# Government



#### **Westchester County Government Organization**

Westchester County Government provides extensive services and operates a number of diverse facilities including:

- Westchester County Airport
- Westchester Community College
- The Norwood Jackson Correctional Facility
- A 16,000-acre county parks system which includes five public golf courses, swimming pools, beaches, hiking/biking trails, and nature preserves
- Playland family amusement park
- The "Bee-line" bus and commuter shuttle system
- Westchester County Center

Westchester County government also maintains approximately 200 bridges and 179 miles of county roads and is responsible for the disposal of most of the county's solid waste and for the treatment of the majority of Westchester's sewage. In addition, the Westchester County Health Department enhances the protection of the public's health, the Department of Social Services aids in the care of needy residents, and the Department of Public Safety patrols the parkways and offers specialized police services to local governments.

## **Departments and Offices of Westchester County Government**

#### **COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE**

Andrew Spano, County Executive 285-2900 Jay B. Hashmall, Deputy County Executive 285-2912

### **Divisions in the County Executive's Office:**

Affirmative Action	285 - 2141
Citizen Services	285 - 2173
Communications	285 - 2930
Office for the Disabled	285 - 2958
Office of Disaster & Emergency Services	285 - 3026
Employment and Training	285 - 3707
Government Relations	285 - 2924
Office for the Aging	665 - 5945
Office for Women	285 - 5976
Personnel Office	285 - 2100
Veterans' Affairs	285 - 2145

Department/Office	Commissioner/Director	Phone
Budget	Kathleen Tooher	285-2850
Correction	Rocco Pozzi(Acting)	347-6020
Consumer Protection	Castrenze Di Carlo	285-2162
Community Mental Health	Steven Friedman	285-5235
<b>Environmental Facilities</b>	Anthony Trelewicz	637-3064
Finance	Peter Pucillo	285-2756
Fire Services	Walter Groden	593-5910
General Services	Lawrence Schwartz	285-2909
Health	Harold Adel, M.D.	637-4720
Laboratories And Research	Millard Hyland, M.D.	593-5555
Law	Alan Scheinkman	285-2690
Parks, Recreation and Conservation	Salvatore DeSantis	242-6301
Personnel Office	Paula Redd Zeman	285-2101
Planning	Joyce Lannert	285-4402
Probation	Rocco Pozzi	285-3502
Public Safety	Louis D'Aliso	741-4410
Public Works	Anthony Landi	285-2546
Social Services	Steven Friedman(Acting)	285-5235
Tax Commission	Margaret Iaocomini	285-4325
Transportation	Eric Langeloh	285-5147
Westchester Community College	Joseph Hankin	785-6708

#### OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

Leonard Spano

285-3080

#### **Divisions in the County Clerk's Office**

Land & Legal Records Records/Archives Center

#### **DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

Jeanine Pirro

285-4200

#### **Divisions in the District Attorney's Office**

Administration & Operations Appeals & Special Litigation

Investigations

Local Criminal Courts & Grand Jury

**Special Prosecutions** Superior Court & Trial

#### JUDICIARY SYSTEM

#### Angelo J. Ingrassia

Supreme Court - Ninth Judicial District	285-4100
County Court	285-4100
Surrogates Court	285-3722
Family Court	285-3600

#### CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARDS, COUNCILS, AND COMMISSIONS

African American Advisory Board Police Board

Airport Advisory Board Prequalification Board

**Board of Ethics Public Employment Relations Board** Public Utility Service Agency Board of Health

Refuse Disposal District #1 Board Consumer Advisory Council

Community Services Board Rent Guidelines Board

Criminal Justice Advisory Board Soil & Water Conservation Board **Environmental Management Council** Stream Control Board of Appeals

Fire Advisory Board Tax Commission Hispanic Advisory Board Traffic Safety Board Housing Opportunity Commission Transportation Board

Household Hazardous Waste Board Westchester Community College **Industrial Development Agency Board** 

Labs & Research Board of Managers Westchester Private Industry Council

Parks Board Woman's Advisory Board

Planning Board

Youth Board

#### **BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**

The Legislative branch of the county government is made up of a 17-member Board of Legislators, each representing a district of approximately 50,000 people. Legislators are elected every two years.

