



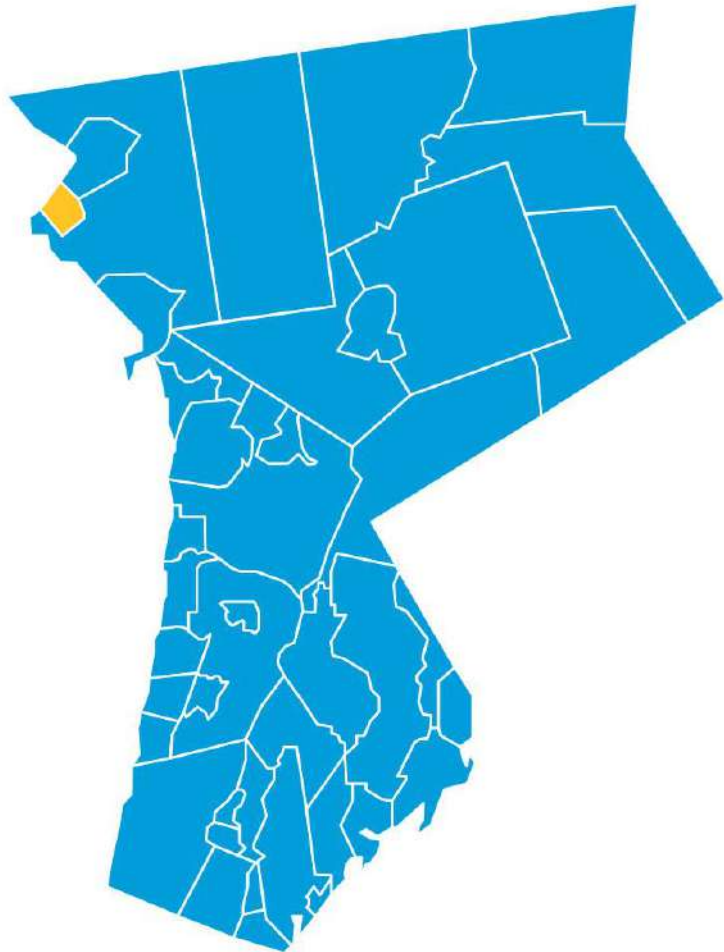
WESTCHESTER POWER ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW!

Yonkers Program Launch – January 2022



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MUNICIPAL PARTICIPATION

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| Ardsley | Hastings-on-Hudson | North Castle | Rye Brook |
| Bedford | Irvington | North Salem | Rye City |
| Briarcliff Manor | Larchmont | Ossining Village | Rye Town |
| Bronxville | Lewisboro | Ossining Town | Scarsdale |
| Cortlandt | Mamaroneck Village | Peekskill | Sleepy Hollow |
| Croton-on-Hudson | Mamaroneck Town | Pelham Manor | Somers |
| Dobbs Ferry | Mount Kisco | Pelham Village | Tarrytown |
| Eastchester | Mount Pleasant | Town of Pelham | Tuckahoe |
| Elmsford | Mount Vernon | Pleasantville | White Plains |
| Greenburgh | New Castle | Port Chester | Yonkers |
| Harrison | New Rochelle | Pound Ridge | Yorktown |

AND WESTCHESTER COUNTY ITSELF

Q: WHAT IS WESTCHESTER POWER?

- Program of Sustainable Westchester – the flagship energy program
- It is Community Energy program that affects your electricity SUPPLY only
- Provides clean 100% New York State renewable energy at a competitive prices

Q: HOW DOES IT WORK?

ELECTRICITY GENERATION AND DELIVERY



SOURCE (SUPPLY)



**WESTCHESTER
POWER**
contracts and administers
electricity supply



DELIVERY



CON EDISON
delivers energy, maintains lines,
bills customers



CUSTOMER



YOU
have energy choice, support
clean energy

Q: IS THIS ONLY FOR YONKERS?

- Program began in May 2016 and as of December 2021 has 28 participating municipalities in Westchester County and 115,000+ customers
- New York State model for Community Energy programs (also called Community Choice Aggregation). Regulated by the Public Service Commission.

Q: WHAT ARE THE PROGRAM BENEFITS?

- Program offers access to affordable clean, renewable power through a nonprofit program vetted by your municipality
- Safe and easy way for municipal residents to participate in renewable energy without having to navigate the confusing world of Energy Service Companies (ESCOs)
- Controls costs through fixed-rates provides insurance against potential rate fluctuation in the energy market
- Builds a foundation for a healthy environment, a significant path to mitigating CO2 emissions resulting in a more vibrant community

Q: WILL I SAVE MONEY OR PAY MORE?

