

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1 OF 2025

WHEREAS, since the adoption of Executive Order No. 2 of 2018, Westchester County has embraced a policy of cooperation with local municipalities to enhance the quality of life for all county residents; and

WHEREAS, prior to any significant actions taken by County government, particularly with regard to County land located within particular municipalities, such municipalities are now provided with the opportunity to review any such action and offer suggestions as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, our democracy is enriched by rigorous engagement with members of the public and careful deliberation by their representatives; and

WHEREAS, the diligent stewardship of the environment requires the input of those communities most impacted by changes to the landscape; and

WHEREAS, during the administration of my predecessor, George Latimer, County government was guided by the spirit of collaboration and mutual respect with municipal partners in government; and

WHEREAS, our administration now seeks to renew that spirit of collaboration and rededicate ourselves to the task of promoting good governance; and

WHEREAS, continuing a Good Neighbor Policy enables Westchester municipalities and their residents to have input into the decision-making processes regarding the use of County land located within their borders;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kenneth W. Jenkins, County Executive of the County of Westchester, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Laws of Westchester County, hereby order that the County renew and continue the Good Neighbor Policy to be followed prior to any significant proposed action on County land located within a municipality in Westchester; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Good Neighbor Policy is as follows:

1. The County shall make a formal presentation of any such significant proposed action on County land at a regularly scheduled, televised meeting of the local governing body (City Council, Town Board or Village Board);

2. The local governing body shall have sixty (60) days after such presentation and before the action is implemented:
 - a. to hold a local public forum to gather input regarding said proposed action from local residents; and
 - b. to submit a memorandum of support, neutrality, or opposition to the action before the County proceeds.
3. Any emergency action regarding County land located in a Westchester municipality required to be taken immediately to protect the health and safety of County residents shall be exempt from this policy; and it is further

RESOLVED, that Executive Order No. 2 of 2018 is hereby superseded by this Executive Order; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until otherwise superseded or revoked.



Kenneth W. Jenkins
County Executive

Dated: January 13, 2025
White Plains, New York