The Board of Legislators, the governing body of the county, is the legislative and policy-making branch of Westchester County government. It passes laws, acts and resolutions, determines the county's annual budget, approves appointments of the County Executive, and establishes the general policies of the government.

#### Westchester County Board of Legislators 1998 - 1999

<u>District</u>	<u>Legislator</u>	<u>Phone</u>
1	George Oros	285-2828
	Ursula G. LaMotte	
3	Suzanne R. Swanson	285-2847
4	Michael Kaplowitz	285-2848
5	William Ryan	285-2827
	Paul J. Noto	
7	George Latimer (Chairman).	285-2802
8	Lois Bronz	285-2833
9	Richard G. Wishnie	285-2812
10	Vito Pinto	285-2817
11	James Maisano	285-2826
12	Thomas Abinanti	285-2821
13	Clinton I. Young, Jr	285-2837
	Bernice Spreckman	
	Louis A. Mosiello	
16	Andrea Stewart-Cousins	285-2829
17	Katherine S. Carsky	285-2846

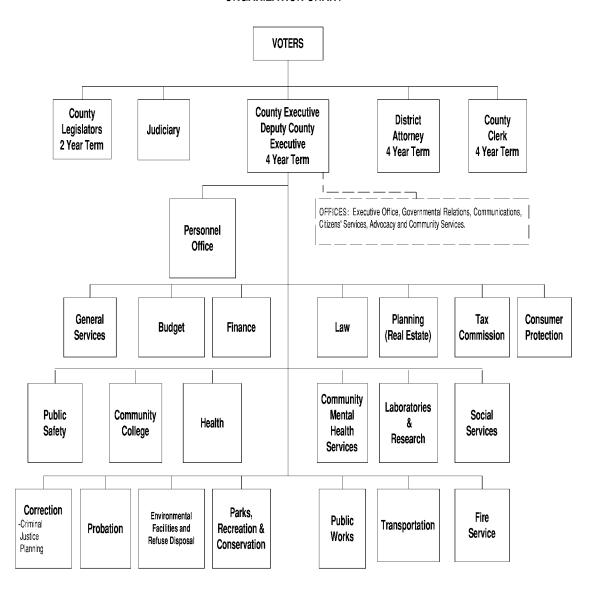
The Board of Legislators operates with the following committees:

**○** Task Force on Senior Citizens

- Budget and Appropriations
   Minority Affairs
   Community Affairs
   Legislation
   Public Safety and Criminal Justice
   Public Works
- County Officers and Departments Environment
- ➡ Rules
  ➡ Health and the Medical Center
  - Task Force on Families

Sources: 1996 Westchester County Operating Budget; 1996 Planning Board Report; 1995 Directory of Westchester County Officials (League of Women Voters)

# WESTCHESTER COUNTY ORGANIZATION CHART



Source: Westchester County Department of Budget.

