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and
2007 Capital Budget**



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Re: Four Year (FY 2007 – 10) Capital Improvement Plan

The Administration has developed a four-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that it believes best addresses the capital needs of the County and falls within the fiscal constraints established in the Multi-Year Plan (MYP). The CIP is required by Section 2219 of the Nassau County Charter. In the pages that follow the Office of Legislative Budget Review has provided a general overview and has tried not to judge the decisions that have been made or to determine the accuracy of the projected cost estimates. The projects are grouped by category and we have highlighted the ones that are new to this year's plan by underlining them. The amount next to the new project represents the 2007 Capital Budget funding.

The 2007-2010 CIP allocates \$779.9 million over the next four years. The County's capital improvement budget for FY 07 is \$137.9 million, which represents \$112.0 million in new debt issuance and \$25.9 million in non-County funding, excluding building consolidation, open space projects and sewer and storm water. The largest pieces of the FY 07 capital budget of \$137.9 million are Roads at \$29.5 million, or approximately 21.4%, and Public Safety at approximately 17.7%, or \$24.4 million.

In addition, the 2007 budget allocates \$5.0 million for the Building Consolidation Program, \$20.0 million in the project category of Tax and Judgments, \$27.3 million for the Sewer and

Storm Water Program and \$12.0 million for Open Space projects. The \$12.0 million for Open Space is the remaining portion of the \$50.0 million allocation for the Open Space Program created in November 2004. This amount does not include the new \$100.0 million in serial bonds pursuant to the Environmental Program Bond Act referendum which was approved after the capital budget was recommended to the Legislature.

The FY 07 Capital Budget does not include any new funding for tax certiorari judgments. It is anticipated that the County will spend \$50.0 million for this expense with \$25.0 million budgeted for in the Treasurer's operating budget and \$25.0 million coming from the 2006 surplus. The Administration did not borrow any funds for this expense in 2006 and anticipates only minimal (less than \$2.2 million) if any borrowing in 2007.

OLBR has identified aspects of the Capital Improvement Plan and Capital Budget we believe are essential to the County's fiscal efficiency and integrity. We are also pleased to report that the following past recommendations provided by our office have been adopted.

- The presentation of pictures has been included in the Plan to provide the reader with a better idea of the capital project.
- The Administration has identified the impact of capital projects on the Operating Budget.

Going forward OLBR recommends the following:

- Project costs should be quantified to show the positive or negative impact on the operating budget.
- More detailed descriptions of each project should be presented. For example, the Administration should identify in the project description which County parks will be affected by the Capital Budget.
- The impact of current year new debt issuance on future debt service costs should be detailed. For example, the impact of the \$112.0 million in new debt in FY 07 on the total future debt issuance costs should be well defined.
- Short and/or long term cost savings to the County as a result of the issuance of BANS should be determined and reported.
- Justification for the timing and use of Bond Anticipation Note issuance should be provided.
- Total costs beyond the Multi-Year Plan time frame (see Overview, page 5) should be presented.

If my office can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

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OVERVIEW

The aim of a government’s capital budget and multi-year capital investment is to minimize the financial effect of investment project(s) on the operating budget, while maximizing the impact or returns of the project in addressing a community’s needs. Specifically, capital investment requirements describe the County’s system of roads and bridges, water supply, wastewater treatment, public safety investments and information technology systems that support activity in our communities.

Because spending on these projects is paid for with money borrowed by the County, the capital budget process is not only a management tool for guiding the expenditure of public resources over an extended period of time, but also represents a commitment to provide the community with the desired and required level of service. The Capital Budget is needed to specify how capital projects will be financed as well as to control capital expenditures and may be viewed as the first year of the Capital Plan. Many of the projects included in the Capital Budget are financed through the issuance of long-term general obligation debt. The annual principal and interest payments are operating costs and therefore budgeted in the debt service portion of the annual operating budget.

The 2007-2010 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budgets \$779.9 million over the next four years to support total Nassau County capital projects, of which \$93.9 million represents newly authorized projects. As shown below, in 2007, \$202.2 million in funding will be needed to support capital projects, of which 68.2% or \$137.9 million is expected to be spent on general capital improvement projects. The remaining commitment plan of \$64.3 million in total capital expenditures for 2007 includes 1) \$27.3 million to be spent on sewer and storm water systems, 2) \$5.0 million on the Building Consolidation Program, 3) \$20.0 million in funding for judgments (medical litigation claims), and 4) \$12.0 million for the preservation of open space. Funding sources as per the County’s commitment plan follow.

Nassau County 2007 Capital Expenditures		
Funding Sources		
In Millions (\$)		
Expenditure	Amount	Funding Source
General Capital	\$112.0	G.O. Bonds
	<u>25.9</u>	\$137.9 Non-County
Sewer & Storm Water	19.8	Authority Debt
	7.0	PAYGO
	<u>0.4</u>	27.3 Non-County
Taxes & Judgments	20.0	PAYGO
Open Space Program	12.0	Special assessment
Building Consolidation Program	<u>5.0</u>	G.O. Bonds
Total Funding FY 07	\$202.2	

The \$12.0 million in funding for Open Space refers to Local Law 14-2004, which was approved by the voters of Nassau County in November 2004 creating a \$50.0 million Environmental Program to be funded by a dedicated bond. The purpose of the Program was to preserve Nassau’s remaining open space from development. The total authorization for the project(s) is \$50.0 million of which \$38.0

million has been approved and carried forward from prior years. Please note that the allocation for Open Space program in the Capital Plan does not include the new \$100.0 million in serial bonds pursuant to the Environmental Program Bond Act referendum which was approved in November’s 2006 election after the Capital Budget was recommended to the Legislature.

Capital expenditures under the County’s capital plan are divided among ten general capital program areas: buildings, equipment, infrastructure, parks, property, public safety, roads, technology, traffic and transportation. Further program areas include the building consolidation program, sewer and storm water authority, judgments and open space.

As seen below, the largest pieces of the 2007 general capital improvement budget of \$137.9 are Roads at \$29.5 million, or approximately 21.4%, Public Safety at approximately 17.7%, or \$24.4 million and \$19.3 million, or 14.0% in Equipment. Of total general capital projects for 2007, \$112.0 million will come from new debt, which is 13.2% greater than the \$99.1 million in new debt financing adopted in the 2006 capital budget. The remaining \$25.9 million in general capital improvement projects will come from non-County funding, including grants.

General Capital Projects 2007 County Financing Sources In millions (\$)			
	Debt	Non-County	Total
Buildings	\$10.7	\$0.0	\$10.7
Parks	12.0	3.7	15.7
Equipment	4.3	15.0	19.3
Public Safety	23.7	0.7	24.4
Infrastructure	9.9	2.1	12.0
Technology	10.2	0.0	10.2
Property	1.0	0.0	1.0
Roads	29.5	0.0	29.5
Traffic	7.2	4.4	11.6
Transportation	3.5	0.0	3.5
Total Financing	\$112.0	\$25.9	\$137.9

In the 2007 Capital Budget, new projects make up \$29.8 million of the \$137.9 million budget. Of this amount, \$13.9 million to support new capital expenditures will come from the issuance of debt. This amount represents approximately 12.4% of the \$112.0 million in 2007 new debt issuance. As you can see in the following chart, the remaining \$15.9 million will come from non-county sources. General capital expenditures may be financed through the issuance of long term debt by selling General Obligation (G.O.) bonds from the general fund. The Sewer and Storm Water Authority has the ability to issue bonds for improvements to the County’s sewer and storm water systems. The debt service

principal and interest payments for all of the County’s borrowing appear in the Debt Service Fund, which is part of the operating budget.

Nassau County 2007 Capital Expenditures New Projects		
Expenditure Category	G.O. Bonds	Non-County
General Capital		
Buildings	\$200,000	\$0
Equipment	150,000	15,000,000
Infrastructure	1,600,000	900,000
Parks	1,200,000	0
Public Safety	3,350,000	0
Technology	6,630,000	0
Sewer & Storm Water Authority	<u>750,000</u>	<u>0</u>
	\$13,880,000	\$15,900,000

The 2007 Capital Budget does not include any new funding for tax certiorari judgments. It is anticipated that the County will spend \$50 million: 1) \$25.0 million budgeted in the Treasurer’s operating budget and 2) \$25.0 million funded by the 2006 surplus. The Administration did not borrow any funds for this expense category in 2006 and anticipates less than \$2.2 million, if any, borrowing in 2007. It is questionable whether or not any additional financing can be made through NIFA in 2007.

The County anticipates, on average, approximately \$168.9 million in new debt per year over the next four years (\$166.7 million of new debt in 2007, followed by \$161.6 million in 2008, \$177.7 million in 2009, and \$169.3). Total existing and future debt service obligations over the next four years are shown in the following chart. In 2007, County debt service totals approximately \$300.0 million, reaching \$328.6 million 2010.

Debt Service Analysis				
	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10
Total Existing Debt Service	\$297,249,552	\$298,647,241	\$278,854,837	\$263,069,347
<u>Future Debt Service</u>				
Capital & Judgments	\$0	\$29,477,460	\$46,308,533	\$61,377,147
Open Space	2,628,256	2,632,238	2,636,099	4,130,712
Total future debt service	\$2,628,256	\$32,109,698	\$48,944,631	\$65,507,859
Total debt service costs	\$299,877,808	\$330,756,939	\$327,799,469	\$328,577,206
Note: Does not reflect the new \$100.0 million in serial bonds pursuant to Environmental Program Bond Act referendum				

Projects in progress continue into the following year unless there is a compelling reason against such an undertaking or funding transfers from one project to another. Of the new projects in the 2007 budget and capital plan, the \$15.0 million total authorization planned in 2007 for the **BOE Voting Machine Upgrade project (98343)** represents close to 32% of the \$47.1 million authorized in the four year total equipment category. The Nassau County Board of Elections is in the process of updating all voting machines and procedures to be compliant with Help America Vote Act (HAVA). The cost of this project will be federally funded when the State meets certain requirements.

Within Public Safety new projects is the **Jail and Police Training Facility (51455)**. The Administration is planning to construct a Public Safety Academy that will provide training for the Police, Sheriff’s and Probation departments. The current correctional center training facility is located in several trailers on the correctional center grounds. The trailers are considered a temporary facility that will be changed. The Police Department currently possesses a 5-year lease of a school building which houses its training facility. The construction of one facility is intended to reduce operational and capital costs.

The project is estimated to have a total cost of \$17.4 million with annual allocations of \$150,000, \$750,000, \$500,000 and \$16.0 million for fiscal years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, respectively. In 2007 the County intends to use the budget to determine the feasibility of combining the two facilities. Half of the \$16.0 million budgeted in 2010 is hoped to be funded from non-county sources. The County may receive funding from the State of New York, depending on location and overall use of the facility. The Administration indicates that the site may be located at the correctional facility however, the location is tentative.

Information Technology intends to propose a fully integrated system to replace both NUHRS (Nassau County Unified Human Resource System) and NIFS (Nassau Integrated Financial System). Selection of the systems integrator, RFP development and software selection will begin in 2007. Although the NIFS upgrade project includes new authorization of \$19.0 million, the four year plan does not include the costs that may be incurred beyond the out-years. The department however, has projected that the implementation of this system will take over five years (2008 to 2012). The total projected cost valued

in 2006 dollars for the integration is estimated at \$56.5 million. The projection includes fees for the systems integrator, software licensing, hardware, training, and staffing costs.

OLBR recommends that the Administration indicate the true potential costs of all capital projects that may be incurred beyond the out-years, a difficult but necessary part of a capital project analysis. Estimating potential costs through the completion of capital projects is a best practice approach that provides the Legislative body with greater fiscal decision making criteria.

Buildings

The 2007 capital budget includes \$10.7 million in new debt for new building purposes, which accounts for 9.6% of the total proposed County debt issue of \$112.0 million. The 2007 Capital Budget includes \$200,000 for a new building project allocated to **Carousel Building (90633)** project. Although the Department of Public Works and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums manage these projects, the buildings category budget and capital improvement plan will affect all County agencies and departments.

The Carousel Building is the only new project under the Buildings Category.

Carousel Building (90633) - \$200,000

This capital project involves the construction of a building to house the Nunley Carousel located in Baldwin, New York. The Carousel which is currently being renovated will be placed in the building after the restoration process. The Carousel was built around 1915 and installed in 1939. The construction of this building will be focused in legislative district five and have a Period of Probable Usefulness (PPU) of 30 years. The new authorization required for this project is \$1.0 million of which \$200,000 is included in 2007 and \$800,000 in 2008.

