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November 16, 1998

Westchester County Board of Legislators
800 Michaelian Office Building
White Plains, New York 10601

Honorable Members of the Board:

I am pleased to transmit my proposed 1999 Operating Budget for the Sewer, Water and Refuse Disposal Districts. We are providing a new separate book, a format begun with the transmission of the Capital Budget. By adding more definitive maps and charts, I have attempted to provide more cohesive information to your Board and our citizens about the operations and the boundaries of each district and the municipalities each serves.

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS DECREASE:

As you are aware, the Department of Environmental Facilities is charged with the responsibility of overseeing the operations of these Special Districts. I am proposing an overall budget decrease of \$38,676 in the administrative costs of the department and the elimination of three administrative positions.

SEWER DISTRICTS:

Inflow and Infiltration

Recently, my administration reached a settlement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to rehabilitation work coordinated by the County, and totaling \$39 million will be done in the Mamaroneck, Blind Brook, New you as an amendment to the 1998 Capital and Operating Budgets for these four districts.

However, we must closely monitor the future debt service costs so as not to severely impact individual sewer district taxes

Stabilizing the Tax Levy

each sewer plant. Overall, the operating costs of each district are level.

The completion of Phase I of the automation projects for Ossining are contributing to our ability to stabilize

In the five districts where the tax levy is increasing, the increases are related to both the increase in debt service

The largest tax levy increase is in the New Rochelle District where the proposed increase is 4% or \$310,000. This is caused by a lower contribution from fund balance while debt service increases. New Rochelle is one of the primary districts that will see a tax levy increase associated with the implementation of the Inflow and Infiltration Consent Order. Debt service expenses will be increasing dramatically over the next four years. Therefore, it is essential that the fund balance for this district be managed to permit a leveling of these costs so as not to severely impact the residents of this district. Any further appropriation of fund balance to lower the 1999 tax levy will have an adverse impact on our ability to manage future tax levy increases.

TABLE OF SEWER DISTRICTS TAX LEVIES (1998 compared to 1999):

District	1998 Budget	1999 Budget	Difference	Percent Tax Levy Change
Blind Brook	3,620,000	3,680,000	60,000	1.66%
Bronx Valley	11,260,000	11,178,000	(82,000)	-0.73%
Central Yonkers	800,000	824,000	24,000	3.00%
Hutchinson Valley	4,040,000	3,890,000	(150,000)	-3.71%
Mamaroneck Valley	11,500,000	11,500,000		0.00%
New Rochelle	6,450,000	6,760,000	310,000	4.81%
North Yonkers	2,380,000	2,395,000	15,000	0.63%
Saw Mill Valley	9,970,000	10,160,000	190,000	1.91%
South Yonkers	765,000	765,000		0.00%
Upper Bronx	850,000	845,000	(5,000)	-0.59%
Ossining	4,140,000	4,140,000		0.00%
Peekskill	3,070,000	3,070,000		0.00%
Port Chester	3,900,000	3,900,000		0.00%

WATER DISTRICTS:

Tax Levy Flat or Down Substantially

The tax levies in each of these districts are level or down significantly.

- **District #1** has no tax levy increase. However, beyond our control, expenses for water from New York City continue to escalate by \$1 million which will result in higher water charges to direct purchasers from the district.
- **District #2** has a tax levy decrease of 5.6%. The recent capital improvements have resulted in lower operating costs.
- **District #3** has no tax levy. This district serves county facilities and several commercial and not-for-profit agencies. ***However, users here too will experience higher charges as we experience a 30.9% increase*** in water costs resulting from our need to purchase water from the surrounding communities rather than New York City. New York (whose rates are substantially lower) recently advised the County that due to construction on the water tunnels, they will be unable to sell the County water during 1999.
- **District #4** will not have a tax levy for 1999. Originally created for the Sound Shore area, we will evaluate whether the need for this district is still valid. If not, we will propose the elimination of the district in 1999. Sufficient fund balance exists in the district to cover any operating expenses for 1999.

REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT:

An increase of 4% is proposed in the Refuse Disposal District. This increase is the result of increases in the energy adjustment charge. This charge, which is payable to RESCO as part of the 1981 original operating agreement, rises as Con Edison rates decrease. In addition, an increase in carting contracts is anticipated.

CONCLUSION:

I believe that the proposed 1999 Operating Budgets for the Sewer, Water and Refuse Disposal Districts have been funded appropriately to maintain efficient operations. In these few areas that see an increase, we have attempted to balance the impact on our taxpayers with prudent fiscal management. We will continue to do so.

This administration is especially pleased that at long last we are going to resolve the five-year-old inflow and infiltration problem and help to restore and protect water quality in the Hudson River and Long Island Sound. We will be vigilant in focusing our attention next year and in the coming years on the implementation of this project.

