



# Department of Planning

2025 Executive Proposed Budget  
November 19, 2024



# Program Sections



- Administration
- Community Development
- Design
- Environment and Resiliency
- Housing
- Land Use
- Transportation



# Community Development Highlights

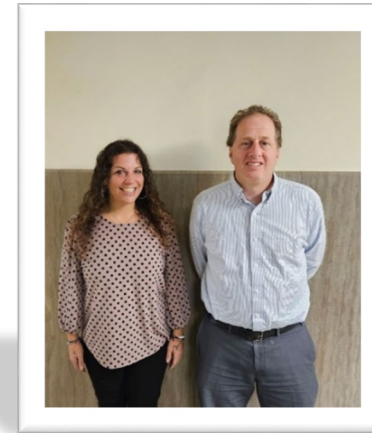


## Affordable Housing Funding:

- Implemented and will award up to \$90m in Housing Flex Funds to support the creation of up to 2800 affordable housing units
- Funded 914 affordable housing units with County funding (NHLA & HIF)

## CPD Program Administration:

- Received \$5.8m from HUD in FY2024 for CDBG, HOME and ESG
- 15 CDBG projects completed representing funding of approximately \$2M
- Under the Nourishing Our Neighbors Program, \$750K in CDBG-CV funds were awarded to 21 non-profit partners to provide essential nutritious food to those most in need
- Submission and approval of 5-year Consolidated Plan and FY2024 Annual Plan
- \$165K in HOME funds were used to renovate 11 affordable housing units owned and operated by a local non-profit, housing 25 individuals earning at or below 50% of AMI
- \$250K in ESG funds were used to provide shelter support to replace failing HVAC system benefiting over 500 individuals experiencing homelessness and \$225k was used to prevent homelessness of 34 families and 20 individuals with very low incomes
- Implemented new 3-year funding cycle for FY2025-2027
  - Received close to 100 applications from municipalities and nonprofit organizations
  - Implemented on-line application process



**APRIL 23, 2024**

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY  
CONSORTIUM COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
(CDBG) INFORMATION SESSION**

Learn about Westchester County's 2025-2027  
CDBG Applications, due **August 16, 2024**

Learn about 2025-2027 grant funding eligible toward public improvements to facilities, affordable housing, and/or public service projects within the Westchester Urban County Consortium\*. The County Department of Planning administers CDBG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This info session will discuss the next 3-year application cycle, including the submission of up to four projects totaling a maximum cap of \$4M in requests for review by

Info Session for  
2025-2027 CDBG  
Grant Applications

For Municipalities,  
Public Housing  
Authorities &  
Nonprofit Agencies

Tuesday  
April 23, 2024  
10:00 am - 11:30 am

**Greenburgh Town Hall**  
177 Hillside Avenue  
Greenburgh, NY 10603

CONTACT:



# Design Highlights



## Design Projects:

- Completion of 8 CDBG design projects related to parks, sidewalks, and water infrastructure in seven municipalities
- 12 project management services, 5 studies & 2 design projects for capital projects development and implementation
  - Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation
  - Dept. of Planning Environmental Division
  - Dept. of Public Works & Transportation
  - Dept. of Social Services



# Environment & Resiliency Highlights



## Workshops and Trainings:

- Erosion and sediment controls
- Stormwater management
- Agriculture and farmland protection
- Flooding and natural resource protection
- Invasive Species Management

## Soil & Water Conservation District:

- Sponsored Regional Envirothon for youth development and environmental education. 300 youth participated.
- Supported the development and implementation of five projects to improve water quality, watershed planning, habitats and biodiversity

## SEQR & NEPA Reviews:

- Conducted over 200 SEQR and 75 NEPA reviews

## Planting Westchester:

- Inventoried 44 community gardens including video interviews





# Flood Mitigation and Resiliency



- Hiring of Flood Mitigation & Resiliency Director.
- Continued technical assistance to municipalities
- Unifying a watershed-scale approach to building infrastructure aimed at combating flooding and enhancing economic resilience to natural disasters.
  - Restructuring the Flood Mitigation Program (BPL 26) to assist communities
- Developing a grant strategy for watershed-scale local municipal and county capital projects.
  - Submission of competitive funding application under FEMA DR-4755 Disaster Declaration to assist local municipalities with flooding for \$27.5 million.



