The post-World War II population and economic boom generated increasing demands for county services. Beginning in the late 1950s, the Dutchess County Board of Supervisors explored a variety of options, ranging from an executive assistant for the board to adopting a charter form of government. The example presented by Westchester, which introduced its first county executive in 1938, and other counties eventually convinced the supervisors to draft a new county charter. Work began in earnest in 1965, culminating in the charter of 1967, which designated the county executive as the steward of Dutchess government.