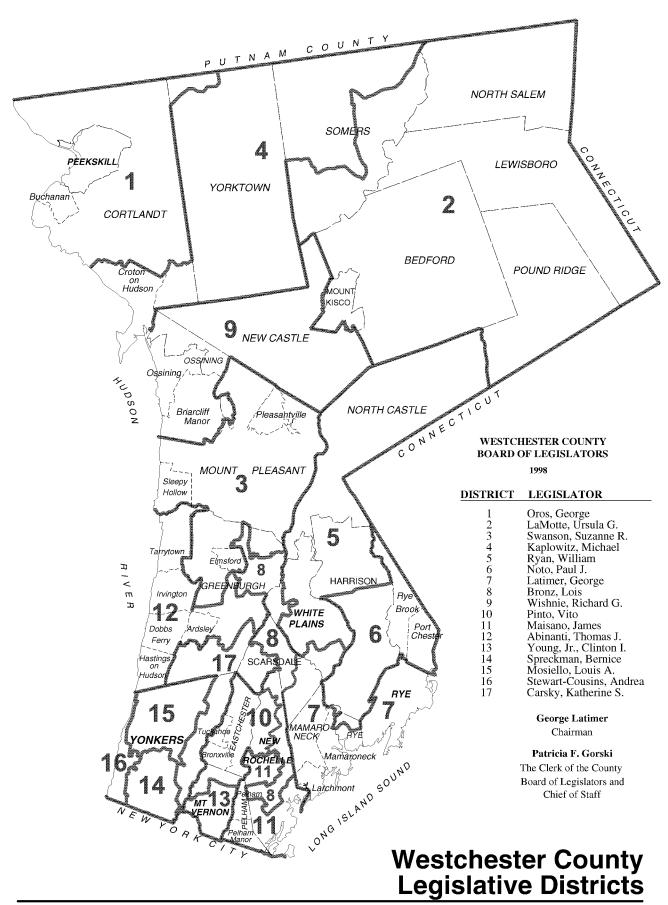
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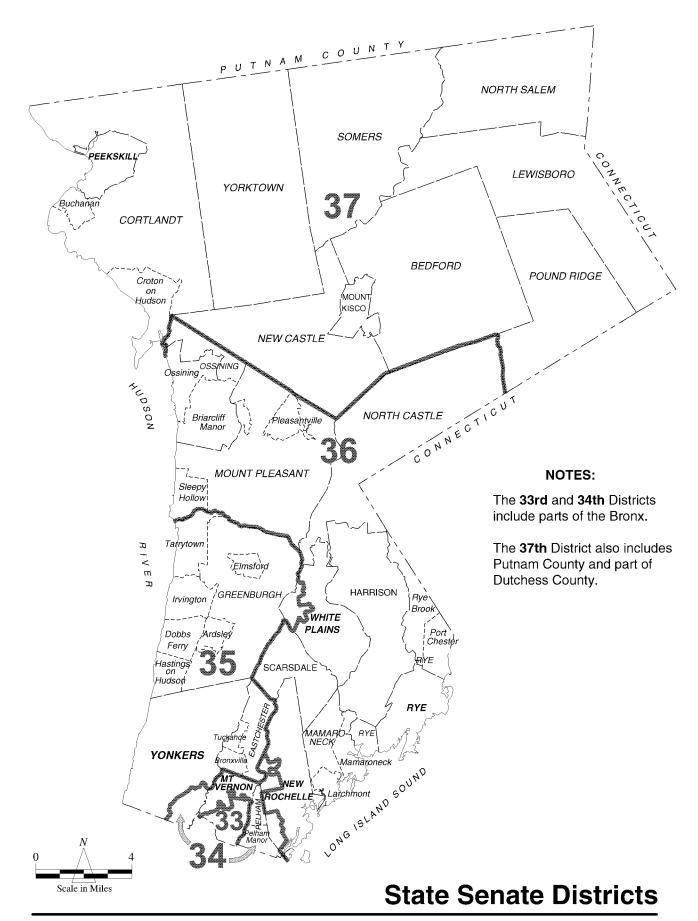
# Mayors & Supervisors

