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County Executive

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Diana L. Quast, Town Clerk
Town of Yorktown
363 Underhill Avenue
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

**County Planning Board Referral File YTN 24-010 – Battery Energy Storage Systems
Moratorium**

Dear Ms. Quast:

The Westchester County Planning Board has received a proposed local law that would implement a six-month moratorium on the review and approval of applications for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) within the Town of Yorktown.

The intent of the moratorium is to provide adequate time for the Town to consider the development implications of BESS facilities within Yorktown, specifically regarding fire safety and environmental impacts.

We have no objection to the Yorktown Town Board assuming Lead Agency status for this review.

We have reviewed the proposed moratorium under the provisions of Section 239 L, M and N of the General Municipal Law and Section 277.61 of the County Administrative Code. We note that moratoria should be enacted with specific intent and purpose and should not extend beyond a reasonable period. The proposed moratorium appears to be consistent with these criteria.

Please inform us of the Town's decision so that we can make it a part of the record.

Thank you for calling this matter to our attention.

Respectfully,
WESTCHESTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD



Richard Hyman
Chair, Westchester County Planning Board

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cc: Blanca Lopez, Commissioner, Westchester County Department of Planning
Susan Spear, Deputy Commissioner, Westchester County Department of Emergency Services