The proposed four-year CIP for building construction totaling \$155.6 million includes funding for ongoing rehabilitation and construction of various County structures. These funding levels are scheduled to increase in the out-years with \$16.6 million set-aside for 2008, \$57.5 million allocated for 2009, and \$70.8 million in place for 2010. The increasing funding levels through 2010 can be attributed to the **Family & Matrimonial Court (90632)** project.

The Family & Matrimonial Court Planning/Design (90632) project is an ongoing capital undertaking, requiring a total authorization of \$112.0 million, of which \$5.0 million has already been expended. Included in the Capital Plan, \$2.0 million is set-aside for 2008, \$45.0 million for 2009, and \$60.0 million for 2010.

The project will enable the continuation of the planning and design phase and determine the feasibility of building a new Family & Matrimonial Court. The project will replace the existing Family Court that is in disrepair. The County is under agreement with the New York State Office of Court Administration (OCA) to maintain and when needed perform capital improvements to County Courts. However, the project has been delayed due to the programmatic reductions within the New York State Office of Court Administration (OCA). The County is currently in discussions with OCA to determine location, funding and layout, however the OCA has made no decisions. The design phase of the project will continue once determinations are made. It is anticipated that the design phase will take 18 months and construction will take 36 months. Impact on the County's operating budget is indeterminate at this time.

The **Various County Buildings Roof Renovation (90618)** project is an ongoing project to replace or renovate over 100 County building roofs. The project was previously authorized \$10.9 million and the Administration is requesting an additional \$3.0 million to complete the project. Some of the properties renovated in 2006 included the Hempstead House, Cow Meadow Marina Concession, Firefighters Museum and Education, Fine Arts Education and Tee Ritter and Chelsea Mansion and Residences. In

2007, the County is expecting to conduct renovations to the Correctional Center E Satellite Facility, 240 Old Country Road and 1 West Street buildings.

The **Various County Court Facilities Renovation (90611)** project is a continuing project to perform State mandated improvements to court facilities. Phase 1A of the project involves exterior construction work to the court facilities. Phase 1B performs interior construction work to the facilities and Phase 1C conducts HVAC renovation. The project is budgeted for \$1.0 million in 2007, \$2.0 in 2008 and 2009 and \$3.0 million in 2010.

The **Various County Buildings Backflow Prevention Phase III (90023)** is a project to install devices to prevent water backflow into the public water system. The backflow prevention is intended to minimize potential water contaminants from entering the public water supply. In 2006, the project included installation of device at the Hangar #7 facility and in 2007 DPW will identify other locations to install devices. The project is budgeted for \$125,000 in 2007 and 2008.

The **Replacement of Salt Storage Domes (90024)** is an ongoing project that is requesting an additional authorization of \$750,000. The original authorization was \$4.0 million. The additional request is attributed to unanticipated escalating material and labor costs.

Other ongoing projects with out-year funding include **Rehabilitation of Hanger No.7, Bethpage (90020)**, **Rehabilitation of Aquatic Center Building (90025)**, **Emergency Work at DPW Garages (90375)**, **Various County Facilities – General Construction (90400)**; **Various County Facilities – Electrical Construction (90401)**; **Various County Facilities – HVAC Construction (90402)**; **Various County Facilities – Plumbing Construction (90403)**; **Seaford / Roosevelt Garage Consolidation, Americans/Disabilities Act – Phase 11 (Construction) (90981)** and **Rehabilitation of the Aquatic Center Building (90025)**. The Rehabilitation of the Aquatic Center has been put on hold on the advice of the County Attorney's Office.

Other projects with significant carry-forward budgets from previous authorizations include **Various County Buildings Electric Service Upgrade (90617)** carrying \$971,302 million balance, and **Office Refurbishment (90411)** carrying \$210,000. The Office Refurbishment project includes the following buildings: Buildings 50, 113 and Aviation Building 45 at Mitchel Field; Welwyn Garage in Glen Cove; Maintenance Garage in Old Bethpage; Correctional Center E Satellite facility, Maintenance Building in Manhasset; Pump House at the Tanglewood Preserve; Garvies Point Storage Building 1 in Glen Cove; DPW Maintenance Garage in Inwood; Nassau Hall and the Chelsea Maintenance Garage in Muttontown; Williams House and Powell West Barn in Old Bethpage; Maintenance Building in Port Washington.

Equipment

Equipment projects should allow the County to operate more efficiently and effectively. The 2007 Capital Budget includes \$19.3 million for Equipment. Total authorization equals \$47.1 million, \$20.2 million of which is new authorization. The proposed equipment Capital Budget includes but is not limited to two new projects and 10 ongoing projects in 2007.

The following two projects are new to the proposed 2007 Equipment Capital Budget of \$15.1 million: Field Data Inspection Modernization (98342) and BOE Voting Machine Upgrade (98343).

Field Data Inspection Modernization (98342) \$150,000

This project will provide workers in the field with the ability to update information in real time about specific tasks and work orders with a new hand held unit. The system is intended to be compatible with the County's GIS system. The 2007 funding in the amount of \$150,000 is for the first phase of the project which requires the need of a consultant to better determine the needs of the County. The number of units required will be determined through the course of the project. The project requires \$500,000 in 2008. The total authorization for the four-year plan is \$650,000.

BOE Voting Machine Upgrade (98343) \$15,000,000

The \$15 million total authorization for this project is planned for 2007. The cost of this project will be federally funded when the State meets certain requirements. The Nassau County Board of Elections is in the process of updating all voting machines and procedures to be compliant with Help America Vote Act (HAVA). This project will be for the purchase of either Optical Scan Machines or Direct Recording Electronic Machines which have been certified by the State. According to the Election Commission additional funds may be needed to cover computer servers and equipment, extensive voter education, poll worker training program as well as extensive voter education and a community outreach program.

Ongoing projects with out year funding include **Health Department Equipment Replacement (11511)**, **Road Maintenance Equipment Replacement (98060)**, **Automation of Fuel Sites and Vehicles (98062)**, **Snow Removal Truck Replacement (98092)**, **Fleet Management Life Cycle Vehicle Replacement (98105)**, and **Office Equipment Replacement Program (98341)**.

This program titled **Health Department Equipment Replacement (11511)** focuses on replacing the dated equipment residing in the Health Department. The average age of the equipment to be replaced is 18 years. Acquiring new equipment is anticipated to increase productivity, incorporate updated technology and automate procedures. The new equipment additions are expected to reduce current maintenance expenditures. The equipment being purchased includes:

Equipment Name	Description Use
Agilent HP5975 GC/MSD/DS	This instrument is used to analyze solvents that might be found in the public water supply.
Agilent HP6890 Network GC System	This instrument is used to test for pesticide material that might be found in soil, water, or air.
Autotitrator	Used for alkalinity measurement of water supply.
Varian ICP Mass Spectrometer	This is used for testing of heavy metals found primarily in water.
CETAC Quick Trace M-7500 Hg Analyzer	This is used specifically for Mercury testing.
Dell GX2770 P4 OSI Controller Unit	This is the computer equipment including the software that controls the instrumentation that is used for environmental testing.
SP55 ICP Preparation System	This piece of equipment extracts contaminants from a 'messy' soil sample and prepares a 'clean' sample that can be analyzed.
Lytron Kodiak Recirculating Chiller	This piece of equipment keeps the detection system cool without having to continuously run cold water on it.

This project will require \$300,000 of County debt in 2007, \$300,000 in 2008 and \$375,000 in 2009. The current budget authorization is \$1.3 million.

Road Maintenance Equipment Replacement (98060) project involves the replacement of equipment such as duty trucks, sweepers, grass tractors, basin cleaning equipment, trailers and other equipment utilized to maintain Nassau County roadways. This project will require \$800,000 of County debt in 2007, \$1.0 million in 2008, \$1.2 million in 2009 and \$1.5 million in 2010. New authorization in the amount of \$1.5 million will bring the total approved allocation to \$5.9 million. The entire amount of this project will be funded through County debt.

The project will provide **Automation of Fuel Sites and Vehicles (98062)**. Currently 15 fueling stations would be affected by this capital initiative. The automation will be used to produce vehicle records, usage reports, perform timely maintenance of vehicles and provide control measures. Currently zero percent of this project has been completed. A carry forward of \$750,000 is available from 2006. Additional County debt totaling \$500,000 will be incurred in 2007. This will bring the total authorization to \$1.3 million.

The project will provide **Snow Removal Truck Replacement (98092)**. The focus will be upon older snow equipment with newer more efficient models. Maintenance costs are anticipated to decrease by \$3,500 with each replacement. Given the approximate vehicle costs of \$100,000 16 replacements would cost approximately \$1.6 million. Fifty percent of the project has been completed while seventy-one percent of the funding remains. The authorization total was \$7.0 million. The project involves a need for additional funding in the amount of \$52,389.

Fleet Management Life Cycle Vehicle Replacement (98105) program aims at replacing various types of County vehicles such as light trucks, pickup trucks, SUV's, Cargo Van etc. Seventy-four percent of this project has been completed as of the third quarter of 2006. The project has 2007 budget of \$1.3 million and the total authorization for FY 2007-10 is \$9.0 million. A new authorization of \$3.0 million will be included bring the total authorization to \$9.0 million.

Vertical Mechanical Filing System (98170) focus is to improve the record storage and retrieval of various County departments such as Probation, Social Services and the District Attorney. The project will purchase a tracked filing storage solution that allows rows to collapse and expand to allow access to different parts of the system as needed. This has a County wide impact and a PPU of five years. The total approved bond or authorization for this capital program is \$630,000. The County is also exploring additional filing needs. The project is 45% complete.

The Nassau County Department of Health (NCDH) and the Nassau County Department of Public Works (DPW) work together to suppress mosquito populations through the use of **Mosquito Control Equipment (98180)**. Both departments are committed to utilizing Integrated Pest Management (IPM), which is a systematic approach to managing pests that focuses on long-term suppression or prevention, with a minimal impact on health, environment, and non-target organisms.¹ The total approved bond or authorization for this plan is \$2.4 million. Exactly 46% or \$1.1 million of the total authorization has gone to bond already. This leaves \$1.3 million which has not been issued. This project is 73% complete. The cumulative budget to date is \$1.5 million dollars. Approximately \$1.4 million was spent prior to 2007. A carry forward of \$98,020 is available for use in the out-years.

Office Equipment Replacement Program (98341) has been established as a result of a desire to take an active approach to equipment replacement. This plan would replace 20% of the County copier fleet each year going forward. This would keep technology current and alleviate the risk of large replacement at once. The PPU is five years and has a County wide impact. The total approved authorization is \$700,000. There is a carry forward budget of \$539,000 from previous authorized funds.

The Hydraulic Vehicle Lift Replacement and Printing Equipment Replacement projects contain carry forward budgets from previous authorized funds that can be spent in 2007.

The purpose of the **Hydraulic Vehicle Lift Replacement (98061)** project is to replace outdated and unsafe lifts in order to augment work flow. The lifts that are being replaced are more than 30 years old. The total authorization for the project is \$250,000, all of which was allocated in 2006. The project currently has a carry forward of \$159,638. Expenditures as of October '06 amounted to \$90,362. This capital project will be a County wide initiative with a PPU of ten years. The description of the project indicates that 11 vehicle lifts will be installed, nine of which will be replacements.

The **Printing Equipment Replacement Project (98340)** focuses on replacing four printing presses, two high speed copiers, five pieces of binding equipment and one plate processor. The PPU is five years and has a County wide impact. The project is 83% complete and 85% of the funding has been utilized to date. The total authorization is \$1.0 million, project expenditures total \$904,297. This leaves a carry forward of \$95,703.

¹ 2003 Nassau County Mosquito Surveillance And Control Report

Infrastructure

This category addresses pressing infrastructure needs throughout the County. The plan anticipates spending \$12.0 million in both County debt and non-County funds in 2007 and a total authorization of \$58.6 million. The plan anticipates spending for 13 on-going projects and five new projects. Four of the five new projects utilize \$2.3 million of the 2007 budgeted capital funds to address infrastructure needs at Nassau Community College. The fifth new project utilizes \$200,000 for Engineering Document Record Consolidation. The remaining funds will be divided among 13 on-going projects.

There are four new College capital projects and one new project for Engineering Document Record Consolidation within the category of Infrastructure:

NCC Public Safety Offices (70091) - \$500,000

The **NCC Public Safety Offices (70091)** project will convert a portion of an existing building (the Fire House Gallery) to house the Public Safety department and provide for a holding area. Currently the department operates out of various locations on the campus. A holding area will be necessary in the near future as the College anticipates hiring two or three peace officers shortly to enhance security. No State funding is available for this project because it needs to be done as soon as possible since at least one of the areas the department is operating out of (a trailer) is falling apart. The four year total authorization of \$500,000 is included in 2007.