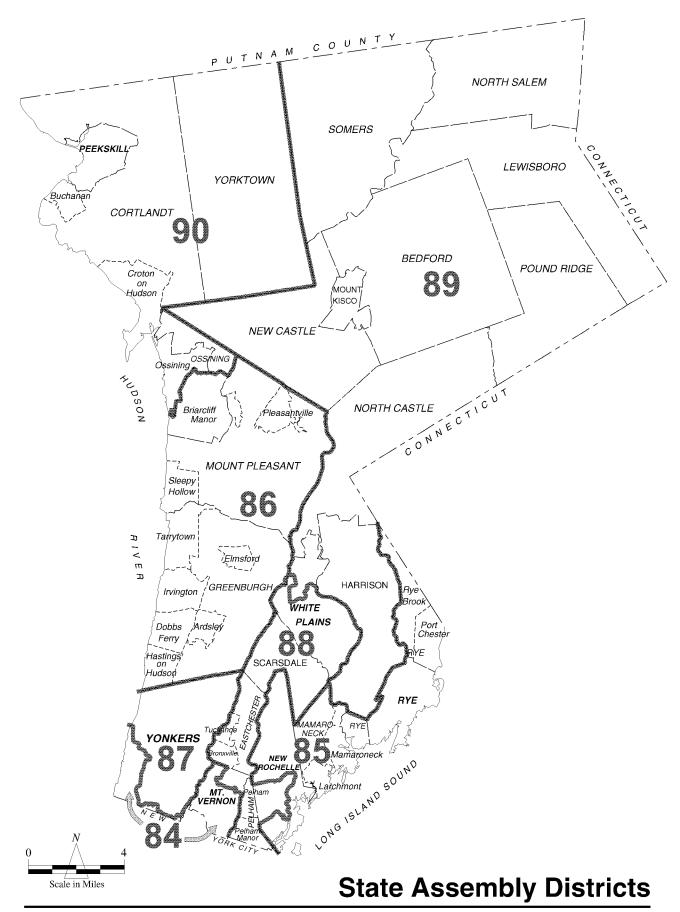
	Municipalities	Mayor or Supervisor	Mailing Address (Municipal Building)	Phone Number
C	New Rochelle Peekskill Rye White Plains	Timothy C. Idoni Frances S. Gibbs Steven Otis Joseph M. Delfino	Mount Vernon, NY 10550 New Rochelle, NY 10801 Peekskill, NY 10566 Rye, NY 10580 White Plains, NY 10601 Yonkers, NY 10701	654-2000 737-3400 967-5400 422-1200
V I L L A G E	Briarcliff Manor Bronxville Buchanan Croton-on-Hudson Dobbs Ferry Elmsford Harrison Hastings Irvington Larchmont Mamaroneck Mount Kisco Ossining Pelham Pelham Manor Pleasantville Port Chester Rye Brook Scarsdale Sleepy Hollow Tarrytown	Keith Austin	Ardsley, NY 10502	941-4800 337-6500 737-1033 0 271-4781 693-2203 592-6555 835-2000 06 478-3400 591-7070 834-6230 777-7700 241-0500 941-3554 738-8820 769-1900 939-5200 939-1121 722-1100 631-1440 631-7873
T O W N S	Cortlandt	Linda D. Puglisi James Cavanaugh Paul J. Feiner Thomas Herzog Elaine Price Robert F. Meehan Clinton B. Smith John A. Lombardi Sy Globerman John Chervokas John F. Carney Joy G. Simpkins Robert A. Morabito William C. Harding	Bedford Hills, NY 10507 Cortlandt Manor, NY 10566 Eastchester, NY 10709 Elmsford, NY 10523 South Salem, NY 10590 Mamaroneck, NY 10543 Valhalla, NY 10595 Chappaqua, NY 10514 Armonk, NY 10504 North Salem, NY 10560 Ossining, NY 10562 Pelham, NY 10803 Pound Ridge, NY 10576 Port Chester, NY 10573 Somers, NY 10589 Yorktown Heights, NY 10598	734-1000 771-3300 993-1500 763-3151 381-7800 742-2300 238-4771 273-3321 669-5577 762-6000 738-1021 764-5511 939-3570 277-3323