# Housing Highlights



## Rehabilitation & Preservation

- Funded approximately \$3M for needed repairs of rental properties from Landlord Tenant Assistance Program (LTAP) impacting over 100 units while maintaining rent levels that are affordable to households at or below 60% - 100% of AMI
- Conducted monitoring activities impacting 4,053 affordable housing units
- 16 units made lead safe with funding from the Lead Safe Westchester Program totaling \$575K
- Funding approval to 4 Public Housing Authorities in the amount of \$7M from phase 2 of the LTAP program

## Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Funding:

- Prevented the eviction or foreclosure of 32 households



# Land Use Highlights



## Municipal Referrals (GML and Admin Code)

- Prepared 470 reports of various municipal land use actions

## Census and Data

- Released web-based data dashboards
- Presented 2020 Census Data findings to various municipalities and stakeholders

## Studies

- Participated in the NYS Open Space Planning effort
- Initiated Transit-Oriented Development study

## Trainings and Presentations

- 6 trainings and presentations to local stakeholders, boards and municipal officials

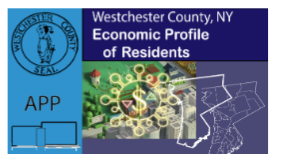
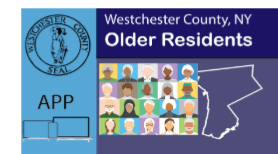
## Capital Planning

- Worked with County Departments on long term Capital planning efforts
- Worked with the Capital Work Group on Capital Budget presentations to the Planning Board and Board of Legislators



### Interactive Data Visualizations

Welcome to the Westchester County Data Visualization Gallery. Data visualizations and infographics use techniques designed to convey complex information in a clear, concise and visually effective format. This page provides a showcase for interesting data visualizations and infographics on a range of economic and demographic topics.





# Transportation Highlights

## Funding:

- Secured \$12.431M in federal funding to purchase 15 Hybrid-Electric Coach Buses
- Secured \$100K Safe Street for All grant funding for a bus stop safety project
- Applied for a \$3M NYSDOT Clean Mobility grant to support zero-emission microtransit initiatives

## Complete Streets Program:

- Developed application and related materials

## NYMTC Partnership:

- Coordinated and launched Community Planning Workshops for Pelham/Pelham Manor/Mount Vernon

## Transportation Studies:

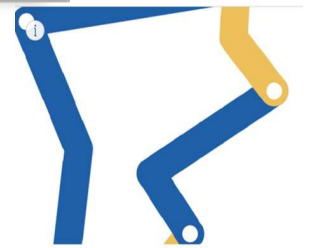
- Issued RFP for Fare Policy Study
- Release RFP for the 2025 on-board passenger survey for Bee-Line System
- Issued existing conditions memo and continued work on the Transportation & Food Access Study

## Technology Upgrades:

- Supported design and build for the systems technology upgrade and integration project for the entire fleet of 325 buses

## Planning for Bee-Line and Microtransit:

- Conducted outreach to municipal officials to present and discuss Mobility & Transit Plan recommendations
- Worked with NYSDOT to develop a potential Microtransit pilot program in Peekskill



**Westchester  
County Mobility  
& Transit Plan  
StoryMap**



# 2024 Departmental Highlights



## Outreach and Education

- Individual Outreach to 44 of 45 Local Municipalities
- Program Outreach (WMPF, WMOA, LOWV, LULA, LUTI)

## Implemented New IT Tools

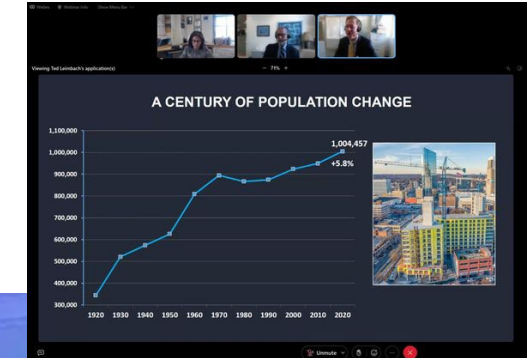
- Data Dashboards
- CDBG Applications
- Project Management platforms

## Revamped Student Internship Program

## Increased Presence on Social Media

## World Town Planning Day

## Professional Development



**Westchester Urban County Consortium, NY**  
Community Feedback Needed

**Community Needs Assessment**

THE CDBG HOUSING ACT  
ACCEPTS COMMUNITIES  
IDENTIFYING HOUSING, PUBLIC  
SERVICES AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT NEEDS  
BASED ON RACE, COLOR,  
FAMILY STATUS, NATIONAL  
ORIGIN, DISABILITY

**PURPOSE**  
Westchester County, NY is developing its  
Consolidated Plan to assess affordable  
housing needs & community development  
needs that will help achieve solutions for  
the Reentry Funded programs.

**LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!**

The County is also completing the Analysis of  
Impediments to Fair Housing Choice to  
identify and address fair housing issues  
within our community.

Your feedback is crucial to this process!

