



Welcome to the Public Hearing

If you wish to speak, please fill out the sign-in sheet.

- Speakers will be allowed to address the County Commissioners for up to two (2) minutes.
- All commenters must identify themselves by their full name and address.
- All public comments must be directed at the County Commissioners, and not at the audience as a whole or to persons in the audience, or staff.
- Speakers must remain civil and respectful during comments. Abusive language and the use of profanity are strictly prohibited.
- Signs must not contain obscene language, block anyone's view, or disrupt the proceedings.
- Demonstrations (clapping, cheering, booing) are not allowed.
- Silence all cell phones during the meeting.

Thank you for attending.

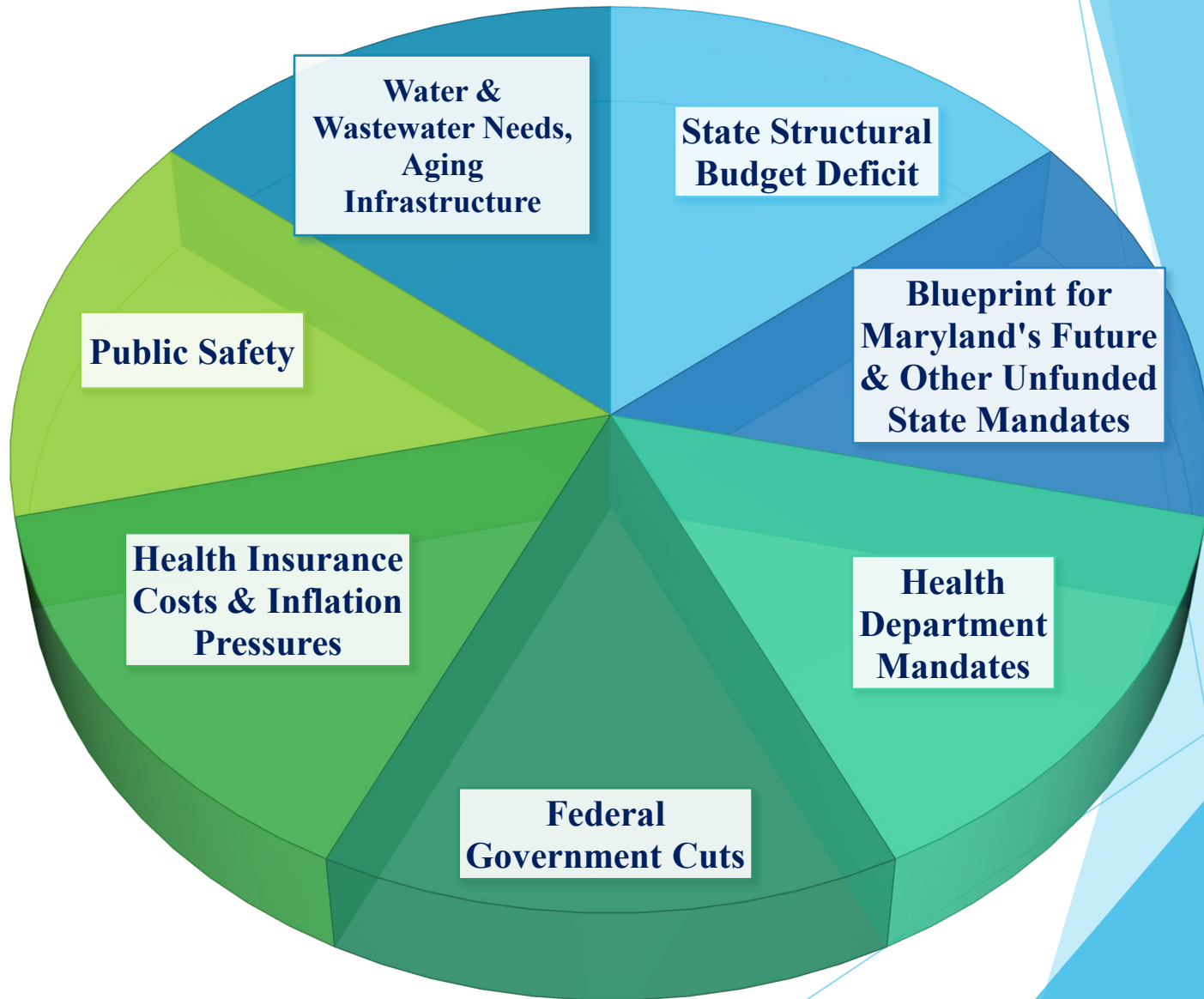
FY 2026 Requested Budget Public Hearing



FY2026 Budget Totals by Department and Agency may be found on the County website www.co.worcester.md.us.

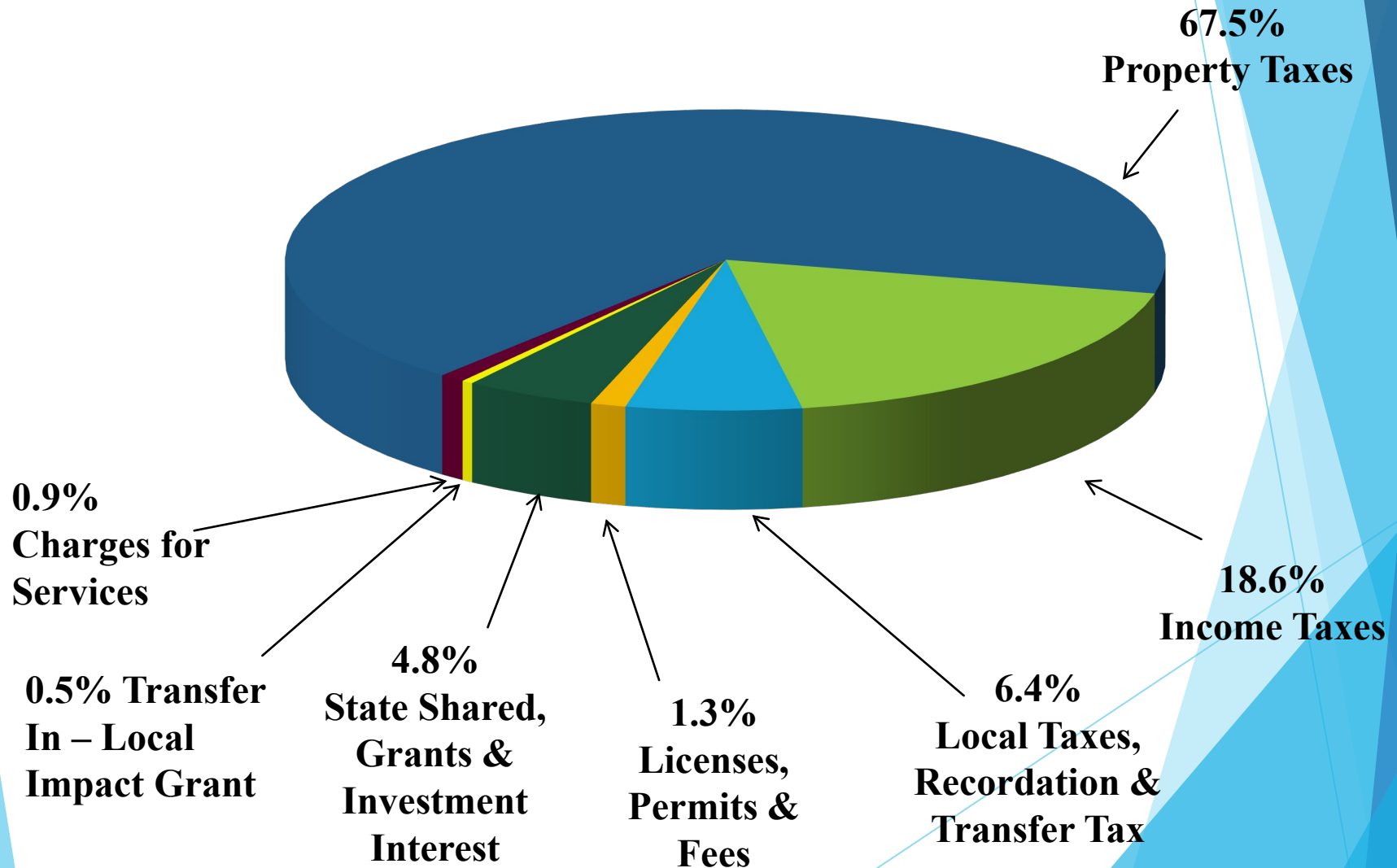
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FY2026 Budget Issues



