

WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

2014 Proposed Budget November 18, 2013



Program Areas:

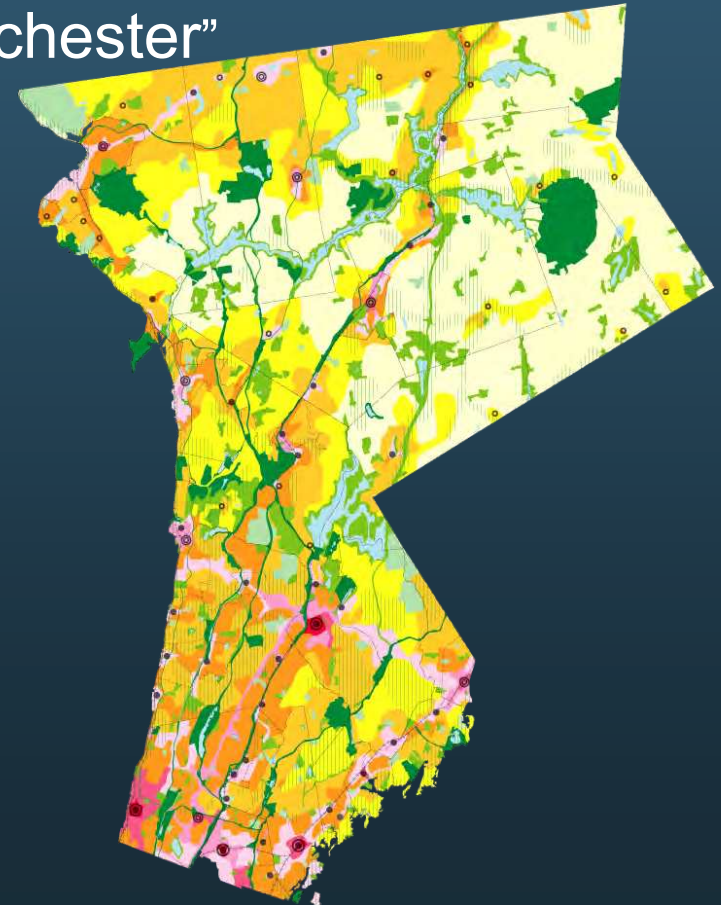
- Land Use and Environment
- Design and Development
- Housing

Citizen Boards:

- County Planning Board
- Soil & Water Conservation District Board
- Housing Opportunity Commission
- Stormwater Advisory Board

Prepare development policies - Westchester 2025: *Plan Together*

- Policies to guide county planning
- Web-based planning portal
- Update of 1996 “Patterns for Westchester”



Promote Westchester 2025 through work products

- Local zoning build-out analyses
- Parcel-based land use report
- 3D visioning exercises
- Planning assistance for local Comprehensive Planning



The cover of the "Village of Rye Brook Planning Base Studies" report. At the top, there is a row of five small images: purple flowers, a road, a building, a tree, and a car. Below this is a large, colorful map of the Village of Rye Brook, New York, showing various land use zones. To the left of the map is the official seal of the Village of Rye Brook, New York, established in 1902. The title "Village of Rye Brook" is in a large, bold, dark blue font, with "Westchester County, New York" underneath it. Below the title, the text "PLANNING BASE STUDIES" is in a bold, purple font, followed by "A detailed study of existing conditions" and "May 2012" in a smaller black font. At the bottom, there is another row of five small images showing different scenes from the village. The Westchester.gov logo is at the bottom left, and the "westchester 2025 /plan together" logo is at the bottom right. The names of the County Executive and County Board of Legislators are listed at the bottom.

Robert P. Astorino, Westchester County Executive
County Board of Legislators

westchester 2025 /plan together
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
Edward Brownlee, AICP, Commissioner

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
- Dialogue between county and municipalities

**Westchester County Planning Board
Planning and Zoning Action Referral Form**

Referral Name: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>		Westchester County Planning Board comments due by:
Address: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>		
Municipality: <input style="width: 60%;" type="text"/>	Local Case Number: <input style="width: 30%;" type="text"/>	
Zip code of location of the action: <input style="width: 60%;" type="text"/>		Local Meeting Date: <input style="width: 30%;" type="text"/>
Section: <input style="width: 20%;" type="text"/>	Block: <input style="width: 20%;" type="text"/>	Lot: <input style="width: 20%;" type="text"/>
		Public Hearing: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 style="width: 50%;" type="text"/>	General Land Use Classification: <input style="width: 60%;" type="text"/> Type of Action <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion <input type="checkbox"/> Modification	SEQR Action <input type="checkbox"/> EAF <input type="checkbox"/> Lead Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Scope <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIS <input type="checkbox"/> Final EIS <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:

