

Latimer sees WJWW filtration plant land swap decision by mid-December

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The Westchester Joint Water Works (WJWW) posted this banner sign on Anderson Hill Road at the Harrison/Rye Brook border urging water users in both communities to demand clean, filtered water and the construction of the court-mandated filtration plant. ([Dick Hubert/Westmore News](#))

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County Executive George Latimer told the Westmore News last week that he has set in motion a plan to have the County Government and the County Legislature make a decision by the end of the year regarding the proposed County Airport land swap that would (or would not) enable the Westchester Joint Water Works (WJWW) to begin construction of its court mandated water filtration plant.

Latimer called up Editor Jananne Abel seeking clarification on a rumor he heard that migrants from the southern U.S. border were being placed in housing in Port Chester.

Abel had heard nothing of such rumors, nor could confirm them, but took the opportunity to ask Latimer about other issues this newspaper is monitoring—including the WJWW filtration plant land swap.

Latimer told her: "With the legislature having a slow operation during the summertime, I've asked them to come up with a timeline. I want a joint review process with the legislature and the administration. I expect that will be over the course of the fall. At some point we have to go to the FAA (Federal Aviation Authority); they have to approve the swap."

Latimer said he intends to have the public back and forth through the Board of Legislators so all the concerns that exist get aired and addressed.

"I want a singular set of discussions, not an administrative and legislative. That will happen September to November," he told Abel.

He added that he expects to see a final decision one way or the other made by late November or early December.

When apprised of Latimer's comments, WJWW General Manager Paul Kutzy e-mailed that "We are pleased Westchester County Executive George Latimer is moving forward with his Administration and the County Board of Legislators on this important filtration plant project. We look forward to continuing to work with the County during the joint review process of the land swap, in the interest of the health and safety of the up to 100,000 County residents that WJWW serves."

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