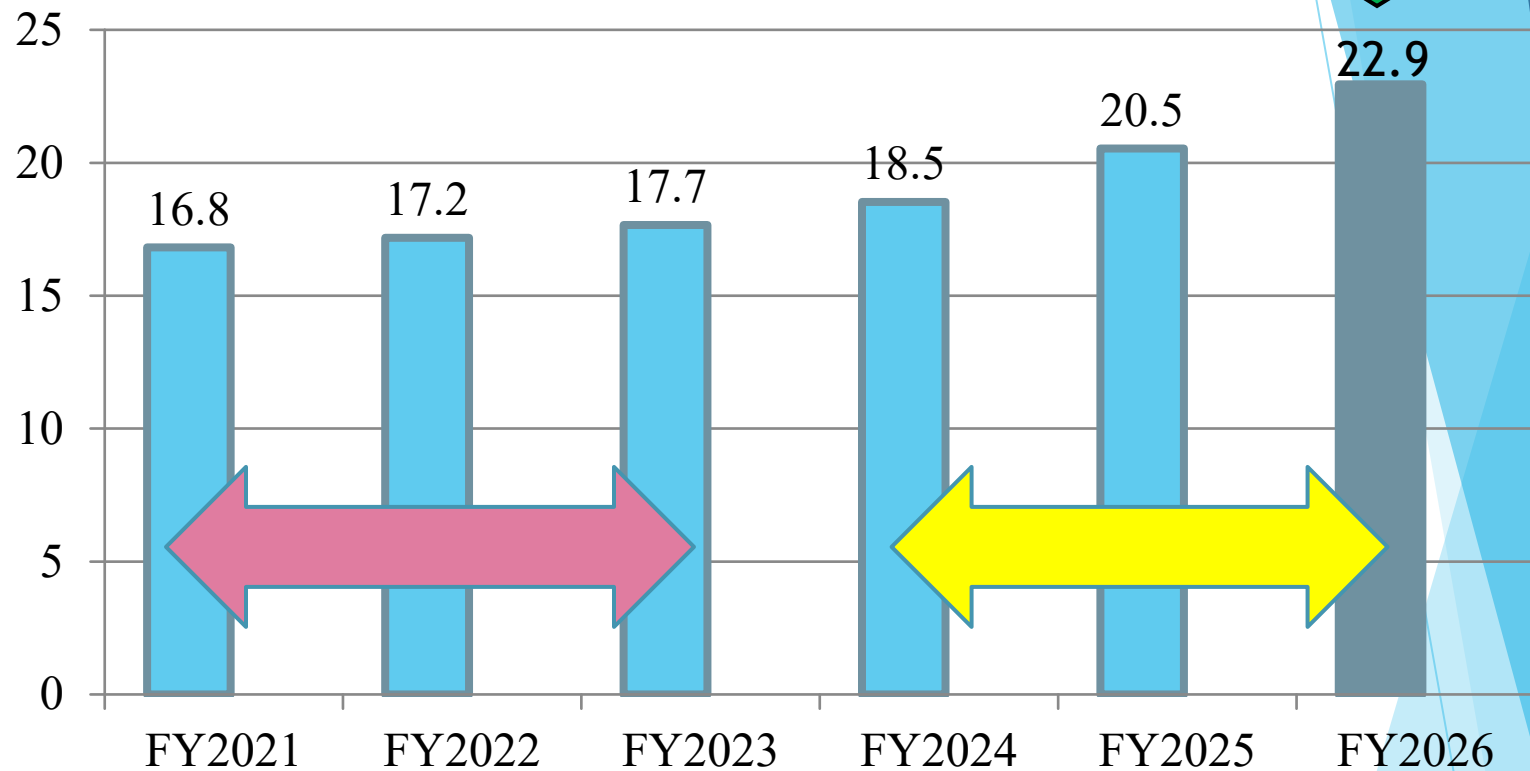
General Fund Estimated Revenues FY 2026

\$284,574,909



WORCESTER COUNTY ASSESSABLE TAX BASE

\$ In Billions

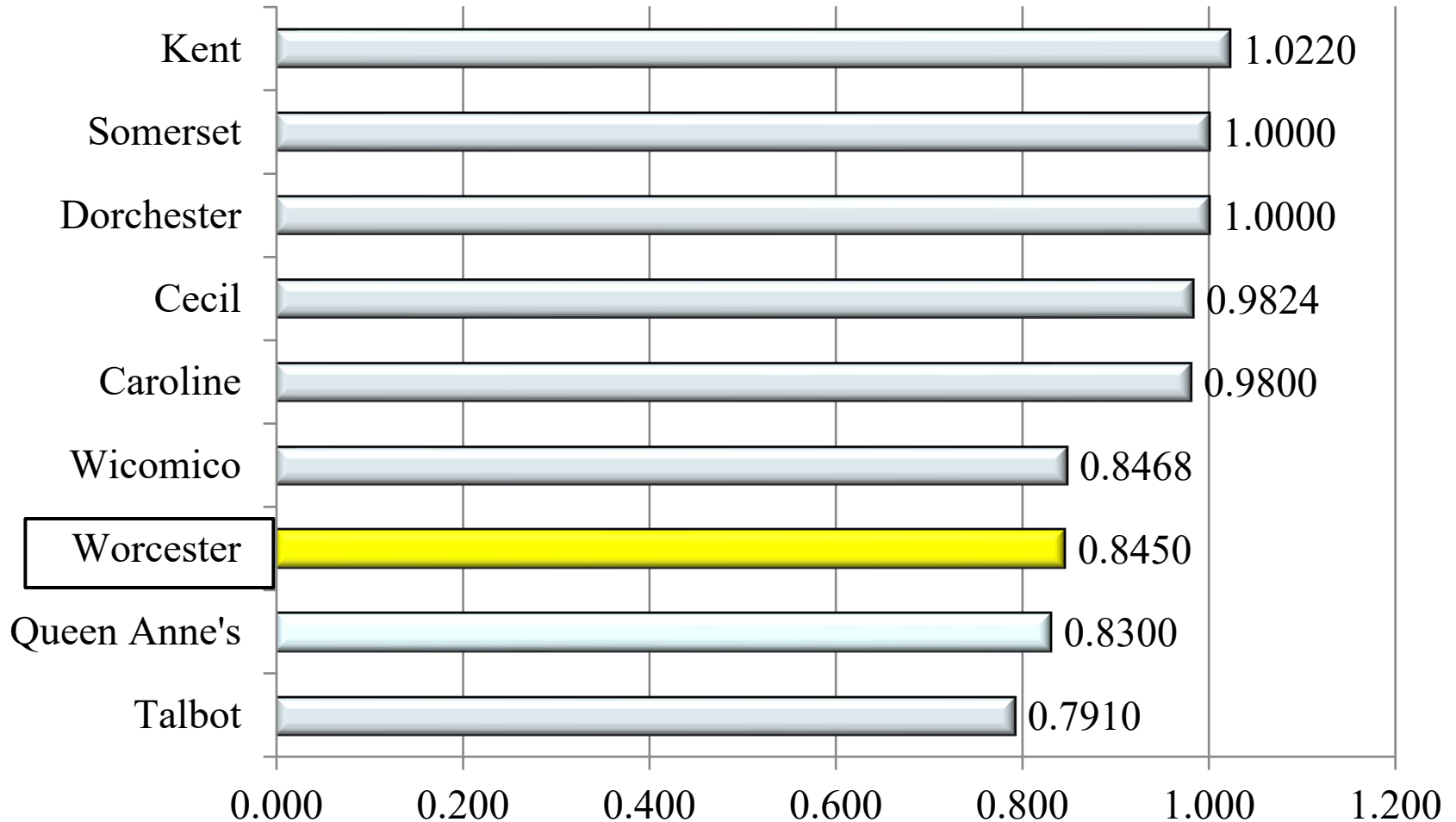


State Dept of Assessment & Taxation Estimate FY2026

- ↔ Rose Arrow – Previous Cycle beginning with Mid-South WOC ending with North Bayside – FY21-FY23
- ↔ Yellow Arrow - Current cycle - beginning with Mid-South WOC ending with North Bayside – FY24-FY26