Administer County's Capital Budget process

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



Prepare reviews of capital project requests

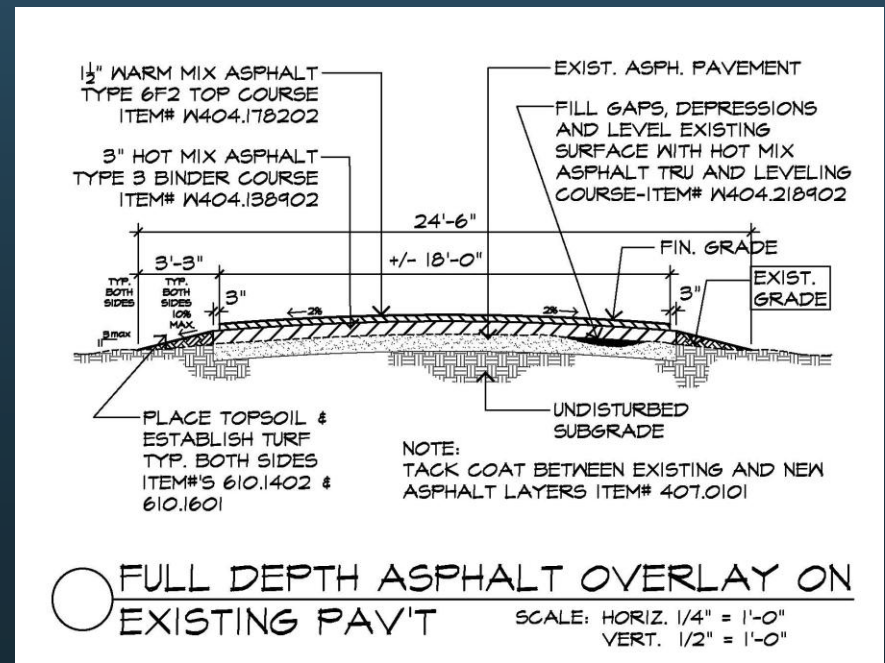
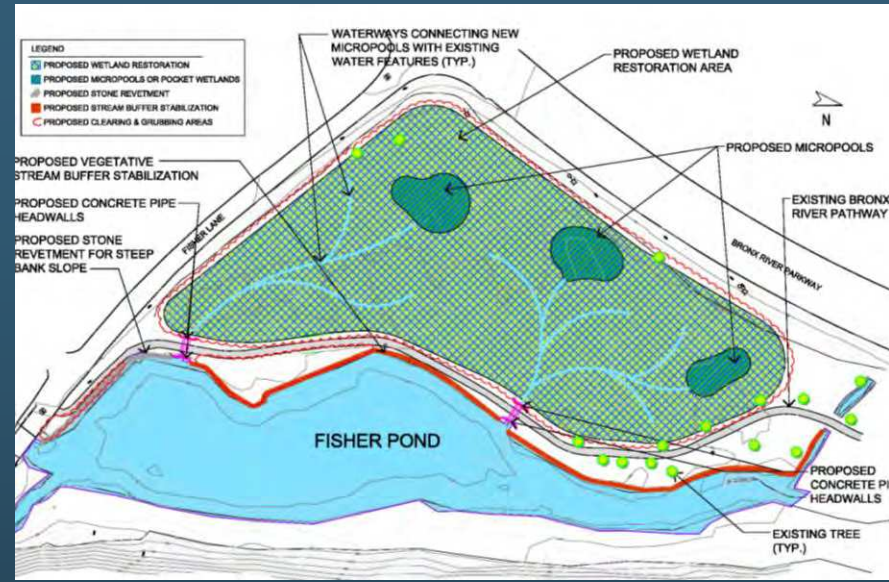
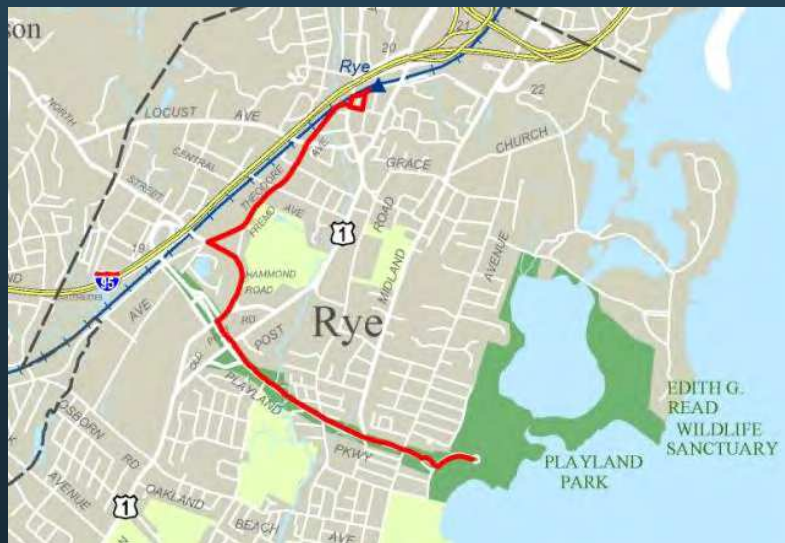
Charter mandate for Planning Board to review County Capital Budget requests

