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DATE July 11, 2025

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Blanca P. Lopez, M.S.
Commissioner of Planning

SUBJECT: Enter into an agreement with the United States Department of the Army whereby the County will contribute \$1,400,000.00 to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the design of the Garth Woods/Harney Road Ecosystem Restoration Project on the Bronx River.

Authorization of your Honorable Board is requested for the County of Westchester ("County") to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of the Army whereby the County will contribute \$1,400,00.00 to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the design of the Garth Woods/Harney Road Ecosystem Restoration Project on the Bronx River (the "Agreement"). Under the Agreement, the estimated design cost of the project is \$4,000,000.00, of which \$2,600,000.00 will be federally funded. The remaining cost of \$1,400,000.00 will be contributed by the County. The term of the Agreement will be from September 1, 2025 to December 31, 2030.

The goal of this project is to initiate design of Hudson Raritan Estuary-Garth Woods/Harney Road Ecosystem Restoration Project on the Bronx River. The project would restore approximately seven total acres of habitat including emergent wetland, wet meadow, forested scrub/shrub wetland, invasive vegetation removal/native planting, bed restoration (including in-stream cross vanes) and streambank restoration along the river. Restoration actions at Garth Woods and Harney Roads would improve hydrology, promote fish passage, and provide new habitat for catadromous and anadromous fish species by removing 30 cubic yards of concrete passage barriers at the existing weir in the south end of the Harney Road site.

A Bond Act will be presented to the County Board of Legislators in order to provide funding of \$1,400,000 for capital project BPL26 to cover the County share of this design. Therefore, the Agreement is subject to the approval of the Bond Act by the Board of Legislators. The bond act will also include \$100,000 for staff time and administrative costs, for a total bond amount of \$1,500,000.

I recommend adoption of the attached proposed Resolution.

BPL/DLV/dv

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Planning, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of the Army whereby the County will contribute \$1,400,00.00 to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the design of the Garth Woods/Harney Road Ecosystem Restoration Project on the Bronx River (the "Agreement"). Under the Agreement, the estimated design cost of the project is \$4,000,000.00, of which \$2,600,000.00 will be federally funded. The remaining cost of \$1,400,000.00 will be contributed by the County. The term of the Agreement will be from September 1, 2025 to December 31, 2030; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution is subject to, and conditioned upon, approval by the County Board of Legislators of a Bond Act in the amount of \$1,500,000 for capital project BPL26 to cover the County share of this design, and the authority to enter into the agreement is subject to said approval; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is authorized to execute any instruments and to take any actions reasonably necessary to implement this Resolution.

Account to be Charged/credited	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
	318	19	BPL26	6020	N/A	\$1,400,000

Budget Funding Year(s) 2025 Start Date: September 1, 2025 End Date: December 31, 2030
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars \$1,400,000
State Aid _____
\$1,400,000 Federal Aid _____
(must match resolution) Other _____