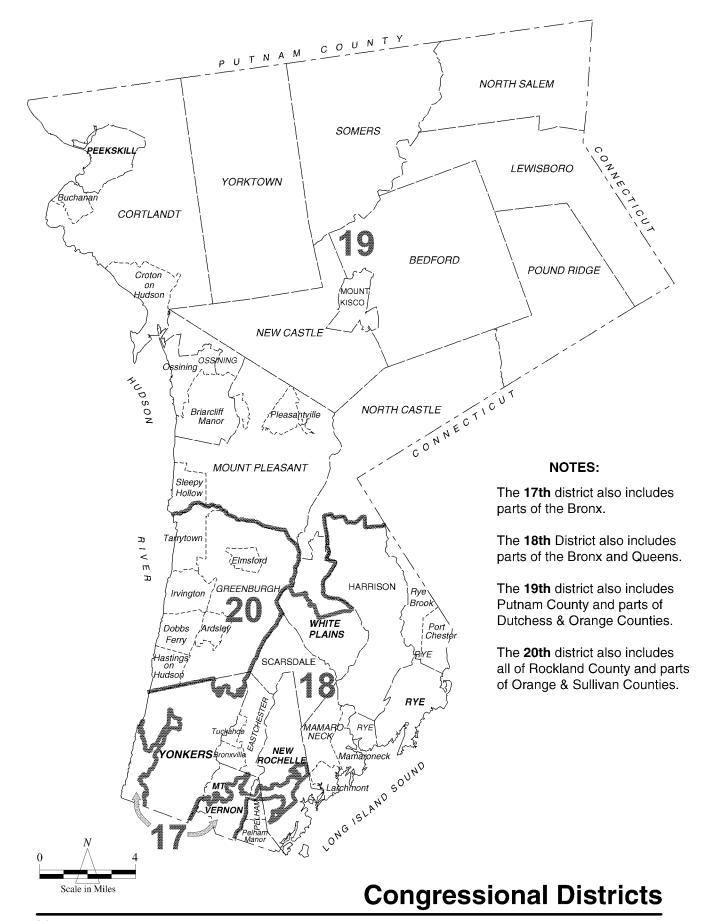
## New York State and U.S. Elected Officials

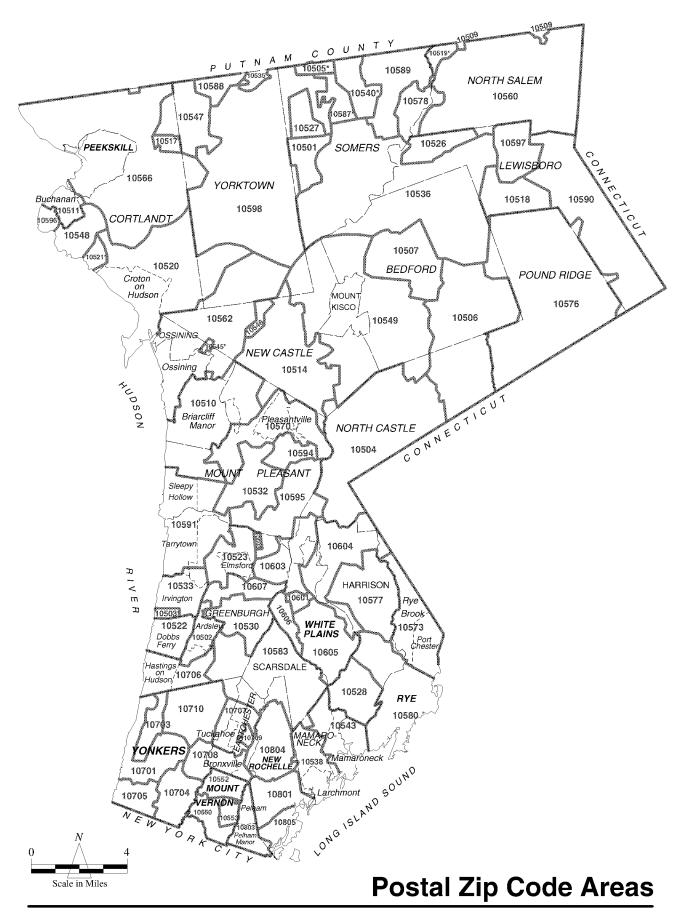
New York State Elected Officials	Official	Phone Number
Executive	Gov. George E. Pataki	(518) 474-8390
Senators and Districts (Westchester)	Larry Seabrook (33 S.D.) Guy J. Velella (34 S.D.) Nicholas Spano (35 S.D.) Suzi Oppenheimer (36 S.D.) Vincent L. Leibell (37 S.D.)	(718) 547-8854 (914) 969-2210 (914) 969-5194 (914) 921-0221 (914) 279-3773
Assembly Members and Districts (Westchester)		
	James Pretlow (84 A.D.) Ronald Tocci (85 A.D.) Richard Brodsky (86 A.D.) Michael J. Spano (87 A.D.) Audrey G. Hochberg (88 A.D.) Naomi C. Matusow (89 A.D.) Sandra Galef (90 A.D.)	(914) 667-0127 (914) 235-7900 (914) 472-0319 (914) 779-8805 (914) 723-1115 (914) 241-2649 (914) 941-1111
U.S. Elected Officials		
Executive	President William J. Clinton	(202) 456-1111
U.S. Senators (New York State)	Daniel P. Moynihan Alfonse M. D'Amato	(212) 661-5150 (212) 947-7390
U.S. Congressional Districts (Westchester)	Eliot L. Engel (17C.D.) Nita Lowey (18 C.D.) Sue W. Kelly (19 C.D.) Benjamin A. Gilman (20 C.D.)	(718) 796-9700 (914) 428-1707 (914) 241-6340 (914) 478-5550











