

## MICHAEL J. GRACE, TOWN SUPERVISOR



## **Quality of Life**

# Yorktown on the Move



**Improving Government Operations** 



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## **Quality of Life**

## Yorktown is a great place to live because of the many community groups and activities that bring us together.





Yorktown town flags are now available for private purchase as well as adorning our town's business districts – another beautification project.





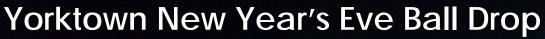
#### Purple Heart Town Since August 7, 2013

The Purple Heart is a medal awarded to any member of the U.S. armed forces who are either wounded or killed in combat.

Purple Heart Town designations have been adopted by communities across the United States as part of an effort by a national veterans group, the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

"No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave"

- Calvin Coolidge



Veterans Road, Yorktown Heights December 31<sup>st</sup> 11:00 pm – 12:30 am

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#### **Dust Off Car Show** Veterans Road, Yorktown Heights April 23, 2017





### Quality of Life

#### The Battle of Yorktown

Annual Roadside Litter Clean-Up Day – Saturday, April 22, 2017







#### Yorktown Community Day

Jefferson Valley Mall A Saturday in June from 11 am – 4 pm





Community Day showcases numerous community organizations, local merchants, activities for kids, inflatables, food, music and entertainment for all ages.





#### Yorktown Relay for Life

Annual Walk Benefiting the American Cancer Society June 9, 2017









#### Lion's Summer Concert Series and New for 2017 A Saturday Music Festival



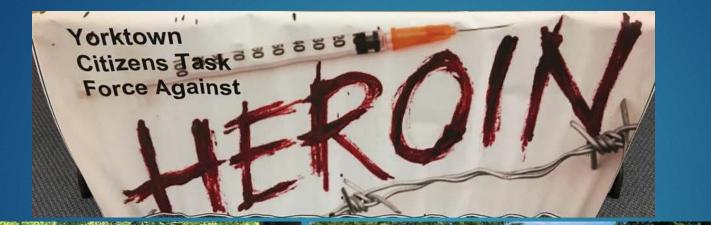


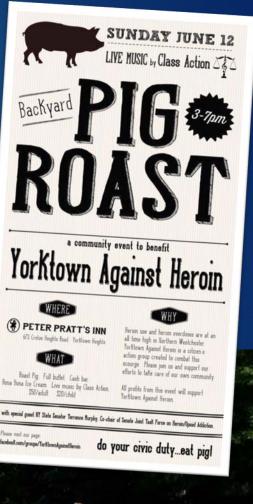






#### Yorktown Citizens Task Force Against Heroin Backyard Pig Roast to raise funds to combat heroin addiction & overdose in our community.









#### Yorktown Grange Fair and Tractor Parade September 8 – 10, 2017





#### Yorktown 9/11 Memorial

Dedicated in memory of those residents of the Town of Yorktown who lost their lives in the tragic events at the World Trade Center in New York City on September 11, 2001.





Some photos courtesy of Gabrielle Bilik, Yorktown News.



#### Yorktown Feast of San Gennaro

Commerce Street & Railroad Park Mid-September

Photos courtesy of Brian Marschhauser, Yorktown News and San Gennaro Festival Facebook page.



**Yorktown Chamber Festival & Street Fair** Commerce Street & Veterans Road, Yorktown Heights 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in October from 11 am – 5 pm



#### Halloween Parade of Costumes & Carnival



#### **Yorktown Holiday Electric Lights Parade** Front Street to Jack DeVito Memorial Field & Track First Saturday Night in December









Yorktown Organizations United



With help from My Brother Vinny, members of YOUnited were able to bring toys from a store closing in the mall...





My Brother

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and deliver them to the John C. Hart Memorial Library to be given to children in need.

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## Yorktown on the Move

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## Depot Square & Highway Garage Relocation

**\$413,760** Grant to Demolish the existing Highway Garage

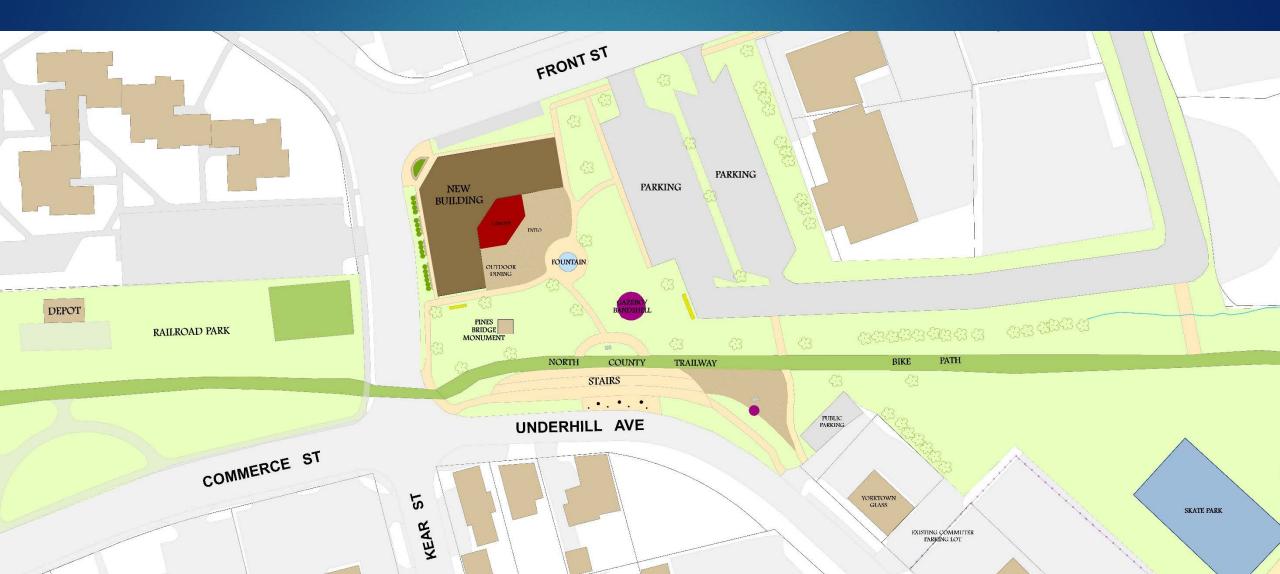
**\$375,000** Grant for Building a new Highway Garage

\$350,000 Grant for Front Street Project



#### Yorktown on the Move

## Depot Square







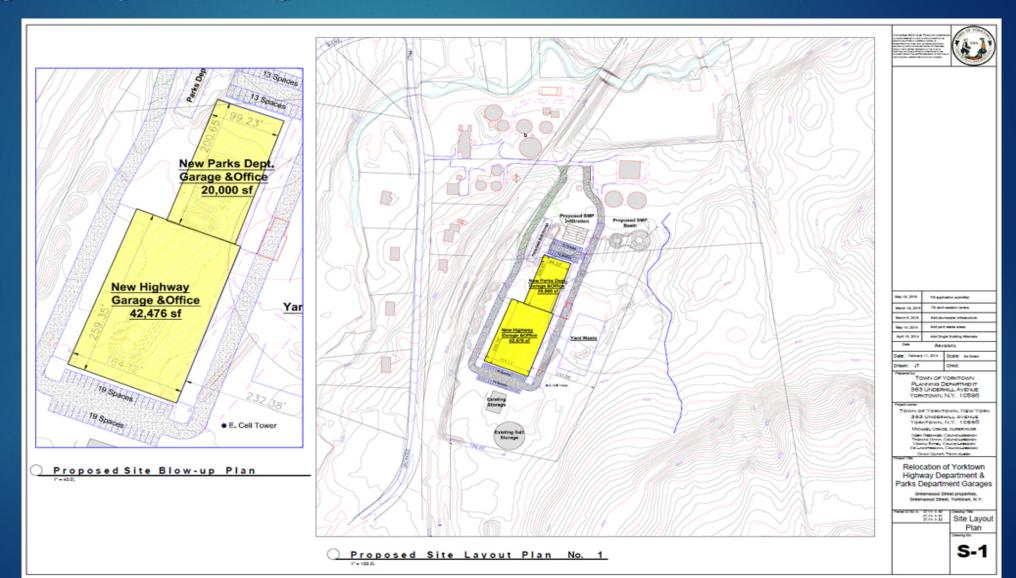
#### View from Underhill Avenue Heading East





