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Robert P. Astorino, County Executive

April 25, 2012

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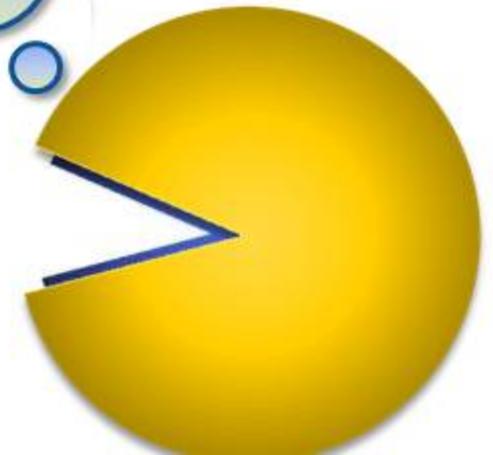
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On Monday, Rockland County sent a delegation to Albany to ask for the authority to close its widening budget deficit by issuing bonds backed by a sales tax increase.

On Tuesday, Suffolk County, one of the largest counties outside New York City, projected a \$530 million deficit over a three-year period and declared a financial emergency. Its Long Island neighbor, Nassau County, is already so troubled that a state oversight board seized control of its finances last year.

And the city of Yonkers said its finances were in such dire straits that it had drafted Richard Ravitch, the former lieutenant governor, to help chart a way out.

Even as there are glimmers of a national economic recovery, cities and counties increasingly find themselves in the middle of a financial crisis. The problems are spreading as municipalities face a toxic mix of stresses that has been brewing for years, including soaring pension, Medicaid and retiree health care costs. And many have exhausted creative accounting maneuvers and one-time spending cuts or revenue-raisers to bail themselves out.

The problem has national echoes: Stockton, Calif., a city of almost 300,000, is teetering on the verge of bankruptcy. Jefferson County, Ala., made the biggest Chapter 9 bankruptcy filing in history in November and stopped paying its bondholders. In Rhode Island, the city of Central Falls declared bankruptcy last year, and the mayor of Providence, the state capital, has said his city is at risk as its money runs out.

