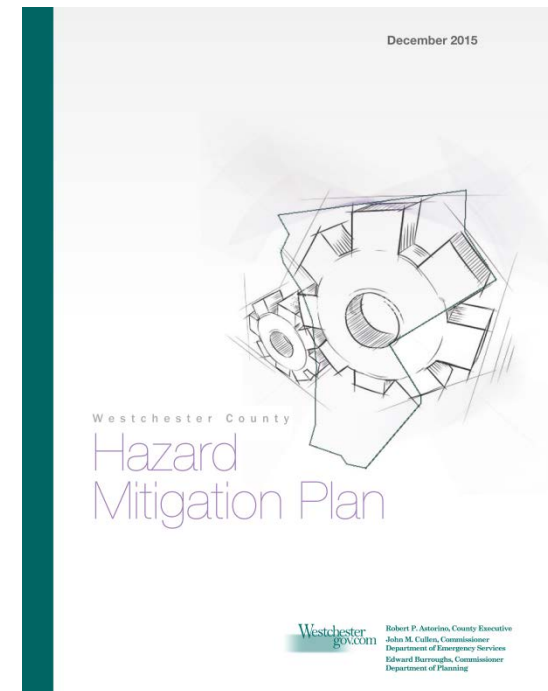
Implement Stormwater Management Law

- Planning chairs and staffs County Stormwater Advisory Board.
- Prepare and update, with DPWT, Reconnaissance Plans.
- Work with municipalities to identify flood mitigation projects eligible for County funding assistance.
- Participate in federal Mamaroneck and Sheldrake Rivers Flood Study.



Participate in development, implementation and update of Countywide Hazard Mitigation Plan

- Work closely with OEM as a member of steering committee.
- Provide information and outreach on hazard mitigation efforts.
- Assist municipalities to identify funding sources for mitigation projects.
- Prepare and update annual reports for 5-year plan update.




Propose, design and oversee stormwater management and restoration projects

- 41 projects completed or under construction.
- County funding leveraged by state and federal grants and appropriations.
- *Primary goals:* manage stormwater to help limit flooding and improve water quality.
- *Secondary goals:* improve ecology, aesthetics and passive recreation.
- Projects are models for restoration and stormwater management practices.



Oversee County's stormwater MS4 permit compliance

- Coordinate activities among impacted departments.
 - Review capital projects for retrofit opportunities.
 - Prepare and distribute education and outreach materials.
 - Document compliance with MS4 requirements and prepare annual reports.
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Provide staffing for Soil and Water Conservation District

- SWCD receives \$150,000 in annual state and federal grants for conservation-related projects including stormwater management.
- Provides technical guidance and mandated services to municipalities and residents.
- Develops and presents annual education and professional development programs.



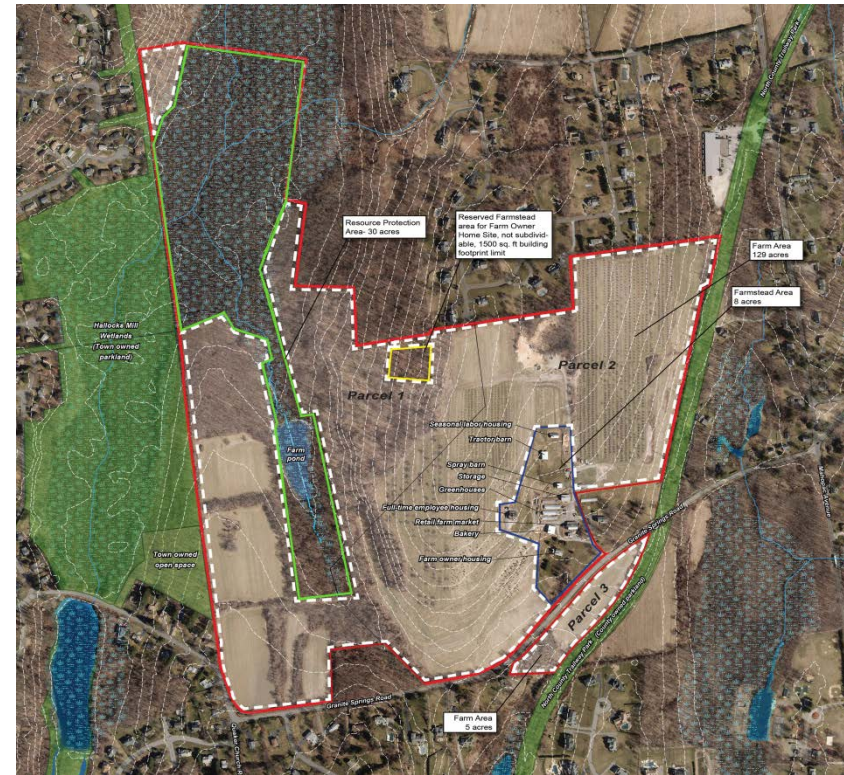
Oversee parkland acquisition - Westchester Legacy Program

- Implement RiverWalk.
- Identify lands for active recreation.
- Work with local partners to preserve open space.