NCC Road and Parking Paving (70092) - \$1,000,000

NCC Road and Parking Paving (70092) is a roadway improvement project that includes repaving various roads on campus. The project issues County debt of \$2.0 million with \$2.0 million in matching State funds. The plan includes projected spending of \$1.0 million in each year from 2007 through 2010 with half of this coming from the County each year. Although the project description in the Administrations capital report includes the construction of a Network Road to connect the South Parking Field and the North Parking Fields, these funds do not cover this project. The 2007-2010 total authorization is \$4.0 million.

NCC Window Replacement (70093) - \$400,000

The **NCC Window Replacement (70093)** project is for the replacement of the windows of many low brick buildings which still have the original windows in place from when the Navy transferred them to the College more than 40 years ago. It is expected that the replacement of these windows will reduce maintenance of these buildings due to water intrusion. The total authorization for the project is \$1.2 million. The four year plan issues recurring County debt of \$400,000 with \$200,000 in matching State funds from 2007 through 2009. The total authorization from 2007-2009 is \$1.2 million.

NCC Performing Arts Center – Feasibility Study (70094) - \$200,000

The **NCC Performing Arts Center – Feasibility Study (70094)** project is for a feasibility study and schematic design of a Media Arts and Theater Building including a public/private partnership on a larger theater. The College Administration has stated that the facilities currently housing the Theater, Dance, Communications and Television Production departments have been abandoned due to their deficiencies in both educational and health and safety issues. The College also believes that a new, larger theater may provide an opportunity to expand the Cultural District forming around the museums at Mitchel

Field. The total authorization for the project is \$400,000 with \$200,000 coming from the County and \$200,000 in matching State funds. The total authorization of \$400,000 is allocated to the 2007 budget.

Engineering Documents Record Consolidation (99300)-\$200,000

This project will scan engineering documents printed on 8.5 x 11 or 8.5 x 14 standard stock paper. This project is not funded through the countywide scanning project because engineering documents differ greatly and are not standard size. The total authorization of \$200,000 is allocated to the 2007 budget.

Various County Projects (99206) contains the costs for multiple projects per legislator. These are in various phases of completion and include downtown improvements, roadway improvements and various other projects. Although the plan submitted by the Administration includes \$1.9 million in new debt each year between 2007 through 2010, the Administration has agreed to double this amount to \$3.8 million per year. This project has a carry forward of \$3.4 million.

Other major ongoing projects include the **NCC Life Science Building (70040)** with a total authorization of \$40.0 million of which \$16.9 million is a carryover from FY 06 and \$20.4 million has been allocated to the 2006-2009 Plan. A consultant was selected and NCC is preparing a consultant agreement for the Board of Trustees' approval. The programming/design phase is expected to begin in several months. Design fees are likely to be approximately \$2.0 - \$3.0 million. The **NCC Refurbishment of Plaza (70065)** contains carry forwards of \$3.9 million to complete the project in addition to \$2.0 million (half County and half state funding) in the 2007 budget and \$3.0 million through 2009. The total authorization for this project is \$9.4 million.

Other projects that receive funding in 2007 include **Tree Planting Various County Roads & Storm Water Basins (66015)**, **Requirements Contract Curbs and Sidewalks (66050)**, **Requirements Contract Roads/Drainage/Bridge/Joints (66302)**, **Hazardous Waste Response Fund Phase II (81011)**, **Beacon Hill Landfill Improvements (81056)**, **County Storage Tank Replacement Program (81060)** and **Infrastructure Assessment (99501)**.

Some projects that have carry forwards but no new funding in the plan include **Health Dept Birches Sewage Treatment (33990)**, **Daly Boulevard Culvert Rehabilitation (63014)**, **Long Beach Bridge Joint Repair (63024)**, **Plandome Road Over the LIRR (63028)**, **Bayville Bridge General Rehabilitation (63047)**. **NCC Master Plan Phase II Construction project (70050)**, **NCC Rehabilitation Water Damaged Buildings Phase I (70074)**, **NCC Emergency Generator (70078)**, **NCC Health & Safety (70084)** and **Community Environment Improvement Project (99201)**.

Parks

Projects are aimed at beautifying park land and promoting visitation. The FY 07 Parks budget totals \$15.7 million. Non-county funding totals \$3.7 million. The proposed Budget is comprised of two new projects and 40 ongoing projects.

The following projects are new to the proposed Parks Capital Budget:

Various Park Athletic Fields- Installation of Synthetic Turf Fields (41006) \$1.0 million

This project involves the installation of synthetic turf onto athletic fields around the County. Installing these fields will extend the season in which the arena can be used. This program is anticipated to generate additional revenue due to an expected rise in usage frequency. Converting the field to synthetic turf is also expected to reduce several types of maintenance costs associated with the care of lawns. The use of fertilizer, landscaping and labor would be reduced or eliminated as a function of this initiative. The Parks department will aim at disturbing the number of turf-fields throughout the County. The first fields expected to benefit from this installation are Mitchel Park, Eisenhower and Cantiague Parks. Other sites for turf field installation will be addressed through the Parks master plan. The total authorization for this project is \$7.6 million. County debt of \$1.0 million is required in 2007. County debt of \$2.0 million is need in 2008, \$2.2 million in 2009 and \$2.4 million in 2010.

County Parks Master Plan (41007) \$200,000

The Plan aim is to develop a roadmap which attempts to identify and prioritize upgrades to the County parks system. The Plan will evaluate Parks' facilities, projects and infrastructure improvements. This includes golf courses. County debt in the amount of \$200,000 will be used in 2007. County debt of \$400,000 will be required in 2008. The total authorization of this project is \$600,000. The Plan will have a large impact on the county with a PPU of 5 years.

The following projects are ongoing with 2007 and out-year funding:

The focus of the **Sands Point Park Seawall Rehabilitation (41363)** project is to prevent beach erosion at historic buildings such as Castle Falaise and Hempstead house. The Sands Point Seawall will be upgraded in order to protect these landmarks from the elements. Field surveys uncovered the need to replace an approximately 300-ft section of the seawall. The total authorization for this project is \$9.8 million of which \$800,000 was previously authorized. The new authorization amount is \$9.0 million. Additional authorization is required to provide protection and shoring near the Hempstead House. 2007 will utilize \$800,000. Currently the project is in the design phase. This project is 274 days behind the planned schedule for this phase. The project has a revised schedule due to the deteriorating conditions of the seawall. According to the Department of Public Works the new construction and permit approval will cost \$5.0 million.

The **Fine Arts Museum New Addition (41517)** program facilitates the design and construction of a new wing to the Fine Arts Museum. The total authorization for this project is \$11.8 million. Non-County funds make up approximately \$7.0 million of the total authorization. Fifty percent of the funding is to be devoted to design. Thirty percent will be allocated for construction. According to the Four Year Capital Program Third Quarter 2006 Status Report this project has not yet begun.

The goal of the **Various County Parks Restroom Rehabilitation (41811)** project is to upgrade the restroom facilities at several parks. FY 07 will be dedicated to the design of these facilities. After a bid package has been initiated improvements are expected in 2008 and 2009. The elements of this program are as follows:

- **Christopher Morley Park:** Build three water fountains
- **Cantiague Park:** Upgrade restroom ventilation
- **North Woodmere:** Addition of wall partitions at Marina Comfort Station
- **Bay Park:** Addition of cement block interior wall to administration building
- **Centennial Park:** Comfort station refurbishment
- **Eisenhower Park:** Field House, Driving Range, Parking Field 1, 3, 4 & 5 comfort station refurbishment and rehabilitation
- **Eisenhower Park:** Ladies locker rooms, ticket office restrooms and Lakeside Theater men's room

The current project requires a new authorization of \$250,000. The total authorization is \$4.3 million. The cumulative budget to date is \$2.8 million of which \$2.1 million has been spent. This leaves a carry forward of \$700,000. County debt of \$750,000 will be utilized in 2007. Each of the out-years will require \$250,000 in 2008, 2009 and 2010. The PPU is 15 years. This project has a County Wide impact. The project is 75% complete.

Various County Parks Fencing Repair (41814) project focuses on repairing and installing fencing at various parks throughout the County. FY 07 is expected to yield the completion of the following parks: Tackapausha, Washington Ave, Grant Park and Eisenhower Park. FY 07 will utilize County debt of \$200,000. The total authorization for this project is \$2.7 million. The total approved budget is \$2.1 million. Additional authorization of \$100,000 is needed. Expenditures have exceeded the cumulative budget to date by \$6,066.

The project titled **Various County Parks Ice Rink Modernization (41815)** is dedicated to renovating the Ice Rinks located at Grant Park, Christopher Morley and Cantiague Park. Renovations would be HVAC equipment, condensers, chillers, piping replacement, dasher board replacement and Zambonis. June 2006 marked the installment of the de-humidification system at Cantiague ice rink. Rink heating design and the hot water system for the Zamboni room is expected to be completed at the close of November 2006. According to the status summary construction was completed 2006. Pending Capital Budget approval a purchase requisition will be filed in January 2007. The anticipated completion date for this work is June 2007. The total authorization for this project is \$9.3 million. The cumulative budget to date is \$2.1 million. Expenditures of \$1.8 million leave a carry forward of \$300,000. Exactly \$200,000 is budgeted for this project in 2007. The Capital Plan shows \$100,000 for each of the out-years 2008-2010. A total of \$500,000 is listed for 2007-2010. The project is currently 87% complete.

The program titled **Various County Parks Playground & Picnic Area Rehabilitation (41820)** focuses on revitalizing County playgrounds and playground equipment. A nautical-themed playground was built at Cow Meadow Park recently. The remaining tasks to be completed involve work on Washington Avenue in Seaford and concrete playground removal at Wantagh Park. The total authorization for this project is \$11.8 million. Additional authorization in the amount of \$200,000 will be required for this

project. The cumulative budget to date is \$11.1 million. Exactly \$10.8 million of the cumulative budget has been utilized to date.

The project is aimed at **Various County Parks Pond/Bulkhead Replacement (41823)**. This includes renovations to Baxter Pond, Milburn Pond, Roosevelt Pond, Mill Pond, Tanglewood Preserve, Silver Lake and Lofts Pond. Construction will be completed at the close of 2006, landscaping for these areas will be addressed in 2007. Roosevelt pond and Whitney pond are exceptions to the previously stated information. Design for the rehabilitation Roosevelt Pond will be completed in the current year while construction will commence in 2007. The design and planning for the Whitney Pond rehabilitation will start in 2007. The total authorization for this project is \$15.3 million. This project will utilize \$2.6 million in non-County funds. State concerns have delayed the installation at the Roosevelt pond. A sediment collection basin was installed as a result of these concerns. State funding in the amount \$437,500 was added as a byproduct of the increase in scope. New York State is contributing toward the installation of a sediment collection basin at Roosevelt Pond.

The total authorization for the **Various Parks Preserve Buildings Rehabilitation (41826)** project is \$9.2 million. An analysis of preserve buildings located at Bailey's Arboretum, Castle Gould, Cedarmere, Chelsea Mansion, Elderfields, Falaise, Hempstead House, Malcolm House, Mille Fleurs, Nassau Hall and Shattuck Estate will be preformed. Upon the completion of this probe the needs of each facility will be prioritized. HVAC renovations were made to Hempstead House and Castle Gould. Façade restoration is planned for the Hempstead House. FY 06 marks the completion of the following tasks: fire alarm system in Hempstead House, electrical improvements at Tiffany Creek Preserve, electrical improvements at Holocaust Museum and driveway renovations at the Holocaust Museum. The cumulative budget to date is \$3.1 million. Expenditures to date are \$3.2 million. This leaves a carry forward budget of \$518,000. The Capital Plan includes \$2.3 million in 2007 – 2010.

Antiquated lighting systems in various parks are being replaced. **Various Parks Outdoor Lighting Rehabilitation (41829)** attempts to improve the lighting system in order to help deter vandalism and increase safety. According to the Third quarter status report this project is 82% complete. An RFP for site lighting and power distribution system upgrades is currently underway. The RFP focuses on replacing underground electrical cables in Cedar Creek Park, installing additional lighting at Eisenhower Park, additional lighting at Wantagh Park Marina and upgrade power distribution system at Nickerson Beach. Construction work completed in 2006 includes improvements to Parking Lots 1 and 2 at Cantiague Park, the lighting of the Christopher Morley parking lot and electrical upgrades at the Muttontown and Barnswallow properties. The expected dissemination date for this RFP is December 2006. The total authorization for this project is \$5.7 million. The cumulative budget to date is \$3.7 million.