FY 2025 Real Property Tax Rates*

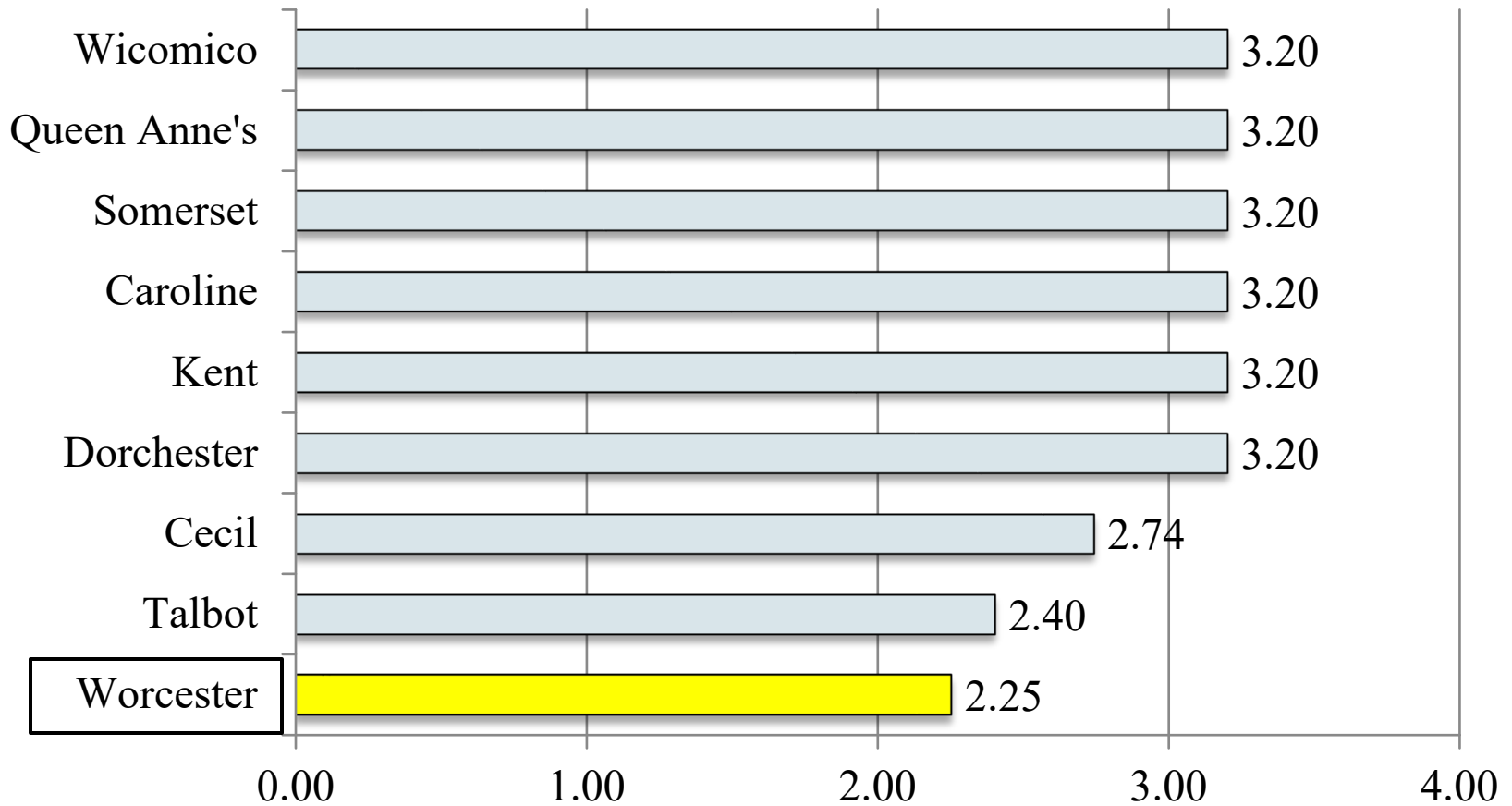
Eastern Shore Counties



*Rate Per \$100 of assessed value

2025 Income Tax Rates

Eastern Shore Counties

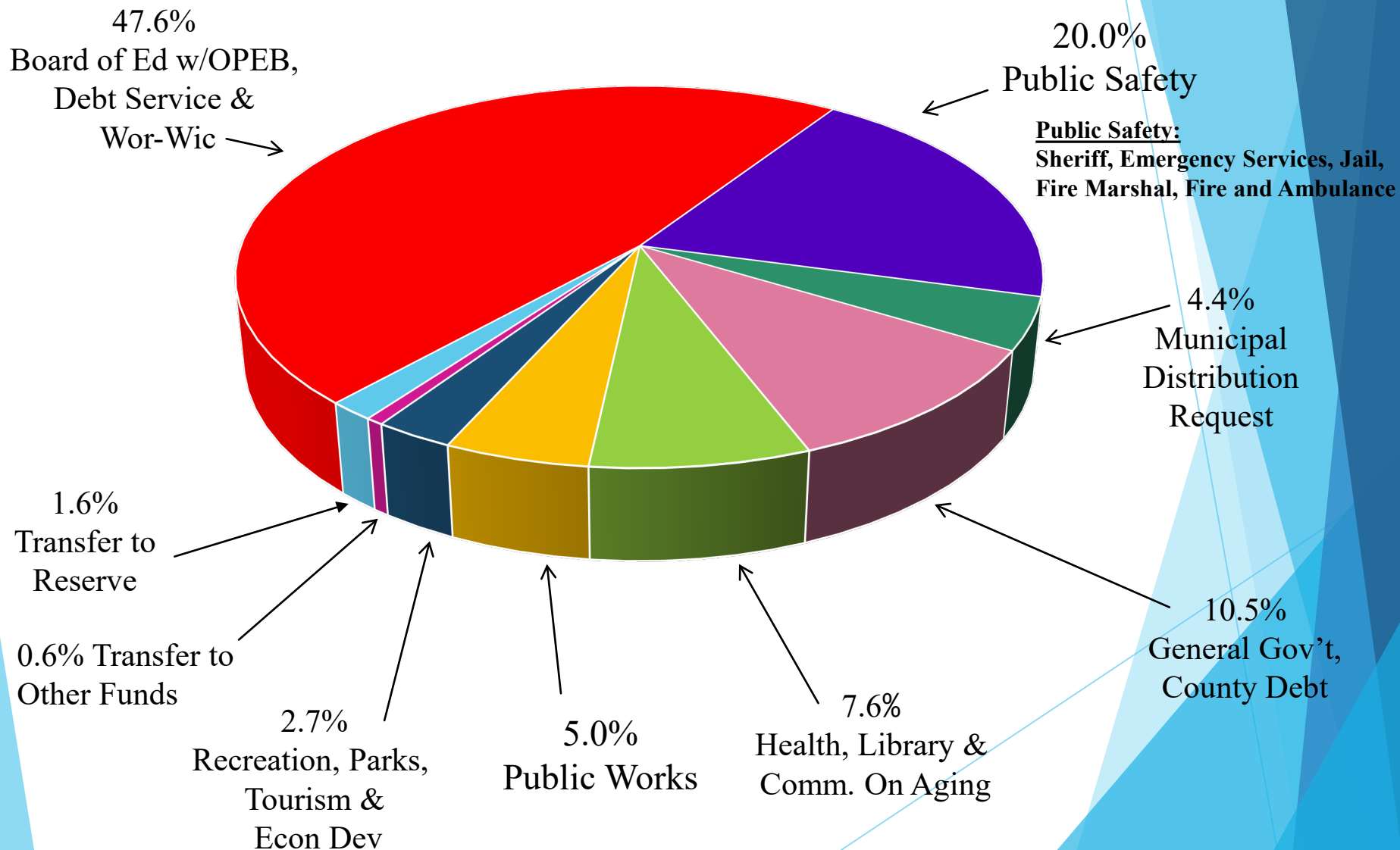


General Fund Revenue Comparison FY23-FY26

Major Categories	Actual FY2023	Actual FY2024	Budget FY2025	Estimate FY2026
Property Taxes	\$155,412,531	\$162,060,678	\$178,855,186	\$199,343,179
Homestead Tax Credit	(1,719,520)	(2,951,307)	(4,818,663)	(7,295,417)
Income Taxes	46,962,276	53,832,771	47,000,000	53,000,000
Recordation/Transfer	15,747,007	15,330,059	14,225,000	15,450,000
Other Taxes	2,880,830	3,007,607	2,685,000	2,860,000
State Shared	2,719,524	2,985,218	3,571,155	3,525,791
Licenses & Permits	2,828,232	2,874,265	2,768,190	2,864,115
Charges for Services	1,779,208	2,823,042	1,927,478	2,673,454
Intergov – Fed/State	14,384,547	11,691,597	6,803,673	5,160,760
Interest on Investments	4,163,858	7,667,749	6,000,000	5,000,000
Other Revenue	1,563,956	805,169	635,223	789,557
Casino/Local Impact Grant	3,113,852	3,041,819	2,265,375	1,203,470
TOTAL	<u>\$249,836,301</u>	<u>\$263,168,667</u>	<u>\$261,917,617</u>	<u>\$284,574,909</u>
Revenue Variance	\$13,656,405	\$13,332,366	(\$1,251,050)	\$22,657,292

General Fund Requested Expenditures FY2026

\$286,835,734



General Fund Expenditure Comparison FY23 – FY26

Major Categories	Actual FY2023	Actual FY2024	Adopted FY2025	Request FY2026
Board of Education	101,007,366	\$100,802,379	106,212,414	116,582,686
Board of Ed. Debt Service	12,455,856	10,797,206	7,678,694	7,673,065
Board of Education OPEB	8,984,877	10,148,223	8,841,987	9,600,000
Wor-Wic Community College	2,530,242	2,530,242	2,618,000	2,707,168