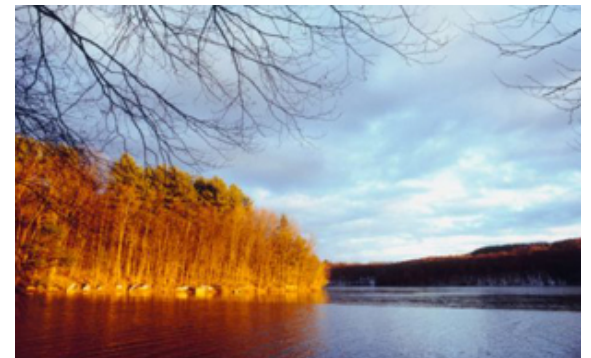
Review other land acquisitions - Farmland Protection

- Review easements and documents associated with purchase of development rights over farmland.



Participate in programs of NYC Watershed Memorandum of Agreement

- Signed by 80 governmental agencies and environmental groups in 1997 – including Westchester County and 12 Westchester municipalities (NWWC).
- Watershed Protection and Partnership Programs include the East of Hudson Water Quality Investment Program.



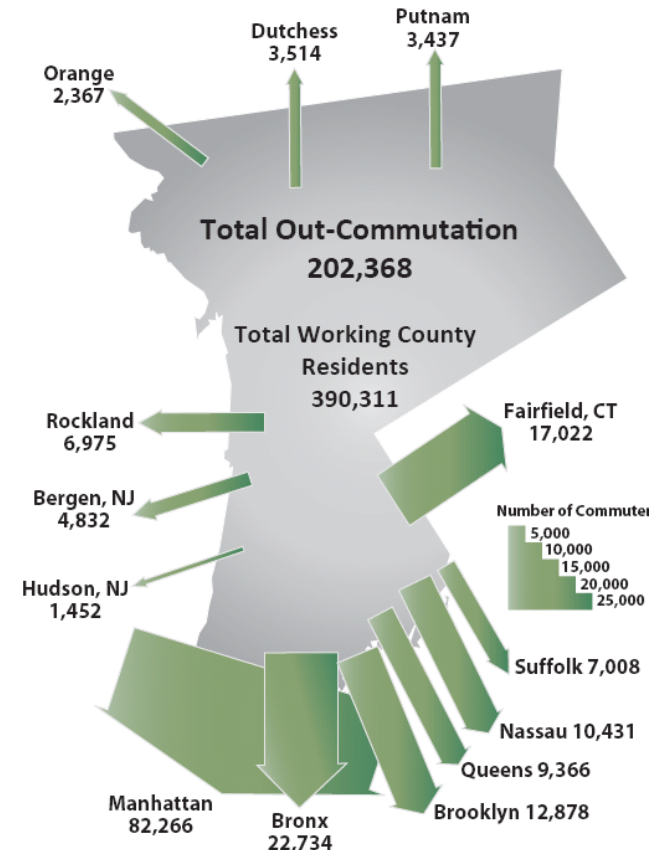
Process planning and zoning referrals

- Municipalities must refer certain planning and zoning actions to the County Planning Board.
- Staff reviews and drafts response comment letters.
- Board approval at monthly meetings.
- 200 to 300 comment letters sent each year.
- 300 to 400 additional minor actions responded to via email.
- Provides dialogue between county and municipalities.