Submit report by September 10



Design projects and prepare construction plans

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



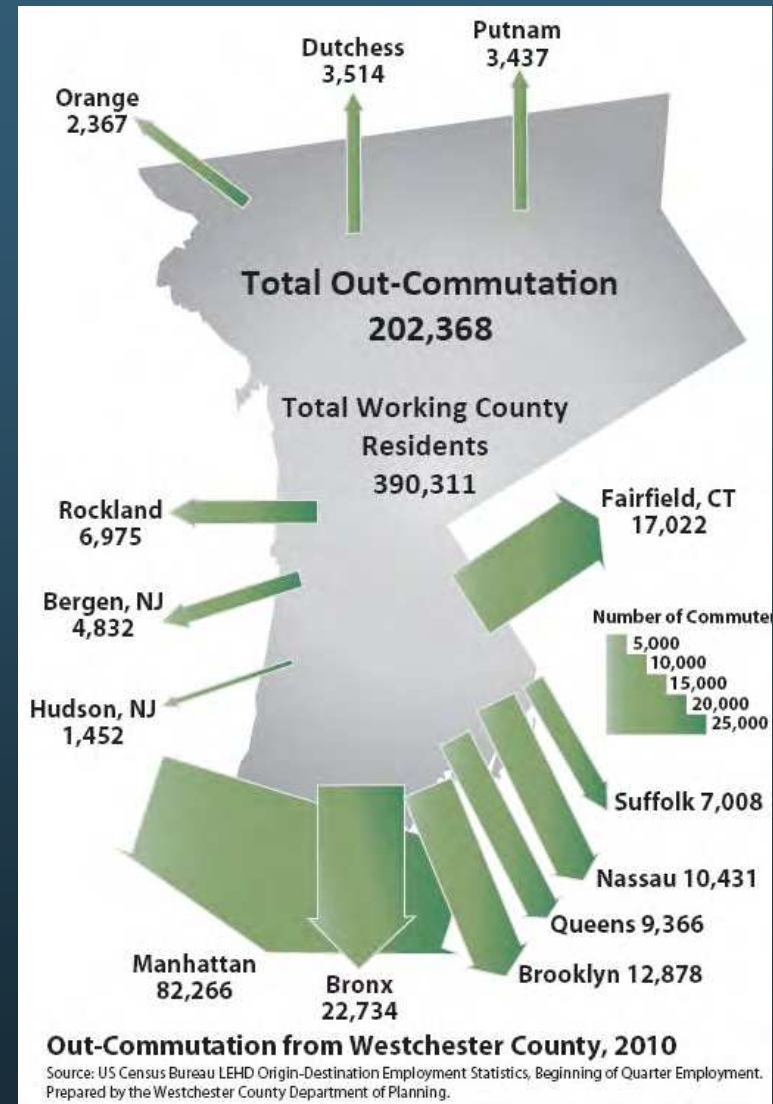
Oversee project implementation



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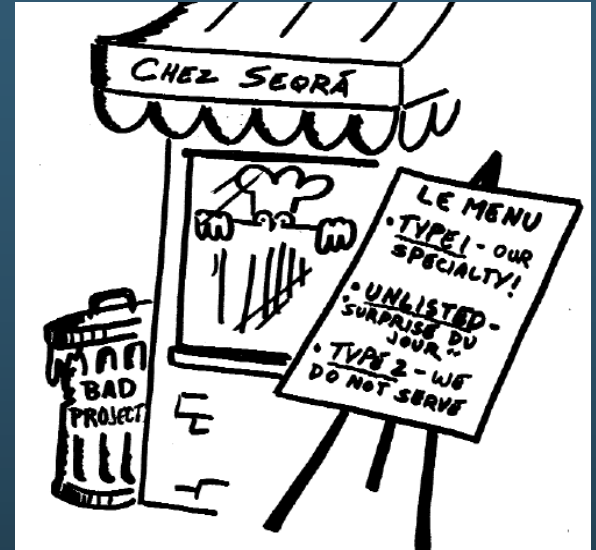
Serve as Census affiliate

- Department is affiliate of State Data Center, under direction of NYS Department of Economic Development and Empire State Development
- Responsible for collecting and disseminating data to governments, public and media
- Keep DataBook current
- Prepare special analysis for other departments and public, tailored to users in the county



Prepare documentation of SEQR compliance for all County actions

- Environmental Quality Review mandated by NYS law (6 NYCRR Part 617)
- All local agencies must 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 100 BOL actions per year
- Staff reviews over 1,000 A & C resolutions per year



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
- Programs include home lead abatement, housing rehabilitation, community development projects, AFFH and County airport projects
- Staff reviews over 100 actions per year



Implement Stormwater Management Law

- Chair and staff County Stormwater Advisory Board
- Prepare, with DPWT, Reconnaissance Plans
- Coordinate assistance on flood mitigation projects
- Participate in federal Mamaroneck and Sheldrake Rivers Flood Study



Oversee stormwater MS4 permit compliance

Protect our lakes, streams, wildlife and water

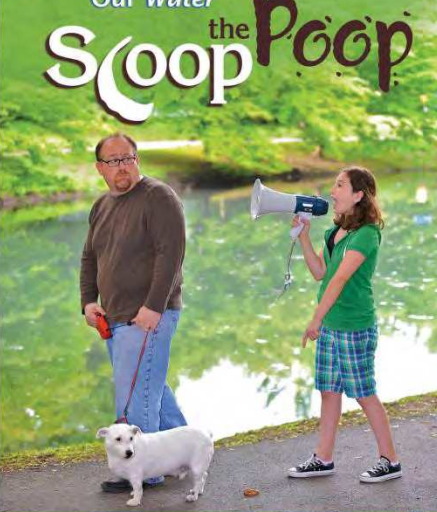


