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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 5 of 2019

WHEREAS, the County's parks are an important part of what makes Westchester a wonderful place to live; and

WHEREAS, maintaining parks and open spaces are critical to preserving the environment and our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the County owns over 18,000 acres of parks; and

WHEREAS, the County has the authority to sell parcels of parkland where it is determined that such parkland is no longer needed for park purposes; and

WHEREAS, it is important to ensure that this power is not used inappropriately or improvidently;

NOW THEREFORE, I, GEORGE LATIMER, County Executive of the County of Westchester, in light of the aforementioned, do hereby order and direct each and every department, board, agency, office and commission of the County of Westchester under my jurisdiction to ensure that the following is complied with:

Section 1. Regardless of existing state law, it shall be the Executive Branch policy to submit any proposed sale or conveyance of any building, improvement, or materials within the boundary lines of parkland owned by the County, or any parcels of parkland owned by the County and greater than two acres in size, to the County Board of Legislators, the State Assembly and State Senate as the subject of state legislation, in accordance with all relevant rules for parkland alienation. Furthermore, the Executive Branch will submit proposed Home Rule resolutions to the County Board of Legislators to accompany the legislation submitted to the State Assembly and State Senate.

Section 2. No department, board, agency, office, or commission of the Executive Branch shall request that the Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Board, the Board of Acquisition and Contract, and/or the Board of Legislators take action that would effectuate the activities identified in Section 1 of this Executive Order without complying therewith.

Section 3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and remain in force until explicitly superseded or revoked.


GEORGE LATIMER
County Executive

Dated: July 8, 2019
White Plains, New York

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