Public Safety	42,468,417	45,382,253	49,723,830	57,239,508
Municipal Grants & Revenues	10,078,904	9,989,063	10,247,742	12,695,144
General Govt & Buildings	26,859,725	25,300,024	25,221,913	27,680,342
Health, Library, Comm on Aging, Natural Resources, Non-Profits	12,757,441	13,125,511	19,616,665	21,712,949
Public Works	9,196,350	10,105,451	11,770,266	14,325,254
Recreation, Parks, Tourism, Economic Dev., Boat Landings	6,668,156	8,800,290	7,648,185	7,855,312
Transfer Out: County Debt, Reserve, Health Ins. RSR, Other Funds	<u>2,461,436</u>	<u>10,537,946</u>	<u>12,337,921</u>	<u>8,764,306</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$235,468,770</u>	<u>\$247,518,588</u>	<u>\$261,917,617</u>	<u>\$286,835,734</u>
Expenditure Variance	\$10,973,787	\$12,049,818	\$14,399,029	\$24,918,117

County Commissioners Public Hearing

FY2026 Budget

Determine how taxpayers would like their tax dollars to be spent in the upcoming FY2026 Budget.

Estimated Revenues *	\$ 284,574,909
Requested Expenditures	\$ 286,835,734
Shortfall	(\$2,260,825)

Reconciled either through reductions in requested expenditures, the creation of additional revenues, or both.

***A real property tax rate of \$0.8542 would cover the gap.**

Enterprise Funds FY 2026

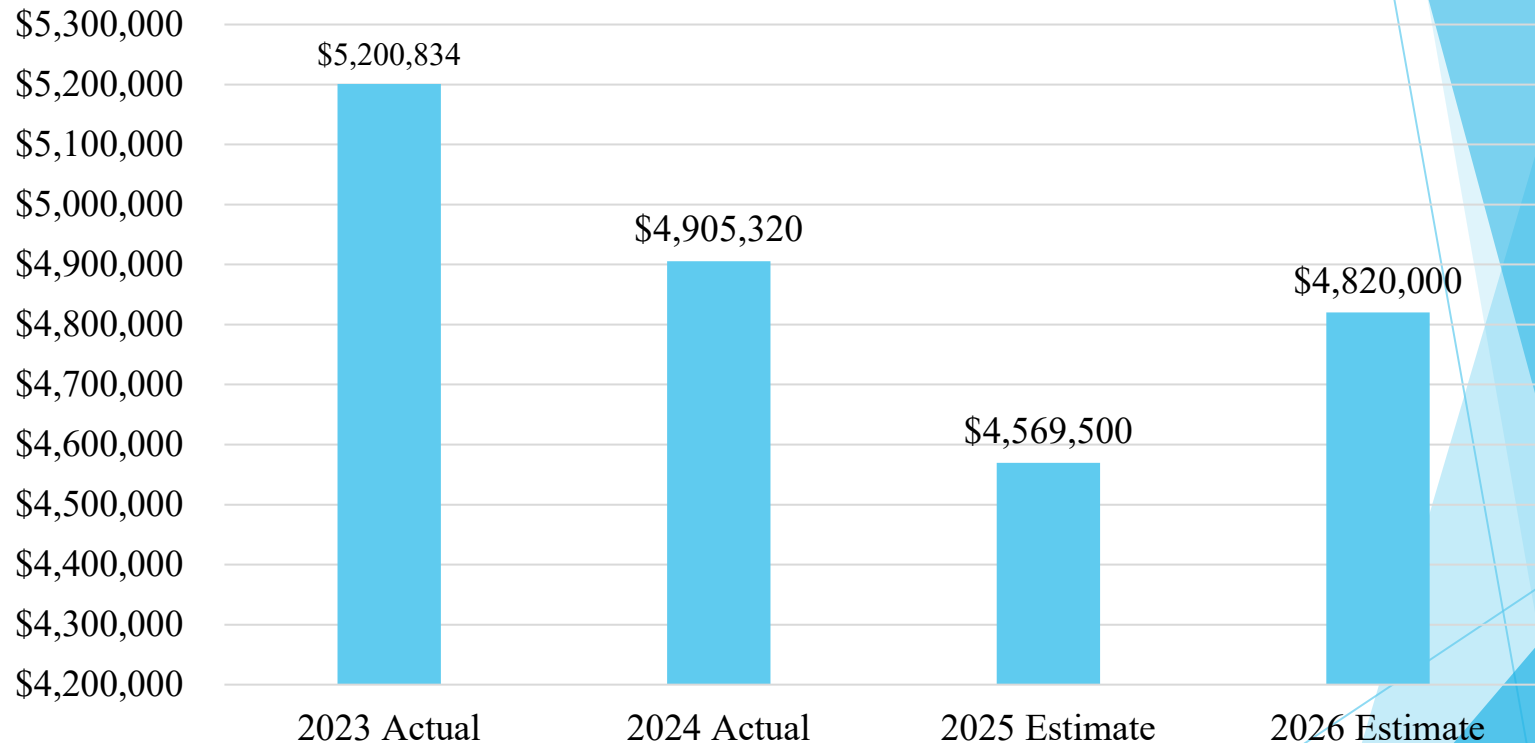
- ▶ A type of governmental fund used to account for activities that are similar to private business operations, where revenues are primarily generated through User Fees and Charges for services or goods provided to the public
- ▶ Worcester County's Enterprise Funds include:
 - ▶ Solid Waste
 - ▶ Water and Wastewater
- ▶ Types of User Fees and Charges:
 - ▶ Tipping Fees
 - ▶ Water and/or Sewer Fees