Only RAIN down the storm drain!

Keep Westchester Water H₂O![™]

www.westchestergov.com/stormwater

Our water Scoop the Poop



Pet waste left on the ground increases the risk for harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into storm drains and into streams, lakes and reservoirs. What to do? Pick up pet waste and dispose of it in a trash can. Never dump anything into a storm drain.


RAIN DOWN the STORM DRAIN

Westchester Stormwater Education and Outreach Program
WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
Learn more at www.westchestergov.com/stormwater or phone: 914.935.4400

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HALT before you SALT

use less de-icer protect our water



Did you know that salt and other de-icers can wash into storm drains and pollute our streams, rivers and drinking water? Salt can also deplete the soil of beneficial bacteria and nutrients and inhibit plant growth.

Here are a few tips on how to use salt wisely and protect our water:

Salt before it snows. Salt gives a longer way if applied before the snowfall, saving you money. It prevents ice from bonding to the pavement, making it easier to shovel.

Never use sand or cat litter. Sand and cat litter can clog our storm drains and waterways. This can be harmful to aquatic life and our drinking water.

Consider alternatives. In addition to rock salt (Sodium Chloride), Calcium Chloride and products with Potassium Chloride can be used safely in moderation. Other alternatives include Calcium Magnesium Acetate and Potassium Acetate.