#### Yorktown on the Move

### Highway Garage Relocation





#### **Underutilized Greenwood Street Property** Proposed location for New Highway Garage Formerly this property was used to compost de-watered sewer sludge

Proposed location of new highway and parks facility



### Pines Bridge Monument

Funds Raised so far...

**\$50,000 – Private Donations** 

**\$50,000 – NYS Grant** 

\$67,500 – Town of Yorktown Grant

\$45,000 – Pledges Made

To be located at Depot Square Plaza



#### THE BATTLE AT PINES BRIDGE May 4, 1781

THE IST RHODE ISLAND REGIMENT, A REGIMENT COMPRISED ENTITELY OF FREED SLAVES AND A DOZEN MEMBERS OF THE WAMPANOAG TRIBE, LED BY COLONEL CHRISTOPHER GREENE, WERE STATIONED HERE IN THE DEFENSE OF PINTS BRIDGE. THE REGIMENT, DECIMATED BY A SMALLPOX OUTBREAK, FELL UNDER ATTACK ON THE MORNING OF MAY 4. MANY WERE MASSACRED, INCLUDING COLONEL GREENE, AND THOSE BRAVE MEN REMAINING WERE SOLD BACK INTO SLAVERY.

> Memory of Those Who Fought for Freedom The Yorktown Historicae Soci





#### **Railroad Park Station Restoration** \$295,762 Grant from the NYSDOT for restoration of the Yorktown Heights Station to its original design and colors.







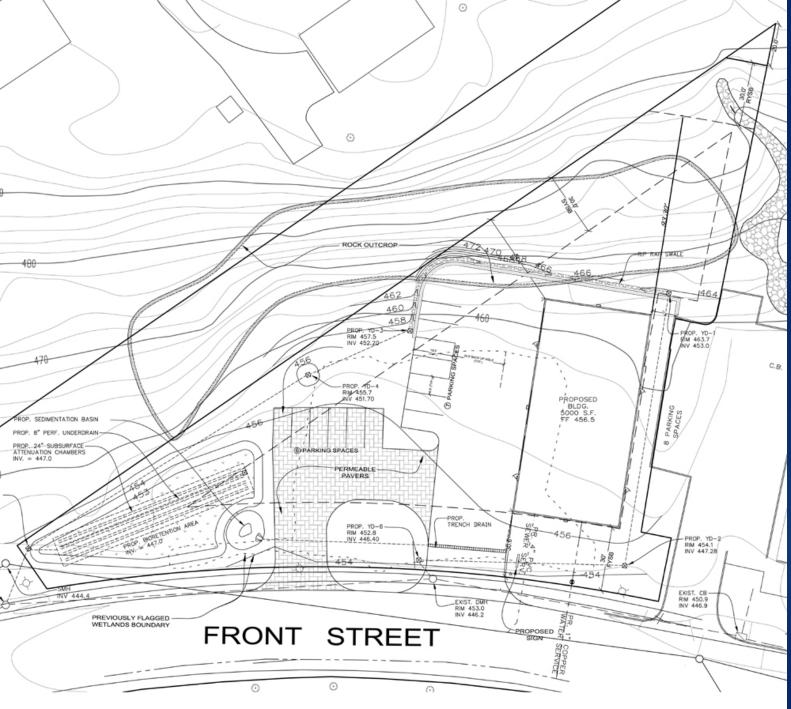
Approved with a regional approach to storm water treatment.

# **JCM Racing**

Front Street, Yorktown Heights

5,000 square foot Custom Engine Building Shop







Proposed rezone of residential property on Front Street. Concept Plan developed by the Planning Department.

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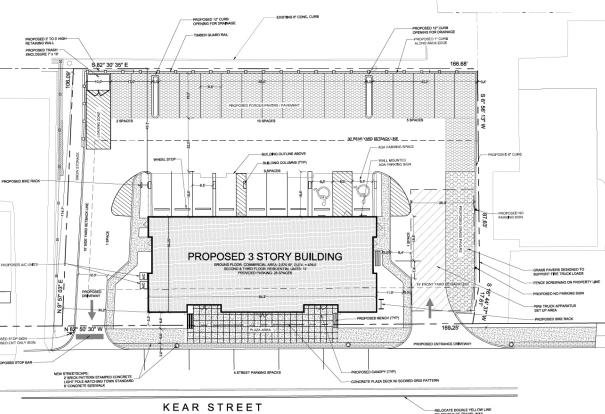
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## 322 Kear Street, LLC

Approved three-story 8,000 square foot building with commercial uses on the first floor and 12 affordable apartments on the upper two floors.





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Existing Site



# Chase Bank Construction Commerce Street

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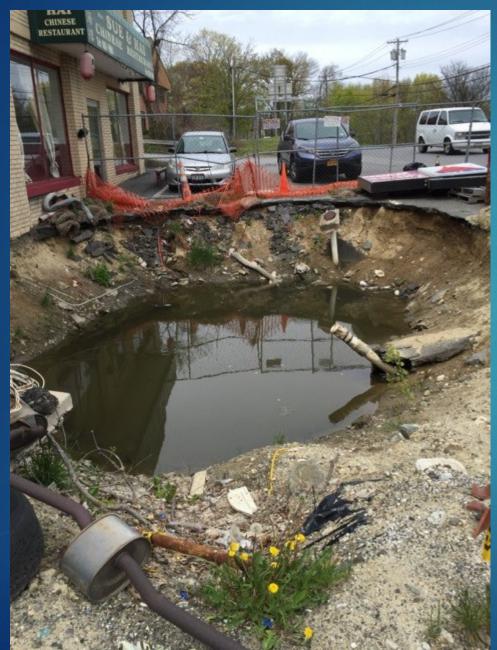
## Chase Bank 1975 Commerce Street

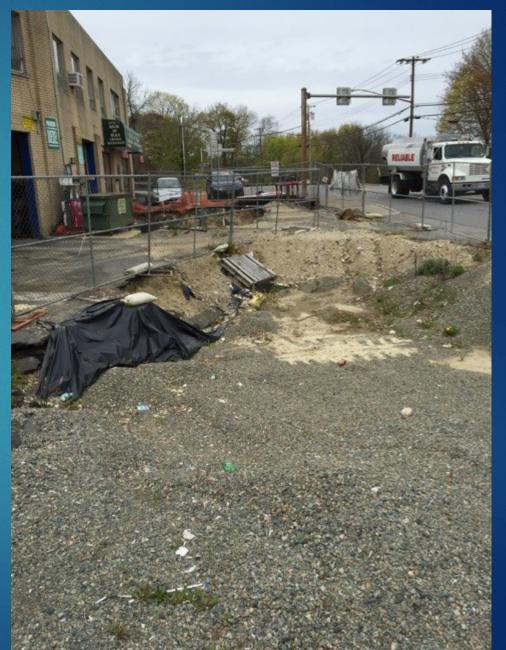
The existing bank currently leasing two Heights office locations, decided to invest in Yorktown and consolidate into one new building.





