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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

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



Planning: DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

Administer County's Capital Budget process

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



Planning: DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

Prepare reviews of capital project requests

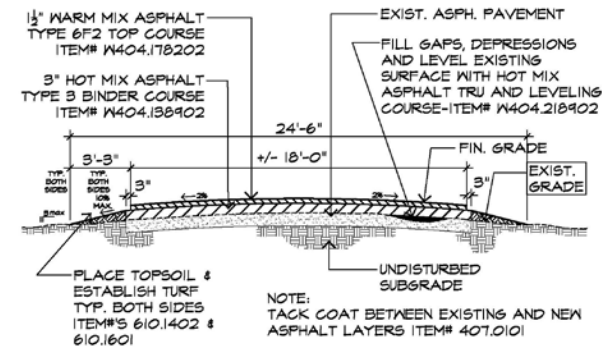
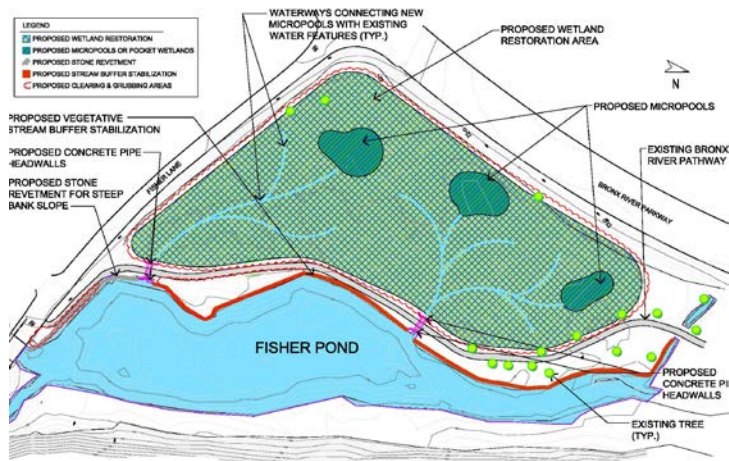
- Charter mandate for Planning Board to review physical impacts of County capital project requests.
- Submit report by September 10.



Planning: DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

Design projects and prepare construction plans

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



○ FULL DEPTH ASPHALT OVERLAY ON EXISTING PAV'T
SCALE: HORIZ. 1/4" = 1'-0"
VERT. 1/2" = 1'-0"

Planning: DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

Oversee project implementation



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Planning: HOUSING

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.



Planning: HOUSING

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



Planning: HOUSING

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.



Planning: ENVIRONMENT

Prepare documentation of SEQRA 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.

Planning: ENVIRONMENT

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.



Planning: ENVIRONMENT

Implement Stormwater Management Law

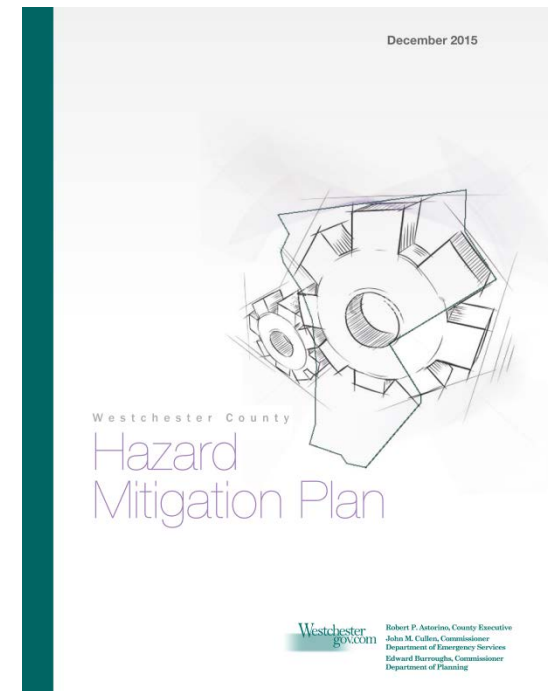
- Planning chairs and staffs County Stormwater Advisory Board.
- Prepare and update, with DPWT, Reconnaissance Plans.
- Work with municipalities to identify flood mitigation projects eligible for County funding assistance.
- Participate in federal Mamaroneck and Sheldrake Rivers Flood Study.



