

From 2002-2007 the **Testa Administration** brought unprecedented accomplishment to the City of Peekskill:

Economic Development

- More than \$100 million of investment in Peekskill!
- Millions added to City's tax base!
- Helping to lure new retail to Peekskill!

Office of Economic Development

- Established to bring in new businesses while assisting those already here
- Created tools such as Grow Peekskill Fund

Chapel Hill

- 165 new units
- Millions of dollars in private investment
- Tax revenue for the city
- Helps increase property values throughout Peekskill

Art Loft I

- 28 units
- Important piece of downtown revitalization
- Collaboration with State and County
- Tax revenue for the city

Beach Shopping Center

- \$20 million investment in Peekskill
- Completely renovated
- Super Stop & Shop and CVS
- Over 300 new jobs

Riverbend

- 201 new units
- Millions of dollars in private investment
- Tax revenue for the city
- Helps increase property values throughout Peekskill

Sparkling Private Development

- Applewood - 40 homes
- Buena Vista Development - 20 homes
- Oakwood Drive Development - 6 homes
- Kossuth Place Subdivision - 5 homes
- Frost Lane Estates - 10 homes
- Lockwood Drive Subdivision - 33 homes
- Maple Avenue Subdivision - 6 homes
- Delancy Avenue - 5 homes
- Millions of dollars in private investment
- Tax revenue for the city

Drum Hill I & II

- 168 new units for seniors
- Adaptive reuse of vacant historic structure
- Millions of dollars in private investment
- Collaboration with State and County
- Tax revenue for the city
- Helps increase property value throughout Peekskill

Paramount East

- Adaptive reuse of historic building destroyed by fire
- Important piece of downtown revitalization
- New businesses and jobs
- Tax revenue for the city

Recreation and Culture

- All major parks have been renovated!
- New recreation facilities added!
- Over 50 acres of new open space added!

Peekskill Stadium

- The first regulation size facility in northern Westchester

Annville Trail Preserve

- Award winning new parkland

Tompkins Ballfield

- Home of Lapolla Little League
- Received new clubhouse addition
- Field/facility improvements

Tompkins Playground

- Completely renovated

Franklin Park

- Completely renovated

Lepore Park

- State-of-the-Art Spray Park

Riverfront Green

- New state-of-the-art playground facility
- Renovated bathrooms

Depew Park

- New playground equipment
- Memorial Pool renovations
- Historic bandstand restoration

Lincoln Depot

- Restoration of historic structure

Fort Hill Park

- 40 acres of historic land designated parkland

Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art

- World renowned center for art and culture
- Brings thousands of new visitors to Peekskill

Paramount Center for the Arts

- \$1 million restoration
- Now a regional center

Downtown Revitalization

New Businesses

- Peekskill Coffee House
- Ruben's Restaurant
- Ford Piano
- Westchester Community College
- Paramount East
- ITI Strategies
- Worker's Compensation Regional Office
- Shades of Green
- Renovated Paramount Center
- The Coop
- Los Andes Bakery
- Precious Garden
- Many Art Galleries and Studios
- plus many more here and on the way!

New Infrastructure

- New low voltage signal and crosswalk lights
- Historic lighting
- New crosswalks
- Downtown Victorian clock

Focus on Public Safety and Quality of Life

- Police Force largest in history!
- Crime rate declined 40% since 2002!
- Over 400 illegal apartments and rooming houses uncovered!
- Increased fines for code violations!
- Increased number of inspectors!
- Best ever in Firefighting capabilities!

Created:

- Quality of Life/Code Enforcement Hotline
- Office of Emergency Management
- Emergency Operation Center

Police:

- Added 3 new officers to bring force to largest in history
- Added Drug Enforcement Task Force
- Added Anti-Gang Unit
- Enhanced Community Policing Unit
- Added Mobile Command Vehicle

Fire Department:

- Added New State-of-the-Art Tower Ladder
- Added new Fire Rescue Apparatus
- New equipment for our firefighters

New Water Treatment Plant

- \$32 million project
- Largest public works project in history of the city

Recognition for what we have done

- Recognized locally, statewide and nationally!

Named:

- One of 10 Great Places to Live in Westchester
- One of 10 Best in Hudson Valley
- One of 6 Boom Towns of Westchester
- A Preserve America Community

Also Recognized by:

- The New York Times
- Westchester Business Journal
- Westchester Arts News
- Old House Journal
- The Journal News
- ...plus many more



Fiscal Responsibility

- Recognized statewide!
- 0% City tax increase over last 2 years!

Recognized as one of NY State's top municipalities for fiscal stability!

Independent auditors find Peekskill in best fiscal condition in over 30 years!

Open and Informative Government

- Best in city's history!

- City of Peekskill web site created
- City newsletter created
- Common Council work session presentations shown on Government Channel
- Video streaming added to web site
- On-line bill payment established
- Work closely with neighborhood organizations
- Town Hall meetings conducted
- Historic newsletters created
- City-wide calendar created

0% city tax increase 3 years in a row!
Stopped Sewage Diversion!

Before leaving office Mayor Testa ensured success for next administration to follow. Many years of hard work and negotiation went into planning for a continued prosperous future for Peekskill. The projects below were either already underway or approved to begin shortly. The next administration merely had to take the ball and run with it.

\$\$\$ Millions in private investment...\$\$\$ Millions in tax revenue...Quality for Peekskill... Hundreds of Jobs...Outstanding Services for the Community!



Other projects included:
The "Abby" at St. Mary's
New Hotel on John Walsh Blvd.
New DPW location and garage
Southern Waterfront Redevelopment

