

2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

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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
- Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board



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

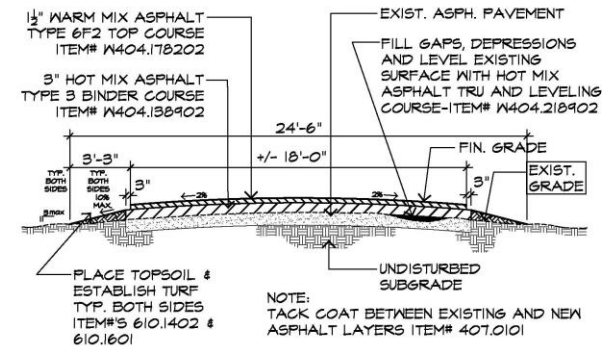
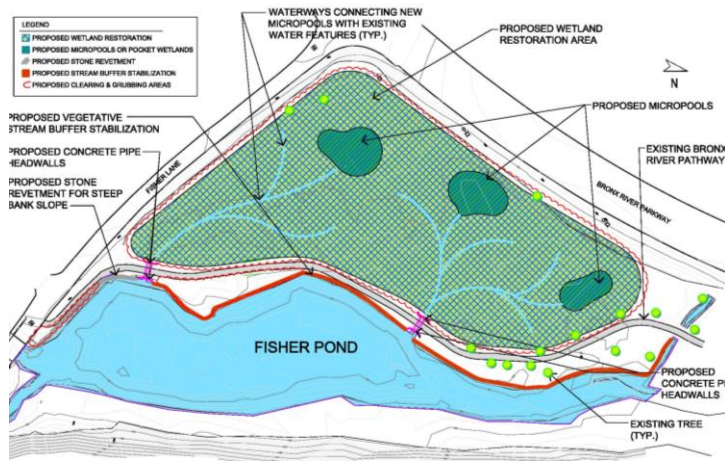
- Charter mandate for Planning Board to review physical impacts of County capital project requests.
- Submit report by September 10.



Planning: DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

Design projects and prepare construction plans

- Bikeways and trailways
- Wetland/stream restoration
- 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 3,717 homes and apartments
 - ✓ 85% rental
 - ✓ 15% home ownership
- Staff reviews rent rolls and occupancy changes.
- Staff inspects condition of units.



Planning: ENVIRONMENT

Prepare documentation of SEQR 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

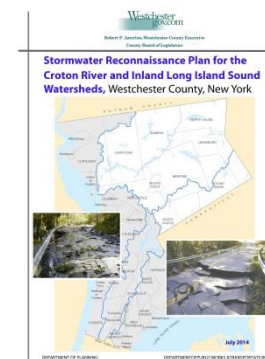
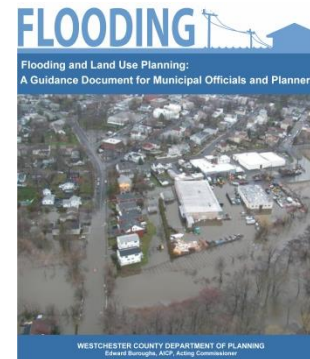
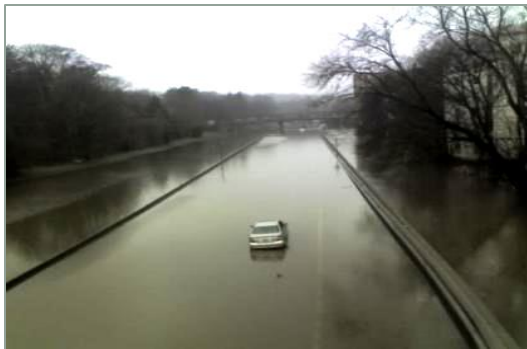
- National Environmental Protection Act requires agencies using federal funds to conduct environmental review prior to approving, undertaking or funding certain actions.
- Staff reviews over 100 actions per year.