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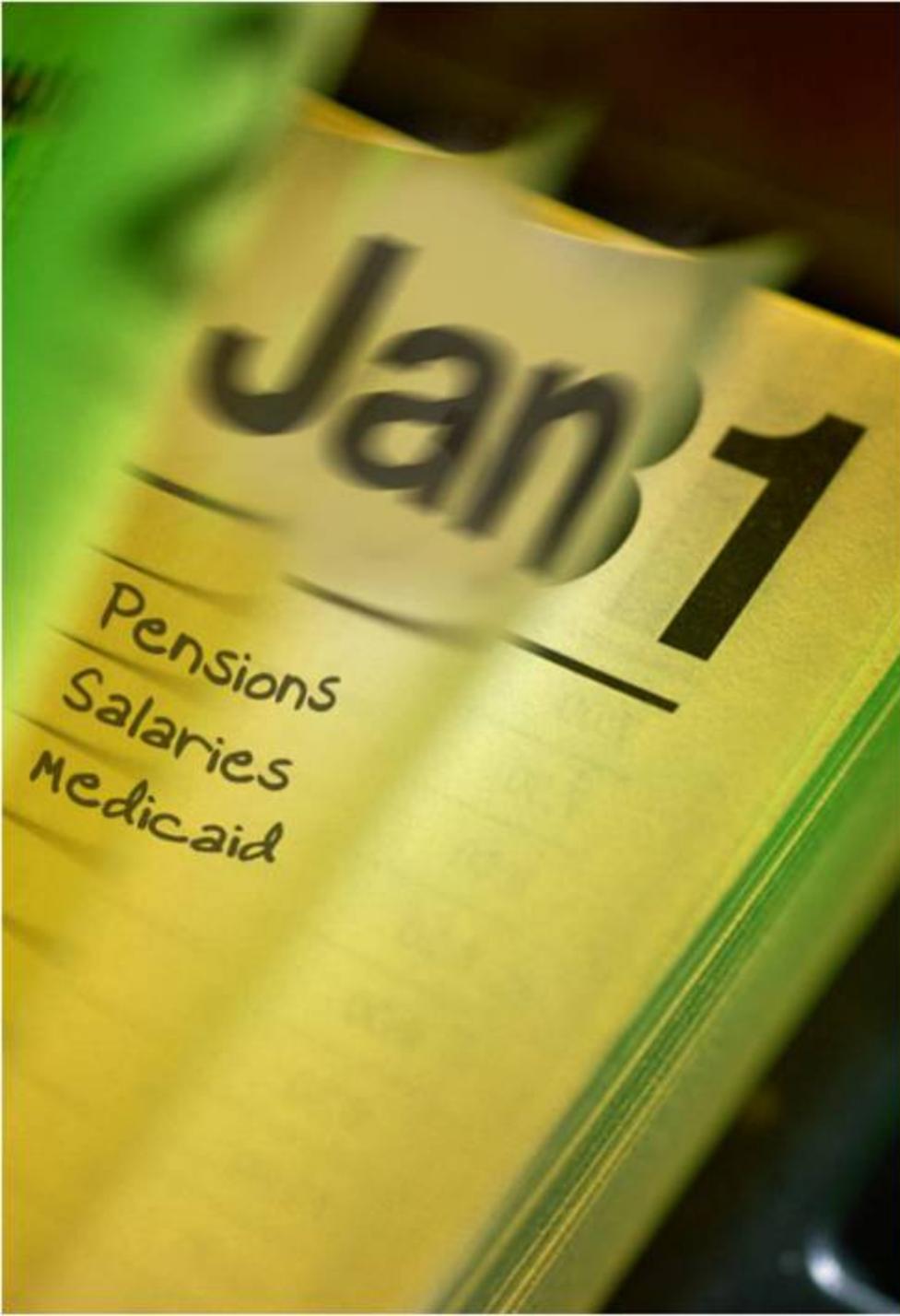
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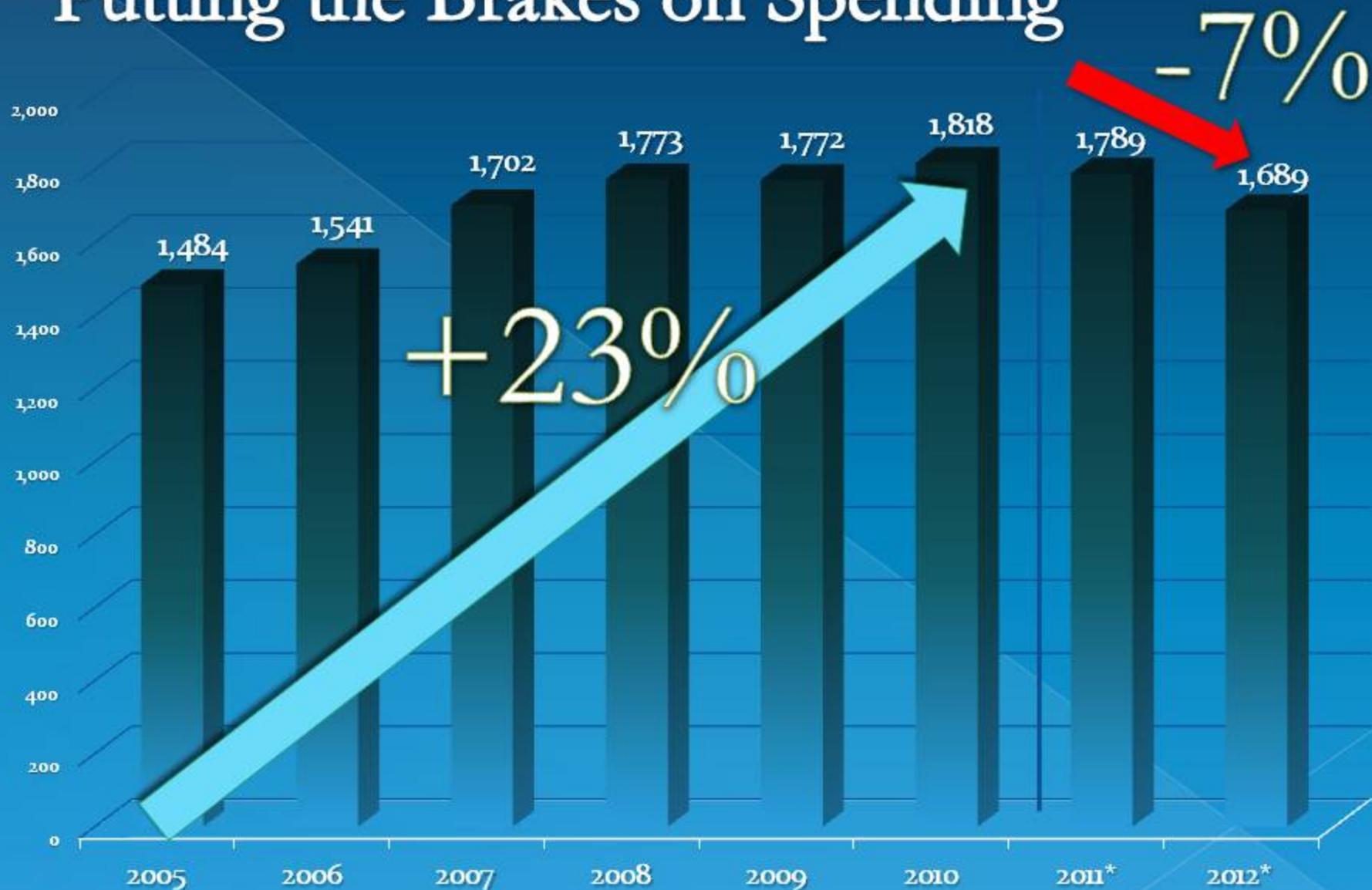
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Do you know a teenage girl who would love to go to her prom but can't afford to buy a dress? Or a boy who can't afford to rent a tuxedo? Let them know that Operation Prom is here to help. All they have to do is register.