- Since Con Ed rates are variable month to month and we cannot know what they will be in the future, the program cannot guarantee savings
- Westchester Power offers two rates for Yonkers residents that are fixed through November 2023:
 - **100% Renewable Supply = 8.71 cents/kWh**
 - **Standard Supply = 7.287 cents/kWh**
- The program's renewable rates are consistently competitive with other renewable supply products
- Remember though Con Ed is "mixed supply" that includes fossil fuels, not 100% renewable energy so comparing the two is a little "apples to oranges"
- Opt-out, opt-back in, or switch supplies at any time
- Taxes & delivery charges have always been a part of your bill and remain consistent

Q: WHY IS IT AN OPT-OUT PROGRAM?

- There is always a default supply (Con Edison is an opt-out format also)
- Communities that participate in the Westchester Power program have the decision about that default supply brought into the community
- Your municipality designated Westchester Power as the default energy supplier
 - Program is approved as an alternative to confusing ESCO offerings
 - Cost-effective means of bringing more renewable energy to the community
- Opt-out structure ensures that we are able to fully leverage the buying clout of all participating municipalities

Q: WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

- Each eligible community members received a letter (letters were mailed 1/7/2022), which:
 - Notifies eligible residents of City participation in the program
 - Describes the energy supply options, rates, and terms
 - Explains the several convenient ways to opt-out if they don't want to be enrolled
 - Provides the pre-enrollment ID # for use in opting-out through the Sustainable Westchester website
- To participate – no action is needed
- To opt-out or change supply, utilize any of the methods set out in the letter
 - Complete the online form with your pre-enrollment ID on our website:
<https://sustainablewestchester.org/wp/>
 - Call or Email us and provide your account name and address
 - Mail in the card included in your notification letter packet

Q: AM I ENROLLED?

- No - After 2/9/2022, enrollments for all eligible customers who do not opt-out are submitted to Con Edison, and participation begins with their first meter read after March 1, 2022
- If you opt out before 2/9/2022 you will not be enrolled. Its important to note that **you can opt-out, opt-in, or switch supply options any time thereafter as well with no fee or penalty**

Q: WHAT IF I DID NOT GET A LETTER?

- This might mean that you were ineligible for the program due to
 - a current contract you might have with a private ESCO or,
 - you may have a “block” on your account
 - you receive benefits from the Con Edison - administered Home Energy Assistance Program
- Or perhaps you missed it or mistook it for something else

If you are unsure if you've received a letter, please email info@sustainablewestchester.org and we will get back to you within 48 hours

Q: WHAT IF THERE ARE OUTAGES OR EMERGENCIES?

- Con Ed will continue to provide all of those delivery services and maintenance
- They are required by law to provide the same level of service to all customers regardless of where they choose to get their energy supply

Q: WILL I GET A SEPARATE BILL [WHAT WILL CHANGE ON MY BILL]?

- Your bill will now show **Constellation New Energy** as the supplier
 - Constellation is the company that won the bid for Sustainable Westchester's Westchester Power program
- Your bill summary will now show two separate charges for *supply* and *delivery*, the two components that make up rates for your utility bill
 - Supply – refers to the source of the actual energy
 - Delivery – refers to how it gets to you (the lines, etc.)
- ***You were always paying these two charges***, you have simply changed your supplier

Q: RECAP: WHO IS...?

- **Sustainable Westchester** is the nonprofit that administers the program
- **Westchester Power** is the program name for this City vetted and designated 100% renewable energy program
- **Constellation** is the actual energy company (or ESCO) that supplies the energy
- **Con Ed** is the state designated utility that delivers the energy to the power lines and to your home – they maintain the bills, lines and all emergency related issues (e.g. power outages)

Q: IS WESTCHESTER POWER AN ESCO?

While the program procures electricity supply from ESCOs, we are nonprofit entity:

- Sustainable Westchester/Westchester Power is not a commercial endeavor
- Will never solicit your account information or payment over the phone
- No low “teaser rates” that get increased without your knowledge
- You will never be asked to sign a contract
- Information that we mail to you will include our municipal seal, so you can be assured it's authentic

Q: MY NEIGHBORS MAY HAVE QUESTIONS – WHERE CAN I DIRECT THEM?

- Visit sustainablewestchester.org/wp/yonkers for a list of all events & the links to join them
- We are currently holding a series of community information sessions & office hours
- There will be posting in local media & on social media pages
- Look for information from the Mayor's office
- Email info@sustainablewestchester.org or westchesterpower@sustainablewestchester.org, or call our offices M-F 9-5 at (914)-242-4725
- The notification letter packet sent to eligible customers