Solid Waste Proposed FY2026 Budget

<u>Solid Waste Estimated Revenues</u>	
Charges for Services	\$4,820,000
Interest & Penalties	\$651,500
Licenses & Permits	\$4,500
Transfers In (Out)	(\$92,932)
Debt Service Revenue	\$875
<u>Total Estimated Revenues</u>	<u>\$5,383,068</u>
<u>Solid Waste Requested Expenses</u>	
Personnel Services	\$1,786,418
Supplies & Materials	\$501,774
Maintenance & Services	\$1,263,500
Other Charges	\$490,170
Capital Equipment	\$1,341,206
	\$23,107,222
<u>Total Requested Expenses</u>	<u>\$5,383,068</u>

Solid Waste Revenues

Tipping Fee Revenue

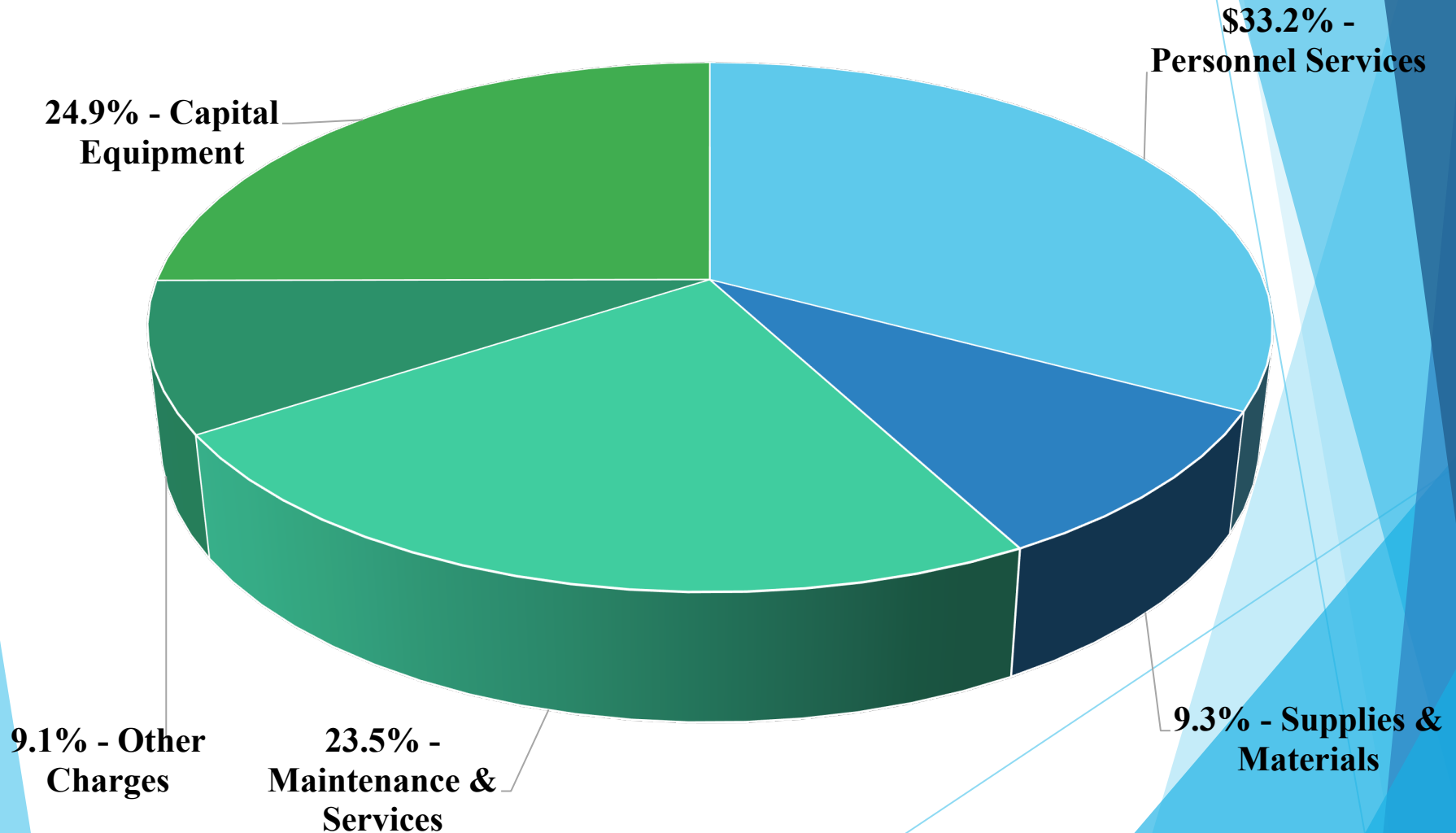


Solid Waste Major Expenses

Category	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budget	FY26 Estimate
Personnel Services	\$922,905	\$1,042,703	\$1,336,423	\$1,786,418
Supplies & Materials	53,638	50,869	57,020	501,774
Maintenance & Services	1,673,573	1,480,731	1,706,380	1,263,500
Other Charges	228,233	266,983	483,647	490,170
Capital or Depreciation	<u>2,411,897</u>	<u>2,557,068</u>	<u>1,793,638</u>	<u>1,341,206</u>
Total Major Expenses	<u>\$5,920,246</u>	<u>\$5,398,354</u>	<u>\$5,377,108</u>	<u>\$5,383,068</u>
Variance from Prior Year	\$1,346,436	(\$521,892)	(\$21,246)	\$5,960