This is the eighth year that Operation Prom, founded by Noel D'Allacco, has teamed up with the Westchester County

Department of Social Services (DSS) to eliminate financial obstacles that might prevent local teenagers from attending their proms. Thanks to the program, thousands of area teens have been able to go to their proms.

"Operation Prom has been an incredible success, thanks to Noel D'Allacco's vision and hard work," said County Executive Robert P. Astorino, who along with DSS Commissioner Kevin McGuire was honored by Operation Prom at a fund-raising event March 27. "It is a



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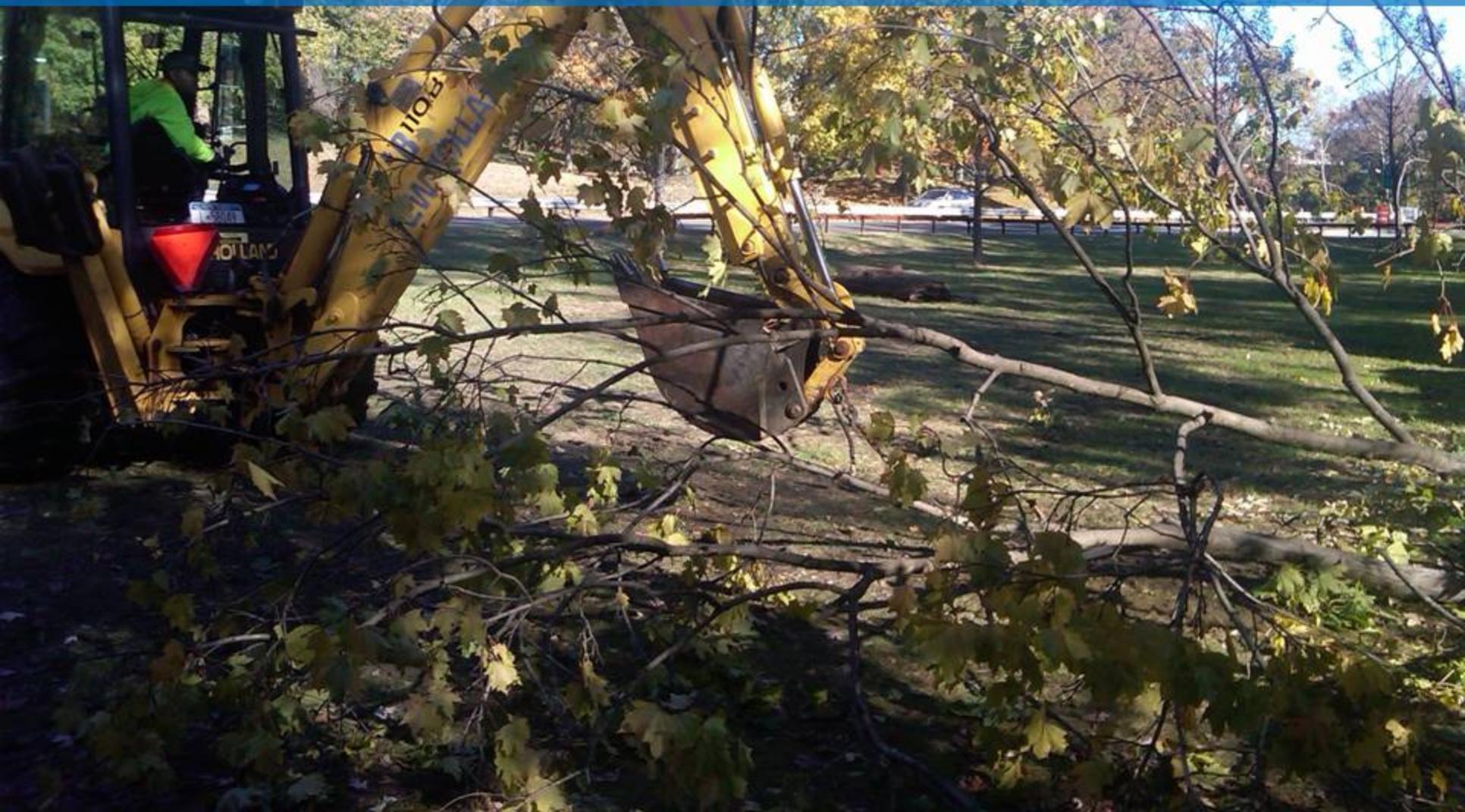
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The H-MRF accepts household hazardous waste and other items worthy of special handling from Westchester County residents on a year-round, appointment-only basis. Waste from schools, institutions and businesses is currently not accepted.