This project titled **Various County Parks Tree Replacement (41830)** is focused on replacing trees at 17 parks, preserves and one museum (Fine Arts Museum) during the fall 2006 planting season. Plantings will take place at Cantiague Park, Bay Park, Cow Meadow Park, Eisenhower Park, Sands Point Preserve, Old Bethpage Restoration Village and Mitchel Field. The Department of Public Works and Parks Department are working together to pinpoint additional locations for the 2007 planting season. The total authorization for this project is \$1.9 million. An additional authorization of \$200,000 is also needed.

The project **Various Parks Path/Roadways/Parking Resurface (41834)** is focused on resurfacing paths, roadways, driveways, parking lots and interior public roadways associated with parks. The following chart details the elements of this project for FY 06. A priority list will be assembled for 2007. The total authorization for this project is \$5.9 million. The cumulative budget to date is \$2.0 million. Expenditures totaled \$2.8 million, this leaves a carry forward of \$86,575. \$750,000 annually will be needed in FY 07 through FY 10.

Facility	Work Description
African American Museum	Parking lot and drainage improvements
Cantiague	Multi Field & tennis court area
Cantiague	Pad behind ice rink
Cedar Creek	Pathways
Christopher Morely	Path from parking lot to ball field
Eisenhower	Stone staircase at lakeside needs to be repaired
Eisenhower	Repair sidewalk slabs at Carmen & Merrick Ave.
Eisenhower	Comfort stations 3,4,5 & 7-asphalt apron
Eisenhower	Paths at golf parking lot
Grant	Walkway around lake
Massapequa Preserve	Sidewalks
Mill Pond	Sidewalks
N. Woodmere	Walkway at back end of park near water
Nickerson	Drainage for central parking lot west side
Roslyn Fine Arts Museum	Reconstruct roadway
Sands point Preserve	Paving of Falaise Road
Tackapausha	Entrance & exit loop
Terrel Ave	(Atlantic Ave.) asphalt path replacement
Wantagh	Pathways

Various Parks Athletic Field & Court Rehabilitation Phase II (41844) has cumulative budget to date of \$1.3 million. It focuses on rehabilitating County athletic fields, softball fields, tennis courts and basketball courts. Renovations to Rev. Arthur Mackey Sr. Park were completed in June 2006. The renovations included two tennis and eight basketball courts. In addition the resurfacing of the tennis courts at Grant Park has been completed. The assignments for 2007 include rehabilitating fields or courts for Eisenhower, Cedar Creek, Bay Park and Christopher Morley. Additional work may be performed at the Ball Fields 1 & 2 at Bay Park, Christopher Morley Park, and the Eisenhower Park soccer fields.

Various Parks Golf Course Renovation Phase II (41851) has a total authorization of \$2.5 million. A new authorization in the amount of \$450,000 is required. This project involves installing irrigation systems, refurbishing sand traps, upgrading cart paths and installing prefabricated equipment in various golf facilities. The watering system on the Blue Course at Eisenhower Park was completed in FY 06. FY 07 will mark the beginning of renovations to the remaining eleven fairways. Additional repairs such as new bunkers on the blue course are being entertained as well. Additional courses will be renovated as funding permits. The cumulative budget to date is \$1.6 million. Expenditures to date totaled \$1.6 million leaving a carry forward of \$68,851. The capital plan budgets \$900,000 in debt from FY 07 – FY 10.

This project sponsors the **Wantagh Marina Bulkhead Renovation (41854)**. In addition to the reconstruction of the wooden bulkheads, an assessment of the finger docks were performed as well. According to this analysis renovations are not required at this time for the docks. Legislative district 19 is impacted by this particular project. The total authorization for this project is \$5.0 million. A new authorization of \$3.0 million is required to construct the bulkheads, cover increased material costs and labor costs.

The project titled **Parks Maintenance Equipment Replacement (41855)** is focused on purchasing new park maintenance equipment. This machinery is needed to maintain landscape, mow lawns, sustain trails, chip dead trees and clear paths of snow accumulation. Capital expenditures of \$491,462 caused a negative carry forward of \$41,462. This negative carry forward implies the need for additional budgeting in the out-years. The following chart briefly lists the intended equipment acquisitions. Delivery is expected prior to the beginning of the 2007 Parks season.

Item	Quantity	Cost Per Unit	Total Cost
John Deere model 990 Tractor (w/accessories)	4	\$19,130	\$76,520
Jacobsen HR-5111 mowers	4	\$33,995	\$135,980
John Deere model 1445 front mower (w/mulch kit)	7	\$13,287	\$93,009
Hustler super Z mowers	7	\$7,875	\$55,125
KB Debris Buffalo Turbine Blowers	4	\$5,995	\$23,980
Komatsu Fork Lift Truck	1	\$16,987	\$16,987
New Holland & Alamo mowers	2	\$32,180	\$64,360
John Deere TS 4x2 Gators	5	\$5,100	\$25,500
	<u>34</u>		<u>\$491,461</u>

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) directives require the need for **County Pools Improvements and Code Compliance (41858)** FY 07 will utilize \$250,000 in Non-County funds. The total authorization for this project is \$3.3 million. The DEC directives state that a secondary containment area will have to be constructed to contain chemical spills. This order has been implemented to reduce unregulated discharge of liquid chlorine into the environment.

The following are components of this Capital project:

- Replace and reconfigure pool attributes
- Upgrade hazardous pool conditions
- Construct chemical storage areas
- Construct chlorine containment areas (Comply with DEC directive)

Currently an RFP is being initiated by DPW to facilitate these improvements.

Various County Parks – Irrigation System Installation (41860) will be done for County parks. During FY 06 systems were added to Field #1 in Wantagh Park, softball and soccer fields in Cantiague Park, Eisenhower Park Administration building area, entrance of Nickerson Beach, North Woodmere Park baseball field and baseball field at Mitchel Athletic Complex. The work for 2007 is currently being prioritized with the Parks Department and Department of Public Works. The total authorization for this

project is \$900,000. Exactly \$700,000 was previously authorized; this leaves \$200,000 which requires authorization.

The project titled **Various County Park Buildings Infrastructure Improvements (41861)** is focused on providing infrastructure for park buildings at the African American Museum, Lakeside Theater, Eisenhower Greenhouse, Cedarmere and Tackapausha Museum. The list of tasks in 2007 includes demolition of various terraces and terrace building at Nickerson Beach. Also, improvements to the Old Bethpage Village Restoration are slated. The total authorization for this initiative is \$11.6 million. A new authorization in the amount of \$9.1 million is need as result of the increase in project scope. Non-County funding in the amount of \$6.8 million will be appropriated for this purpose. Approximately \$1.8 million of non-County funding will be used in 2007.

The project will include repairs and upgrades to the plaza and memorial building. The **Eisenhower Park Veteran Memorial Rehabilitation (41958)** work list includes window replacement, roofing repairs, masonry work, slate work, planning & site preparation etc. The 9/11 memorial has an anticipated completion date of early 2007. The total authorization of \$745,000 is set aside for this project. This project has a cumulative budget in the amount of \$545,000. The capital plan allocates \$100,000 in 2007 and \$100,000 in 2008. Expenditures totaling \$364,324 leave a carry forward of \$180,676. The PPU use is 5 years.

Projects that have no out-year funding and still maintain carry forward balances include the following projects:

The aim of the **Nickerson Beach Improvements (41334)** project is to renovate the roof, plumbing, facility entrance and parking lot. The scope of this project will include the removal of the East and West Terrace structures. The program will also explore the addition of a row of cabanas. The targeted legislative district is four. Additional County debt in the amount of \$500,000 will be required for 2007 to perform improvements and terrace removal. The funding for this project will be exhausted at the end of 2007. A carry forward of (\$35,082) is shown in FY 06. Additional budgeting in the future years in the amount of \$35,082 will be needed.

The focus of the **Sands Point Park Phase I Alarm System (41361)** project has been to protect the historic buildings and collections at Sands Point Preserve from fire and theft. The PPU Usefulness is 10 years. The impacted legislative district is 11. The project is currently in the construction phase. The anticipated completion date is September 2006.

The aim of the **Eisenhower Lake Rehabilitation and Project Use Study (41401)** project is to explore the layout improvements for Eisenhower Lake and surrounding facilities. The surrounding facilities include Memorial plaza, Sept. 11th Memorial and the Harry Chapin Theater. The planning stage of this project is scheduled to end on December 15, 2006. This phase is still underway. Currently the total authorization is \$200,000 the form of County debt. This appears to cover the costs of the use study.

The focus of the **Roslyn Grist Mill Restoration (41420)** project is to restore the Roslyn Grist Mill. Private donations and grants will be sought for design and construction. Funding will be attained from private donors, Town of North Hempstead, Village of Roslyn and the County. The total authorization

amount is \$4.7 million. The cumulative budget to date is \$2.0 million with a carry forward amount of \$1.9 million.

The **Mitchell Field North Site Phase I (41470)** project has been completed. This aim of this project is upgrading the Mitchell Field North Site area, which includes the Cradle of Aviation Museum, plaza area, walkways, public rest and picnic areas. The total authorization for this project is \$12.6 million of County debt. To date \$12.4 million has been spent for this project. A carry forward of \$204,409 remains. This project has a Period of Probable Usefulness of 15 years. It impacts legislative district one. This project has been completed.

The project at **Mitchell Park Athletic Complex (41475) and Mitchel Park Multi Use Stadium (41476)** are being used to convert four softball fields into four lighted field sportplex and design a 20,000 seat multi-purpose stadium at Mitchel Park. Synthetic turf is being added to Mitchel Park Athletic field as well. Project 41475 and 41476 were issued in the mid-1990s for the design and construction of the Mitchel Park Athletic Complex and Athletic Stadium, respectively. The estimated cost for these projects is approximately \$800,000. Project 41475 has a carry forward of \$382,095 while project 41476 has a carry forward of \$274,823.

The program titled **Firefighters Museum Matching Grant (41490)** is focused on creating a Firefighter museum demonstration exhibit. This exhibit will be located near the Cradle of Aviation museum and Education Center in Garden City. The Fire museum which opened June 4, 2006 will serve to educate the public about fire safety and prevention through the use of interactive displays and exhibits. The project has been completed; the anticipated closeout date is December 31, 2006. A grant of up to \$1.3 million is being provided to the museum by Nassau County.

The program titled **Fine Arts Museum Addition & HVAC (41516)** is focused on installing a fire alarm system and HVAC improvements for the Roslyn Fine Arts Museum. The total authorization for this project is \$4.4 million. Approximately \$3.0 million of the total authorization has been raised by the museum trustees. The project currently has carry forward balance of \$3.2 million. The project is still in its infancy stage with a completion percentage of 5%.

Funding for the **Christopher Morley Park Pool Improvements/ Relocation Study (41526)** in the amount \$400,000 has been designated to perform a layout study of the park and evaluate possible adjustments to the available pool. The evaluation will review for potential upgrades such as slide additions and facility reconfiguration. The use study has a listed completion date of December 31, 2006. As of the Third quarter of 2006 one percent of the project was completed. The total approved expenditures for 2006 is \$51,289. A carry forward of \$148,711 is available in addition to \$250,000 in County debt for 2007.

Tackapausha Museum Renovation (41685) project is being utilized to repair, upgrade and restore the exhibits and buildings at Tackapausha museum. This project first appeared in the 2003 – 2006 Capital Budget. The following improvements would be made to this area:

- Roof improvements
- Enlarge theater room
- Reconfigure bathrooms to comply with ADA

The total authorization for this project is \$11.0 million of which \$820,000 has been borrowed. The approved bond to date is \$6.0 million. The remaining \$5.0 million has not yet been issued. There is no plan to spend the previously authorized funds. The PPU is 10 years. This particular program impacts legislative districts 12 and 15. A carry forward of \$311,827 remains from the amount borrowed. The project is approximately 13% complete.

The project titled **Welwyn Shoreline Restoration and Development (41694)** involves the rehabilitation and restoration of the Welwyn shoreline. The cumulative budget to date for this project is \$2.5 million. The expenditures for this project exceeded the cumulative budget by \$1,074. An additional \$1,074 will need to be bonded to cover the additional costs. This project has recently been completed. According to recent accounts the stone wall located at Welwyn shoreline has been crumbling. Residents have been removing these crumbling sections and utilizing it to enhance their personal property. Another capital project may be needed to handle these repairs.

The **Tanglewood Preserve Building Rehabilitation (41715)** project encompasses the design and reconstruction of the Lakeview Community Center, small ranch and Caretaker's building at Tanglewood Preserve. The modifications are being made in order to comply with health, safety rules and ADA codes. All three of these buildings have been rehabilitated.