Solid Waste FY2026 Requested Expenses

\$5,383,068



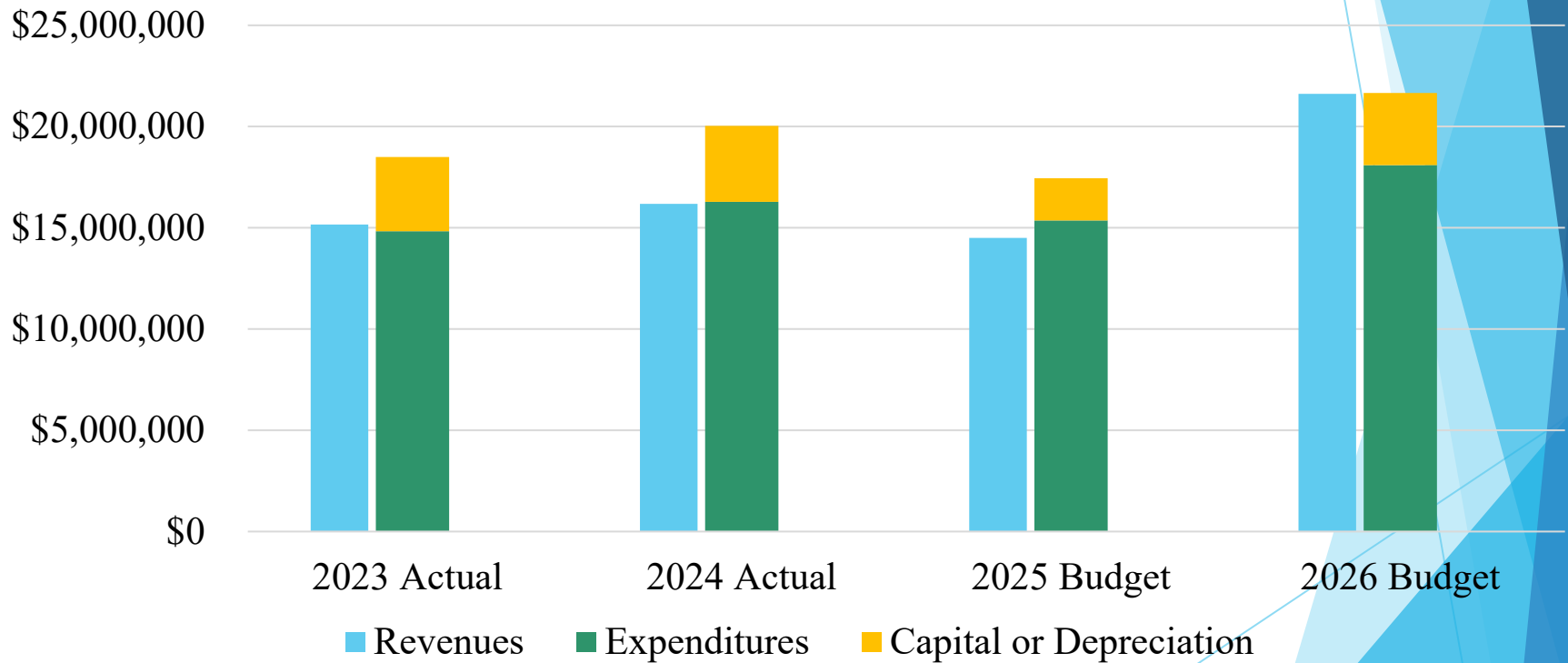
Water & Wastewater Proposed FY26 Budget

<u>Water and Wastewater Estimated Revenues</u>	
Charges for Services	\$19,918,655
Interest & Penalties	\$225,500
Operating Grant	\$631,500
Other Revenue	\$833,814
Transfers In	\$41,790
<u>Total Estimated Revenues</u>	<u>\$21,651,259</u>
<u>Water and Wastewater Requested Expenses</u>	
Personnel Services	\$7,405,216
Supplies & Materials	\$2,126,277
Maintenance & Services	\$8,241,816
Other Charges	\$323,650
Capital Equipment	\$3,554,300
<u>Total Requested Expenses</u>	<u>\$21,651,259</u>

Water & Wastewater Comparison

FY23 - FY26

Water & Wastewater

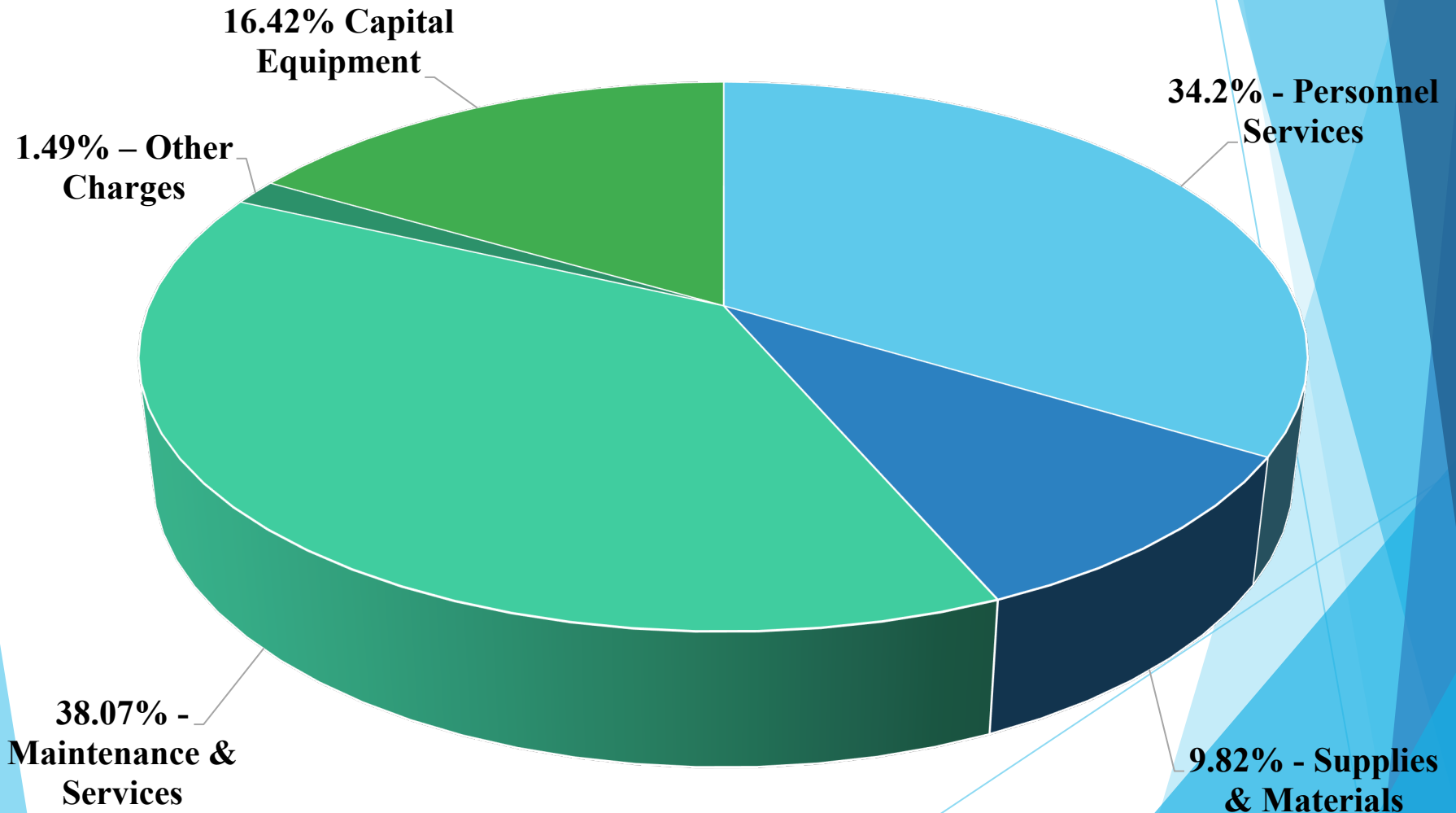


Water & Wastewater Major Expenses

Category	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budget	FY26 Estimate
Personnel Services	\$6,351,924	\$6,721,234	\$6,949,439	\$7,405,216
Supplies & Materials	1,358,307	1,658,152	1,290,614	2,126,277
Maintenance & Services	6,911,500	7,674,242	6,914,933	8,241,816
Other Charges	205,708	234,960	204,800	323,650
Capital or Depreciation	<u>3,675,229</u>	<u>3,748,859</u>	<u>2,084,838</u>	<u>3,554,300</u>
Total Major Expenses	<u>\$18,502,668</u>	<u>\$20,037,447</u>	<u>\$17,444,624</u>	<u>\$21,651,259</u>
Variance from Prior Year	\$2,252,282	\$1,534,779	(\$2,592,823)	\$4,206,635