## Unfinished Construction at the Roma Building





Property owner paid \$25,000.00 in fines to Yorktown and a commitment for \$15,000.00 in community improvements to the Town of Yorktown.

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# Work Finally Complete at the Roma Building at No Cost to the Town

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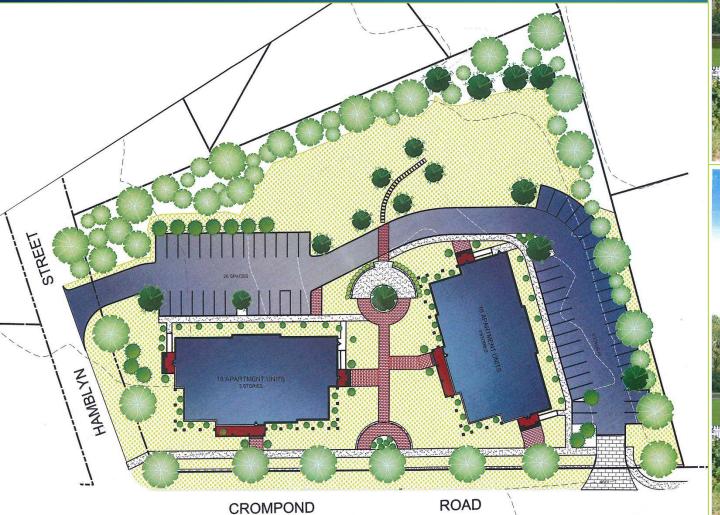
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## The Weyant 2040 Crompond Road

Proposed Residential Market Rate Rental Community with 36 Apartments

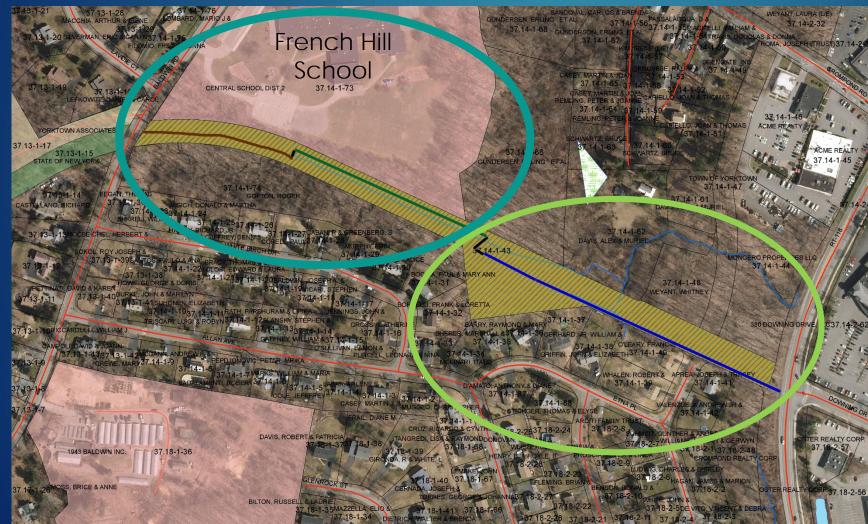






## **Trailway Connection to FDR Park**

It is the town's goal to have a paved bike/ped path connecting the North County Trailway to FDR Park. The Yorktown Trailtown Committee is helping to clear the path and build the bridges until additional funding is available.





<u>Phase 1</u> \$7,500 Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant

- 8 ft wide item 4 path
- 2 bridges

<u>Phase 2</u> Additional Hudson Valley Greenway Grant

- 600 ft of boardwalk
- 1 bridge



## Lowe's Home Center

Existing Conditions Abandoned Motel Abandoned Gas Station Building Zino's Nursery





## Lowe's Home Center

120,662 SF Store & 25,448 SF Garden Center 7,600 SF Restaurant, 4,600 SF Restaurant, 4,000 SF Bank



## Crompond Terraces

Approved Rezone from R1-20 to C-2R & R-3





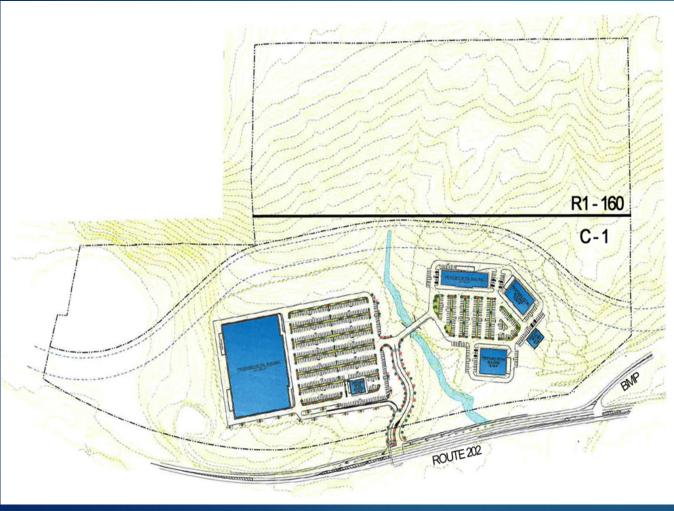
## **Staples Plaza Renovation**

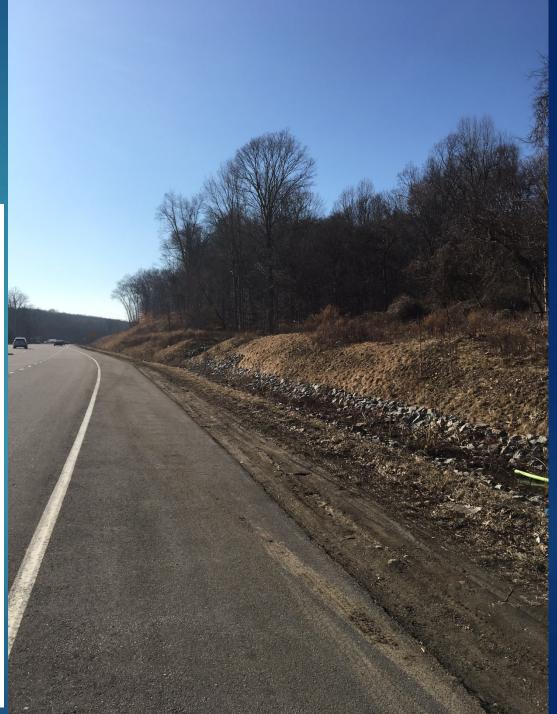
Complete Façade Renovation Approved BJ's 6 double-sided fuel pumps with canopy Approved 2,500 SF Restaurant Building Pad



## State Land Corp 100 acres on Route 202/35

## The Town Board Rezoned the front of this property from R1-160 to C-1







## Future Granite Knolls Park Stony Street





Proposed Town Recreation Facility NO COST TO THE TOWN

> 2 Synthetic Turf Multi-purpose fields

Synthetic Turf Baseball Field with Concession Stand, Restrooms, and Viewing Box

Pickle Ball Courts

**Open Air Pavilion** 

**Basketball Courts** 

Walking Trail around Fields

200 Parking Spaces





## Shrub Oak International School

Proposed reuse of the former Phoenix House Academy as a boarding school for autistic children. A for-profit entity puts this property back on the tax rolls.