The aim of the **Various County Parks Pond Dredging and Desilting (41802)** project is to remove sediment deposits carried into ponds by storm water run off. The silt deposits impede the absorption and storage capacity of the pond. The total authorization for this project is \$2.4 million in County funds. The amount borrowed to date is \$2.0 million. The Period of Probable Use is 15 years. This project has a County wide impact. The project expenditures total \$1.8 million. This leaves a carry forward of \$213,522. The project is 90% complete.

Various County Parks Rehabilitation of Athletic Fields (41832) is aimed at improving the irrigation, fencing and grading sodding to baseball, softball, soccer and football fields. The total authorization and cumulative budget to date totals \$1.2 million. A carry forward of \$1,198 remains. This project is 98% complete. This project will be replaced with project 41844 in 2006.

Various County Parks Roof Reconstruction (41838) repairs and in certain instances replaces the roofing associated with County park buildings. The buildings impacted would be Eisenhower Administration Building, Cantiague Administration Building, Park Golf Building, Maintenance Building, Ice Rink and the Hempstead House. The total authorization for this project is \$2.5 million. The cumulative budget to date is \$1.1 million a carry over of \$86,575 remains after expenditures of \$963,425. As of the third quarter status update this project is 44% complete.

Various Parks Miniature Golf (41840) will be constructed at three Miniature Golf courses. The locations are as follows: Nickerson Beach, Cedar Creek Park and Wantagh Park. Batting cage systems and pitching machines are incorporated into this project as well. A design consultant is currently being reviewed for this project. The contract for this consultant is expected to appear before the Rules Committee on December 18, 2006. A business analysis is expected to project potential revenue and expenses. According to the Department of Public Works sufficient funds may not be present to cover

the costs for three parks. The program includes optimal site selection within the chosen parks. Staff availability will be a factor in location selection. The total authorization for this project is \$850,000.

The **Garvies Point Paths and Improvements (41856)** project involves rehabilitating paths and stairs at Garvies Point. The Period of Probable Use is 20 years. The legislative district of impact is 18. The total authorization for this project is \$400,000. This amount is identical to the previously authorized amount. The cumulative budget to date is \$300,000. This budget has been largely untouched leaving a carry forward of \$300,000. The remaining \$100,000 of the total authorization is budgeted in FY 07. The design which was completed in September '06 is currently awaiting approval and/or adjustment by the Deputy County Executive (DCE).

This project is aimed at restoring the stream course, landscape, lighting and benches in the **Stannards Brook Park (41857)**. The addition of a children's play area and removal of unwanted vegetation is also included. The initiation of this project was predicated upon the awarding of grants and private funds. Until the grant/private funds are attained this project cannot begin. The County would provide twenty-five percent of the required funding to match the funds acquired or raised. The total authorization for this project \$600,000. Outside funding in the amount \$300,000 will utilized in conjunction with County debt to subsidize the completion of this project.

The purpose of this program is aimed at developing a plan for the enhancement of the County's "Museum Row". This **Museum Row Economic Development Plan (41859)** aims at locating the proper composite of non-profit and for profit entities in the area. This area is not part of the Veteran's Memorial Coliseum complex. The total authorization in the amount of \$100,000 is available for this project. Concerns have been raised as to the necessity of this particular project. The contracted developers for Museum Row may be utilized to perform this analysis. If this situation materializes the capital project will be cleared out.

The following project is to perform a study and design of the **Various County Parks Golf Driving Ranges (41948)**. The study looks at the possibility of heating existing stalls and adding a second tier of driving stalls. The County is seeking to reprogram these funds. The scope of the project has been reduced to encompass immediate improvements. The re-assignment of the bond ordinance from a State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) designation of Type II – design to a Type II – rehabilitation of existing structure was approved by the Legislature on December 4th.

Property

Capital funding for the property category in the 2007-2010 Plan is \$9.2 million of which \$2.0 million will require new authorization and \$10.9 million will carry forward from prior years. The new authorization total for this category is \$51.8 million. The debt will be issued for one on-going project, Land Acquisition.

The funds reserved for project **Land Acquisition (9B480)** will be used to purchase property and easements needed for various County entities to implement projects. For example, these funds support road improvements undertaken by the County. According to the plan, funding of this project will occur in all years of the plan. The County will issue \$1.0 million of County debt in 2007, \$2.0 million in 2008, \$3.2 million in 2009, and \$3.0 million in 2010 to support this project. This project will increase County operating expenses as any newly acquired land will have to be maintained.

Project **Grumman/Navy Property Use Study (9E482)** included in the property category will carry forward \$3,670 from prior years. This project, a study to evaluate potential uses of the recently acquired land as part of the Grumman/Navy building purchase was temporarily suspended to conduct a supplemental environmental analysis of the property.

Project **McKay Field Property Use Study (9E487)**, a property use evaluation, will carry forward \$250,000 from prior years. The scope of this study is being evaluated prior to soliciting proposals from qualified consultants. If Grumman decides to sell this property, the County has right of first refusal. Cleanup is required prior to property sale.

Public Safety

The Public Safety portion of the 2007 Capital Plan is comprised of 19 Police Department projects, 15 of which were included in previous plans, two Medical Examiner projects, included in prior years' plans, eight for the Correctional Center, four of which are new this year, and five plans for the Fire Commission. Also included are one project for the Probation Department, the Juvenile Detention Center Renovation, and one County-wide radio system. The total 2007 capital budget for these projects is \$24,420,000.

The projects listed below are new to the Capital Plan, two of which will have no impact in 2007 since they begin in 2008 and 2009 respectively.

Police Department Building 113 Warehouse Replacement (50683) - \$250,000

This project, new to the 2007 budget, will be for the construction of a facility that will replace the existing Property Bureau Warehouse. The Administration has stated that the current facility, located at Building 113 at Nassau Community College, is in poor condition. Rehabilitation of this building will be considered but is not currently a viable option. The Police Department is required to take custody of property that may be used as evidence in criminal prosecutions, found property and other property pursuant to various laws. A replacement warehouse is needed for the Police Department to assist the District Attorney's Office in prosecuting criminal offenses and in maintaining custody of other property in compliance with existing statutes. This project, which includes a total authorization of \$3,500,000, is awaiting legislative approval and is scheduled to begin in 2007 with an allocation of \$250,000. This funding will be used to investigate potential locations as well as the design and layout of the new facility.

Police Department Building 20 Rehabilitation (50684) - \$100,000

This project is for the renovation of Building 20 at the former Grumman facility in Bethpage. The renovated building will be used for the purpose of relocating the Narcotics-Vice Squad, the Electronics Squad and the Nassau County Telecommunications Intercept Facility. The Electronics squad provides all telecommunications intercepts required by the District Attorney's office and almost all telecom intercepts investigations are related to narcotics enforcement and are staffed by narcotics/vice squad personnel. The narcotics/vice squad requires the support of the electronics squad on a daily basis. Currently, the electronics squad and narcotics/vice are situated in three separate and distinct facilities located miles apart. This project will allow for the co-location of these commands in one location. This project, which requires legislative approval, includes \$100,000 in 2007 for design work to upgrade the HVAC, fire suppression, electrical and similar work that were installed in 2003 when it was thought that occupation of the building would be temporary. In addition, \$900,000 is scheduled to be used in 2008. The 2007-2010 four year total for the project is \$1.0 million.

Police Department – Ambulance Medical Control Upgrade (50685) - \$600,000

This project is for the purchase, installation and relocation of the Police Department ambulance medical control operation. The new control center will be located in a different area of the same suite at the ground floor of the Dynamic Care building at Nassau University Medical Center that it currently occupies. This capital project will allow for the purchase of computer based workstations that are capable of receiving telemetry sent via cellular/ satellite telephone and land based telephone. It will also provide for upgrading of the antenna/ repeater system in conjunction with the radio receiving system.

Additionally, the project would provide for the rewiring of the computer and telecommunications systems servicing the new medical control area. The \$600,000 that is allocated for 2007 will be used for design work, as well as the first round of equipment necessary to bring the facility current with recent technological developments. There is an additional \$1.0 million planned for 2008.

Police Department – Renovation of Outdoor Pistol Range - (50404) \$0

This project is for the renovation of the outdoor pistol/rifle range, including all downrange, backstop and target areas. Included in this project will be the replacement of the existing target system, remediation of two earthen berms containing spent ammunition, construction of new berms with a lead containment system, functional landscaping, a new drainage system, improved lighting and noise abatement devices. The **Renovation of Outdoor Pistol Range** is not scheduled to begin until 2008 and has no impact on the 2007 capital budget. The plan is \$1.0 million in 2008, \$3.5 million in 2009 and \$2.5 million in 2010.

Jail Storage Facility (51454) - \$2,000,000

The four-year plan includes new funding of \$5.3 million for the replacement of the current Correctional Center storage facilities with a new storage site. The plan will include \$2.0 million in 2007 all of which will be generated from the issuance of County debt and the remaining \$3.25 million in 2008. The department is currently using several trailers as a storage facility. The Administration plans to consolidate the storage facilities into one site located in the 15th Legislative District with the intention of creating efficiencies. The exact location and size of the facility will be determined in the planning phase of the project. It also claims that current conditions of the sites are poor and the new facility will allow the County to meet building codes and regulations. The site will store daily operational supplies and materials and is intended to have an asset life of 10 years.

Jail and Police Training Facility (51455) - \$150,000

The Administration is planning to construct a Public Safety Academy that will provide training for the Police, Sheriff's and Probation departments. The current correctional center training facility is located in several trailers on the correctional center grounds. The trailers are considered a temporary facility that will be changed. The Police Department currently possesses a 5-year lease of a school building which houses its training facility. The construction of one facility is intended to reduce operational and capital costs.

The project is estimated to have a total cost of \$17.4 million with annual allocations of \$150,000, \$750,000, \$500,000 and \$16.0 million for fiscal years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, respectively. In 2007 the County intends to use the budget to determine the feasibility of combining the two facilities. Half of the \$16.0 million budgeted in 2010 is hoped to be funded from non-county sources. The County may receive funding from the State of New York, depending on location and overall use of the facility. The Administration indicates that the site may be located at the correctional facility however, the location is tentative.

Jail Parking Lots and Yard Repaving (51456) - \$0

The capital plan also includes a project to repave and re-strip the parking lots and inmate recreation yards at the Correctional Center Facility. The Administration is proposing a total budget of \$2.3 million which will be funded from the issuance of County debt. The plan will include \$1.0 million in 2008 and the remaining \$1.3 million in 2009. According to the Administration the new project will provide a safe

parking facility and recreation area as well as require less maintenance. It is anticipating an asset useful life of ten years.

Jail Building 832 HVAC Upgrade (51457) - \$250,000

The Administration is proposing to replace the HVAC system in the Jail Complex Building 832. It is proposing a cost of \$1.5 million with budgeted amounts of \$250,000, \$500,000, and \$750,000 in fiscal years 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively. The project will consist of three consecutive phases; planning, design and construction and is scheduled for three years. The duration of the project is typical for a project of this size and complexity, however it could be accelerated if it is determined that the HVAC system can be replaced with similar rather than upgraded equipment. The initial phase will determine the specific needs of the project. The total cost will be funded from the issuance of County debt. According to the Administration, the project will reduce maintenance costs on the system and provide a useful life of ten years.

The eight continuing Police Department projects for 2007 include, \$700,000 for an **Automated Fingerprint Computer Upgrade (50207)**, \$10.0 million for an **Interoperable Radio System (50590)**, \$150,000 for **Bullet Proof Vests (50617)**, \$500,000 for **Ambulance Replacement (50619)** \$750,000 for **Specialty Vehicle Replacement (50622)**, \$2.2 million for **Police Department Helicopters (50624)**, \$250,000 for **Generator Replacement (50625)**, \$2.0 million for **Precincts and Auxiliary Precincts Renovation and Modernization (50680)**. The total 2007 County debt for these continuing Police Department projects is approximately \$16.6 million. In addition, four of these projects will require new authorization in 2007 for funding in the out years. The new authorization will include an additional \$5.0 million for the **Interoperable Radio System (50590)**, \$175,000 for **Bullet Proof Vests (50617)**, \$800,000 for **Ambulance Replacement (50619)**, \$1.0 million for **Specialty Vehicle Replacement (50622)**, for a total of about \$7.0 million.

The **Automated Fingerprint Computer Upgrade** will replace the outdated automated fingerprint identification (AFIS) with a modern system that includes palm printing. The vendor will no longer be able to provide service or maintenance to outdated equipment and software.

The current AFIS system, which will not be maintained after December 31, 2006, is the third system the department purchased from Printrak (the first was in 1984). This system allows the police department to search fingerprints recovered at crime scenes and to store all fingerprint cards electronically. Printrak, which was bought by Motorola several years ago, will no longer be able to maintain the current system due to software upgrades and its inability to obtain hardware. The new system will analyze the digital fingerprint files of arrestees and will match prints found at crime scenes during forensic processing.