Planning: ENVIRONMENT

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.



Planning: ENVIRONMENT

Propose, design and oversee stormwater management and restoration projects

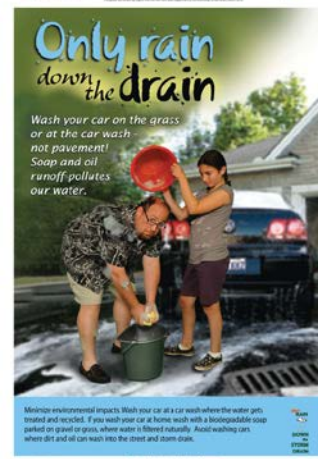
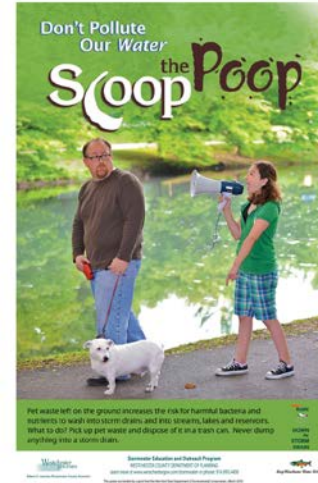
- 41 projects completed or under construction.
- County funding leveraged by state and federal grants and appropriations.
- *Primary goals:* manage stormwater to help limit flooding and improve water quality.
- *Secondary goals:* improve ecology, aesthetics and passive recreation.
- Projects are models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



Planning: ENVIRONMENT

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.



Planning: ENVIRONMENT

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.



Planning: ENVIRONMENT

Oversee parkland acquisition - Westchester Legacy Program

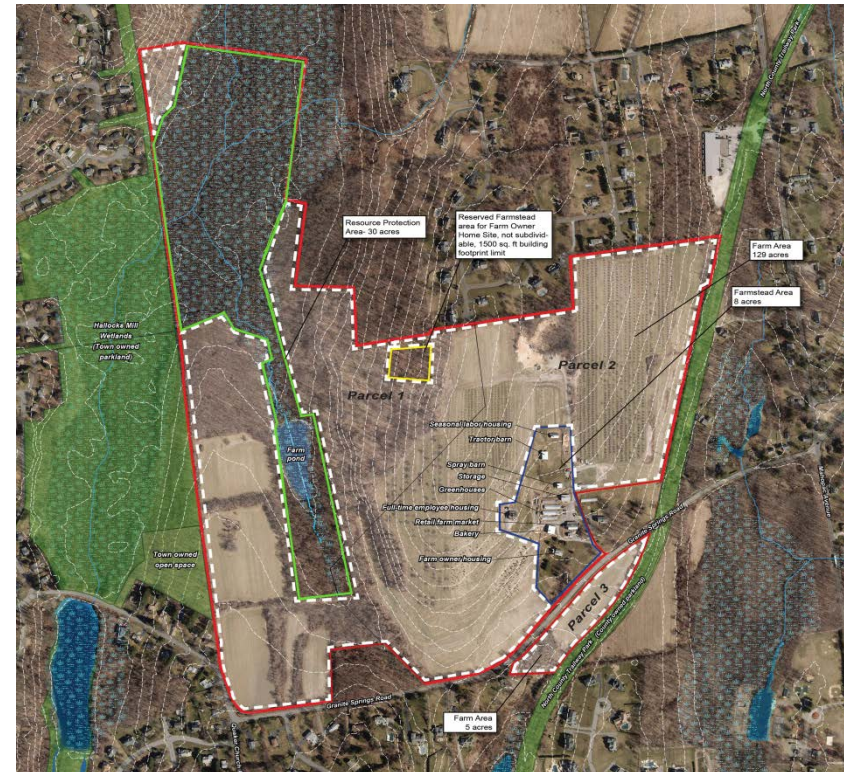
- Implement RiverWalk.
- Identify lands for active recreation.
- Work with local partners to preserve open space.



