

CAMPAIGN FOR NEW YORK'S FUTURE

Westchester and PlaNYC

On April 22nd, Mayor Bloomberg unveiled a visionary plan for managing New York City's growth that would help create a sustainable future for the region. With the region's population expected to grow by 4 million people by the year 2030, it is essential that forward-thinking initiatives are put into place. PlaNYC proposes 127 new initiatives addressing the region's air, water, land, energy and transport challenges. These initiatives range from new mass transportation projects to best management practices that would reduce the flow of sewage into Long Island Sound.

What are the implications for Westchester?

PlaNYC approaches each of New York's major challenges as regional issues that impact the entire metropolitan area. This recognizes the simple truth that the air we breathe and the water we drink flows over, under and through political boundaries. It also acknowledges that the economies of city and suburb are intricately linked; the city needs healthy and attractive suburbs just as the suburbs need a vibrant city economy. Therefore, recommendations include projects and initiatives that will benefit Westchester, Long Island and upstate New York as well as the city.

How will the plan affect TRANSPORTATION for residents of Westchester?

The Mayor has proposed charging cars \$8 to enter the Manhattan Central Business District between 6 AM and 6 PM on weekdays. Drivers would be able to deduct bridge and tunnel tolls from the charge, so Westchester residents using the Triboro Bridge will incur no additional costs. The program would greatly speed the drive into Manhattan by reducing congestion that clogs highways, bridges and tunnels. However, the great majority of Westchester residents who work in Manhattan use public transportation, and they would benefit from several transit investments that would be funded by congestion pricing:

- The East Side Access project, allowing commuters to arrive at either Penn Station or Grand Central Station, will create one-seat commuter rail service to the west side and provide increased capacity for additional trains. Transit times to West Midtown will decrease by 15-20 minutes;
- Extension of the 7 train west, and a new 10th Avenue station will provide access to areas now distant from the subway;
- The Second Avenue Subway and a new transfer point at 125th Street will reduce crowding on the 4/5/6 trains and enhance transit throughout the East Side.

How will the plan affect AIR QUALITY in Westchester?

Since pollution produced in New York City blows throughout the region, actions to reduce air pollutants directly benefit the health and quality of life of all local residents and employees. The goal is to give New York the cleanest air of any big city in the nation, partly by reducing soot by 39%.

How will the plan affect WATER QUALITY in Westchester?

PlaNYC will greatly reduce sewage discharge into the waterways surrounding the City by a range of actions, including expanding capacity at treatment plants and more green space to capture storm runoff. This would particularly benefit the water quality of Long Island Sound.

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