Motorola, the vendor for the **Interoperable Radio System** was awarded the contract for this project in March 2005. However, Motorola is behind schedule in completing licensing agreements with radio transmit/receive sites. As per contract, the milestone payment of \$4,587,000 will not be paid until this is completed. These sites are on numerous water districts countywide and negotiations for these sites must be initiated with each individual water district. Since radio site acquisition is a critical component of the project, these negotiations have delayed the project by six months. Currently, it is estimated that negotiations for these sites will be completed by the first or second quarter of 2007. The Police Department is currently in Phase II of its analysis with the consulting firm of Booz-Allen & Hamilton,

Inc. Phase II consists of establishing a long-term strategic plan, system design, development and issuance of an RFP, support during the selection process and system implementation and acceptance.

The **Police Department Bullet Proof Vests** project is for the purchase of state of the art bullet resistant vests to supply Nassau County police personnel, AMTs and Nassau County Probation officers. Approximately 220 bullet proof vests have been purchased in 2006. The projection for 2007 is that the Police, Probation and Sheriff's Departments will purchase 275 vests with an additional 150 vest to be purchased annually. The life span of a vest is dictated by the State and has been determined to be approximately five years for soft armor. The average cost for a soft armor vest is about \$1,000. The purpose of **Police Department Ambulance Replacement** is for the replacement of high-mileage, unreliable ambulances with high quality ambulances that are suitable for future chassis change-overs (replacing the truck chassis only rather than the entire ambulance at the end of the life cycle). This will complete the planned replacement of failing ambulances which will enable the Police Department to incur recurring long-term savings through the use of chassis change-overs. In 2006, this project funded the purchase of two new ambulances costing \$292,000 with delivery expected early 2007. An additional \$208,000 will be used to remount three existing cabs onto new chassis. The Police Department has also begun a four year cycle for **Replacement of Specialty Vehicles**. Failure to implement a reasonable life cycle for these vehicles in the past has caused the fleet to become unreliable. In 2005, the Police Department received three cross country trailers, a Suburban for the Mounted Unit and a Support Division pick-up truck. In February 2006, the department received two rescue trucks and an ESU flatbed truck. The Department is currently developing specifications in order to procure additional vehicles and is processing purchase orders for 17 vehicles, trucks and vans.

A Bell 407 helicopter, the first of the three **Police Helicopters** to be replaced, was received in the summer of 2006 with the remaining two on order. There has been a \$300,000 increase in authorization due to a rise in material costs. The **Police Department Generator Replacement** project will replace the generators at the 4th and 8th Precincts and replace the generator and transfer switch at the 5th Precinct. A portable generator was purchased in March 2006 and in May 2006 replacement of the generator in the 4th Precinct had begun. The generators for the 5th and 8th Precincts began in late May 2006.

Currently, four precinct houses, the 1st, 5th, 7th and 8th Precincts, are being considered for the **Precincts and Auxiliary Precincts Renovation and Modernization** project designed to address the physical plants of each house. Inadequacies related to the infrastructure cause delays in the processing of prisoners, preparation of reports and the administration of police services.

Seven other police department capital projects are included in the Capital Plan but have no impact on the 2007 capital budget. Their inclusion in the Plan is a result of carry forwards from previous years. One other police department project, **Renovation of Outdoor Pistol Range** is not scheduled to begin until 2008 and has no impact on the 2007 capital plan.

Other ongoing projects include the **Medical Exam Equipment Program (14003)**, **Medical Exam DNA Laboratory (14004)**, **the Juvenile Detention Center Renovation (22016)**, **Jail Six Year Master Plan (51037)**, **Jail Kitchen Retrofit (51044)**, **Jail Vehicle Replacement (51451)**, and the **Fire Service Academy, Various Improvements (72490)**.

The Medical Examiner will receive \$20,000 in new debt and \$100,000 in grant money in 2007 for the **DNA Laboratory (14004)** and \$100,000 in new debt for the **Medical Examiner Equipment Program (14003)**. The **DNA Lab** was a new creation in 2004 and is 95% complete. Some additional computers for the laboratory management information system are required before completion which is scheduled for the end of 2006. Annual operating expenses will increase due to the establishment of this new project. Conversely, the ME's **Equipment Program** project will reduce operating expenses due to the efficiency of the new equipment which will require less maintenance. The tissue preparation room, which is part of the Toxicology Lab, will be upgraded during the first or second quarter of 2007.

The Juvenile Detention Center Renovation (22016) includes \$1.2 million in 2007 new funding and allocates \$3.0 million in 2008, \$2.0 million in 2009 and \$2.0 million in 2010. An RFP for this project was released on May 17, 2006 and a consultant has since been selected.

The Correctional Center projects include the **Jail Six Year Master Plan (51037)** project for \$2.0 million, the **Jail Kitchen Retrofit (51044)** for \$300,000 and the **Jail Vehicle Replacement (51451)** for \$500,000. **The Fire Service Academy, Various Improvements (72490)** includes \$300,000 for continued improvements.

Roads

The 2007 Capital Budget includes \$29.6 million in new debt and total 2007-2010 authorization is \$108.1 million. The majority of the 2007 budget is allocated to **Resurfacing Various County Roads (61587)**. The funding includes \$18.5 million in 2007 debt. There is \$18.0 million anticipated in reimbursable aid from the State program CHIPS (Consolidated Highway Improvement Program), which will be distributed in 2008-2010. The Capital Plan allocates \$58.5 million in debt for road resurfacing over the next three years. The goal is to resurface each County roadway once during a 15-year cycle, depending upon traffic volumes and surface wear. The budget is calculated based on resurfacing 125 lane miles annually. The roads planned for resurfacing in 2007 are listed in Appendix F of the 2007-2010 Capital Improvement Plan.

There is one new capital projects in the category of Roads. The description below detail the new capital project receiving funding in 2009 through 2010:

Middle Neck Road Drainage Improvement (60042)- \$0

This project allocates \$300,000 in 2009 for design and \$2.8 million in 2010 for construction. This project will expand the existing drainage capacity by constructing a second box culvert. The existing culvert can not handle the quantity of storm runoff which can lead to increase runoff onto the roads. The additional drainage capacity will allow the two culverts to convey higher intensity storms and minimize localized flooding. The four year authorization for this project is \$2.5 million.

Other ongoing projects with significant debt issued for 2007 include \$2.8 million for **Brookside Avenue Improvements in Roosevelt (61082)**, \$2.2 million for **Hempstead Avenue Drainage Improvements (60040)**, \$1.5 million for **West Shore Road at Mill Neck (6179A)**, \$500,000 for **Quaker Meeting House Road Drainage Improvements (60041)**, \$350,000 for **Elmont Streetscape (61010)**, \$425,000 for **Franklin Avenue Streetscapes (61020)**, \$600,000 for **Ocean Avenue & Atlantic Avenue in East Rockaway (61014)**, \$500,000 for **Ocean Avenue at Merrick Road in Lynbrook (61025)**, \$750,000 for **Glen Cove Road at Northern Blvd. (61039)**, and \$500,000 for **Babylon Turnpike (61089)**.

The **Brookside Avenue Improvement (61082)** project in Roosevelt budgets the total authorization of \$2.8 million in 2007 for replacing the deteriorated pavement, installing drainage where needed and adding left turn lanes to improve the safety at the Carmer Court and Centennial Avenue intersection.

Hempstead Avenue Drainage Improvements (60040) includes a carry forward budget of \$942,470 and requires new debt of \$2.2 million in 2007 and \$3.0 million in 2008. The Capital Plan details proposed solutions to combat the drainage/runoff problem that is currently causing flooding. The project includes curving on Hempstead Avenue.

West Shore Road at Mill Neck (6179A) includes a carry forward budget of \$450,186 and allocates new debt of \$1.5 million in 2007 to rehabilitate or reconstruct sections of the roadway and sea wall. Several alternatives such for this improvement such as a bike pathway have been met with community opposition. The design is 60% completed.

Park Street Drainage Improvements in Atlantic Beach (60045) includes a carry forward budget of \$100,000 for the preliminary planning stage. The four year Capital Plan includes funding of \$200,000 in 2007, \$1.0 million in 2008 for design and \$2.5 million in 2009 for construction.

Quaker Meeting House Road Drainage Improvements (60041) includes a carry forward budget of \$600,298 and requires \$500,000 in 2007 and \$1.5 million in 2008 to handle the storm water runoff in the area. The design phase is anticipated to be completed in February 2007.

Elmont Streetscapes (61010) includes a carry forward budget of \$300,000 and budgets \$350,000 in 2007 for design and \$2.1 million in 2008 for construction to revitalize the downtown business district in Elmont.

Franklin Avenue Streetscapes (61020) includes \$299,097 carry forward from 2006 and requires new debt of \$425,000 in 2007 and \$2.3 million in 2008 to revitalize the downtown business district on Franklin Avenue in Hempstead.

Ocean Avenue & Atlantic Avenue in East Rockaway (61014) includes a carry forward budget of \$1.3 million and budgets \$600,000 in 2007. The project will increase lane widths, improve both horizontal and vertical alignment of Ocean Avenue at the railroad crossing and install new pavement, curbs and sidewalks. According to the third quarter status report this project is 24% completed. Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2007 and end before the end of the year.

Ocean Avenue at Merrick Road in Lynbrook (61025) is required to improve traffic conditions at two intersections of Ocean Avenue by widening the road. This project has been on hold due to the discovery of subsurface contamination at one corner of the intersection. The Capital Plan issues debt of \$500,000 in 2007 and \$1.7 million in 2008. The redesign of this project is anticipated to start in December of 2006.

Glen Cove Road at Northern Boulevard (61039) is a three phase project to widen Glen Cove Road just north and south of Northern Blvd. Phase I install expands the north side of Northern Blvd and is completed. The Capital Plan sets aside \$750,000 in 2007 and \$800,000 in 2008.

The **Babylon Turnpike (61089)** project will improve overall drainage and condition of the road to alleviate ponding. The total authorization of \$500,000 is budgeted in 2007.

Projects that still maintain significant carry forward budgets from previous authorized funds include \$1.2 million for **Meadowmere Roads and Drainage Improvements (60019)**, \$1.9 million for **Warner Avenue at Lincoln Avenue (61057)**, \$1.3 million for **Plainview Road in Hicksville (61059)**, \$2.2 million for **Bayville Road Rehabilitation in Lattington (61067)**, \$1.6 million for **Peninsula Boulevard at Clinton and Henry Street in Hempstead (61075)**, \$562,157 for **Wantagh Avenue at Merrick Road (61086)** in Wantagh and \$1.3 million for **Nassau Road in Roosevelt (61087)**.

Technology

Technology projects should allow the County to operate more efficiently and effectively. Citizens should be able to obtain better and more accurate information from the County website. The 2007 Capital Budget includes \$10.2 million for Technology, and the request for new authorization for 2007-2010 is \$44.4 million. All projects new and old are for the design, analysis and implementation of computer hardware and software. The proposed technology Capital Budget includes but is not limited to seven new projects and five ongoing projects that will require new debt in 2007.

The following projects total \$19.5 million and are new to the proposed technology Capital Budget.

Assessment Department Imaging (97115) - \$750,000

This project will require \$750,000 of County debt in 2007, and \$750,000 in 2008. This project is for the digitization of the records used by the Department of Assessment. This will allow documents to be more easily located and turn around time in research and report generation to be reduced.

Sheriff's Accounting System (97116) - \$200,000

The total authorization of \$200,000 is allocated in 2007. The Sheriff's new Civil Process Accounting System will be a commercial off the shelf system that will encompass the complete life cycle of the civil process such as court docket processing, service attempts, final execution payments and collections. Full accounting features in support of judgments, foreclosures and evictions will be inherent throughout the system. The system will also support interactive temporary orders of protection updates from Sheriff Deputies in the field.

CAMDR Project (97117) \$1.5 million

The capital budget requires \$1.5 million in 2007 and the capital plan includes \$1.1 million in 2008, \$630,000 in 2009 and \$155,000 in 2010. The (Computerized Asset, Maintenance, DPW and Real Estate) CAMDR project will provide a technology solution that addresses all aspects of facilities and infrastructure management. Included services will be work management, equipment maintenance, inventory control, real estate and space management, and utility billing and tracking. The integrated system enables County agencies to make strategic decisions regarding asset life-cycle costs, construction and renovation management, and budget management. Departments that will utilize the system include DPW, Real Estate, IT, Parks, and facilities management functions County-wide.