OR GO TO THE LINK BELOW:  
<https://www.research.net/r/Westchester-ComPlan>

**Consejo del Condado Urbano de Westchester, NY**  
Se Necesitan Comentarios de la Comunidad

**Necesidades de la comunidad Evaluación**

LA LEY DE VIVIENDA ASISTIDA  
ACEPTA COMUNIDADES  
IDENTIFICANDO NECESIDADES DE  
VIVIENDA, SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS Y  
DESARROLLO ECONÓMICO  
NECESARIOS PARA  
ALCANZAR LOS OBJETIVOS DE LA  
COMUNIDAD.

**OBJETIVO**  
El Condado de Westchester, NY está  
desarrollando su Plan Consolidado para  
evaluar las necesidades de vivienda asequible  
y los objetivos de desarrollo comunitario que  
ayudarán a abordar las necesidades de los  
programas financiados por fondos federales.

El Condado también está completando el  
Análisis de impedimentos para la Elección de  
Vivienda Justa para identificar y abordar los  
problemas de vivienda justa dentro de nuestra  
comunidad. Sus comentarios son cruciales  
para este proceso.

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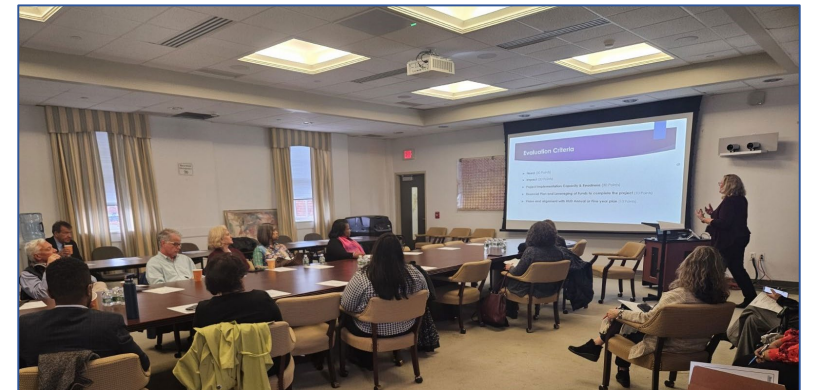


# Citizen Board Support



## Citizen Board Support

- County Planning Board
- Housing Opportunity Commission
- Soil & Water Conservation District
- Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board
- Stormwater Advisory Board
- Historic Preservation Advisory Committee
- Northern Westchester Watershed Committee
- Urban County Council
- Community Development Advisory Group



# 2025 Initiatives



## Community Development

- Continued administration of the NHLA, HIF and HOME programs
- Administer CDBG HUD allocations and new 3-Year cycle

## Design

- Design and implementation of community infrastructure and amenities
- Sidewalk, Shared Use Paths, Trails and Streetscapes
- Park, Playground, Splash Pad, Parking Lots and Plazas
- Projects to improve habitat and community resiliency
- Stream Restoration, Living Shorelines and Dam Removal
- Meadow and Forestry Ecotype Biodiversity Implementation





# 2025 Initiatives



## Environment and Resiliency

- Flood mitigation technical assistance program
- Grant funding assistance
- Watershed planning and natural resources inventory
- Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan update



## Housing

- Launch of new and improved HomeSeeker
- Creation of CDBG-funded Property Improvement Program (PIP)
- Continued administration of LTAP PHA Program



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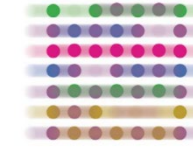


## Land Use

- Updated Municipal Referral Program to launch in January
- County Comprehensive Plan Update
- County Open Space Plan and Policies update
- County Transit-Oriented Development Study

## Transportation

- Preparing for Bee-Line Redesign Implementation
- Work with MTA to implement OMNY system
- Implement and administer Complete Streets Program
- Continue to implement microtransit recommendations
- Perform the 2025 Bee-Line On-Board Passenger Survey
- Conduct a Bee-Line Fare Policy Study
- Initiate Aging & Mobility Study



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a partnership for Westchester's future

Context for  
County and Municipal Planning in  
Westchester County  
and  
Policies to Guide County Planning





# Budget Summary



ITEM	2024	2025
Operating Positions	29	29
Trust Positions	13	13
<b>TOTAL POSITIONS</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>
Personal Service	3,002,407	3,209,454
Equipment	0	0
Materials & Supplies	92,142	27,000
Contractual Expenses	6,390,810	1,790,332
Inter-Departmental Charges	836,226	958,576
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>10,321,585</b>	<b>5,985,362</b>

# Budget Summary



ITEM	2024	2025
Inter-Departmental Revenue	0	0
Departmental Revenue	292,378	307,138
State & Federal Aid	2,385,000	325,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>2,677,378</b>	<b>632,138</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY</b>	<b>7,644,207</b>	<b>5,353,224</b>