

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES

DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION:

The Department of Environmental Facilities can trace its origins back to the nineteenth century when the Bronx Valley Sewer Commission was created by the State Legislature in 1895. The purpose of the Commission was to develop a sewage collection and disposal plan that would clean up the Bronx River. Over the next several decades, working through the Sanitary Sewer Commission and the Department of Public Works, the County made a great deal of progress towards providing adequate wastewater treatment and maintaining satisfactory water quality.

The Department of Environmental Facilities was created in 1971, replacing the Division of Sewers in the Public Works Department, to meet the increased needs of the County due to Federal and State mandates. Using the 1968 Comprehensive Sewage Study as a guide for developing an overall water pollution control plan for the County, the Department began upgrading wastewater treatment and disposal facilities.

The Water Agency, created in 1953 as a result of a serious water supply deficit, was brought under the administration of the Department of Environmental Facilities. It oversees four water districts in the County and handles all problems related to the County's water supply.

The Refuse Disposal District, originally part of the Department of Public Works, was established to develop an environmentally safe regional plan for the disposal of municipally collected solid waste (MSW) in Westchester. It was also charged with managing the various solid waste facilities in an environmentally sound and cost-efficient manner and to promote recycling and waste reduction in Westchester. In 1992, the Refuse Disposal System was transferred to the Department of Environmental Facilities to provide a more effective County operation of the transportation and disposal of municipally collected solid waste.

Today, 103 years after the formation of the Bronx Valley Sewer Commission, the County, through the Department of Environmental Facilities, operates 7 wastewater treatment plants, 41 pumping stations and 194 miles of trunk sewers serving thirteen County Sanitary Sewer Districts. In addition, the County Refuse Disposal District consists of 3 transfer stations, a waste-to-energy plant (RESCO), a recyclable materials recovery facility (MRF), and ashfill, a fleet of tractors, transfer trailers, recyclable containers and various equipment for organic yard waste processing and transport.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DISTRICT CURRENT OPERATING BUDGETS

January 1, 1998 to October 20, 1998

	Authorized
<u>Restricted Reserve Appropriations</u>	
Blind Brook Sewer District	+ 71,962
Bronx Valley	+ 526
Mamaroneck Valley Sewer District	+ 140,860
New Rochelle Sewer District	+ 132,722
Ossining Sewer District	+ 86,318
Peekskill Sewer District	+ 296,678
Port Chester Sewer District	+ 96,318
Saw Mill Valley Sewer District	+ 1,681
 TOTAL RESTRICTED BALANCE, SEWER DISTRICT FUNDS	 <u>+ 827,065</u>
 County Water District #1	 + 46,796
County Water District #2	+ 142,976
 TOTAL RESTRICTED BALANCE, WATER DISTRICT FUNDS	 <u>+ 189,772</u>
 Refuse Disposal District #1	 <u>+ 236,406</u>

AMENDMENTS TO THE DISTRICT CURRENT OPERATING BUDGETS

January 1, 1998 to October 20, 1998

Act 167 - 1998	<u>Environmental Facilities (60)</u>		
	<u>Water District No. 3 (605310)</u>		
	Water (3180)	+\$	265,000
	Water Sales (9231)	-\$	265,000
	<u>Water Agency (600210)</u>		
	Overtime (1400)	+\$	3,000
	Contributions from General Fund (9695)	+\$	1,350
	Contribution from District Fund (9696)	+\$	1,650
Act 175 - 1998	<u>Water District No. 1 (605110)</u>		
	Water (3180)	+\$	2,031,000
	Water Sales (9231)	+\$	2,031,000

TAX LEVY SCHEDULE

<u>District</u>	<u>1997 Tax Levy</u>	<u>1998 Tax Levy</u>	<u>1999 Tax Levy</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Blind Brook	3,334,316	3,620,000	3,659,924	1.1%
Bronx Valley	10,953,259	11,260,000	11,142,322	-1.0%
Central Yonkers	709,121	800,000	821,648	2.7%
Hutchinson Valley	3,979,812	4,040,000	3,876,020	-4.1%
Mamaroneck	11,499,049	11,500,000	11,464,274	-0.3%
New Rochelle	5,884,638	6,450,000	6,746,590	4.6%
North Yonkers	2,093,860	2,380,000	2,385,252	0.2%
Saw Mill	9,161,207	9,970,000	10,120,040	1.5%
South Yonkers	745,706	765,000	761,986	-0.4%
Upper Bronx	845,498	850,000	839,468	-1.2%
Ossining	3,435,795	4,140,000	4,133,412	-0.2%
Peekskill	2,811,094	3,070,000	2,908,522	-5.3%
Port Chester	3,753,847	3,900,000	3,897,552	-0.1%
Water District #1	460,000	820,000	820,000	0.0%
Water District #2	1,480,000	1,620,000	1,530,000	-5.6%
Water District #4	108,000	94,000		-100.0%
Refuse Disposal District #1	37,790,000	41,500,000	43,120,000	3.9%

POSITION LIST

	<u>Total 1998 Positions</u>	<u>Total 1999 Budget</u>	<u>Increase Decrease</u>
Environmental Facilities	77	74	-3
Water Agency	4	4	
Blind Brook	15	15	
Hutchinson	6	6	
Mamaroneck	27	27	
New Rochelle	48	48	
North Yonkers	1	1	
Saw Mill	11	11	
South Yonkers	1	1	
North Yonkers Pump	12	12	
Yonkers Joint Treatment Plant	97	97	
Ossining	30	28	-2
Peekskill	24	22	-2
Port Chester	29	29	
Water District #1	2	2	
Water District #2	8	8	
Water District #3	3	3	
Refuse Disposal District #1	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>	<u> </u>
 TOTAL	 423	 416	 -7