Water & Wastewater FY2026 Requested Expenses

\$21,651,259



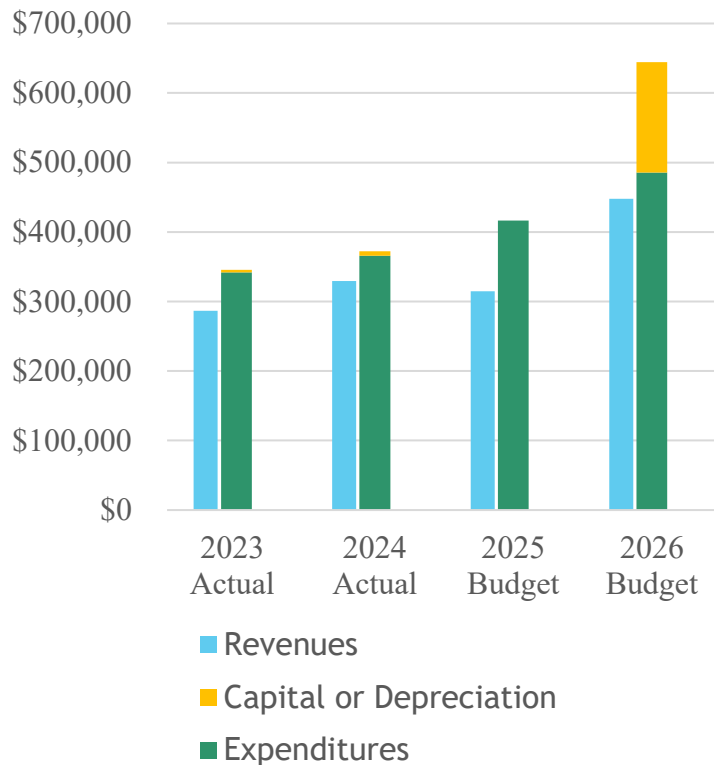
Water & Wastewater Rates

- ▶ Base Fee per EDU
- ▶ Simplified Usage Fee Tiers
- ▶ Charging Accessibility uniformly across all Service Areas

Water & Wastewater Proposed FY2026 Rates

		Proposed FY26 Revenues & Expenses			
		Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
	Adopted FY25 Revenue & Expenses	Each Service Area - No FY26 Rate Changes (\$)	Each Service Area - Self Supporting (\$)	All One Service Area - Self Supporting (\$)	General Fund Support (\$)
Net Operating Income (Loss)					
Assateague	(101,809)	(289,502)	5,461	(196,728)	(266,545)
Bridgetown	2,490	(27,262)	421	(23,959)	(25,087)
Edgewater Acres	(36,911)	(131,124)	6,611	(29,501)	(52,106)
Landings	(182,710)	(451,128)	8,559	(377,433)	(386,514)
Lighthouse Sound	(7,750)	(16,936)	868	16,851	1,629
Mystic Harbour	(1,143,597)	(1,411,139)	31,923	(376,944)	(450,529)
Newark	(26,014)	(127,112)	9,636	(52,204)	(57,714)
Ocean Pines	(362,129)	(864,438)	63,563	1,498,767	167,570
Riddle Farm	(1,128,200)	(984,147)	16,776	(638,587)	(1,012,285)
River Run	(78,989)	(123,570)	31,198	97,538	87,538
West Ocean City	339,153	(812,669)	22,428	299,610	140,635
Total Net Operating Income (Loss)	(2,726,464)	(5,239,027)	197,444	217,410	(1,853,408)
Transfer In - General Fund	-	-	-	-	1,853,408
Transfer In (Out) - Service Areas	2,726,464	5,239,027	(197,444)	(217,410)	-

Assateague Pointe

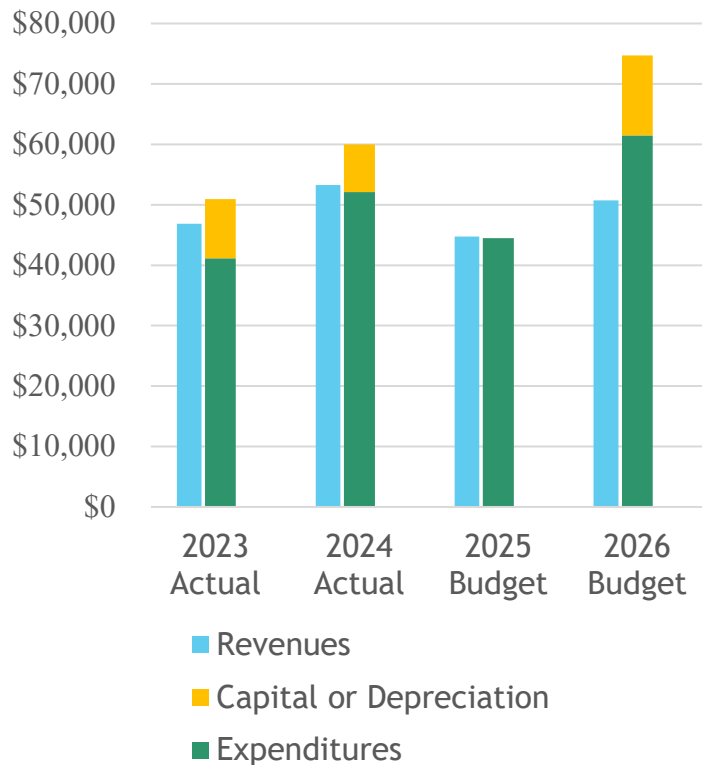


Category	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budget	FY26 Request
Personnel Services	\$164,073	\$164,599	\$206,490	\$221,061
Supplies & Materials	64,787	58,728	51,767	83,970
Maintenance & Services	105,932	134,530	151,605	169,569
Other Charges	6,979	8,164	6,763	10,929
Capital or Depreciation	<u>3,845</u>	<u>6,320</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>158,655</u>
Total Major Expenses	<u>\$345,616</u>	<u>\$372,341</u>	<u>\$416,625</u>	<u>\$644,184</u>
Variance from Prior Year	(\$35,868)	\$26,725	\$44,284	\$227,559

Assateague Pointe

		Proposed FY26 Quarterly Rates		
		As Advertised	Proposed Budget Work Session Option 1	Proposed Budget Work Session Option 2
		All One Service Area - Self Supporting & Combined Debt (\$)	General Fund Support (\$)	Each Service Area - Self Supporting (\$)
O&M Rates- per EDU		Adopted FY25 Rates (\$)		
Water & Sewer Flat Rate-110 gpd	117.00	146.96	181.50	221.10
Sewer Only Flat Rate- 110 gpd	89.50	110.22	136.13	165.83
Water Only Flat Rate- 250 gpd	-	-	103.13	125.63
Sewer Only Flat Rate- 250 gpd	179.00	250.50	309.38	376.88
Grinder Pump Surcharge	50.00	-	-	-
Accessibility Fee- Sewer	-	157.46	191.25	248.63
Debt Payment				
Water & Sewer	-	31.00	-	-
Sewer	162.50	27.00	-	-
Water	-	4.00	-	-

