

# Department of Solid Waste Commission

2022 Executive Proposed Budget

# Core Programs & Functions

The mission of the Westchester County Solid Waste Commission is to promote the welfare and safety of the citizens of Westchester County by seeking to eliminate fraud, the influence of traditional Organized Crime and other criminal activity in the solid waste and recyclables hauling industries; to ensure that only individuals and companies of good character, honesty and integrity receive and retain licenses to operate in the Solid Waste and Recyclables hauling industries; to increase healthy competition among Haulers and enhancing consumer choice; and to ensure that any and all Haulers are regulated and in full compliance with the Laws of Westchester County.

# Goals of the Solid Waste Commission

- To perform background checks on all applicants and principals requesting a Permit or License so as to ensure the good character, honesty and integrity of Permittees and Licensees in Westchester County.
- To issue Permits and Licenses for the performance of activities for which a Permit and License are required by the Westchester County Solid Waste and Recyclables Collection Licensing Law (Chapter 826-a of the Laws of Westchester County).
- To ensure that only licensed Haulers transport, store or dump Solid Waste and Recyclables within Westchester County, and that licensed Haulers only use trucks registered with the Solid Waste Commission.
- To ensure that transfer stations are accepting Solid Waste and Recyclables only from entities licensed by Westchester County.
- Conduct proactive investigations.
- To investigate all industry complaints that occur within Westchester County.

# Budget Summary

ITEM	2021	2022
Operating Positions	9	9
Trust Positions	-	-
<b>TOTAL POSITIONS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
Personal Service	1,396,282	1,355,036
Equipment	5,100	5,192
Materials & Supplies	19,200	24,708
Contractual Expenses	168,112	174,605
Inter-Departmental Charges	491,956	502,042
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,080,650</b>	<b>2,061,583</b>

# Budget Summary

ITEM	2021	2022
Inter-Departmental Revenue	-	-
Departmental Revenue	2,080,650	2,348,750
State & Federal Aid	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>2,080,650</b>	<b>2,348,750</b>

# Department COVID-19 Response

- ARPA Funding- We purchased items such as masks, wipes, sanitizers and conference table dividers. We shared the dividers with the TLC and Human Rights Departments.
- Impact on department services- none. Our Inspectors were in the field and the department continued all goal related activities throughout the pandemic.
- The industry was greatly impacted in that residential waste increased significantly, while commercial waste decreased because restaurants and other businesses were closed for a lengthy period. We regularly counseled licensees on how to operate and survive in this new arena.

# New Initiatives & Highlights

## **HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2021**

- In response to the significant increase in construction activity in Westchester County, we focused enforcement efforts on construction sites resulting in increased revenue from violations and dozens of new out of state licensees.
- Hurricane Ida Response - Worked closely with industry leaders to help identify and allocate resources to address the post-storm cleanup crisis in the County.
- Enforcement resulted in revenue well in excess of \$250K.

## **NEW INITIATIVES FOR 2022**

- Food waste – in furtherance of the County Executive’s goals involving the environment, specifically food waste disposal, we recently created an inexpensive new hauling class for those companies that are or will be hauling food waste. We can, therefore, monitor the hauling activities in this sector and ensure that the food waste is being disposed of in an environmentally sound manner.