Planning: ENVIRONMENT

Flood Mitigation

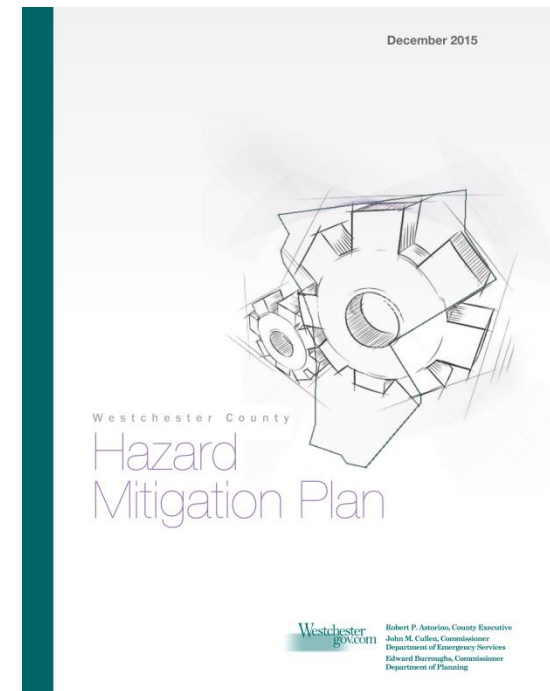
- Implement Stormwater Management Law
 - Planning chairs and administers County Stormwater Advisory Board
 - Prepare and update, with DPWT, stormwater “reconnaissance” plans
 - Work with municipalities to identify flood mitigation projects eligible for County funding assistance
- Work with federal and state agencies on programs and projects
- Prepare information for municipalities, residents and businesses



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

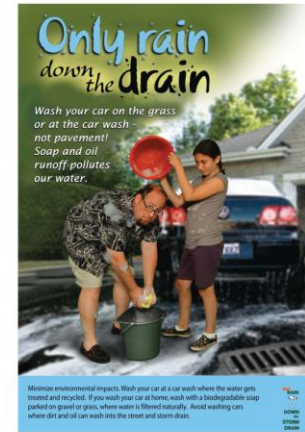
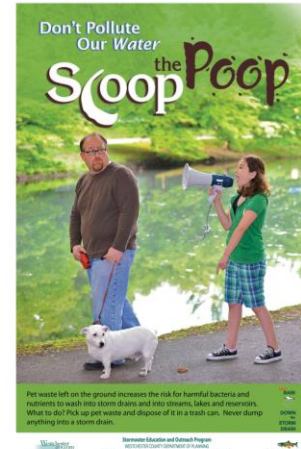
- 42 natural resources and stormwater projects completed or under construction.
- County funding leveraged by state and federal grants and appropriations.
- *Primary goals:* manage stormwater to limit flooding and improve water quality.
- *Secondary goals:* improve ecology, aesthetics and passive recreation.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



Planning: ENVIRONMENT

Coordinate County Depts 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 reports.
- Work with local municipalities on stormwater issues and projects.



Planning: ENVIRONMENT

Provide staffing for Soil and Water Conservation District

- SWCD receives \$150,000 in state funding annually for conservation-related projects, including stormwater and natural resources management.
- Provides technical soil- and water-related guidance and mandated services to residents and municipalities.
- Develops and presents public education and professional development programs.