## Par 3 Golf Course (former Shallow Creek)

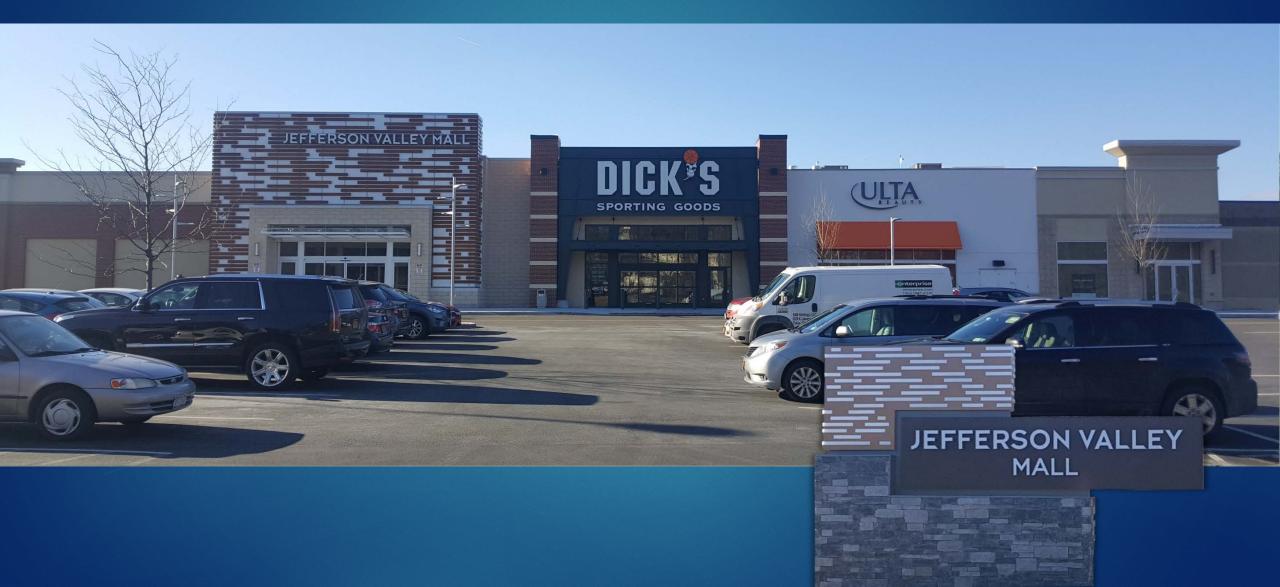


Operation and maintenance of the course was awarded to RC Recreation Development, LLC to renovate and reopen the course and restaurant concession.



## Renovation of the Jefferson Valley Mall

New Entrances, New Stores, New Restaurants Updated Landscaping and Signage





## **Jefferson Valley**

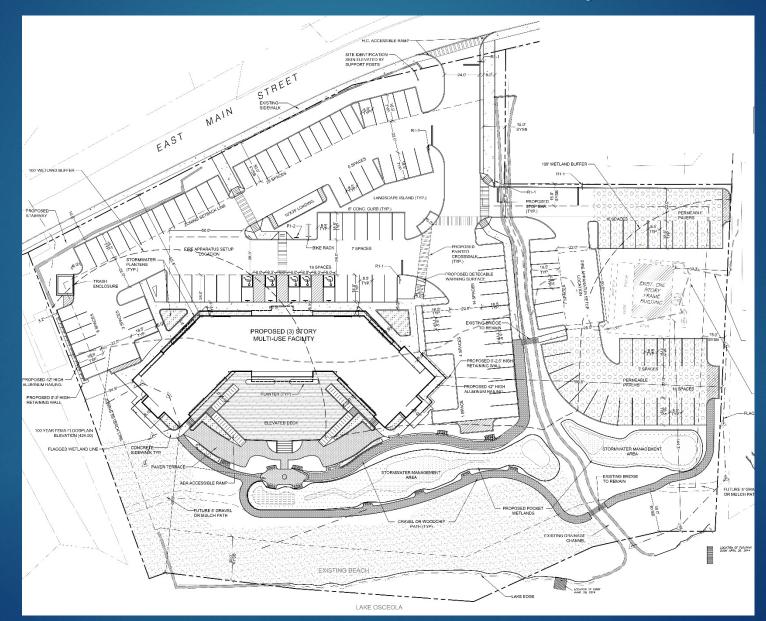
**A&S Fine Foods Pork Store** New Commercial Shopping Center Hill Boulevard

## Caremount Medical Building Hill Boulevard on Lake Osceola





## Lake Osceola Square East Main Street, Jefferson Valley





## Mohegan Auto & Tire East Main Street, Shrub Oak

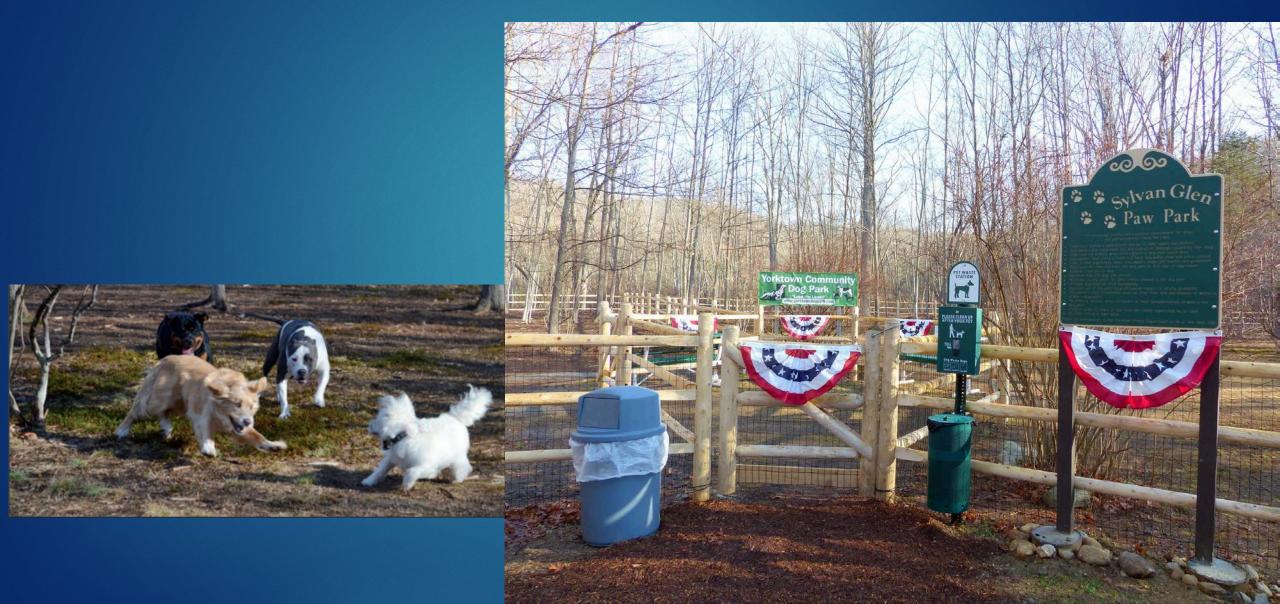
## Getty Station to BP Station 3700 Barger Street, Shrub Oak

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# Sylvan Glen Paw Park Yorktown Community Dog Park







## Tracer Headquarters Kitchawan Road

Proposed reuse of former office and research facility located next to the Kitchawan Preserve.