For more information on de-icing and protecting our water, go to: www.westchestergov.com/stormwater

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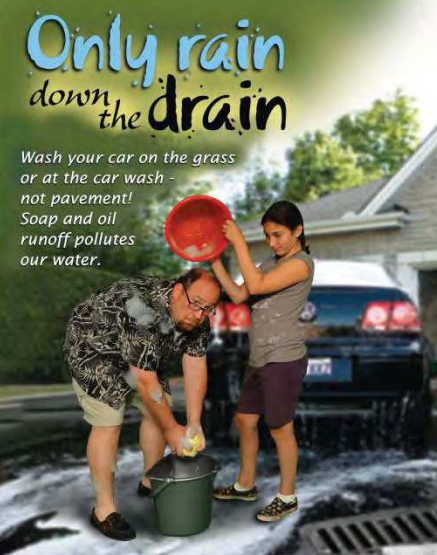
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Only rain down the drain



Wash your car on the grass or at the car wash - not pavement! Soap and oil runoff pollutes our water.

Minimize environmental impacts. Wash your car at a car wash where the water gets treated and recycled. If you wash your car at home, wash with a biodegradable soap parked on gravel or grass, where water is filtered naturally. Avoid washing cars where dirt and oil can wash into the street and storm drain.

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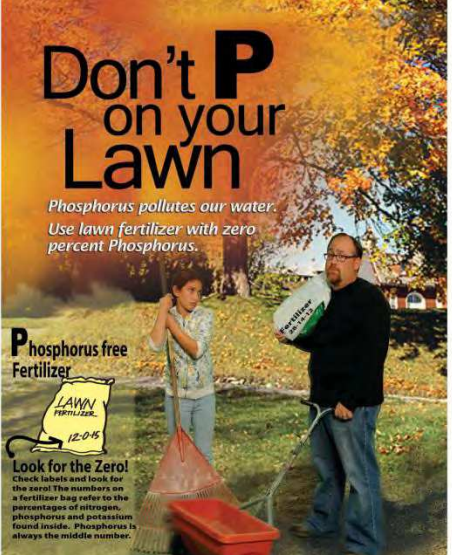
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Don't P on your Lawn

Phosphorus pollutes our water. Use lawn fertilizer with zero percent Phosphorus.



Phosphorus free Fertilizer

Look for the Zero! Check labels and look for the zero! The numbers on a fertilizer bag refer to the percent of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium found inside. Phosphorus is always the middle number.

Rain can wash fertilizer into the street and storm drain and directly into our streams, lakes and reservoirs stimulating algae growth and diminishing water quality.

Westchester County law requires that no lawn fertilizers be applied between Dec. 1 and April 1; no fertilizers be applied to impervious surfaces such as parking lots, driveways, roads or sidewalks; no fertilizers be applied within 20 feet of any surface water; and, as of Jan. 1, 2011, the law will regulate the use of lawn fertilizers containing phosphorus.

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Propose, design and oversee stormwater management and restoration projects

- 37 projects completed
- County funding leveraged by municipal, state and federal funding via grants or appropriations
- Project goals: help control floodwaters and improve water quality
- Secondary goals: improve ecology aesthetics and passive recreation
- Projects are models for restoration and stormwater management practices
- Document compliance with MS4 requirements



Provide staffing for Soil and Water Conservation District

- SWCD is conduit for state funding and federal grants for conservation-related projects and programs, including stormwater management
- Provide technical guidance to municipalities and residents
- Develop and present education and professional development programs



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)
- Support plan development (Regional Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Plan)



Participate in components 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

- Waste Water Treatment Plant upgrade program
- Croton planning
- Sewage diversion
- East of Hudson Water Quality Investment Program
- Good Neighbor payment



Manage County role in affordable housing development

- Assistance (nearly 3,100 homes)
 - Land acquisition
 - Infrastructure
 - Construction costs
- Funding only for amount needed to assure viability
- Staff reviews and underwrites funding requests
- Promote Model Ordinance Provisions



Conduct housing rehabilitation programs

- Property Improvement Program – 317 homes repaired since 2000
- Lead Safe Westchester – 1,300 homes assisted since 1999
- Neighborhood Stabilization Program – 12 properties/27 homes since 2011
- Staff conducts inspections before, during and at completion
- Other:
 - WAP - 823 homes
 - AHC HIP - 88 homes
 - WRAP – 63 homes
 - RESTORE- 84 homes