Westchester County Planning Board Planning and Zoning Action Referral Form			
Referral Name: _____			Westchester County Planning Board comments due by: _____
Address: _____			
Municipality: _____			Local Case Number: _____
Zip code of location of the action: _____			Local Meeting Date: _____
Section: _____	Block: _____	Lot: _____	Public Hearing: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Referring Agency: <input type="checkbox"/> City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Town/Village Board <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Board/Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		General Land Use Classification: Type of Action <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion <input type="checkbox"/> Modification SEQR Action <input type="checkbox"/> EAF <input type="checkbox"/> Lead Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Scope <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIS <input type="checkbox"/> Final EIS <input type="checkbox"/> Findings <input type="checkbox"/> Positive Declaration <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration	
Referral Description: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____			
Referral Trigger (Type of Action)* <small>Please check appropriate box for actions involving <u>more</u> than 5,000 square feet of new or renovated floor area OR 10,000 square feet of total land disturbance. If this action involves less floor area or land disturbance, please use a "notification only" form to reduce paperwork/waste.</small>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Special Use Permit or Use Variance <input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision Plat (Only when a new street will connect directly into a state or county road or a new drainage line will connect directly into a county drainage channel) <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Ordinance or Map (Adoption or Amendment) <input type="checkbox"/> Moratoriums		<input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Plan (Adoption or Amendment) <input type="checkbox"/> Official Map (Adoption or Amendment) <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan (please circle the condition) Affecting property within 500 feet of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A municipal boundary;• The boundary of an existing or proposed state or county park or any other state/county recreation area;• The right-of-way of an existing or proposed state or county road;• An existing or proposed county drainage channel line;• The boundary of state or county-owned land on which a public building/ institution is located;• The boundary of a farm located in an agricultural district.	
Contact Information Local Contact Name: _____ Department/Agency: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____			

Serve as Census affiliate and resource for data

- Department is affiliate of State Data Center of NYS Department of Economic Development and Empire State Development.
- Collect and disseminate data to governments, public and media.
- Keep on-line DataBook current.
- Prepare special analysis for other departments and public, tailored to users in the county.

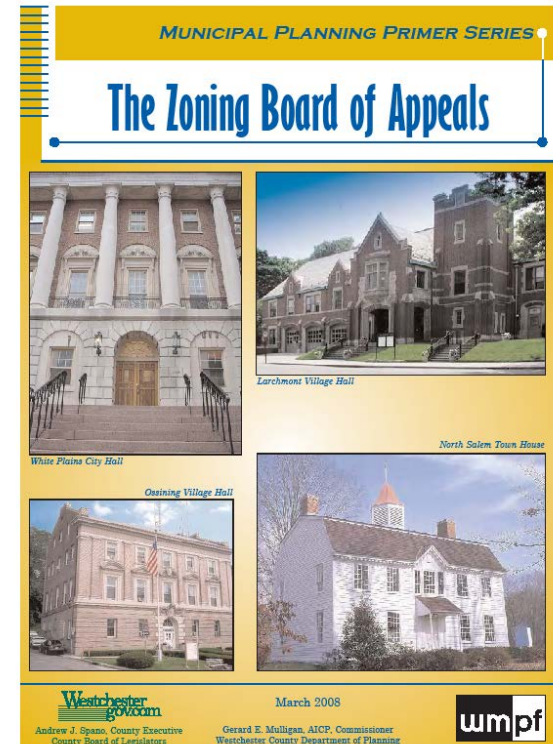
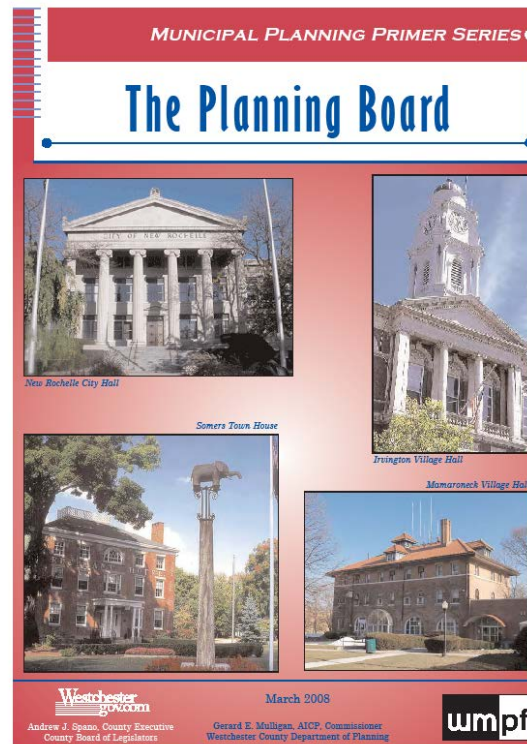


Out-Commutation from Westchester County, 2010

Source: US Census Bureau LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics, Beginning of Quarter Employment.
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Planning: LAND USE

