



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

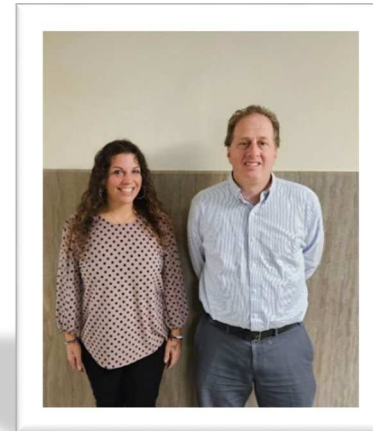


Affordable Housing Funding:

- 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 \$1M 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:

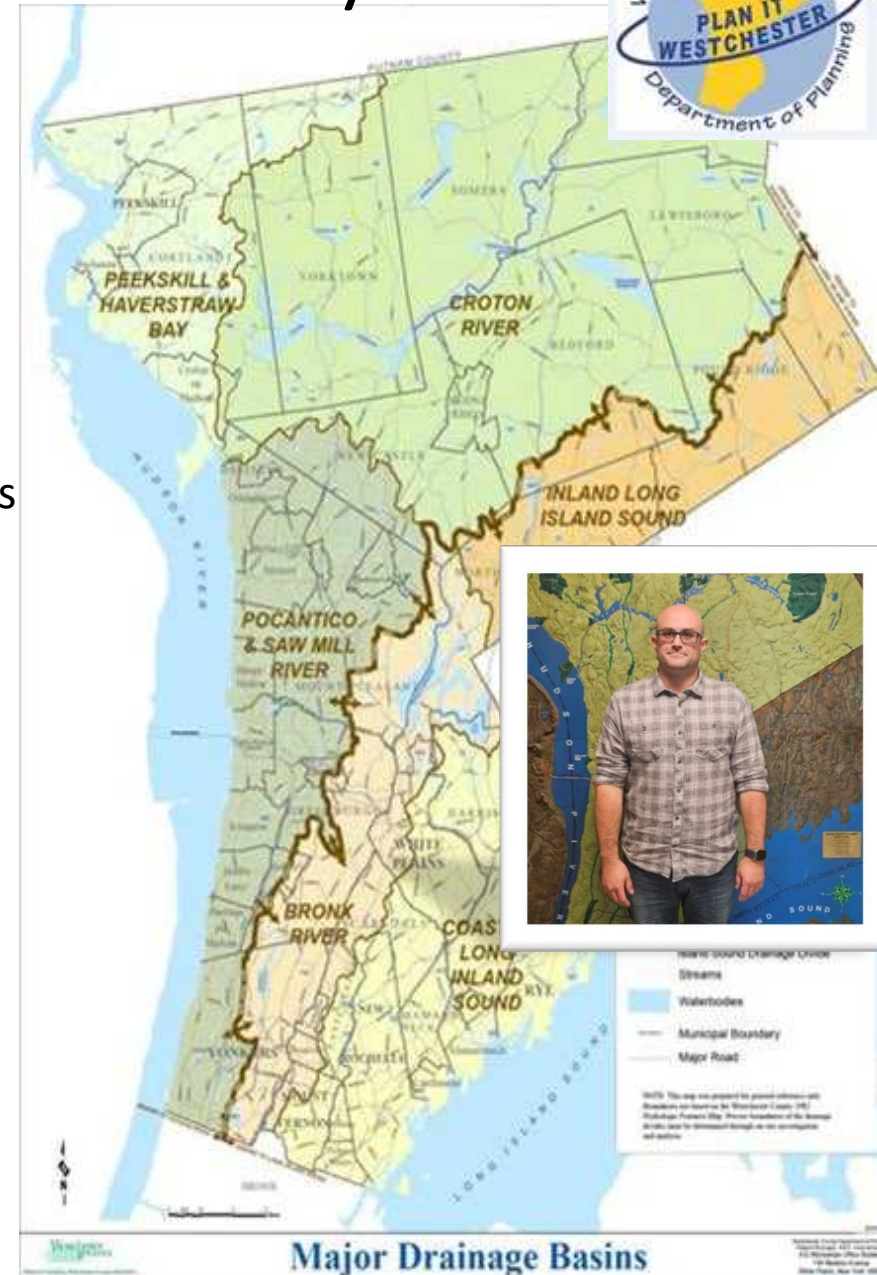
- Inventoried 44 community gardens including video interviews



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

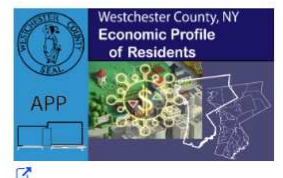
Capital Planning

- 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 NYSERDA 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:

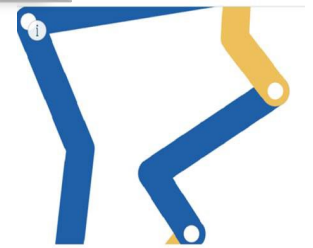
- Issued RFP for Fare Policy Study
- Release RFP for the 2025 on-board passenger survey for Bee-Line System
- Issued existing conditions memo and continued work on the Transportation & Food Access Study

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

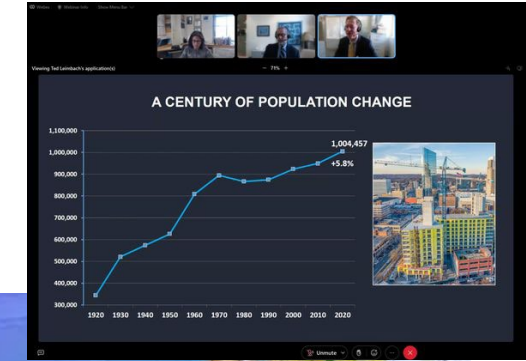
Invasive Plant Management Workshop
 March 20, 2024
 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 Little Theatre
 at Westchester County Center
 198 Central Avenue, White Plains
 Check-in between 8 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
 ISA & LA credits awarded based on agency approval

GUEST SPEAKERS
 Matthew Aiello-Lammens, PhD
 Dept. of Environmental Studies & Science
 Pace University
 Kristy King
 Chief of Natural Resources
 Environment and Planning
 NYC Parks
 Taro Ietaka
 Westchester County Parks
 Recreation & Conservation
 Blind Brook High School

Registration Required
 Register here or use QR Code

TOPICS

- Invasive Species & Climate Change
- Ways to Manage Invasive Species
- Effective Messaging



<p>Westchester Urban County Consortium, NY Community Feedback Needed</p> <p>Community Needs Assessment</p> <p>THE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK PROGRAM ACCEPTS COMMENTS, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PUBLIC SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY NEEDS.</p> <p>PURPOSE 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!</p> <p>https://www.research.net/1/Westchester-ComPlan</p>	<p>CONSEJO DEL CONDADO URBANO DE WESTCHESTER, NY Se Necesitan Comentarios de la Comunidad</p> <p>Necesidades de la comunidad Evaluación</p> <p>LA PROGRAMACIÓN DE SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS Y ECONÓMICOS PARA LAS COMUNIDADES DE LA CONDADO.</p> <p>OBJETIVO El Condado de Westchester, NY está desarrollando su Plan Comunitario para identificar y abordar los problemas de vivienda justa dentro de nuestra comunidad. Sus comentarios son cruciales para este proceso.</p> <p>https://www.research.net/1/Westchester-ComPlan</p>
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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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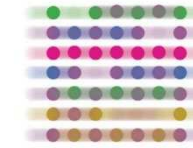


Land Use

- 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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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
TOTAL POSITIONS	42	42
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
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	10,321,585	5,985,362

Budget Summary



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