Server and Equipment Consolidation (97118) \$750,000

The capital plan requires debt of \$750,000 in 2007 and \$200,000 in 2008. This capital project consolidates IT facilities by funding several different programs. This includes the implementation of new computer blade technology that will allow IT to retire upwards of 120 discrete servers. In addition, it will enable the data center to implement a new backup and restoration process that will improve the overall data integrity and potentially reduce the cost of operations for this process. The project also includes funds for the purchase of equipment that can test and validate systems before placing them into production.

Network Infrastructure (97119) \$2.6 million

This capital request is to provide additional funding to implement a new network plan for County buildings and facilities. This plan includes the upgrade and installation of equipment. Several facilities

on the County network have equipment that is approximately 10 years old and is no longer supported by the manufacturer/vendor. In addition, to developing an overall network plan, over 25 Parks locations were added to the County network. The capital plan includes an additional \$800,000 in 2008. The total authorization is \$3.5 million.

Data Center Storage (97120) \$765,000

This capital project will enhance the Data Center's ability to support data at more than one level of storage and to move older data to lower cost computer disk drives and ultimately to computer digital tape. The total authorization of \$950,000 allocates \$765,000 in 2007 and \$185,000 in 2008.

ADAPT (97121) \$0 million

The ADAPT (ADministration, APpeals, Tax) project will provide a single commercial applications package to manage the County-wide process of Assessment of real property, preparation of tax rolls & billing/collection of taxes and appeals. There is no funding for this project in 2007. New county debt will be requested during 2008-2009. The capital plan includes \$6.0 million in 2008 and \$3.0 million in 2009.

Ongoing projects with 2007 debt funding include **Probation Enhance Record Scanning Operation (97026)**, **Disaster Recovery Plan (97104)**, and **Case Management (97105)**.

The 2007 capital budget includes \$150,000 for the **Probation Enhance Record Scanning Operation**. According to the current status of this project, an additional \$150,000 has been disencumbered out of capital project 97050 Electronic Documents & Employee Training System.

The capital plan includes \$1.5 million in 2007, \$385,000 in 2008 and \$250,000 in 2009 for the **Disaster Recovery Plan (97104)**. The purpose of the **Disaster Recovery Plan (97104)** is to provide the County with the ability to restore data center operations in the event of a disruption occurring from an emergency. Currently the Administration is reviewing alternate facilities and required equipment for County disaster. DoIT should make sure that a complete back-up of all systems applications is in place.

The **Case Management (97105)** project includes \$1.5 million in 2007, \$1.3 million in 2008 and \$180,000 in 2009 and \$180,000 in 2010 to implement a universal software package that will be customizable to agency needs. County agencies that will benefit from this system include ARC/Assessment, Consumer Affairs, Probation, Economic Development and Civil Service.

Existing capital projects with carry-forward budgets from previous authorizations include the **Human Resources, Payroll and Benefit System (97101)**, **NIFS Upgrade (97109)**, and the **Integrated Financial System (97013)**.

HR, Payroll, and Benefit System (97101) will be financed with the carry forward budget of \$6.1 million in 2006. Unlike the current system the new payroll system will be integrated with the new County's financial system and will have a training module to assist users. The software will be replace NUHRS with a new payroll system and will automate the current manual time and labor entry process. The planning phase of the project, which was awarded to Accenture, has now been completed. The funding for the HR, Payroll and Benefits System reflects only the funding for the Time & Attendance project.

IT intends to propose a fully integrated system to replace the **Integrated Financial System (97013)** and the **NIFS Upgrade (97109)** to upgrade both NUHRS (Nassau County Unified Human Resource System) and NIFS (Nassau Integrated Financial System). The **NIFS Upgrade (97109)** upgrade includes new authorization of \$19.0 million. The new enterprise system will include the Human Resources Management System. However the four year plan does not include the costs that may be incurred beyond the out-years. The implementation of this system is projected to be over five years (2008-2012) with 2007 being used for selection of the systems integrator, RFP development and software selection. The total projected cost through 2012 is estimated to be \$56.5 million according to the Department of Information Technology. The projection includes fees for the systems integrator, software licensing, hardware, training and staffing costs. Information Technology should take into consideration the out-year costs beyond the four year plan when constructing the capital plan. The Center for Technology in Government notes that the rapid change in technology makes the choice of a reasonable life cycle or planning framework a difficult but necessary part of the analysis.¹

¹ “Cresswell, Anthony, “Return on Investment in Information Technology: A Guide for Managers.” August 2004.

Traffic

The 2007 budget for traffic related capital projects includes \$11.6 million and the 2007-2010 total authorization is \$22.9 million. In 2007, \$7.2 million will be funded from County debt and the remaining \$4.4 million will be funded from non-County debt. The non-County sources are comprised of various federal aid programs. The category consists of eight on-going projects. The out-years consist of \$3.9 million being set-aside for 2008, \$3.7 million allocated for 2009 and \$3.8 million in place for 2009. An additional \$6.5 million is required in new authorized funds for this category.

The largest Traffic project is **Traffic Signal Construction and Modification – Phase VII (62017)** with \$4.0 million in 2007 County debt funding. The Capital Plan budgets \$3.0 million in 2008, \$3.5 million in 2009 and \$3.5 million in 2010. The project will require \$5.5 million in additional authorized funds bringing the total authorization to \$31.4 million. The project involves additions and modifications to the existing 1,600 traffic signals and other traffic control devices County-wide. Modifications include the construction of new signals, repairing new signals and adding arrows to pedestrian signals. Such additions and modifications will keep the County in compliance with the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law.

The **Federal Aid Durable Marking Program (62153)** requires debt issuance of \$1.6 million in 2007. The project needs \$700,000 in additional authorized funds. Approximately \$1.6 million is available in federal and state funds to refurbish worn and faded pavement markings on various County roads. The project funds the installation of new thermoplastic pavement markings to remain in compliance with State codes.

Project **Traffic Durable Pavement Markings Phase II (62154)** will require \$250,000 in additional authorized funds. The Capital Plan issues a recurring \$250,000 from 2007-2009 and \$250,000 in 2010. The total authorization is \$1.4 million. The project involves the installation of durable pavement markings on County roads. The installation would fulfill the requirements of the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law.

Additional ongoing projects with 2007 debt funding include **Lido Boulevard Improvements (60010)**, **Traffic Computerized Signal System Update (62160)**, **Traffic Peninsula Blvd Signal Head Replacement (62190)**, **Countywide Traffic Master Plan (62200)** and **Traffic Computerized Signal (Central Avenue and Rockaway Turnpike) (62454)**. The **Lido Boulevard Improvements** project requires \$1.0 million in 2007 and \$700,000 in 2008 funding to calm traffic on Lido Boulevard. Construction is anticipated to begin in September 2007. The **Traffic Computerized Signal System Update** project includes \$1.0 million in 2007 of which 80% is from Federal grant funds. **Traffic Peninsula Blvd Signal Head Replacement** project includes a budget of \$1.8 million to replace signal heads along Peninsula Boulevard. The total authorization of \$4.4 million includes \$3.5 million in federal funding. The **Countywide Traffic Master Plan** requires \$200,000 in 2007 County debt. There is \$300,000 available from carry forward funds for a total authorization of \$500,000. **Traffic Computerized Signal at Central Avenue and Rockaway Turnpike** has a 2007 budget of \$1.9 million. The total authorization of \$4.4 million includes \$3.4 million in Federal funds. This project provides for the expansion of the current traffic signal system to include signals along Central Avenue and Rockaway Turnpike in Woodmere, Cederhurst, Inwood and Lawrence.

Transportation

Capital funding for the transportation category in the 2007-10 Plan is \$11.9 million. Debt will be issued for both on-going and new projects. In 2007, \$3.5 million of County debt will be issued to fund two ongoing projects. According to the Plan, transportation funding will continue in the out-years with \$2.6 million of County debt issued in 2008, \$3.0 million issued in 2009 and \$2.7 million issued in 2010 for two new capital projects.

MTALIB2010 FTA GRANT/SEC 5307 NY90-XX (91060) \$0

This proposed project is part of the County's commitment to fund 10% of MTA Long Island Bus programs for the purchase of buses and bus related equipment. Funding in the amount of \$2.1 million has been set aside for 2010.

MTALIB2010 FTA GRANT/SEC 5307 NY03-XX (91062) \$0

This proposed project has a total authorization of \$617,500 allocated in 2010. This project is part of the county's commitment to fund 10% of MTA Long Island Bus programs for the purchase of buses and bus related equipment.

The current capital plan includes funding in 2007 of \$3.0 million for project **MTALIB 2007 FTA GRANT/SEC 5307 NY90-XX (91054)** and \$500,000 for project **MTALIB 2007 FTA GRANT/SEC 5307 NY03-0X (91055)**. These funds will enable Long Island Bus to purchase buses and bus related equipment. The funding allocation utilized for these projects centers around Federal Transportation Authority (FTA) grants which require Nassau County to cover 10% of the total project cost. According to Long Island Bus, the replacement cost per bus is \$350,000. Federal, State and Local funds combined will enable Long Island Bus to purchase approximately 58 buses. The County's 10% is shown in the Total Authorization line. The additional 90%, paid by the FTA and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is not shown.

Capital funding for 2008 and 2009 will be used to fund four on-going projects. These projects are **MTALIB 2008 SEC 5307 GNT NY90-XX (91056)**, **MTALIB 2008 SEC 5307 GNT NY03-0X (91057)**, **MTALIB 2008 SEC 5307 GNT NY90-XX (91058)**, and **MTALIB 2008 SEC 5307 GNT NY03-0X (91059)**. Like the previously described projects, these funds reflect the 10% County share required for a Federal Transportation Authority grant. These funds will be used to maintain existing Long Island Bus vehicles, facilities, and equipment.

Building Consolidation

The County's Building Consolidation Program is made up of three ongoing projects, with a current authorization of \$185.4 million. Its goal is to consolidate the County workforce and maximize the utilization of the County's real estate portfolio. A major part of this effort is the renovation of the Legislative and Executive Office Building at One West Street and the Old Nassau County Courthouse. A new authorization of \$5.0 million is proposed in the 2007-2010 Plan, which would bring the total for the program to \$190.4 million.

The three Building Consolidation projects are **County Office Campus Construction, Police and Fire Communications Center, and Supreme Court Parking Lot.**

The capital project **County Office Campus Construction (90230)**, with a total authorization of \$117.4 million, is proceeding with the renovation of the Old Nassau County Courthouse and the construction of the new legislative and administrative wing. The facility is expected to be substantially completed by June 2007.

The **Police and Fire Communications Center (90230P)** project will relocate the Police and Fire Communications operators from their present site in the bunker at 1490 Franklin Avenue to a new upgraded facility at 1194 Prospect Avenue in Westbury. When the relocation is completed the bunker will become the backup facility. The Westbury site will also house the Fire Marshall's office and the Police Department's Arson and Bomb squad and their vehicular storage, enabling a move from the currently leased space at 899 Jerusalem Avenue. This project has a total current authorization of \$60.0 million, with \$5.0 million of additional authorization required in 2007 for new County debt to be issued.

The **Supreme Court Parking Lot (90624)** project, with an authorization of \$8.0 million, is currently on hold due to the injunction blocking the sale of 101 County Seat Drive. A new surface parking lot, or lots, will be constructed to replace the parking spaces for Supreme Court employees, jurors, and visitors that will be lost when the County sells the former DSS Building and surrounding property. Litigation in Federal court relating to the future usage of the land to be sold has held up the sale indefinitely. Construction, once begun, is expected to last approximately 18 months.

Sewer and Storm Water

The 2007 budget for Sewer and Storm Water is \$27.3 million and the authorization for 2007-2010 is \$106.4 million. The \$27.3 million includes \$19.8 million in County debt for 2007, \$7.0 million in County Self-Funding and \$438,000 in non-County funding. The debt for sewer and storm water projects is funded through the Sewer and Storm Water Authority. The **Cedar Creek Sludge Dewatering Facility Improvement (3C057)** project, with \$5.0 million in 2007 new debt and containing a total authorization of \$37.4 million, is the largest capital project for 2007 in the Sewer category. The project includes \$4.0 million in County self-funding. The Capital Plan sets aside \$3.5 million in 2008 to cover the remaining construction costs. The construction contract awarded this year includes the construction of an annex to the north side of the dewatering building to house additional equipment, a new truck loading area, replacement of the existing belt conveyor system, installation of six new belt filter presses, a new polymer blending and aging system and an expanded odor control system, as well as electrical, heating, ventilating and air conditioning, and plumbing systems. According to the 2006 third quarter status report, this project is 15% complete.