Tracer specializes in lenticular printing.



# The Town has made great strides in streamlining government operations and creating new operational efficiencies.

# Garbage Contract \$4 million savings over 5 years !



# Digitization Project

- Requiring submissions of land use applications in digital format
- Digitizing archived town records





# ACH for Taxes

## Online property tax payments by check.

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### SCHOOL TAX

The 2016/17 School Tax Bill will be mailed out on September 1, 2016 with the first installment due by September 30th to avoid a penalty. Second installment due by January 31st to avoid penalty. If you do not receive a bill or have any questions, please contact the Tax Office at 914-962-5722. Please note that with or without a bill, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to follow up on their taxes (New York State Real Property Tax Law, Section 922).

Read More



### Contact Information

Receiver of Taxes Barbara Korsak

Tax Assessment Aide Lori Rotunno

Senior Clerk Nancy Calicchia

Phone: (914) 962-5722 Fax: (914) 245-2003

Town Hall 363 Underhill Avenue Yorktown Heights, NY 10598 Hours: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm





Online Search enter here

Online Tax Payments

Make a Payment



### **Property Tax Payments**

STEP 1

STEP 2

STEP 3

As a convenience to our taxpayers, the Town of Yorktown offers the option of paying town and school taxes online. Using this option is fast, easy and safe. In just a few minutes, the transaction will be complete with 6 simple steps.

You can pay via electronic check. There is no fee for paying by electronic check.

To make online payments for multiple parcels, each parcel must be paid individually.

The website shuts down every Thursday morning from 1:45 AM to 5:00 AM Eastern Time for routine maintenance.

### Select Tax Collection

There may be multiple tax collections from which to choose. If there is more than one open collection online, you can select which tax collection you want to pay. Otherwise, you will be taken to step 2.

### Locate Tax Parcel Information

You can search for your tax information by using your parcel ID (Section, Block, Lot), legal street address or last name.

### Review Information and Accept Terms

At this step, you will be asked to review your tax information and accept the Terms of Use for this transaction.

### STEP 4 Complete the Contact and Pay Details

Here the contact information for the person owing the tax is entered, as well as payment information and any additional information.

### STEP 5 Confirm Information

Review the information you provided in Step 4 and submit the payment. This is your opportunity to go back and make any changes before submitting the payment.

### STEP 6 Digital Receipt

Once your payment has been submitted, you will receive your confirmation number and digital receipt. A confirmation email with the same information will also be sent to the email address that you provide.

Continue



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### Credit & Debit Card transactions coming soon.

# Newly Organized Engineering Department Hired a Town Engineer & Assistant Engineer

- In 2016 the Town hired a professional licensed Town Engineer, Michael Quinn, as a full time town employee, in lieu of exclusively using outside consultants.
- As a result, the Town completed an audit and inventory of its drainage infrastructure and thereafter received \$3.2 million in NYS grants for culvert rehabilitation.
- The Town Engineer's office is working on \$20 million sewer infrastructure improvements.
- Received a Grant to re-institute Fluoride Treatment
- Pursuing MS4 project grants for regional storm water drainage projects
- Reviewed and refined the Route 202 ball field drainage project.

# Implementation of a New Procurement Policy and Procurement Software

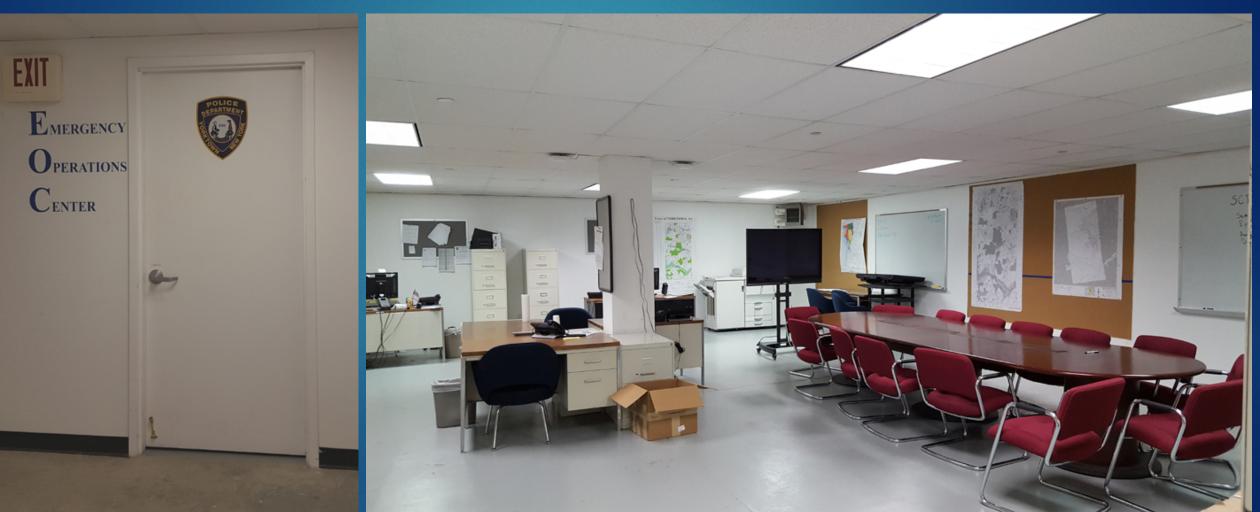
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# Improving Government Operations – YPD Upgrades



# Emergency Operations Center

The emergency operations center provides one location where representatives from all major governmental organizations can meet and make decisions.



# Improving Government Operations – YPD Upgrades

# Updated Police Vehicle Fleet

YPD removed unsafe / high mileage (over 130,000 miles) vehicles from the fleet. Adding
18 new vehicles to the Yorktown PD fleet



YPD teamed up with Westchester County to form the Northern Drug Initiative Task Force. Created a new position strictly for illicit drug interdiction.

# Improving Government Operations – YPD Upgrades

# New Generator for YPD and Court

Verizon Antennae Project New Communication equipment and revenue stream

Purchased new computer software, radios, computer tablets, and license plate readers in 2016.







Purchased New Fuel Master Gas Filling Station

Supports having School Resource Officers in local high & middle schools. Supports the DARE program.

Yorktown was recently voted one of the Top 20 safest towns in New York State.



# YCCC Generator

Installation was completed on the generator at the Yorktown Community & Cultural Center to ensure the center's operation as an emergency shelter.

