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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

2016 PROPOSED BUDGET

A presentation by the Department of Planning
December 2, 2015

Program Areas

- Citizen Boards
- Design and Development
- Housing
- Environment
- Land Use



Planning: CITIZEN BOARDS

Provide support to:

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



Planning: DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

Serve as Executive Secretary to County Capital Projects Committee

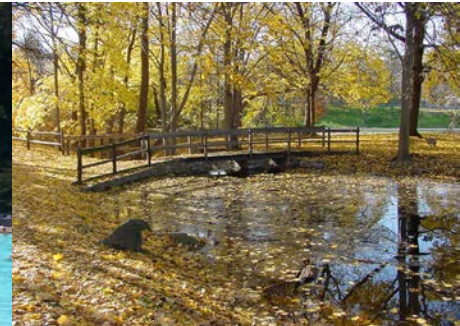
- Staff oversees process for submissions



Planning: DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

Prepare reviews of capital project requests

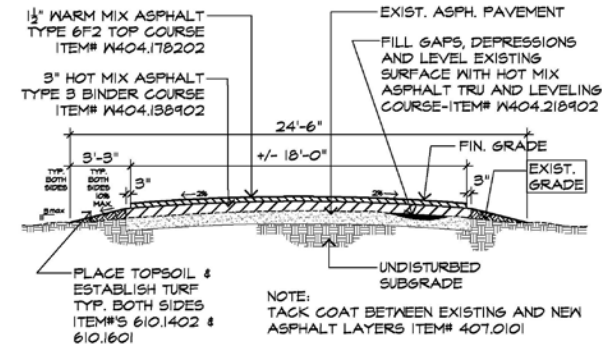
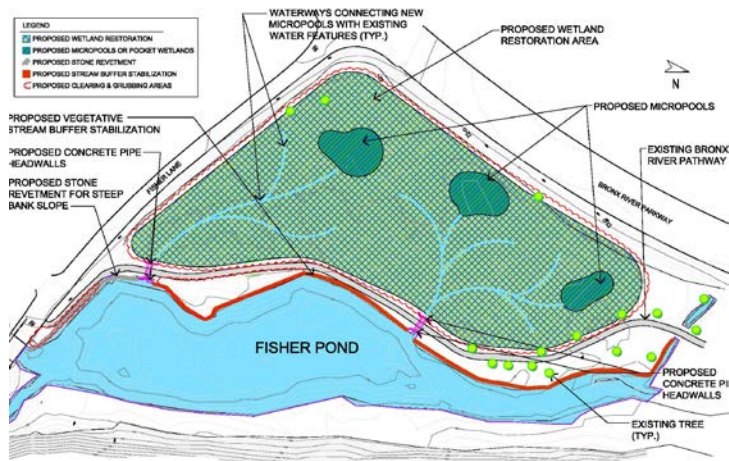
- Charter mandate for Planning Board to review physical impacts of County capital project requests
- Submit report by September 10



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

- Financial Assistance
 - Land acquisition
 - Infrastructure
 - Construction costs
- Funding only for amount needed to assure viability
- Staff reviews and underwrites funding requests
- Funded 226 units to date in 2015



Planning: HOUSING

Conduct housing monitoring

- All housing units provided County assistance must be monitored by staff annually for continuing compliance
- Over 3,558 homes and apartments
 - 81.6% rental
 - 18.4% home ownership
- Rental vacancy less than 2% overall (5% is typical of market)



Planning: HOUSING

Implement provisions of the Housing Settlement

- Meet with developers, property owners, municipalities and financial institutions to discuss potential housing sites
- Review funding needs and opportunities for AFFH units
- Prepare documentation for County participation
- Enhance and update “Homeseeker Central Intake” web site
- Promote Model Ordinance Provisions

Before



After

Planning: ENVIRONMENT

Prepare documentation of SEQR compliance for all County actions

- Per NYS Environmental Quality Review Act, 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