Planning: ENVIRONMENT

Review other land acquisitions - Farmland Protection

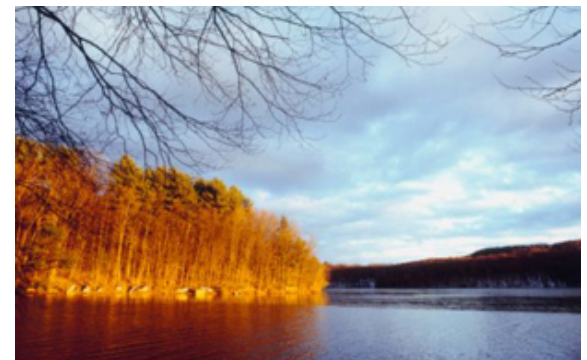
- Review easements and documents associated with purchase of development rights over farmland.



Planning: ENVIRONMENT

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.



Planning: LAND USE

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: Yes 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: <input type="text"/>	General Land Use Classification: <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Type of Action</td> <td style="width: 33%;">SEQR Action</td> <td style="width: 33%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> New</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> EAF</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIS</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Expansion</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Lead Agency</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Final EIS</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Modification</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Draft Scope</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Findings</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Positive Declaration</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration</td> </tr> </table>	Type of Action	SEQR Action		<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> EAF	<input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIS	<input type="checkbox"/> Expansion	<input type="checkbox"/> Lead Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Final EIS	<input type="checkbox"/> Modification	<input type="checkbox"/> Draft Scope	<input type="checkbox"/> Findings			<input type="checkbox"/> Positive Declaration			<input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration
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Referral Description:

Referral Trigger (Type of Action)*

Please check appropriate box for actions involving more 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.

<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.
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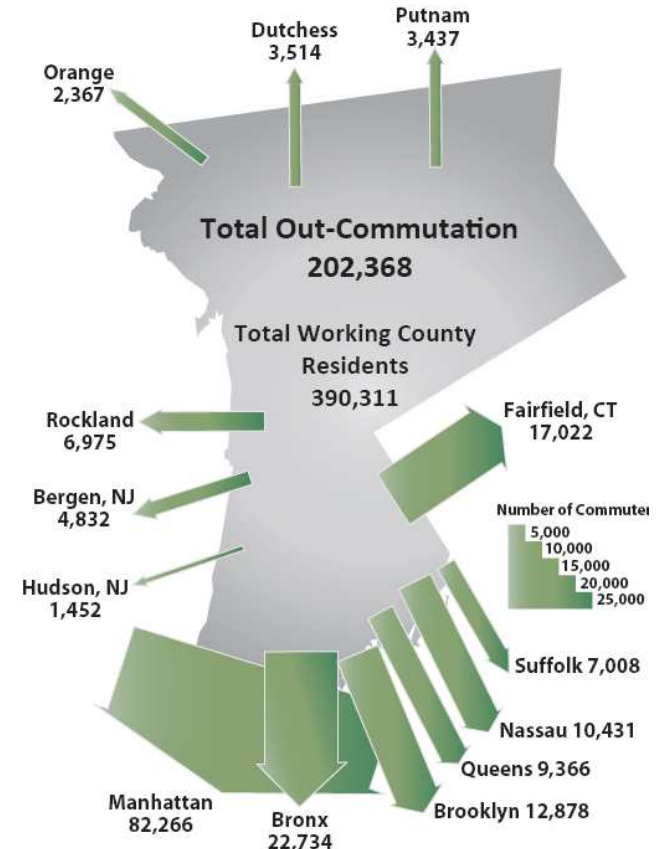
Contact Information

Local Contact Name:
 Department/Agency:
 Phone Number: Email Address:

Planning: LAND USE

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.
 Prepared by the Westchester County Department of Planning.


Planning: LAND USE

Participate in programming with the Westchester Municipal Planning Federation

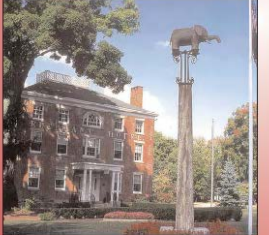


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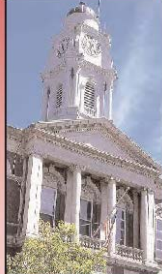
The Planning Board