 Reconstituted CERT -Citizens Emergency Response Team



# New Senior Nutrition Van

Expected delivery March 8, 2017

\$40,599.20 NYS DOT Grant\$10,149.80 Senior Trust (Local Share)



#### New Bucket Truck



New ChipperNew Kubota Tractor





# New Highway Trucks

Added since 2012:

 (6) New 6-Wheel Heavy Duty Snow Plow Trucks
 (2) Repurposed Water Dept. Trucks
 (1) Extended cab Patch Truck





# New Highway Trucks





# Existing Refuse & Recycling Truck ク

### New Water Department Trucks





#### New Water Department Trucks







TRUCK 9 - 2016 FORD F550 UTILITY



# **Rehabilitation of Critical Infrastructure**

- Rehabilitation of Sewer Pump Stations
- Construction of new sewer extensions for over 450 existing homes
- Construction of a new 3 million gallon water storage tank
- Culvert repair at Lexington Avenue, Veterans Road, Hill Blvd.
- Additional funding for paving
- Additional funding for storm water infrastructure
- Ball field construction and rehabilitation

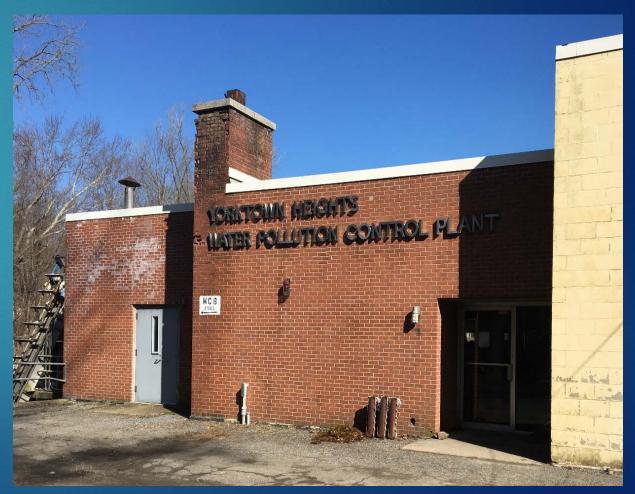
#### SPDES Permit

State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit Amended Permit Obtained November 2015

Yorktown Heights Treatment plant was under a connection and extension moratorium for over 27 years. As of November 2016, thanks to the lobbying efforts of the town's professional staff those moratoriums have been lifted.

Underway is the planning to connect an additional 450 homes to the plant via new sewer infrastructure.

Yorktown's commercial tax base is now able to be developed.



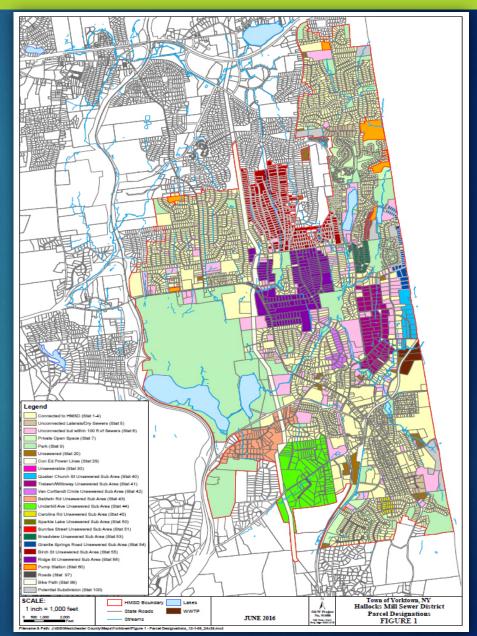
#### Consolidation & New Sewers

Yorktown anticipates connecting over 450 homes to the Yorktown Heights treatment Plant over the next few years.



Town of Yorktown, NY Wastewater Infrastructure and Pump Station Evaluation

OCTOBER 2016





# Culvert Grants

# \$3.2 million dollars in grant money received for culvert repair

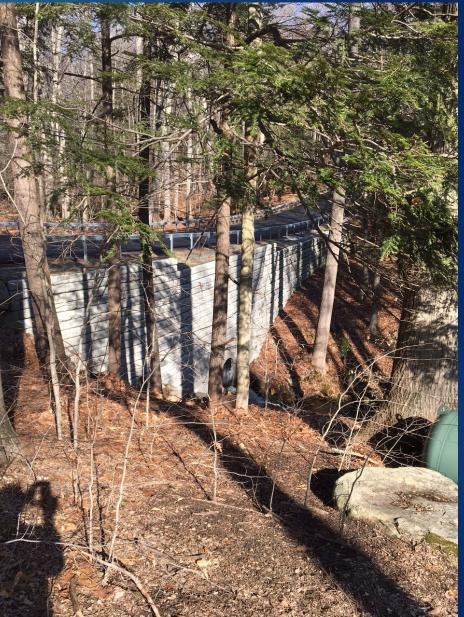


#### Baptist Church Road Bridge Bridge Failing Prior to Repair



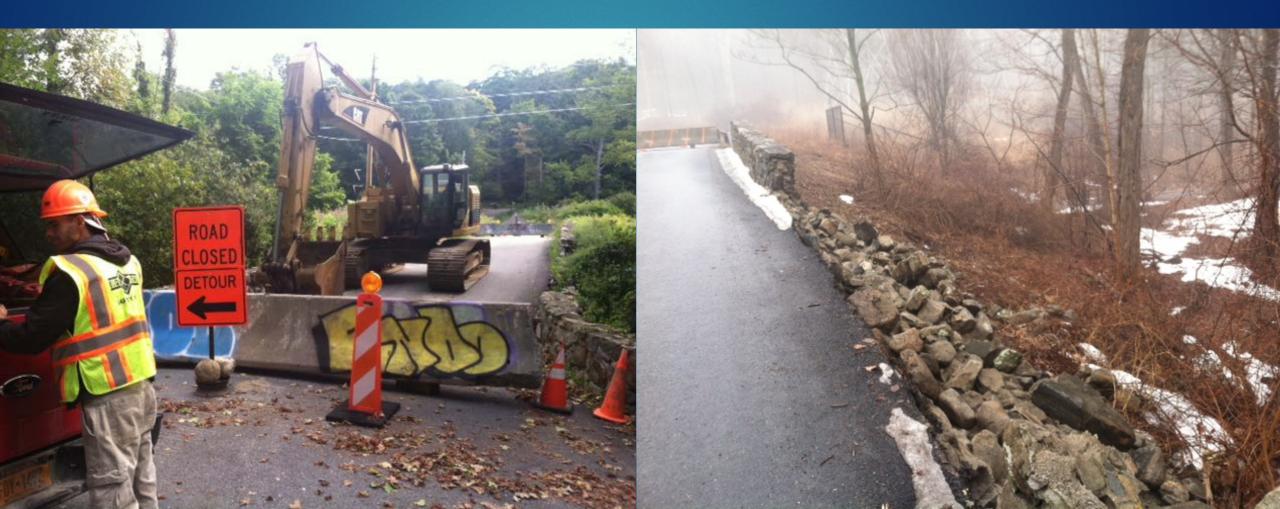
#### Baptist Church Road Bridge Completed Under Budget and On-Time







# Croton Heights Road Bridge





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#### Lexington Avenue Culvert







# Lexington Avenue Culvert





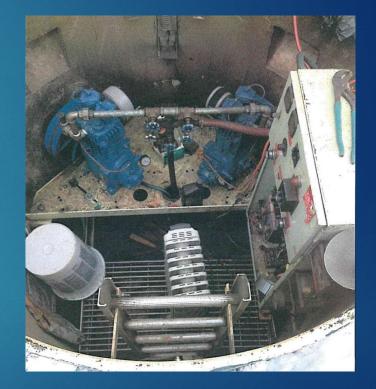
#### Revere Road



# Pump Station Upgrade Program

#### Review of each pump station for:

- Existing site plans
- Pump station upgrades
- New equipment
- Site plan review
- Next steps