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

- Chair and staff 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

Propose, design and oversee stormwater management and restoration projects

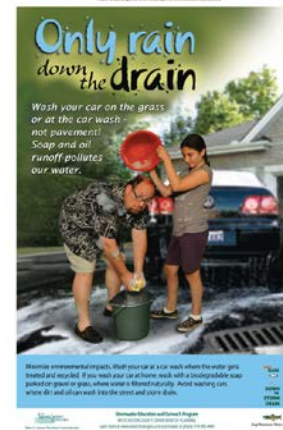
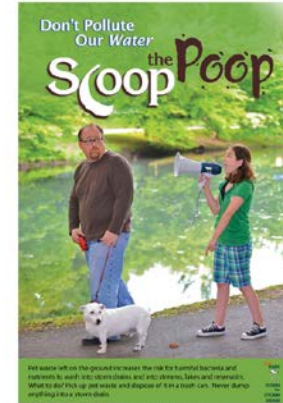
- 37 projects completed
- County funding leveraged by municipal, state and federal funding via grants or appropriations
- Project goals: help control floodwaters and improve water quality
- Secondary goals: improve ecology aesthetics and passive recreation
- Projects are models for restoration and stormwater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



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 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



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

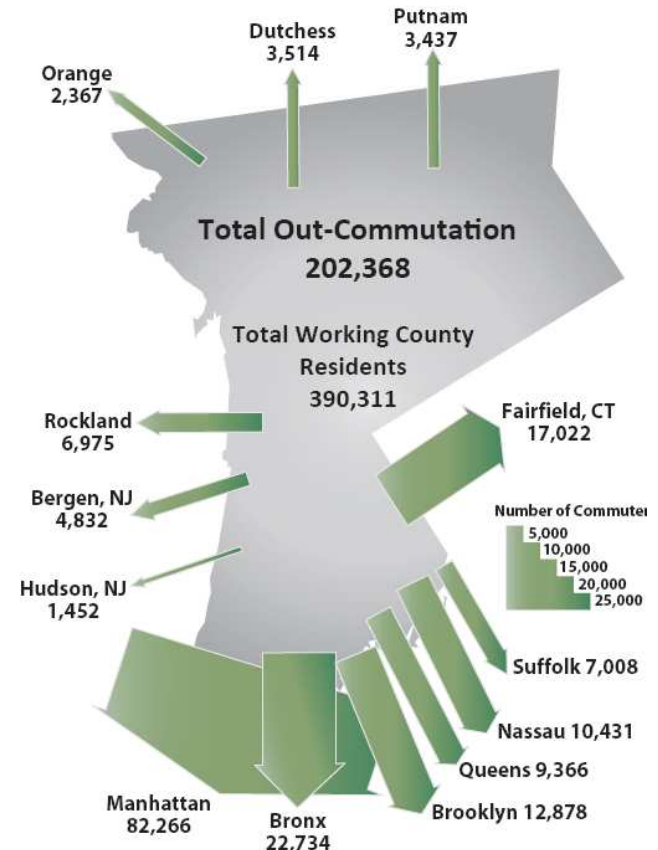
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Planning and Zoning Action Referral Form**

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Planning: LAND USE

Serve as Census affiliate and resource for data

- Department is affiliate of State Data Center, under direction 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




MUNICIPAL PLANNING PRIMER SERIES


The Planning Board



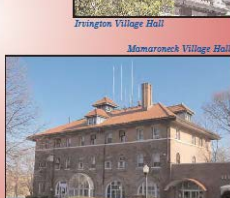
New Rochelle City Hall



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



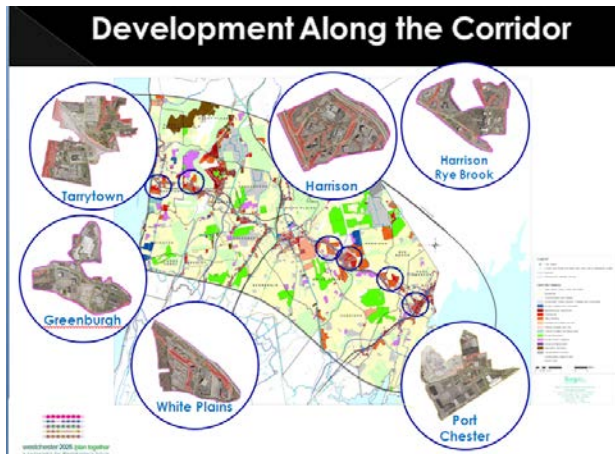
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Planning: LAND USE

