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Westchester County Executive







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

- Protect Taxpayers
- Preserve Essential Services
- Promote Economic Growth

2016 PROPOSED BUDGET

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Program Areas

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







Planning: CITIZEN BOARDS

Provide support to:

- County Planning Board
- Soil & Water Conservation District Board
- Housing Opportunity Commission
- Stormwater Advisory Board



Serve as Executive Secretary to County Capital Projects Committee

Staff oversees process for submissions



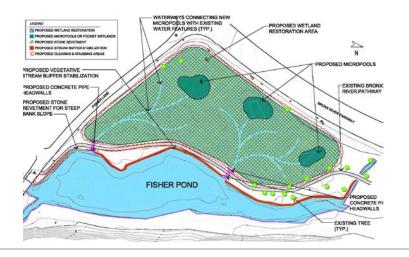
Prepare reviews of capital project requests

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

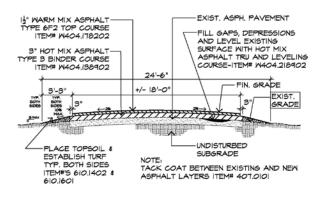


Design projects and prepare construction plans

- Bikeways and trailways
- Wetland restorations
- Park improvements



- Playgrounds
- Golf course improvements
- Streetscape improvements





Oversee project implementation





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Planning: **HOUSING**

Manage County role in affordable housing development

- Financial Assistance
 - Land acquisition
 - Infrastructure
 - Construction costs
- Funding only for amount needed to assure viability
- Staff reviews and underwrites funding requests
- Funded 226 units to date in 2015.



Planning: **HOUSING**

Conduct housing monitoring

- All housing units provided County assistance must be monitored by staff annually for continuing compliance
- Over 3,558 homes and apartments
 - 81.6% rental
 - 18.4% home ownership
- Rental vacancy less than 2% overall (5% is typical of market)





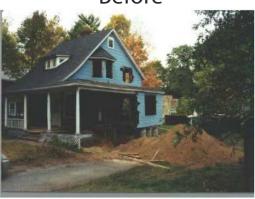
Planning: **HOUSING**

Implement provisions of the Housing

Settlement

- Meet with developers, property owners, municipalities and financial institutions to discuss potential housing sites
- Review funding needs and opportunities for AFFH units
- Prepare documentation for County participation
- Enhance and update "Homeseeker Central Intake" web site
- Promote Model Ordinance Provisions







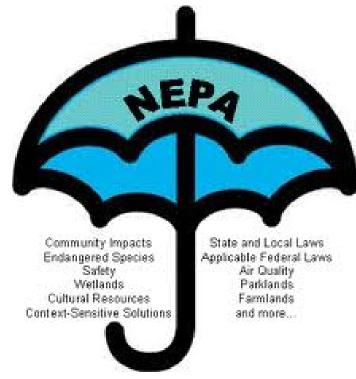
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Prepare documentation of SEQR compliance for all County actions

- Per NYS Environmental Quality Review Act, all local agencies must 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 100 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

- Chair and staff 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



Propose, design and oversee stormwater management and restoration projects

- 37 projects completed
- County funding leveraged by municipal, state and federal funding via grants or appropriations
- Project goals: help control floodwaters 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





Provide staffing for Soil and Water Conservation District

- SWCD is conduit for state funding and federal grants for conservation-related projects and programs, including stormwater management
- Provide technical guidance to municipalities and residents
- Develop and present education and professional development programs





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

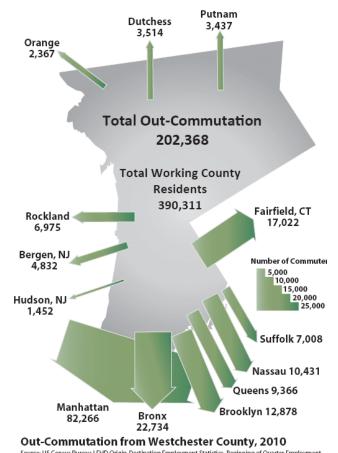
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| Comprehensive Plan (Adoption or Amendment) Official Map (Adoption or Amendment) |
| Site Plan (please circle the condition) Affecting property within 500 feet of: |
| A municipal boundary, The boundary of an existing or proposed state or county park 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. |
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Serve as Census affiliate and resource Putnam

for data

- Department is affiliate of State Data Center, under direction 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

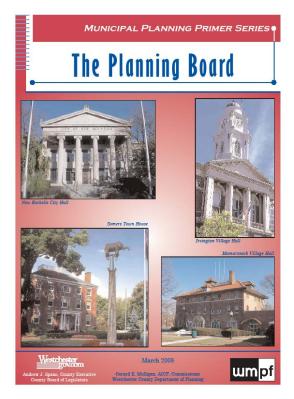


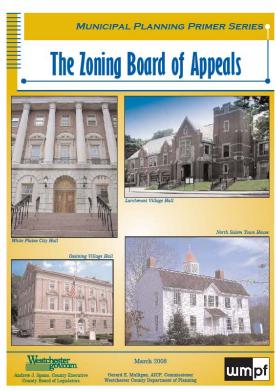
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Participate in programming with the Westchester Municipal Planning

Federation

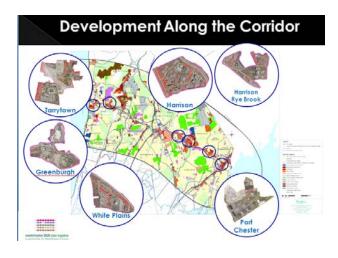






Participate in transportation planning

- 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)

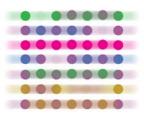




Promote development policies - Westchester 2025: Plan Together

Policies to guide county planning

Web-based planning portal



westchester 2025 /plan together a partnership for Westchester's future

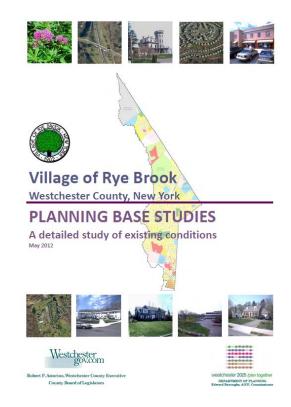






Provide planning support to municipalities

- Prepare base studies for local Comprehensive Plans
 - Completed: Rye Brook and New Castle
 - Underway: North Castle
- Provide special project assistance:
 - Sleepy Hollow downtown review
 - Tarrytown train station area study
- "Repurposing the I-287 Corridor"





Department of Planning Operating Budget Summary:

\$3,085,220 Tax levy cost

\$ 172,734 Decrease from 2015

Department of Planning Operating Budget Summary:

Total Expenditures \$4,438,798

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45% Annual regular salaries (19 positions)
1% Materials & supplies (for department)
54%

37% Expenses (contract services)
17% Inter-departmental charges
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