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October 28, 2022

Dear Friends,

On Tuesday Senator Shelley Mayer and I hosted a panel discussion on the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act. The informative 45-minute discussion focused on parts of the Bond Act of importance to Westchester communities. The link to the discussion is found in this update.

This has also been a big week for economic development and technology in Westchester, New York State and America.

On Wednesday I joined Lt. Governor Antonio Delgado, business leaders and elected officials to mark the completion of SEEQC's expanded 12,000 square foot, newly renovated, multilayer, superconductive chip foundry and quantum product development and testing center in Elmsford.

SEEQC fabricates the world's most complex superconductor electronics for quantum computing, AI, and sensor and detectors and to test and integrate superconductive chips into its state-of-the-art quantum computing systems.

The expansion was supported with a \$600,000 Empire State Development capital grant supporting the companies \$3 million project.

On Thursday President Biden came to Syracuse to mark the historic \$100 billion expansion by Micron, the world-wide technology company, to build a massive, cutting-edge semiconductor manufacturing campus in Onondaga County, the largest in the world. I described this project in last week's update.

Both of these technology projects benefited from state grants made possible through the New York Green CHIPS Legislation, which we passed in June. In this competitive environment, we in New York moved quickly to pass state legislation to maximize our ability to offer state grants to be combined with the Federal CHIPS and Science Act, which is bringing high tech manufacturing back to the United States.

New York is doing very well in this competition. Other expanded technology operations have been recently announced in Poughkeepsie and Albany. As Chair of the Assembly Science and Technology Committee, I have been able to be supportive of these efforts.

This update also includes information on the COVID-19 Capital Costs Tax Credit Program for small businesses.

Early voting begins on the Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>. The full schedule of early voting locations, dates and times is found below. You can vote at any Westchester County early voting location.

I hope these resources and information are helpful. Please contact me on any issue where I can be of assistance. My District Office number is 914-939-7028.

Warm regards,

*Steve*

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**SEEQC \$3M Manufacturing Facility Expansion Completed**



At the SEEQC ribbon cutting I joined Empire State Development Regional Director Tom Scaglione, Westchester Business Council President/CEO Marsha Gordon, Lt. Governor Antonio Delgado, White Plains Mayor Tom Roach, SEEQC Co-Founder and CEO John Levy, Senate Majority Leader Andrea

Stewart Cousins, County Executive George Latimer and Assemblyman Tom Abinanti. After the ceremony I toured the cutting-edge facility.

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**Assemblyman Otis and Senator Mayer Host Bond Act Panel Discussion with Local Experts**



On Tuesday Senator Mayer and I hosted a Bond Act panel discussion at the Jay Heritage Center with David Ansel of Save the Sound, Nicole Armacost, Mayor of Hastings and Marisa Rodriguez of Federated Conservations of Westchester County. [Click HERE to view the discussion.](#)

The major focus of the discussion was on Bond Act issues affecting Westchester communities. The \$4.2 billion bond act is broken out into major categories of funding and specific subcategories. Many of the possible funding streams will provide support for community projects of importance to our communities.

The major categories are:

- restoration and flood risk reduction
- open space land conservation and recreation
- climate change mitigation
- water quality improvement projects, including stormwater grants

Much of the discussion touched on flooding and coastal issues, a major priority in the Bond Act. There would be a new program to assist with buyouts of untenable flood properties. I am especially excited about the new stormwater grant program, which was a provision I initiated and was included with the support of the State Assembly.

Local governments and property taxpayers cannot afford to pay to correct damaged or inadequately-sized stormwater systems alone. State funding is needed to help repair these systems and support other flood resiliency projects.

The bond act includes priority funding for neglected areas that have the greatest need to correct water and air quality pollution. Open space and conservation projects will also receive support.

A major focus will be on climate change mitigation projects to reduce polluting emissions, encourage renewable energy production and clean energy

through solar and geothermal heating and cooling systems. Electric school buses and electric vehicle charging infrastructure will receive support to match the growth in availability of these vehicles in upcoming years.

Environmental bond issues allow state and local governments to implement important environmental projects on a multi-year basis that could not be accomplished through annual operating budgets. As with major capital projects, sound financial practice is to spread the cost over the useful life of projects through the bond issue process.

