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BUDGET 2017

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**County Executive Robert P. Astorino
uses three guideposts (The Three P's)
to manage Westchester County:**

- **Protect Taxpayers**
- **Preserve Essential Services**
- **Promote Economic Growth**

Budget Comparison 2016 - 2017

	2016 Budget	2017 Proposed
Total Tax Levy Support	61.6M	56.0M
Tax Levy Support excluding CSN 4405 Program	55.4M	56.0M
% of Tax Levy for Public Health Activities	14.6%	15.8%
Tax Levy Reduction		\$5.6M

Budget Highlights

- 252 positions (tax levy and grant)
- Full funding for larviciding activities in response to Zika
- Increase funding for OT & hourly costs for clinician services
- Transfer of the administration of the Ryan White Program
- Transfer of the 4405 Maintenance Program to DSS
- Rate increase for preschool tuition
- Increase in number of students approved for SEIT

2016 Workforce Update

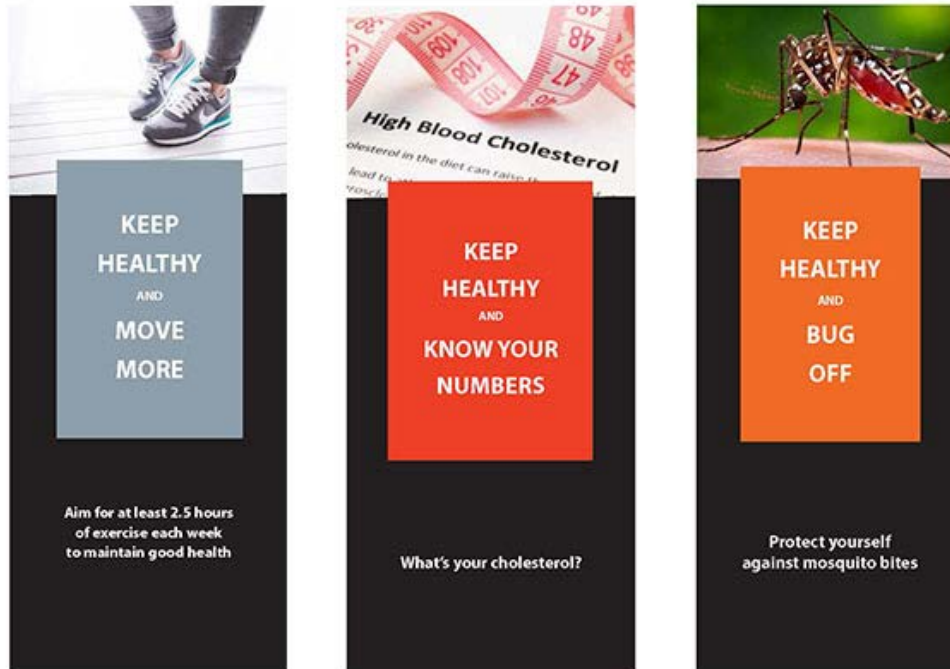
- 8 Positions filled
 - 6 tax levy & 2 grant funded
 - New physician hired (Board Certified, Infectious Disease)
- 4 Additional tax levy positions to be filled in December
- 3 Grant positions pending final approval/hiring

Keeping the Community Healthy

- Provide STD/HIV, TB, Immunization and WIC services at our clinics
- Provide PrEP services at our clinics & in the community
- Vaccinated over 1000 people against flu
- Offer patient-centered clinic services & flexible hours

Keep Healthy Campaign

Health education campaign that offers best practices and services to help residents lead a healthier lifestyle.