BEFORE:



AFTER

Perform housing monitoring

- All housing units provided County assistance must be monitored by staff annually for continuing compliance
- Over 3,000 homes and apartments
 - 80% rental
 - 20% home ownership
- Rental vacancy less than 2% overall (5% is typical of market)



Oversee parkland acquisition - Westchester Legacy Program

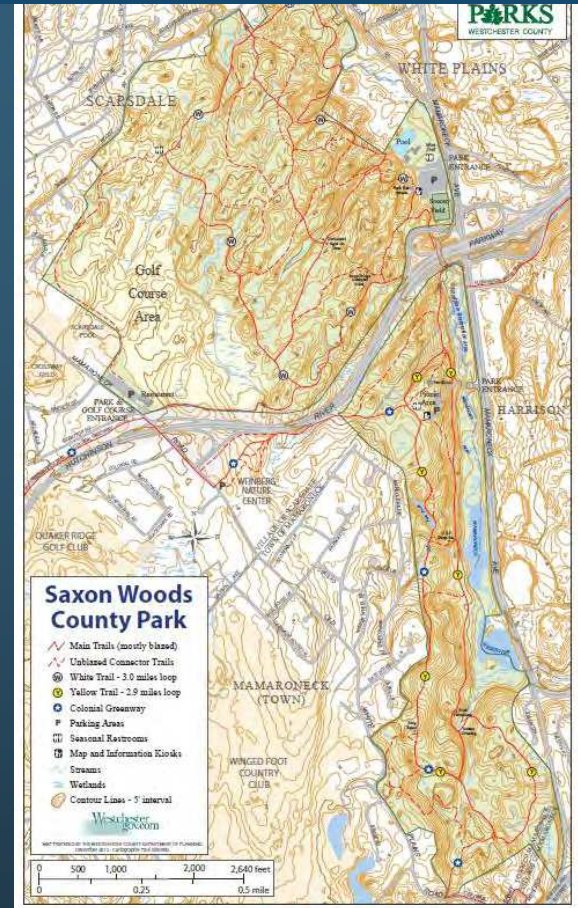
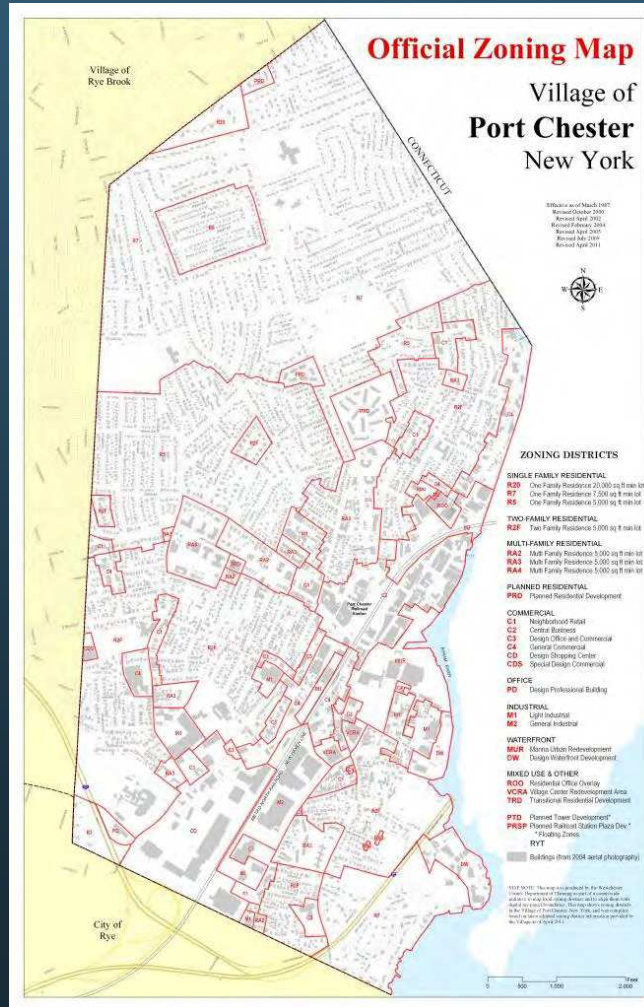
- Purchase parkland for active recreation, including RiverWalk
- Preserve open space
- Preserve land for historic preservation and cultural heritage