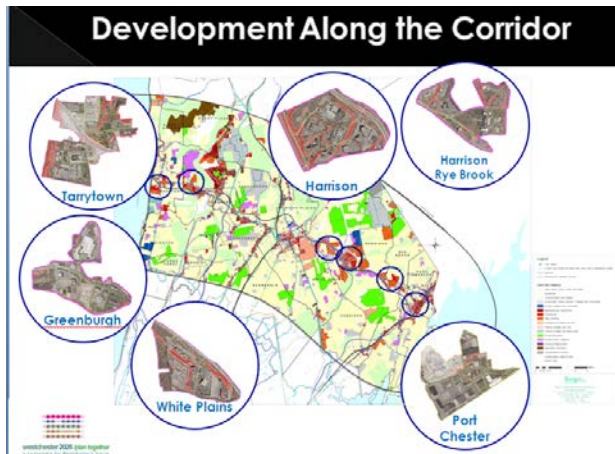
Participate in programming with the Westchester Municipal Planning Federation



Planning: LAND USE

Participate in transportation planning

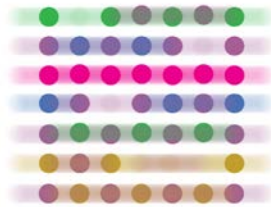
- Prepare and provide data to NYMTC (land use, population trends, major development activity, etc.).
- Review and participate in major infrastructure investment studies (Tappan Zee Bridge Replacement, I-287 transit).



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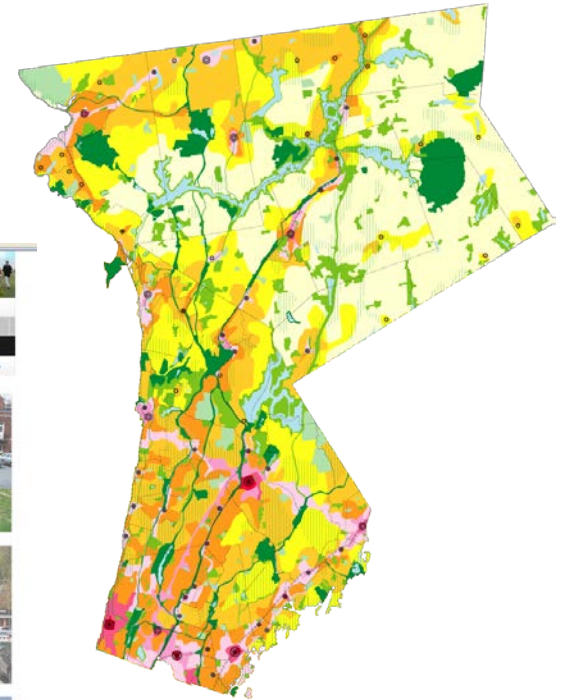
Westchester 2025: Plan Together

- Promote policies to guide county planning.
- Maintain web-based planning portal.



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a partnership for Westchester's future

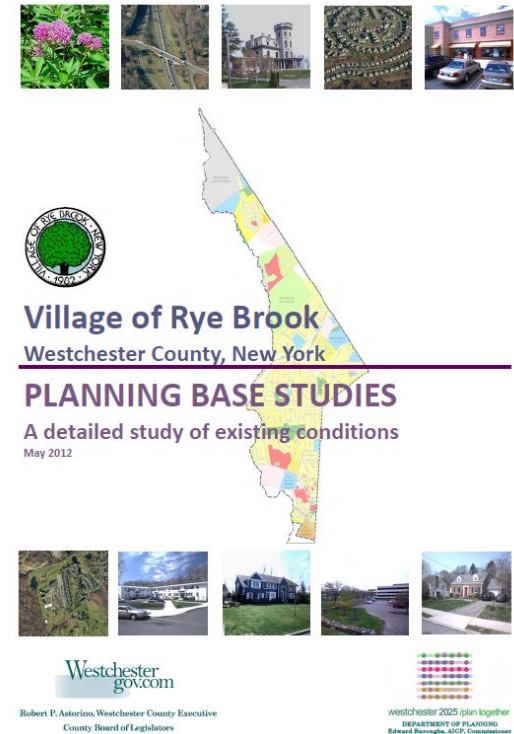
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Planning: LAND USE

Provide planning support to municipalities

- Prepare base studies for local Comprehensive Plans.
 - ✓ Completed: Rye Brook, New Castle and North Castle
- Provide special project assistance. In 2017:
 - ✓ Tarrytown comprehensive plan update
 - ✓ Buchanan comprehensive plan update



Department of Planning Operating Budget Summary:

\$3,473,023 tax levy cost

Department of Planning

Operating Budget Summary:

Total Expenditures \$4,207,483

53%

52% Annual salaries (for 21 positions)

1% Materials & Supplies (for department)

47%

27% Contract services (funding pass-through)

20% Inter-departmental charges



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