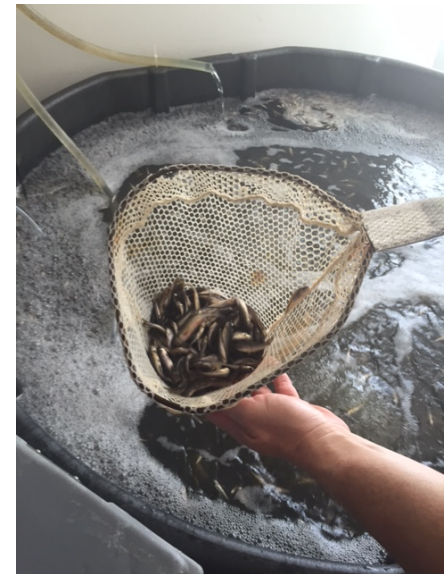
Zika Preparedness

- WCDH submitted a Zika Action Plan to NYS in late April
- CE and WCDH presented county's comprehensive plan at a news conference in May and demonstrated ways that residents can reduce their risk
- CE and WCDH shared prevention strategies with BOL, municipalities and the public via email, website, social media, presentations and flyers



Zika & WNV Preparedness

- Doubled trap site locations (21) and deployed new specialized traps to capture Aedes mosquitoes
- Evaluated and treated catch basins throughout the county with assistance from staff in all divisions
- Distributed minnows to residents to promote mosquito control in ornamental ponds



Zika & WNV Preparedness

- No positive Zika pools
- No locally-acquired human cases of Zika
- 3 positive WNV pools (Yonkers)
- No human cases of WNV
- WCDH coordinated with local physicians to arrange testing for 685 residents
 - 31 tested positive for Zika, including 3 pregnant women
 - 300+ test results are pending with NYSDOH lab

Narcan Training

- Trainings are ongoing
 - 2,000+ people trained since May 2014 (program inception)
 - 50 trainings conducted in 2016
 - Trainings offered to: pharmacists, medical/nursing professionals and students, psychiatrists, educators, recovery treatment professionals, and community residents
- Presented at the “Local Response to Opioid Abuse” Conference hosted by Westchester Medical Center in Oct. with over 70 people in attendance
- Presented at Grand Rounds at WMC Department of Psychiatry for faculty and residents in Nov.



Cooling tower Monitoring for Legionella

- Due to a NYC outbreak in July 2015, NYS enacted new regulations that require cooling towers be inspected and tested for Legionella
- WCDH now must:
 - continually review the bac-T and Legionella test results posted by operators of 426 cooling towers registered with NYS
 - Perform quality assurance review of any elevated test results
- No additional funds accompany this mandate
- Continue to work with DPW on testing and monitoring of County owned facilities

Lead Testing in Public Schools

In response to local concerns about lead in school plumbing fixtures, WCDH worked with 6 school districts to:

- develop protocols
- collect samples
- interpret results
- communicate with parents and staff

Lead Testing in Public Schools

September 2016 - NYS regulations became effective requiring all public schools to:

- test all water outlets in all school buildings
- enter results into a state database
- take corrective measures for outlets above the EPA action level of 15 ppb

Lead Testing in Public Schools

- WCDH now must:
 - review all 255 public schools' lead data and remediation plans
 - assure schools have made appropriate notification about results and remediation
 - follow up as needed
- No additional funds accompany this mandate



Advances in Onsite Waste Water Treatment

- Article VIII Sanitary Code amendments approved in 2016
- Allows for WCDH approval of advanced WWTS for septic system construction by ensuring proper operation and maintenance
- Better protects the environment by promoting replacement of and retrofits to existing non-compliant septic systems
- Allows more extensive repairs to be performed without submission of plans by an architect or engineer

Children With Special Needs

- Increased role in Initial Service Coordination for EI
- Preschool services authorized by school districts
 - WCDH plans to increase presence at CPSE meetings
 - Center Based Tuition rates for 2015-2016 increased by 2%
 - SEIT payment reform began July 2015; regional rates have not been issued
 - SEIT rates unknown and number of children are projected to increase

Community Collaborations

- **Hudson River Healthcare/Hudson Community Health Alliance** - IMPACT grant to reach adults with or at risk for hypertension, diabetes and stroke in 6 communities
- **County Hospitals** – conducted a joint Community Health Assessment and collaborated on the selection of health priorities for the Community Health Improvement Plan
- **Hudson Valley Hospitals** – medical countermeasure drill to practice rapidly dispensing medication in an emergency in Feb. 2017
- **End the Epidemic Steering Committee** -World AIDS Day Conference (Ending AIDS, Ending Disparities)
- **School Districts** – Continue Cross Systems Service Initiative with DCMH to improve outcomes for students at risk for residential placement



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