Provide mapping services

Staff produces a wide array of GIS data and maps pertaining to:

- Land use and zoning
- Open space
- Environmental features
- Political & utility districts
- Demographics
- Bike paths & trails
- Affordable housing sites



Participate in programming with the Westchester Municipal Planning Federation

MUNICIPAL PLANNING PRIMER SERIES

The Planning Board



New Rochelle City Hall



Irvington Village Hall

Somers Town House



Momaronoch Village Hall



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MUNICIPAL PLANNING PRIMER SERIES

The Zoning Board of Appeals



White Plains City Hall



Larchmont Village Hall

North Salem Town House



Ossining Village Hall



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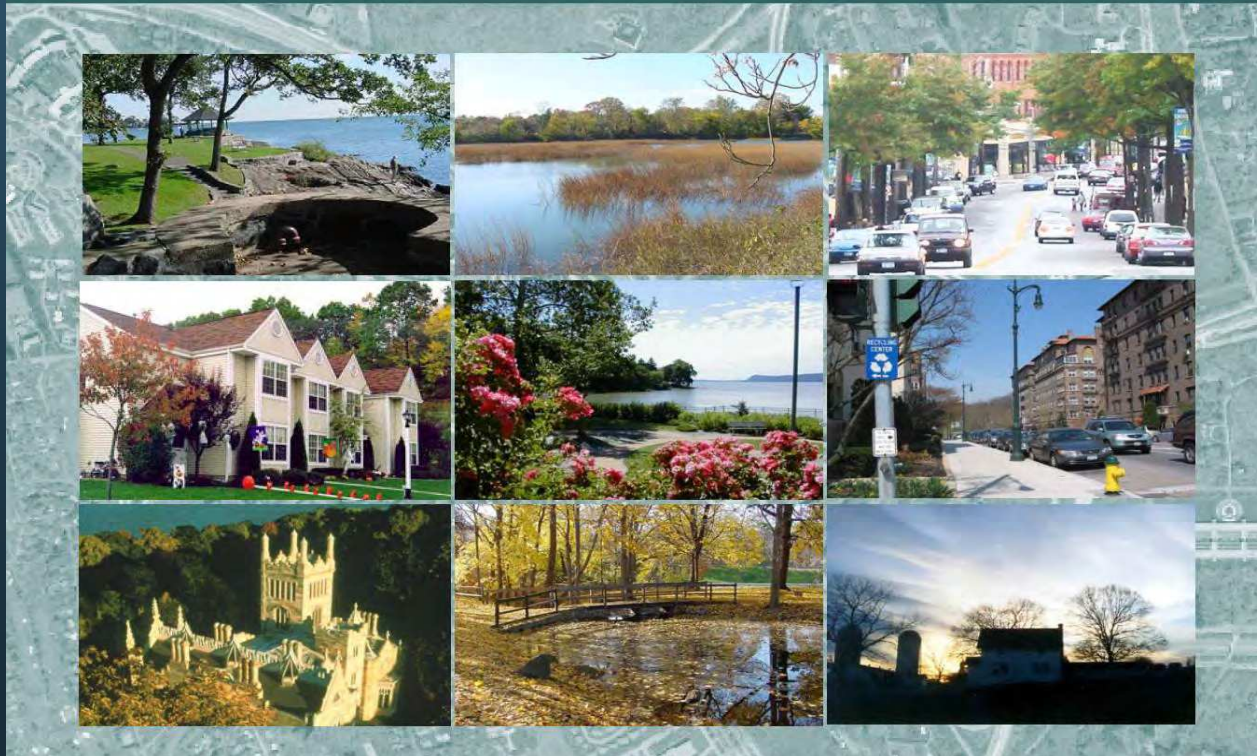
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Pursue regional initiatives and funding opportunities

THE GREENPRINT

For a Sustainable Future... the Westchester Way
The Westchester County Greenway Compact Plan

June 2004



Operating Budget Summary:

\$3,154,906 Tax levy cost

\$14,911 increase from 2013 budget

Operating Budget Summary:

Total Expenditures \$4,101,510

65%

60% Annual regular salaries
(26 positions)

5% Expenses (department)

35%

21% Inter-departmental charges

14% Technical services (pass-through)