



# **TOWN OF GREENBURGH**

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To the Town Board and Residents of the  
Town of Greenburgh, New York:

I herewith submit for your consideration the Town's proposed Capital Budget for 2003 in the proposed amount of \$2,250,850 and the anticipated capital plan for the years 2004 through 2005.

The format continues to reflect the adopted capital budgets for three prior years, 2000 to 2002. This history will be useful for reviewing long-range planning in ongoing maintenance and replacement of vehicles and DPW machinery, road resurfacing and parks maintenance.

The emphasis of this proposed capital budget is again on infrastructure rehabilitation and management. The budget should be reviewed in the context of the total operational and financial management of the Town, which has emphasized long-range planning of facilities maintenance and major vehicle replacement.

rate that will cause significant increases in tax certiorari refunds. The New York State Retirement System recently notified the Town of a significant increase in the amount the Town must pay the employee pension system. This may cause an unbudgeted \$2.1 million expenditure in the current fiscal year.

The Town, is also involved in major projects which also are impacting our debt: Town Hall acquisition, anticipated Library expansion and the Taxter Ridge Park acquisition. Although the Town continues to use less than 5% of its constitutional debt contracting power, a bond issue of such magnitude would increase debt service to a level greater than desirable. After some scaling down, I have reduced the amounts requested either by elimination or by deferral to next year wherever possible. The total request has been reduced by 63% to \$2,250,850.

The Town has made a commitment of \$3,700,000 to partner with the State of New York and the County of Westchester for the purchase of 199 acres of land from the Unification Church. The Trust for Public Land has recommended that the State share one-third of the cost, along with the County and the Town. A bond resolution in the amount of \$3,700,000 will be presented to the Town Board for approval when an agreement has been reached by all of the interested parties.

#### **New Town Hall Purchased**

interested in acquiring the property. We are working with the Library Board to determine if such a sale can be accomplished to the Library's satisfaction.

### **Library Renovation/Expansion**

The financial requirements for the Library renovation/expansion project have not been addressed in this Capital Budget, as it would be premature to estimate the magnitude of the costs involved with such a large undertaking which is currently in the planning stage. If a decision is reached before the presentation of next year's Capital Budget, a bond resolution will be prepared and presented at a public Town Board meeting.

### **Public Works**

The 2003 Capital Budget reflects a continued gradual replacement program of equipment and machinery and avoids an undue taxpayer burden which would result from having to replace large numbers of vehicles all in one year. The road resurfacing program will be funded at a slightly increased level to reflect the increase in costs of material as well as anticipated increases in program needs as a result of the severe winter of 2003. I have again included funds in the Capital Budget for sidewalk rehabilitation.

### **Parks & Recreation**

borrowed in 2003. The balance of \$100,000 needed for this project will be re-appropriated from the 2002 Parks & Recreation Capital Budget. Although the wading and training pools project was funded in last year's Capital Budget, bids came in higher than expected. Other projects include tennis court renovations \$59,000; tennis court repainting \$25,000; Secor Woods Park new restrooms \$60,000 and \$25,000 additional funding needed for the Old Tarrytown Road Park Playground improvement.

### **Police Department**

Police Department proposals for 2003 include \$38,500 of additional funding needed for the renovations to the police headquarters front desk and vestibule area, bringing the total renovation project costs to \$938,500. When the design phase was undertaken, the scope of work grew beyond original expectations due to unforeseen conditions which had to be included to accomplish the desired results of a handicapped accessible, customer friendly and secure entryway.

The Town bonded \$57,000 in 2002 for the Live-Scan Fingerprint & Archival System and \$42,000 was to be provided by New York State for a total project cost of \$99,000. The actual grant funding received from New York State was \$36,263, leaving a shortfall. Also needed was an interface from the current software system in the amount of \$7,000. Therefore it is necessary to increase the Live-Scan Fingerprint & Archival System project

In 2000, the Town of Greenburgh, in cooperation with the various Town and village fire departments, purchased a civil defense cascade truck to primarily provide for the refilling of air bottles of firefighters and rescue workers at emergency scenes. On May 23, 2000 Assemblyman Richard Brodsky promised a \$30,000 grant to the Greenburgh Uniformed Firefighters Association for remittance to the Town to purchase and install the necessary equipment for this vehicle. Although the Town relied on these funds, almost three years have passed and the grant has not been received. Because of the delay, Assemblyman Brodsky has increased the grant amount to \$50,000. I have contacted Assemblyman Brodsky many times and have been unable to get any commitment as to whether the promised funds will ever arrive. The lack of the funds for the cascade truck has already had a negative impact on the ability to respond to a fire in Yonkers recently. I have spoken to Chief Kapica and have been advised that an appropriation of \$18,000 would address the minimum needs of the program. If the Town is successful in obtaining the funds that were previously promised, we will use the budgeted \$18,000 for Police terrorism prevention.

### **Community Center**

The Theodore D. Young Community Center will be completing Phase 2B of the three year pool renovation project. The additional amount needed is \$370,000 which will bring the

of the fiscal impact to Greenburgh residents. I believe that this proposed budget addresses the basic infrastructure needs of the Town. When times are better, we can be more generous with departmental budget requests.

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