Planning: ENVIRONMENT

Oversee parkland acquisition - Westchester Legacy Program

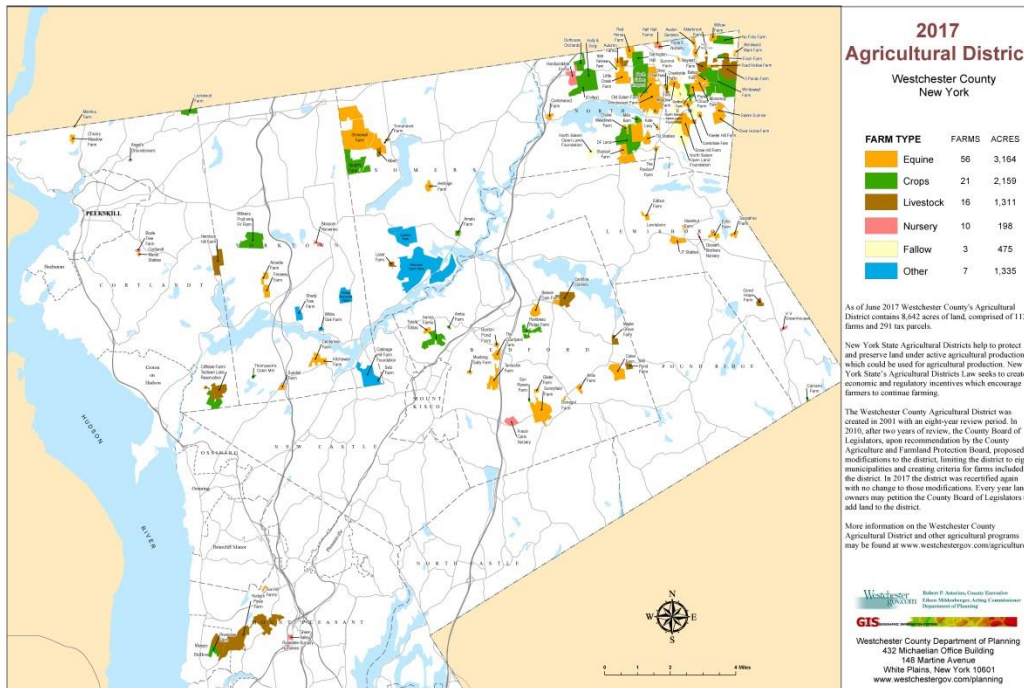
- Implement RiverWalk.
- Identify lands for active recreation.
- Work with local partners to preserve open space.



Planning: ENVIRONMENT

Review other land acquisitions - Farmland Protection

- Assist with administration of agricultural district.
- Review easements and documents associated with purchase of development rights over farmland.



Planning: ENVIRONMENT

Participate in programs of NYC Watershed Memorandum of Agreement

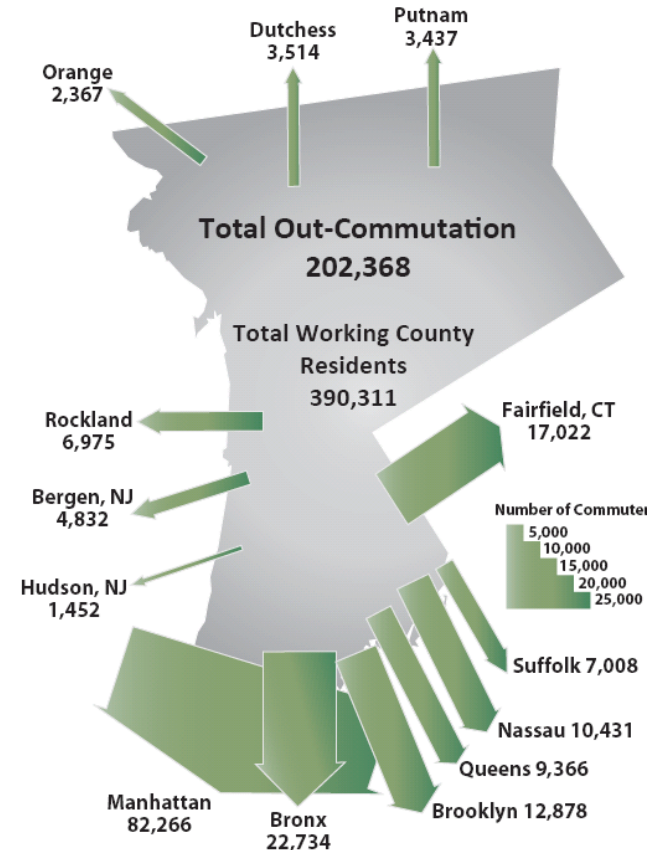
- Signed by 80 governmental agencies and environmental groups in 1997 – including Westchester County and 12 Westchester municipalities (NWWC).
- Watershed Protection and Partnership Programs include the East of Hudson Water Quality Investment Program.