New Rochelle City Hall



Somers Town House



Irvington Village Hall




Mamaroneck Village Hall


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The Zoning Board of Appeals




White Plains City Hall



Larchmont Village Hall



North Salem Town House



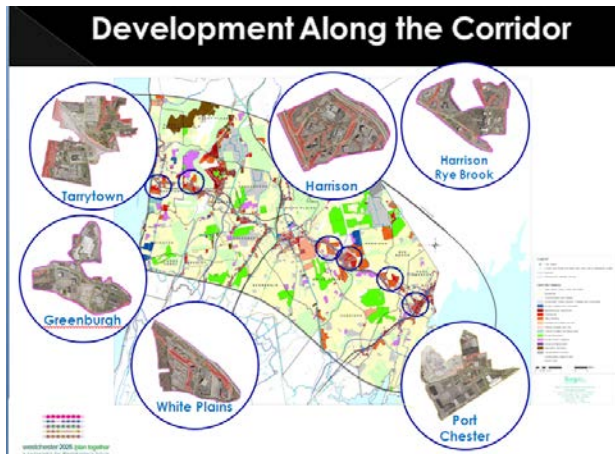
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Planning: LAND USE

Participate in transportation planning

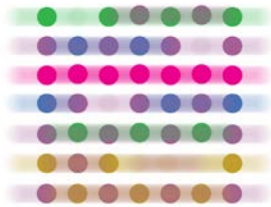
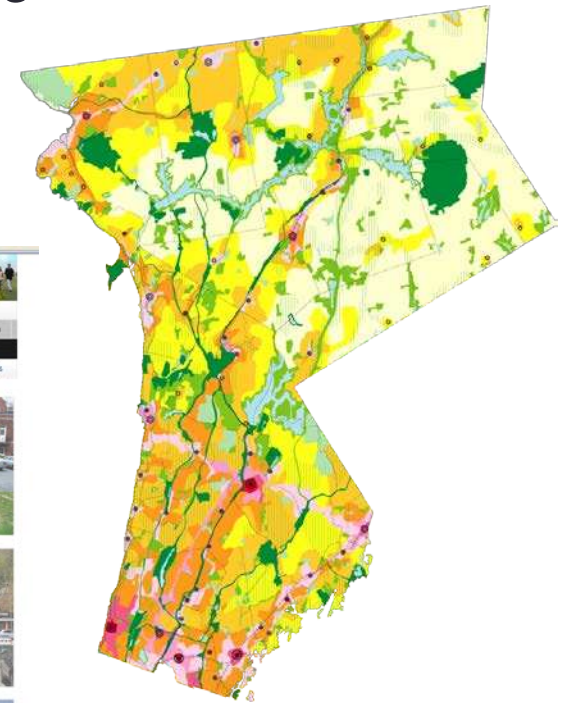
- Prepare and provide data to NYMTC (land use, population trends, major development activity, etc.).
- Review and participate in major infrastructure investment studies (Tappan Zee Bridge Replacement, I-287 transit).



Planning: LAND USE

Westchester 2025: Plan Together

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



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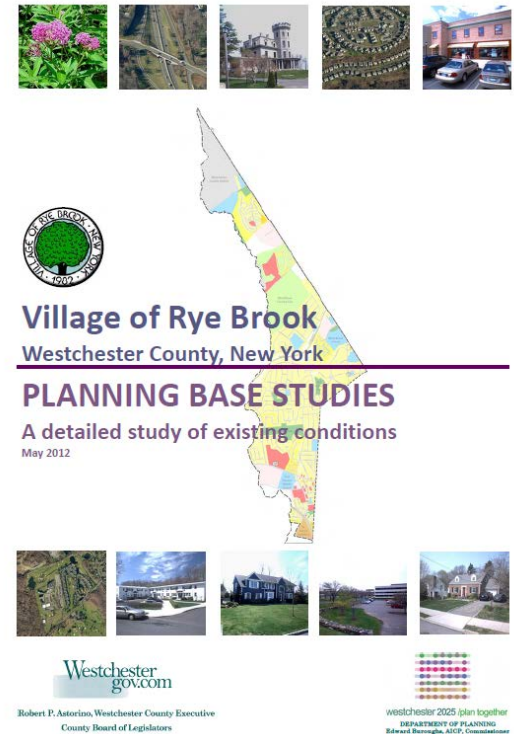
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Planning: LAND USE

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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