The descriptions below detail the new capital projects receiving funding in 2007 include:

East Hills Pump Station Improvements (35107) - \$250,000

The 2007 debt funding is needed to pay for the planning portion of this project. The sewage pumping station is in need of improvements and upgrade to meet current code requirements and to insure reliable service for the next twenty years. The four-year Capital Plan requires \$500,000 in 2008 to cover the design and a portion of the construction and \$2.3 million in 2009 to cover the remaining construction costs. The Capital Plan budgets \$500,000 in 2008 and \$2.3 million in 2009.

SSW Building Improvements (35108) - \$500,000

This project will fund improvements in the common areas of both the Cedar Creek and Bay Park pollution plants. The improvements include areas such as the reception, lunchrooms, locker rooms and restrooms. The Capital Plan requires \$500,000 in 2008, \$500,000 in 2009 and \$500,000 in 2010.

Other ongoing projects with funding in 2007 include \$920,000 for **Sewer District 2 Interceptor Corrosion Survey and Rehabilitation (30051)**, \$1.2 million for **Health Department Birches Sewage Collection System (33991)**, \$500,000 for **Lateral Sewer Repairs (35101)**, \$1.0 million **SSW Building Roof Repairs (35102)**, \$500,000 for **SSW Master Plan (35105)**, \$1.8 million for **Bay Park Influent Pumping System Upgrade (3B117)**, \$700,000 for **Bay Park Permanent Lightning Replacement (3B200)**, \$500,000 for **Bay Pak Preliminary Treatment Modifications (3B120)**, \$2.0 million for **Bay Park Hot & Chilled Water Piping System Replacement (3B200)**, \$3.0 million for **Cedar Creek Air Flotation Facility Replacement (3C055)**, \$500,000 for **Deep Well Drilling (80018)**, \$500,000 for **Storm Water Pump Stations Construction (80019)**, \$500,000 for **Rehabilitation of Storm Water Basins (82008)**, \$750,000 for **the Implementation of the Storm Water Management Program (82010)** and \$1.5 million for **SSW Authority Motorized Equipment Replacement (98041)**.

The SD2 Interceptor Corrosion Survey & Rehabilitation (30051) includes multiple construction contracts to combat the corrosion readings and structural deficiencies of the pipelines. The five year program of interceptor evaluation and rehabilitation includes funding of \$920,000 in 2008, \$1.0 million in 2009, and \$1.0 million in 2010.

The **Health Department Birches Sewage Collection System (33991)** includes \$1.2 million to design a collection system to be established with the Town of Oyster Bay which will be incorporated as a new sewer assessment area in the County-wide sewer district. Currently the design work is being done in-house.

The 2007 Capital Budget requires \$500,000 for the **Lateral Sewer Repair (35101)** to evaluate, repair and rehabilitate approximately five miles of small diameter sanitary sewers for the protection of groundwater from domestic sewage and industrial wastes. The project will consist of multiple construction contracts.

The \$1.0 million for **SSW Buildings Roof Repair (35102)** will fund the replacement and rehabilitation of various roofs on buildings located at the Cedar Creek Water Pollution Control Plant, Bay Park Sewage Treatment Plant and Pump Stations throughout the County. Work that has been started in 2006 includes the Roof Reconstruction of the Cedar Creek Water Pollution Control Plant Buildings D, G, HH, and R and Bay Park Sewage Treatment Plant Sewer Maintenance Building. The Capital Plan includes a recurring \$1.0 million in 2008-2010.

The **SSW Master Plan (35105)** requires \$500,000 to evaluate the current and future wastewater treatment needs of the Bay Park Sewage Treatment and the Cedar Creek Pollution Control Plants. The project includes a carry forward budget of \$250,000.

Bay Park Influent Pumping System Upgrade (3B117) budgets \$1.8 million in 2007 to rehabilitate the Bay Park Sewage Treatment Plant Influent pumping system. The construction start date is anticipated to be in January. In addition to the 2007 budget, the project includes a carry forward budget of \$510,300. The Capital Plan includes \$3.5 million in 2008 and \$2.0 million in 2009.

The **Bay Park Permanent Lightening Replacement (3B118)** budgets \$700,000 in 2007 to replace the temporary lighting system at the Bay Park Sewage Treatment Plant which was not intended to remain in place for an extended period of time. The construction completion date is targeted for June 2007. The project includes a carry forward budget of \$1.6 million.

The **Bay Park Preliminary Treatment Modifications (3B120)** budgets \$500,000 for the evaluation of the preliminary treatment facilities at Bay Park to determine if there are deficiencies.

Bay Park Hot & Chilled Water Piping System Replacement (3B200) includes \$2.0 million to replace the existing system which is deteriorating and leaking. A Request for Bid Contract has already been advertised in Newsday and the County's website. The bids are currently being reviewed. In addition to 2007 budget and the \$1.7 million dollar carry forward funds, the Capital Plan allocates \$1.0 million in 2008.

The **Cedar Creek Air Flotation Facility Replacement (3C055)** includes \$3.0 million in self-funding to rehabilitate four dissolved air floatation thickening tanks at Cedar Creek. Once complete, the project will provide efficient and dependable sludge thickening so that the plant will be able to meet the expected process loadings. The 2007 funding is to start the construction phase of the project. The capital plan includes \$8.5 million in 2008 and \$6.5 million in 2009 for the completion of the project.

The **Deep Well Drilling (80018)** project sets aside \$500,000 in 2007 and \$150,000 in 2008 to expand the existing network of groundwater monitoring wells. According to the 2006 third quarter status reports this project is 78% completed as all the wells have been installed. It is anticipated that a new contract will be bid in the winter to start this spring.

The total authorization of \$500,000 for **Storm Water Pump Stations Construction (80019)** is included in the 2007 Capital Budget Budget to address construction and rehabilitation needs at Nassau County storm water pumping stations. Pumping stations that have been unreliable are located in Syosset, Garden City, New Hyde Park, Floral Park, Woodmere, and Woodbury.

The 2007 Capital Budget and four year plan includes a recurring \$500,000 for the **Rehabilitation of Storm Water Basins (82008)**. Storm water basins that were completed in 2006 are located in Brookville, Roslyn Estates, Oyster Bay and Glen Head. Drilling is currently underway at eight different locations to identify new work.

The **Storm Water Management Program (82010)** project allows the County to implement various best management practices over the five year permit cycle for the six minimum control measures outlined in the County's Storm Water Management Program. The six minimum control measures included in the 2006 Annual Report for Nassau County Storm Water Management Program are 1) Public Education and Outreach 2) Public Involvement and Participation 3) Illicit Discharge Detention and Elimination 4) Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control 5) Post-Construction Storm Water Management and 6) Pollution Prevention/ Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations. The Pollution prevention/Good Housekeeping project is currently being investigated and the Watershed Analysis and GIS project is currently underway. The four year Capital Budget and Plan includes \$750,000 in 2007, \$1.0 million in 2008 and \$1.0 million in 2009.

SSW Authority Motorized Equipment Replacement (98041) is a capital equipment replacement program for the Bay Park Sewage Treatment and the Cedar Creek Water Pollution Control Plants. Examples of equipment that need to be replaced are sewer rodders, flush trucks, pick-up trucks, vans, heavy trucks, snow plows, sanders, front-end loaders, compressors, cranes and generators. The four year Capital Budget and Plan allocates \$1.5 million in 2007, \$1.0 million in 2009 and \$1.5 million in 2010. This project replaces Bay Park Motorized Equipment Replacement (98039) and Cedar Creek Motorized Equipment Replacement (98040). The Bay Park project maintains a carry forward budget of \$600,000 and Cedar Creek has a \$1.4 million carry forward budget.

A place holder project for **undetermined projects (99999)** is included in the Capital Plan to identify consistent annual spending in the out years even though specific projects have not yet been determined. This project allocates \$5.0 million in 2009 and \$13.0 million in 2010.

Projects that still contain significant carry forward budgets and have been approved in prior year Capital Budgets include \$300,000 for **Bay Park & Cedar Creek Digester Rehabilitation (35100)**, \$400,000 for **Various County Parks Pond/Bulkhead Rehabilitation (35103)**, \$1.3 million for **Bay Park Aeration Tank Covers (3B104)**, \$736,000 for **Bay Park Outfall District Structure Pipeline Rehabilitation (3B116)**, \$3.1 million for **Bay Park Various Buildings and Equipment Modifications (3B119)**, \$497,000 for **Cedar Creek Security & Fencing Improvements (3C063)**, \$1.1 million Cedar

Creek Various Roof Replacements (3C065), \$2.0 million for **Ray Street Pump Station Improvements (3P309)**, \$3.8 million for **Massapequa Creek Stream Flow Improvements (80014)**, \$3.2 million for **Stream and Wetlands Restorations (80016)**, \$879,000 for **Milburn Creek Culvert Extension at the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) (80017)**.

There are two capital projects that have negative carry forward budgets and will require additional budgeting in future years. However, the four year capital budget and plan does not include the funding. **Cedar Creek Modifications Phase IV (3C042)** is under funded by \$802,000 and **Cedar Creek Aeration Tank Covers (3C056)** is under funded by \$1.4 million.

Tax and Judgments

The proposed 2007 Capital Budget includes \$20.0 million in the project category of tax and judgments. All of that amount will be utilized for the payment of **Other Judgments/Medical Litigation (9C480)**. There are no new projects in this category.

This project is for Judgments against the County including but not limited to Medical Litigation at NUMC from any medical malpractice that occurred at the Nassau County Medical Center during the period the County administered the institution. At this time there are few remaining open cases from the Medical Center. Currently the County issues debt for payments greater than \$100,000, and plans to transition to PAYGO financing of this expense, except in the case of significantly large settlements. The existing carry-forward funding is approximately \$61.9 million. The County plans to issue debt of only \$20.0 million in FY 07, \$15.0 million in 2008, \$10.0 million in 2009, and \$5.0 million in 2010 for the payment of judgments. As the capital funding decreases, the operating funding will increase. As presented in the Multi-Year Financial Plan 2007-2010, “To make this transition both reasonable and achievable, particularly in the wake of the shift to PAYGO financing of property tax refunds, the administration proposes increasing the appropriation in the operating budget for judgments and settlements of \$5 million in 2008, \$10 million in 2009, and \$15 million in 2010.”

Excluding tax certiorari cases, the County expense for settlements and judgments totaled \$30.8 million in 2002, \$32.8 million in 2003, \$18.3 million in 2004, and \$16.1 million in 2005. During that period the amount funded through the operating budget ranged from \$2.2 million to \$6.6 million. In 2006 the Administration anticipates spending \$6.9 million in total with \$2.8 million coming from the operating budget and \$4.1 coming from the capital budget.

The FY 07 Capital Budget does not include any new funding for **Tax Certiorari Judgments (9A413)**. It is anticipated that the County will spend \$50 million for this expense with \$25 million budgeted for in the Treasurer’s operating budget and \$25 million coming from the 2006 surplus. The Administration did not borrow any funds for this expense in 2006 and anticipates only minimal (less than \$2.2 million) if any borrowing in 2007.

It should be mentioned that the County is still facing significant liability in ongoing litigation involving its assessment of the property of several utility companies, including Keyspan and New York Telephone/Verizon. The utilities challenged Nassau’s practice of assessing special districts under its four-class system, claiming that State law does not allow for such differentiation. The Appellate Division of State Supreme Court agreed, but did not order the County to refund the overpayment of taxes as that would cause “fiscal chaos.” That decision was reversed by the Court of Appeals in March of 2004, and the cases were remanded to State Supreme Court so that a hearing could be held to determine the amount of the refunds, and whether paying that money back would result in financial hardship for the County. The County has estimated that its liability may be as high as \$200 million. The County is also seeking to go back to the Appellate Division with additional legal arguments which were rejected by the Trial Court in the hopes of a more favorable decision.

Open Space

In November 2004, Local Law 14-2004, was approved by the voters of Nassau County creating a \$50.0 million Environmental Program to be funded by a dedicated bond. The purpose of the Program was to preserve Nassau's remaining open space from development. The total authorization required for this project is \$50.0 million of which \$38.0 million has been approved and carried forward from prior years. The following properties have been identified and approved for acquisition:

1. Meyers Farms, Woodbury
2. Red Spring Woods, Glen Cove
3. Parkway Drive Properties, Baldwin Harbor
4. Boegner Estate, Old Westbury
5. Northwood Estate, Oyster Bay Cove
6. Pulling Estate, Oyster Bay Cove.

An additional \$12.0 million will be added to the 2007 budget for open space acquisition projects. Individual bond ordinances will be brought before the Legislature for these projects. The allocation for the Open Space program does not include the new \$100.0 million in serial bonds pursuant to the Environmental Program Bond Act referendum which was approved after the capital budget was recommended to the Legislature.