### **Miller's Toys Receives Historical Designation**



Miller's Toys in Mamaroneck has been a family landmark since 1948 providing toys, bikes, clothing and excitement for generations. State Senator Shelley Mayer and I joined owners Brooke and Taka Andrews along with other family members and Mamaroneck residents to recognize that Miller's has been added to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's Historic Business Preservation Registry.

The online registry was established by the legislature in 2020, as many businesses faced new and unique challenges, to honor and promote New York businesses that have been in operation for at least 50 years and that have contributed to their communities' character and history. It aims to provide educational and promotional assistance to ensure continued viability and success.

The full registry can be found on the [Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's website](#). Those interested in being added to the registry in the future should contact their state representatives.

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### **Governor Hochul Announces Application Period Open for \$250 Million COVID-19 Capital Costs Tax Credit Program**

*Small Businesses with 100 or Fewer Employees May Receive Tax Credits for Costs Incurred to Increase COVID-19 Safety; Screening Tool Available [Here](#)*

Governor Hochul has announced applications are now being accepted from small businesses that have successfully completed the [pre-screening process](#) to become certified for the COVID-19 Capital Costs Tax Credit Program, which supports companies that made investments to comply with

emergency orders and regulations or to increase public safety in response to COVID-19.

Tax credits will cover 50 percent of eligible costs, up to \$50,000, for a maximum tax credit award of \$25,000, and credits will be awarded on a first come first serve basis until program funds are depleted. Eligible businesses must operate a location in New York State, have 100 or fewer employees, \$2.5 million or less of gross receipts in the 2021 tax year, and at least \$2,000 in eligible costs between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2022.

Applications will be accepted through March 31, 2023. To claim a tax credit for their 2022 tax return, businesses must apply soon to receive a tax credit certificate from Empire State Development (ESD) on or before December 31, 2022. Tax credits issued on or after January 1, 2023 can be claimed on a business's 2023 tax return. To learn more about eligibility and qualifying expenses, visit [www.esd.ny.gov/covid-19-capital-costs-tax-credit](http://www.esd.ny.gov/covid-19-capital-costs-tax-credit).



### **Nov. 8, 2022 General Election Early Voting Hours**

- Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.



- Monday, Oct. 31, 2022 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022 from noon until 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022 from noon until 8 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 4, 2022 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

### **Westchester County Early Voting Centers in Our Area**

- Eastchester Public Library, 11 Oakridge Place, Eastchester
- Hastings-On-Hudson Public Library, 7 Maple Avenue, Hastings
- Greenburgh Town Hall, 177 Hillside Avenue, White Plains
- St. Gregory The Great Church, 215 Halstead Avenue, Harrison
- Mamaroneck Town Center, 740 W. Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck
- Mt. Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main Street, Mt. Kisco
- Mt. Pleasant Community Center, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla
- Joseph G. Caputo Community Center, 95 Broadway, Ossining
- Pound Ridge Town House, 179 Westchester Avenue, Pound Ridge
- Rye Brook Firehouse, 940 King Street, Rye Brook
- Somers Town House, 335 Route 202, Somers
- Jefferson Village Annex, 3480 Hill Boulevard, Yorktown Heights
- Yorktown Cultural Center, 1974 Commerce Street, Yorktown Heights
- Doles Center, 250 S. 6th Avenue, Mt. Vernon
- Mt. Vernon City Hall, 1 Roosevelt Square, Mt. Vernon
- New Rochelle City Hall Annex, 90 Beaufort Place, New Rochelle
- New Rochelle United Methodist Church, 1200 North Avenue
- Peekskill Lincoln Depot Visitor Center, 10 S. Water Street, Peekskill
- Peekskill Neighborhood Center, 4 Nelson Avenue, Peekskill
- Westchester County Board of Elections, 25 Quarropas Street, WP

- Grinton I. Will Library, 1500 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers
- Nodine Hill Community Center, 140 Fillmore Street, Yonkers
- Yonkers Riverfront Library, One Larkin Center, Yonkers



ArtsWestchester gala honoring White Plains Mayor Thomas Roach and the creative developers who are making White Plains an arts destination.

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