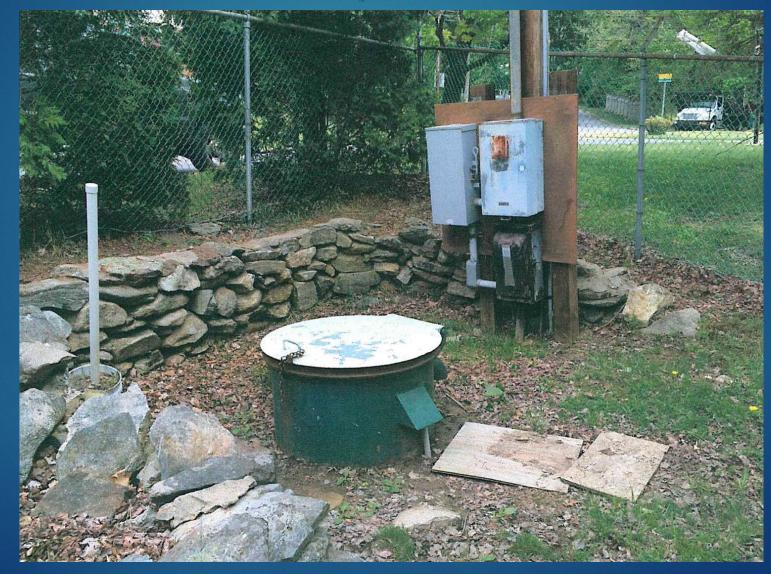




### Jefferson Park Pump Station

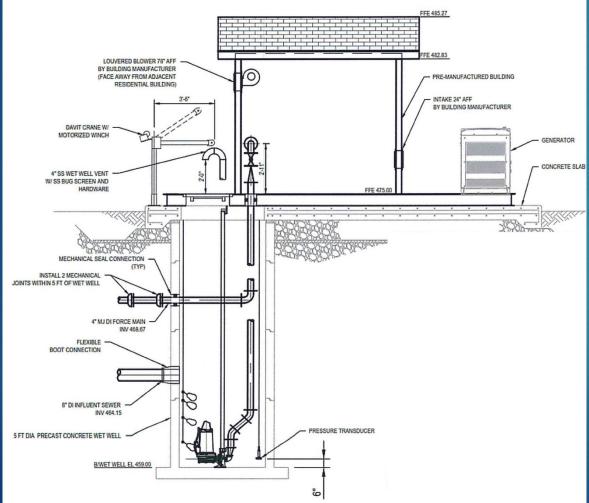


# Walden Woods Pump Station



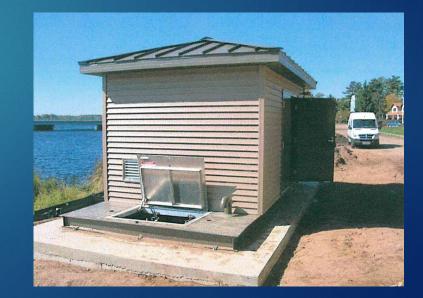
#### Walden Woods – Elevation

#### **Walden Woods – Elevation**

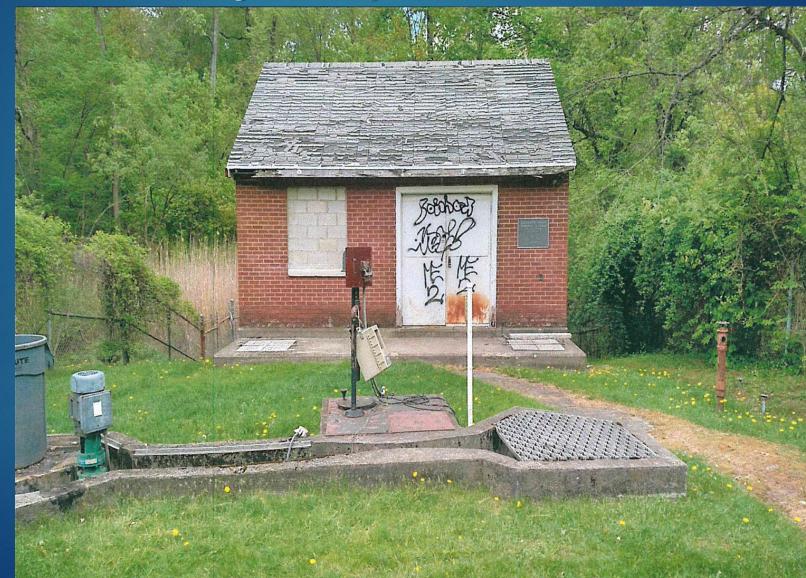


#### **Building Dimensions**

Length:9 ft - 8 inWidth:9 ft - 8 inHeight:10 ft



# Jefferson Valley Pump Station



#### Water Tank

Construction of a new 3 million gallon water storage tank





- Littering Law
- 485-B Law
- Industrial & Commercial Incentive Board
- Quality of Life Committee
- Affordable Housing
- Wetlands Ordinance (Proposed)
- Tree Ordinance
- Dumpster Enclosure Law (Proposed)
- Textile Recovery Program
- Double Pole Remediation (Proposed)



# Littering Law

In June 2016, the Town Board enacted a bold, aggressive and innovative local ordinance designed to combat littering in Yorktown. The ordinance would hold the registered owner of a vehicle civilly liable for a penalty of up to \$500.00 when a person operating the vehicle is recorded on a camera littering within the Town. If a resident takes a picture of the littering, the picture should be submitted to the Town and the picture can be used as evidence.

Remarkably it didn't take long for the value of the legislation to prove its worth. In October a Town resident independently set up a trail camera on Wood Street, one of the targeted areas for littering. The camera recorded images of a driver throwing a bag of garbage onto Wood Street and continue driving away. Since the license plate was clearly visible, with the assistance of the Police Department, the owner of the car was tracked down. The owner of the car paid a penalty to the Town in the amount of \$200.00.

With the money received from civil penalties, the Town can purchase cameras at no cost to the taxpayers to continue to combat littering on the Town's streets and roads.



#### Littering Law Includes Recorded Images as Violations

The Law allows for both municipal cameras and residents who capture images to be used.



Recording from a resident's installed camera on Wood Street.

#### 485-B Law

In an effort to keep moving Yorktown forward, the Town Board approved a New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 485b tax abatement program geared toward helping small businesses get off the ground. According to the Small Business Administration, 50% of all small businesses fail during their first two years. The 485b program will give new businesses some breathing room to make sure they can survive for the long term.

The specifics of the 485b program are that any business that invests money to physically improve the structures will obtain a tax abatement on the increased assessment that is as a result of the improvements. The abatement will decrease over ten years and the base property taxes will not be affected or reduced.

The enactment of the 485b program was recommended by the Town's Industrial and Commercial Incentive Board. The members were selected by the Town Board because of their extensive business experience on a local as well as regional level. During the ICIB's regular meetings over the course of six months, the members were tasked with identifying the types of businesses that should be offered limited business exemption credits and the geographical areas in the Town where the incentives should be concentrated. The ICIB report, which was released on January 9, 2017, supported the town wide implementation of the 485b tax abatement program as a way to incentivize and support new businesses.

# Industrial & Commercial Incentive Board (ICIB)

Prior to the enactment of the New York State Real Property Tax Law § 485b tax incentive program, the Town Board formed the Industrial and Commercial Incentive Board. The ICIB comprised of six members, all Yorktown residents and who selected because of their extensive business experience on a local as well as regional level.