The facility is located at 15 Woods Road in Valhalla, NY. Get directions on Google.

Reserve a timeslot today for appointments up to two weeks in advance

Appointments for residentially generated waste can be made for Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (excluding Federal holidays) from 10 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.

Schedule your appointment on the reservations calendar

Find a date and time that is convenient, and click on it. A dialogue box will open for you to enter and submit your contact information. You can also call the Recycling HelpLine at (914) 813-5425 to make an appointment.

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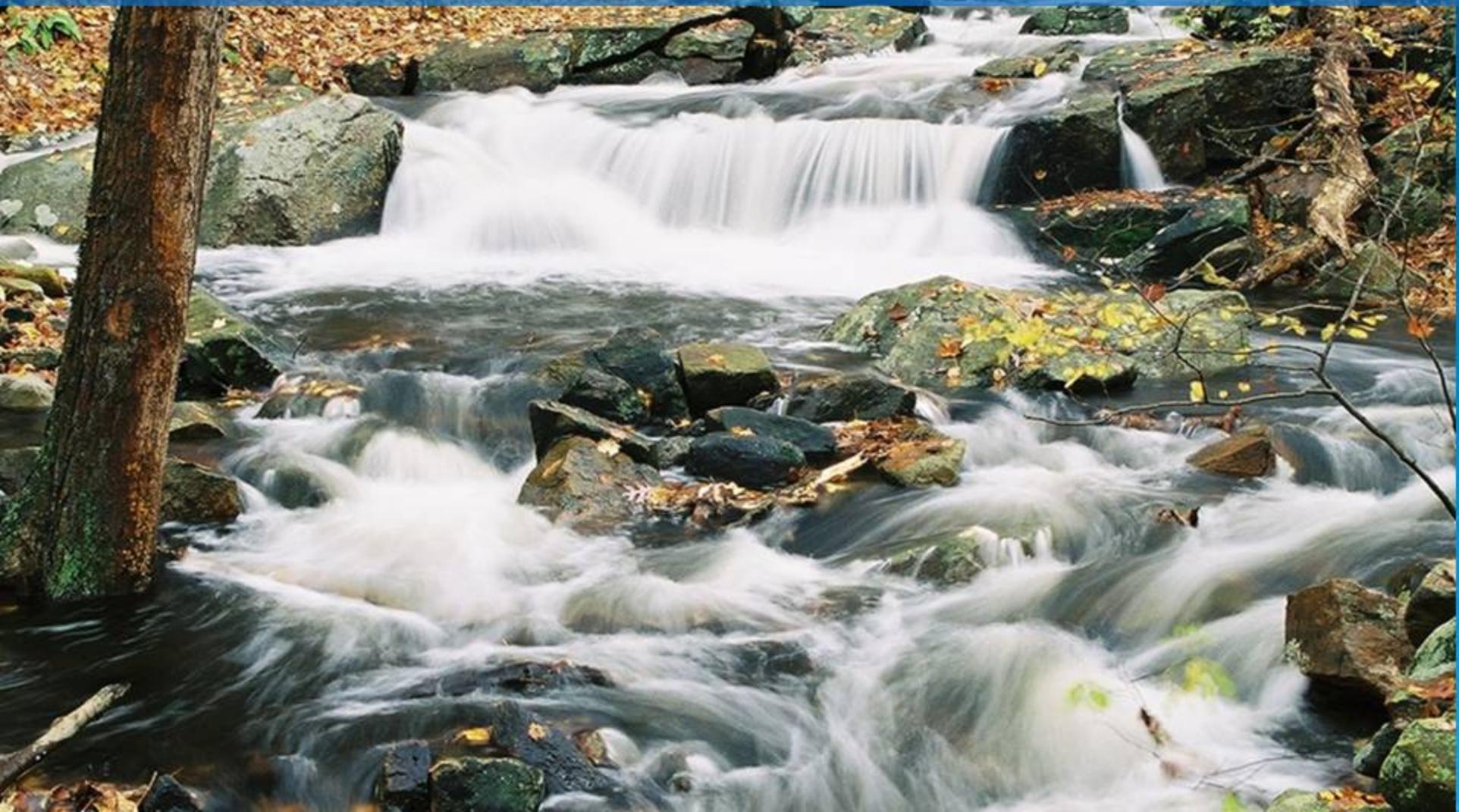
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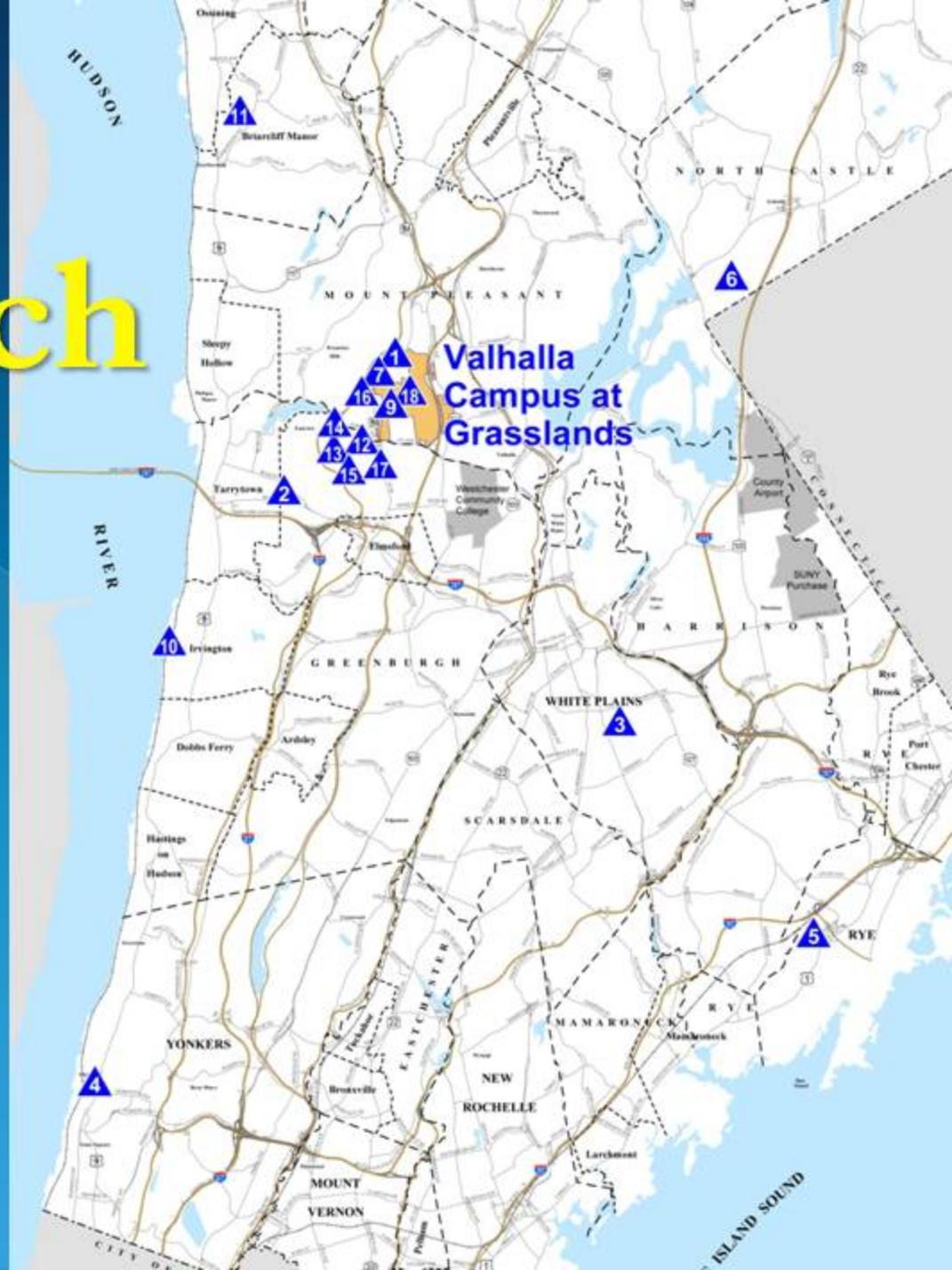
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