

Westchester Land Trust
Request for Proposal: Project Kiana
October 21, 2024

Executive Summary

Westchester Land Trust seeks a quote for survey and property staking on approximately 2.85 acres on the west side of the Hutchinson River Parkway in Mount Vernon, New York.

The survey and other deliverables must be in accordance with the Code of Practice for Land Surveys, adopted by the New York State Association of Land Surveyors.

The Project Kiana area is owned by the New York State Department of Transportation and managed as excess land. The survey is part of a larger initiative to determine if the potential exists to purchase, protect, or otherwise manage the property to restore the urban riparian forest or provide meaningful community connections.

The NYS DOT granted Westchester Land Trust a permit to access and collect data on the project site. Compliance with the permit is required.

About Westchester Land Trust

Westchester Land Trust works together with public and private partners to preserve land in perpetuity, and to protect and enhance the natural resources in our communities.

WLT was founded in 1988 and is accredited by the Land Trust Alliance. Since 1988 we have protected more than 9,250 acres of land in Westchester and eastern Putnam Counties. We own and manage more than 1,250 acres and more than 75 miles of trails across a nature preserve network of 34 properties, much of which is free and open to the public.

Property Information

Property Description

The Project Kiana area is a highly deteriorated urban riparian forest. Little to no native understory exists, and some areas are dense with invasive species.

The property is bound to the east by the Hutchinson River Parkway, to the north by the Metro North Railroad, and residential properties on the south and west. The property includes an oxbow of the Hutchinson River.

The property is located south of Westchester County's Wilson Woods Park, which can be accessed by walking on an informal foot path along the barriers of the Hutchinson River Parkway.

Location & Parcel IDs

40.909674, -73.814436
40° 54' 35", -73° 48' 52"

165.74-4015-1

165.74-4013-41

Note: The project area is less than the two parcels.

Total Size

2.85 acres

Known Easements

Unknown.

Additional Information

The property can be accessed on foot by parking on the corner of Farrell Avenue and Beechwood Avenue, just south of the footbridge.

Deliverables

1. Monumenting and staking. Metal pins are required at major property corners and angle points with oak stakes as intermittent points on line approximately every 100-150 feet, except along stone walls (unless at intersecting property lines). Points will be made in front of trees and chisel marks for exposed bedrock or large boulders. Please see the attached map.
 - a. WLT will provide survey caps.
 - b. WLT staff would like to be in the field for staking to document locations.
2. CAD/Shapefiles. Provide georeferenced CAD file (.dwg) and shapefiles (.shp) for any and all markers set or found.
3. Provide a text file of positions for each point set or found.
4. Map must show location of any discovered encroachments.
5. Metes and bounds legal description of the property must be provided.

Timeline

A prompt response to the RFP is requested, for survey and staking in 2024.

Response

Please send your written proposal to:

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Attachments

1. Site map and orthoimagery.
2. New York State Department of Transportation permit.

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