My administration is ready to assist your Honorable Board in your review of the Special Revenue District Budgets.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew J. Spano
County Executive

ACT NO. 243 – 1998 (As Amended)

AN ACT fixing and determining the amounts of the Special District Taxes for 1999 and levying such amounts upon the real property liable therefor,

Be it enacted by the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. The amounts of the Special District Taxes for 1999 resulting from the Special District Budgets are hereby fixed and determined as indicated below:

Blind Brook Sanitary Sewer District	3,659,924
Bronx Valley Sanitary Sewer District	11,142,322
Central Yonkers Sanitary Sewer District	821,648
Hutchinson Valley Sanitary Sewer District	3,876,020
Mamaroneck Valley Sanitary Sewer District	11,464,274
New Rochelle Sanitary Sewer District	6,746,590
North Yonkers Sanitary Sewer District	2,385,252
Ossining Sanitary Sewer District	4,133,412
Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District	2,908,522
Port Chester Sanitary Sewer District	3,897,552
Saw Mill Valley Sanitary Sewer District	10,120,040
South Yonkers Sanitary Sewer District	761,986
Upper Bronx Valley Sanitary Sewer District	839,468
County Water District No. 1	820,000
County Water District No. 2	1,530,000
County Water District No. 4	-0-
Refuse Disposal District No. 1	43,120,000

Section 2. The foregoing amounts are hereby levied and assessed upon the real property liable therefor in the several Special Districts indicated.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect January 1, 1999.

DATED: December 15, 1998
White Plains, New York

ACT NO. -1998

AN ACT adopting the Special District Budget and making appropriations for the conduct of the County Government for the year 1999.

Be it enacted by the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. The accompanying Special Districts Budgets, including the current plan and the capital program for the County of Westchester as listed below, is hereby adopted for the fiscal year Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Nine:

Environmental Facilities, Department of	Saw Mill Valley Sanitary Sewer District
Blind Brook Sanitary Sewer District	South Yonkers Sanitary Sewer District
Bronx Valley Sanitary Sewer District	Upper Bronx Valley Sanitary Sewer District
Central Yonkers Sanitary Sewer District	North Yonkers Pump Station
Hutchinson Valley Sanitary Sewer District	Joint Treatment Plant (Yonkers)
Mamaroneck Valley Sanitary Sewer District	Water Agency
New Rochelle Sanitary Sewer District	County Water District No. 1
North Yonkers Sanitary Sewer District	County Water District No. 2
Ossining Sanitary Sewer District	County Water District No. 3
Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District	County Water District No. 4
Port Chester Sanitary Sewer District	Refuse Disposal District No. 1

Section 2. The several amounts specified in the above mentioned budget under the column heading "Allowed 1999" or so much of such amount as shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated are hereby appropriated for such purposes under the following general classifications:

- Personal Service (Code 1)
- Purchase of Equipment (Code 2)
- Materials and Supplies (Code 3)
- Expenses (Code 4 and 5)
- Special District Debt Service (Code 4)

Section 3. The positions shown in the budget are hereby authorized, created and/or continued and the number appearing on the line items of the positions shall be the number of positions under such title.

Section 4. All elective officers, appointive officers and other positions are to be paid at salaries set in accordance with the provisions of the personnel rules and amendments thereto adopted by this Board and may be filled only in accordance with procedures approved by the County Executive.

Section 5. Where personal service is required to accomplish the intended purpose of an appropriation, such personal service may be employed in accordance with the provision of the personnel rules and amendments thereto adopted by the Board, when approved and allocated by the Budget Director.

Section 6. Any position shown in the budget with the word "abolish" following the same is hereby abolished.

Section 7. Where a title of a position appearing in the budget is followed by a second title in parenthesis, the title of such position, subject to the provision of the civil service law and the personnel rules, is hereby changed from that appearing in parenthesis to the title immediately preceding it.

Section 8. Where personnel are employed under a trust or grant, such employment shall terminate at the expiration of the funds provided by the trust or grant.

Section 9. The Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized to advance from funds on hand to 1999 Budget accounts such amounts as may be required, pending receipt of taxes and/or other revenues.

Section 10. Transfers of appropriations between departments are made upon the prior recommendation of the County Executive with the prior authorization of the County Board of Legislators.

Section 11. Transfer of appropriation between general classifications of expenditures within the same department are made with the prior authorization of the County Executive on the recommendation of the Budget Director and with the prior approval of the Committee of the County Board designated by resolution of such Board.

Section 12. The invalidity of any provisions, paragraphs, or portions of this Act shall have no effect upon the validity of any other part or portion hereof. Should any provision(s) of this Act be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or for any reason unenforceable, the remainder shall nonetheless be of full force and effect.

Section 13. This Act shall take effect January 1, 1999.

DATED: 1998
White Plains, New York