Participate in transportation planning

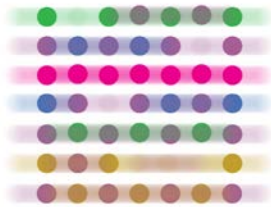
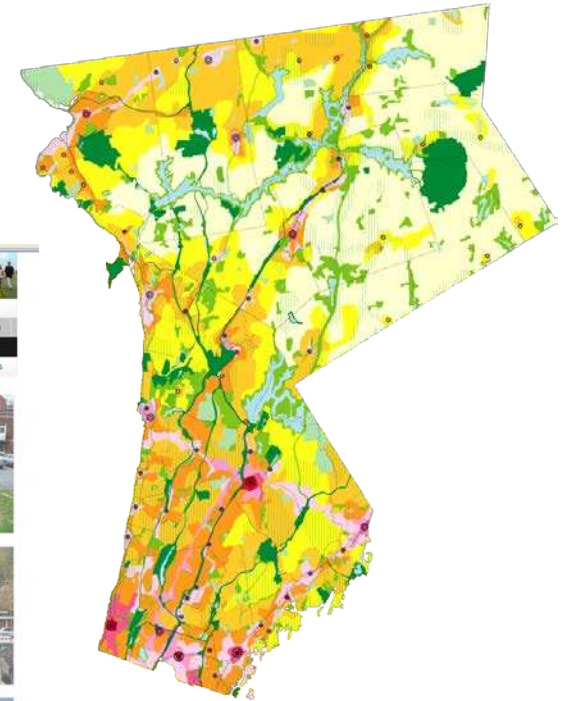
- Prepare and provide data to NYMTC (land use, population trends, major development activity, etc.)
- Review and participate in major infrastructure investment studies (Tappan Zee Bridge Replacement, I-287 transit)



Planning: LAND USE

Promote development policies - Westchester 2025: Plan Together

- Policies to guide county planning
- Web-based planning portal



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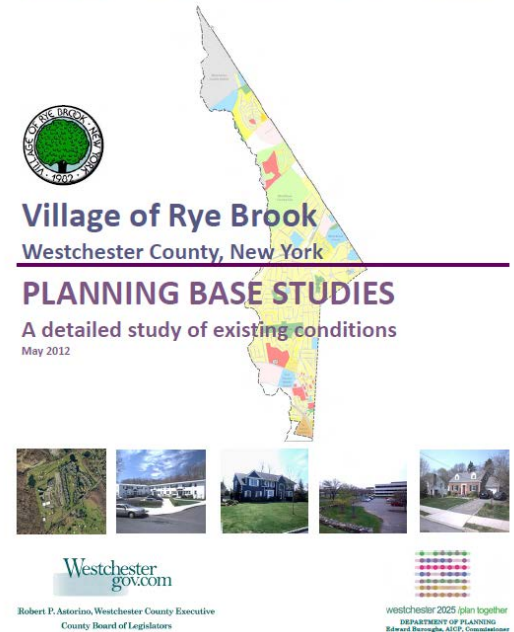
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Planning: LAND USE


Provide planning support to municipalities

- Prepare base studies for local Comprehensive Plans
 - Completed: Rye Brook and New Castle
 - Underway: North Castle
- Provide special project assistance:
 - Sleepy Hollow downtown review
 - Tarrytown train station area study
- “Repurposing the I-287 Corridor”



The cover page for the Village of Rye Brook Planning Base Studies. It features a map of the village with various colored zones. The text includes the village name, county, and the title of the study. There are also several small images at the bottom of the page.


Village of Rye Brook
Westchester County, New York
PLANNING BASE STUDIES
A detailed study of existing conditions
May 2012



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Department of Planning Operating Budget Summary:

\$3,085,220 Tax levy cost

\$ 172,734 Decrease from 2015

Department of Planning

Operating Budget Summary:

Total Expenditures \$4,438,798

46%

45% Annual regular salaries (19 positions)

1% Materials & supplies (for department)

54%

37% Expenses (contract services)

17% Inter-departmental charges



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