

# Department of Solid Waste Commission

2020 Executive Proposed Budget

# Core Programs & Functions

The mission of the Westchester County Solid Waste Commission is to promote the general health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of Westchester County; and to seek to eliminate the influence of Organized Crime, people engaged in fraud, and other bad actors in the solid waste and recyclables hauling industries; ensuring that only individuals and companies of good character, honesty and integrity receive and maintain licenses to operate in the solid waste and recyclables hauling industries; increasing competition among haulers and enhancing consumer choice; and ensuring that solid waste generated within or brought into Westchester County is disposed of or recycled in an environmentally safe manner by assisting in the implementation of the County's Solid Waste Management Plan.

# Goals of the Solid Waste Commission

- To perform background checks on all applicants and principals requesting a license or registration so as to ensure the good character, honesty and integrity of licensees and registrants in Westchester County.
- To issue licenses and registrations for the performance of activities for which a license or registration is 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 carters haul solid waste and recyclables within Westchester County, and that licensed carters 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.
- To investigate all complaints against haulers that occur within Westchester County.

# Budget Summary

ITEM	2019	2020
Operating Positions	8	9
Trust Positions	-	-
<b>TOTAL POSITIONS</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
Personal Service	1,264,063	1,555,521
Equipment	36,000	6,000
Materials & Supplies	36,900	37,200
Contractual Expenses	136,999	179,386
Inter-Departmental Charges	460,370	480,114
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,934,332</b>	<b>2,258,221</b>

# Budget Summary

ITEM	2019	2020
Inter-Departmental Revenue	-	-
Departmental Revenue	1,934,332	2,258,221
State & Federal Aid	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1,934,332</b>	<b>2,258,221</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY</b>	-	-

# New Initiatives & Highlights

## **HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019**

- Enhanced background checking activity resulting in better decision-making on prospective and current hauler licensees.
- Increased enforcement resulting in total # of violations surpassing 2018, and averaging over 100 for the 4th year in a row.
- Continued cooperation with both local and federal agencies resulting in better industry oversight and monitoring.

## **NEW INITIATIVES FOR 2020**

- Increased emphasis on fraud investigations and analysis.
- Research software companies and obtain enhanced database and invoicing software to increase efficiency and provide better reporting and tracking of revenue.
- Review of processes to improve efficiency and enhance agency performance.