The members of the ICIB are Michael Cinicolo, Vice President of Operations at Houlihan-Parnes Realtors, LLC and the Vice President of Property Management at GHP Office Realty, LLC; Cliff Weber, Esq., Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Chief Risk Officer for PCSB Bank; Joseph Visconti, President of RGI Properties, Inc.; Matthew Bloom, Managing Partner of BKR Lamar Retail Services; Jeffrey Jankowski, Yorktown Chamber of Commerce Treasurer; and Robert Giordano, President of the Yorktown Small Business Association.

The ICIB members were tasked with identifying the types of businesses that should be offered limited business exemption credits and the geographical areas in the Town where the incentives should be concentrated. The ICIB members met regularly through 2016 discussing the issues with the Town Officials as well as Town Staff who participate in the economic development and planning for the Town. On January 9, 2017, the ICIB presented its Final Report to the Town Board which included findings, suggestions and recommendations for the enactment of the 485-b tax incentive program. Their report supported the town wide implementation of the 485b tax abatement program as a way to incentivize and support new businesses.



# Quality of Life Committee

The Town formed the Quality of Life Committee in an effort to build greater interest related to livability and sustainability within the Town. The Committee consists of one Councilperson, the Town's Code Enforcement Officer, a representative of the Town's Police Department, a representative of a public service organization affiliated with the Town and one Town resident.

As part of its charge, the Committee operates to provide a centralized public forum to engage the Town's residents and business owners to identify community issues and concerns and develop potential strategies, proposals, plans or solutions and, in an advisory capacity only, periodically present such to the Town Board for consideration.

The Committee will also provide an overview of, and coordination among, community groups and organizations that contribute to an improved quality of life, personal meaning, pride and satisfaction including publicity of activities to the general public.



# Award Winning Textile Recovery Program

When it's time to discard all types of clothing, coats, hats, socks, shoes, sneakers, boots, hats, gloves, rags, towels, sheets, blankets, bedspreads, tablecloths or curtains, don't trash them – **RECYCLE!** 

Three easy ways to keep unwanted clothing and textiles out of the trash:

- 1. Bulk Trash Collection
- 2. Refuse & Recycling Drop-Off Days for E-Waste, Textiles, and Car Tires
- 3. USAgain Clothing Bins







# Affordable Housing

The Town Board repealed Chapter 102 of the Town Code that related to affordable housing. The repealed ordinance had required a developer to designate as affordable housing a number of "as-of-right" allowable units from the development lot count.

In repealing Chapter 102, the Town Board determined that by requiring a certain number of units be set aside as affordable housing in an "as-of-right" development without compensation or consideration was in no uncertain terms an unauthorized tax or "impact fee".

To be sure, currently remaining in the Town's Zoning regulations are sufficient provisions which have provided and will continue to provide multi-family units that the market itself makes affordable.



#### Tree Ordinance

The Town's Tree Ordinance was revised to create a greater balance between protection of private property rights and protection of the environment. The new ordinance allows property owners to be directly responsible for the maintenance of trees on their properties without Town interference. However, clear cutting on any property, which can result in substantial tree removal with the loss of the environmental benefits trees provide, remains an activity which will require town review and a tree permit.

The revised ordinance also was developed with the recognition that our existing town forests and street trees have fallen victim to disease, deer browse and invasive species damage. Accordingly, the revised tree ordinance requires the development of a comprehensive town-wide forest and street tree management plan which will assess the current condition of our trees and identify and focus future tree mitigation to priority areas throughout the town.

Baseline data field mapping of our forests and street trees will begin shortly which will provide the necessary data to implement the goals of this ordinance to increase the number, health and functional values of our trees in a planned, cohesive manner.



# Wetlands Ordinance Pending

The Town is also currently reviewing the wetland ordinance which had not been substantially updated for decades. In reviewing the ordinance the Town intends to realize the objectives which include the reduction of "red tape" permitting processes, the development of permitting thresholds and definitions that align with State and Federal standards and the protection of ecologically valuable vernal pools.

The Town also intends to develop a town wide wetland functional assessment map and functional assessment methodology to identify wetlands in which protection and preservation are the priority as compared with wetlands which have suffered from degradation and in which functional values may be improved and expanded through well designed mitigation.

Similar to the tree ordinance the overall goal of the wetland ordinance revision is to improve the balance between private property rights and the protection of the important, well recognized functions of our wetlands.



#### Dumpster Enclosure Law Pending

In an effort to beautify and clean up the Town, the Town Board has proposed a Dumpster Enclosure ordinance which will include the issuance of a Dumpster Permit.

The ordinance will establish standards for how existing and future commercial garbage enclosures must be constructed, where they may be located on the property and the types of permissible enclosure. The enclosures will also include be required to be properly and adequately screened.

The ordinance will include provisions for prosecution as a criminal violation and fines for failure to comply with the requirements.

#### Compactor Enclosure Law Pending

The Town has also proposed regulations that would address compactors throughout the Town. Similar to the Dumpster Enclosure Ordinance, the Town is proposing an established criteria for performance objectives, establishing reasonable safeguards for the safety, health and welfare of the occupants of the building and the users of the compactors.



### Dumpster Enclosure Law Pending

#### $\square$ Behind the Turco's Plaza, which is visible from Veteran's Road.





## Double Utility Pole Regulations

The Town Board will be proposing legislation to address the unsightly double utility poles that pepper the streets of the Town. When a new utility pole is installed on a Town's street, a utility's delay in removing lines and equipment from the old pole also delays the removal of the pole itself, which causes a proliferation of aesthetically unpleasant double poles. The proposed law would require the prompt removal of double poles by the utility once all plants, cables, lines, equipment, and terminals have been removed.

The law would authorize the prosecution of utilities for the criminal offense and the imposition of fines for violation. Additionally, the law would allow the Town to commence a civil action in the State Supreme Court to enforce compliance with the ordinance.



# Double Utility Pole Regulations

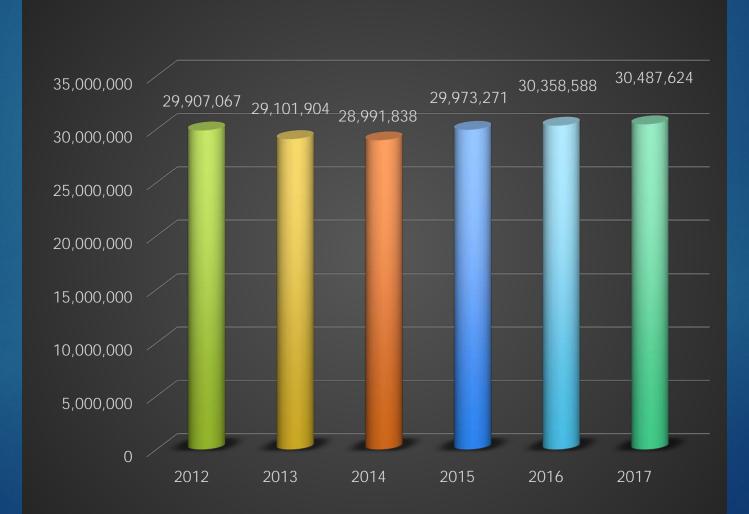
An unsightly set of damaged poles along Routes 202/35 in front of the Yorktown United Methodist Church.





# **Town Budget**

#### Tax Levy Comparison



**Town Budget** 

#### **Fund Balance Comparison**