Planning: LAND USE

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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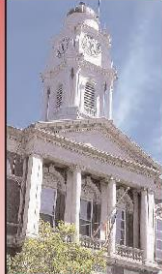
The Planning Board




New Rochelle City Hall



Somers Town House



Irvington Village Hall




Mamaroneck Village Hall

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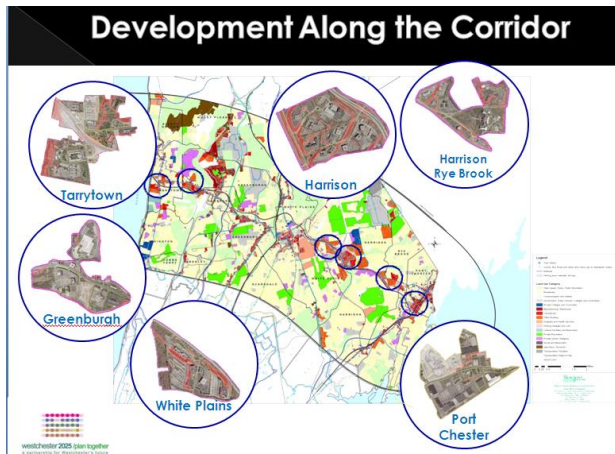
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Planning: LAND USE

Participate in transportation planning

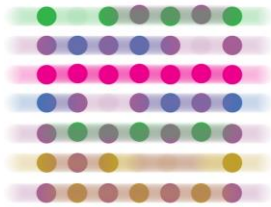
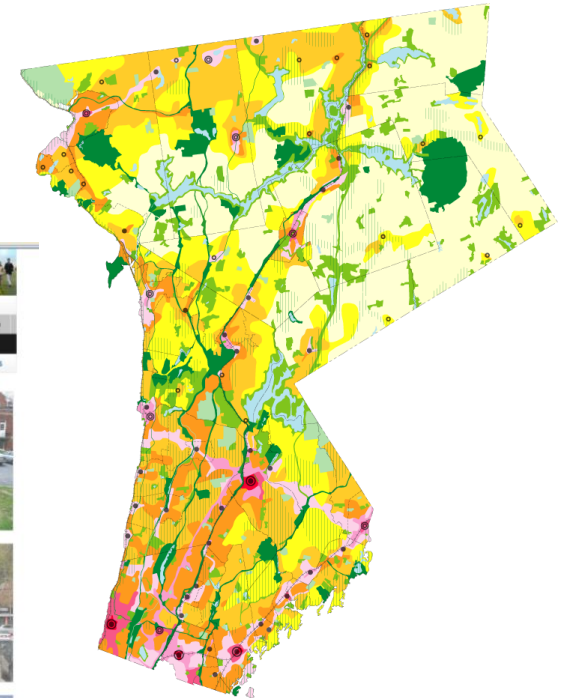
- Prepare and provide data to NYMTC (land use, population trends, major development activity, etc.).
- Review and participate in major infrastructure investment studies (Tappan Zee Bridge Replacement, I-287 transit).



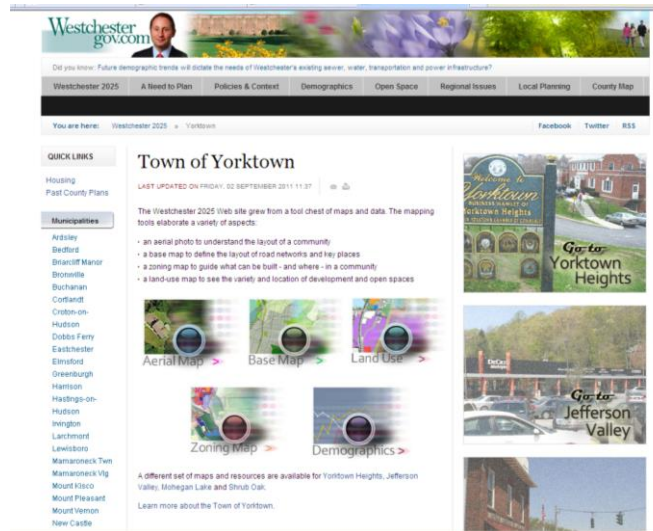
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Westchester 2025: Plan Together

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



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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 2018:
 - ✓ Tarrytown comprehensive plan update
 - ✓ Buchanan comprehensive plan update



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:

\$3,149,513 tax levy cost

Department of Planning

Operating Budget Summary:

Total Expenditures \$3,833,495

54%

53% Annual salaries (for 21 positions)

1% Materials & Supplies (for department)

46%

24% Contract services (funding pass-through)

22% Inter-departmental charges