#### WESTCHESTER'S FISCAL PROFILE

The Westchester County government enjoys the highest possible government bond rating (AAA), higher than any other county government in New York State.

Westchester's fiscal position continues to remain strong. Outstanding debt should increase modestly relative to that of other county governments. Sales tax revenue increased 8.5% between 1995 and 1996 reflecting the strength of the local economy. The county had an undesignated fund balance in the 1996 General Fund, which is a continuation of the trend in budget surpluses. Governing magazine's ranking of billion-dollar governments---state and local governments that generate more than a billion dollars in annual general revenue---lists Westchester County as #80.

Sound fiscal and economic management has resulted in renewal of the highest ratings from Standards & Poor's, Moody's, and Fitch Investors Service Inc. The county has been rated triple A for all bond offerings since 1988. The county's high credit ratings enable it to pay less in interest charges to improve county facilities, services, and infrastructure. These lower borrowing costs lead to significant savings which can be passed on to local taxpayers. The county property tax levy has grown less than the rate of inflation in recent years.

The county, however, currently operates in a difficult fiscal environment. As pressure continues to resist tax increases and the amount of federal and state aid lags behind program expenditures, spending levels need to be monitored and adjusted in order to hold the line on county property taxes.

#### **COUNTY FINANCIAL PROFILE**

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>
General Fund Revenue (mil.)	\$915.1	\$930.4	\$937.3
Expenditures (mil.)	\$893.5	\$905.1	\$886.4
Fund Balance (end of year in mil.)	\$52.4	\$39.8	\$ 54.7

Source: Westchester County, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, 1996

### **COMPARATIVE BOND RATINGS**

	Moody's	Standard & Poor's	Fitch's
Westchester County, NY	Aaa	AAA	AAA
Nassau County, NY	Baa1	A-	A
Suffolk County, NY	Baa1	BBB+	A
Putnam County, NY	Aa3		
Rockland County, NY	Aa3	AA	
New York, NY	Baa1	BBB+	A-
Bergen County, NJ	Aaa		
Passaic County, NJ	A1	AAA*	
New York State	A2	A	A+
New Jersey	Aa1	AA+	AA+
Connecticut	Aa3	AA-	AA

<sup>\*</sup>with bond insurance