Briddletown

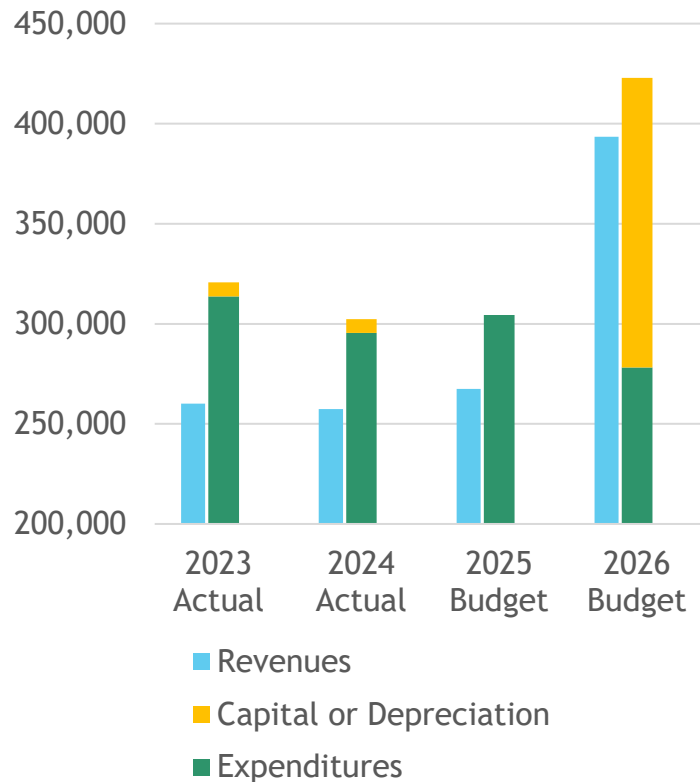


Category	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budget	FY26 Request
Personnel Services	\$8,651	\$7,480	\$7,670	\$12,440
Supplies & Materials	976	1,109	1,199	1,712
Maintenance & Services	31,248	43,189	35,275	47,263
Other Charges	243	301	326	79
Capital or Depreciation	<u>9,814</u>	<u>7,887</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,213</u>
Total Major Expenses	<u>\$50,932</u>	<u>\$59,966</u>	<u>\$44,470</u>	<u>\$74,707</u>
Variance from Prior Year	\$4,115	\$9,034	(\$15,496)	\$30,237

Briddletown

		Proposed FY26 Quarterly Rates		
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		All One Service Area - Self Supporting & Combined Debt (\$)	General Fund Support (\$)	Each Service Area - Self Supporting (\$)
		Adopted FY25 Rates (\$)		
O&M Rates- per EDU				
Domestic Water Only Flat Fee	73.00	83.00	90.00	203.00
Commercial Water Only Base Fee	35.00	60.00	50.00	200.00
Commercial Water Usage Fees	\$10.73/1K gal	\$11/1K gal	\$11/1K gal	\$11/1K gal
Accessibility Fee	-	51.00	42.50	170.00
Swimming Pool Flat Fee	32.00	60.00	100.00	200.00
Irrigation System Flat Fee	69.00	125.00	100.00	100.00
Debt Payment				
Water	-	4.00	-	-

Edgewater Acres

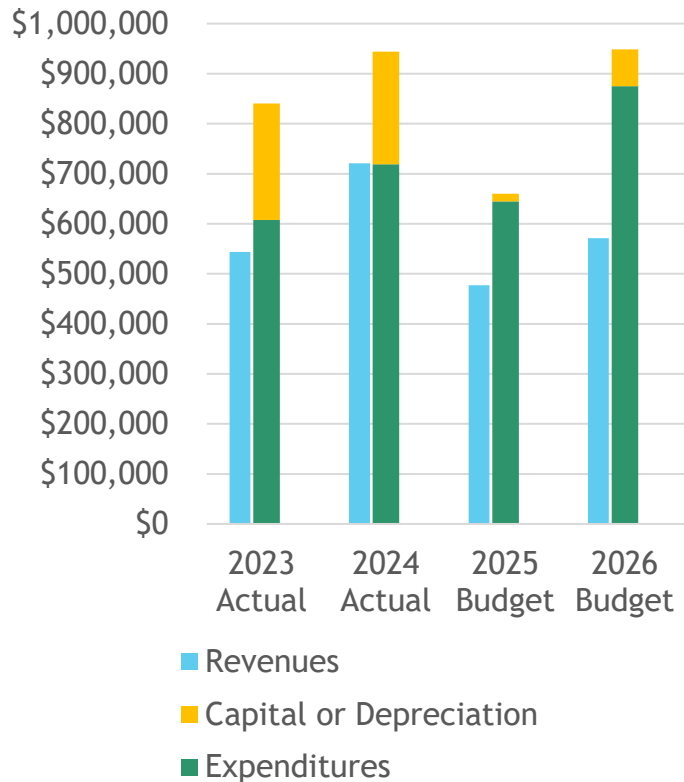


Category	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budget	FY26 Request
Personnel Services	\$102,306	\$113,599	\$111,255	\$77,629
Supplies & Materials	5,527	5,020	3,514	8,193
Maintenance & Services	203,013	173,491	186,935	190,466
Other Charges	2,854	3,385	2,672	1,976
Capital or Depreciation	<u>7,056</u>	<u>6,889</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>144,632</u>
Total Major Expenses	<u>\$320,756</u>	<u>\$302,384</u>	<u>\$304,376</u>	<u>\$422,896</u>
Variance from Prior Year	\$55,136	(\$18,372)	\$1,992	\$118,520

Edgewater Acres

		Proposed FY26 Quarterly Rates		
		As Advertised	Proposed Budget Work Session Option 1	Proposed Budget Work Session Option 2
		All One Service Area - Self Supporting & Combined Debt (\$)	General Fund Support (\$)	Each Service Area - Self Supporting (\$)
Adopted FY25 Rates (\$)				
O&M Rates- per EDU				
Water Base Fee	31.20	40.00	45.00	60.00
Water Usage Fees	8-15/1K gal	8-15/1K gal	8-15/1K gal	8-15/1K gal
Water Flat Fee	121.00	202.00	207.00	222.00
Sewer Flat Fee	184.40	250.50	242.50	267.50
Accessibility Fee	-	191.46	187.00	221.00
Debt Payment				
Water & Sewer	-	31.00	-	-
Sewer	-	27.00	-	-
Water	-	4.00	-	-

Landings

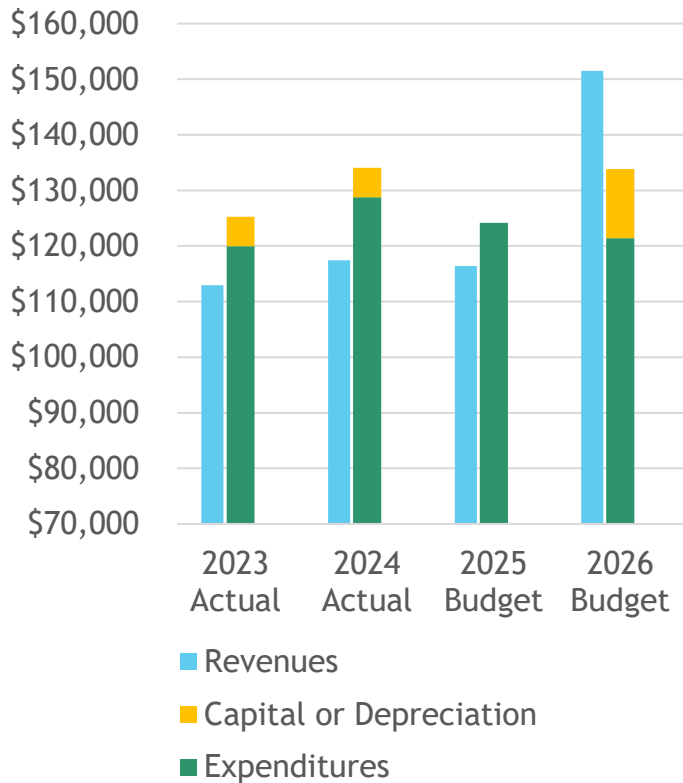


Category	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budget	FY26 Request
Personnel Services	\$166,165	\$163,465	\$153,175	\$187,747
Supplies & Materials	38,121	29,554	32,294	43,987
Maintenance & Services	400,724	522,906	456,945	627,407
Other Charges	2,296	2,642	2,396	15,760
Capital or Depreciation	<u>232,772</u>	<u>225,289</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>73,710</u>
Total Major Expenses	<u>\$840,078</u>	<u>\$943,856</u>	<u>\$659,810</u>	<u>\$948,611</u>
Variance from Prior Year	\$233,162	\$103,778	(\$284,046)	\$288,801

Landings

		Proposed FY26 Quarterly Rates		
		As Advertised	Proposed Budget Work Session Option 1	Proposed Budget Work Session Option 2
		All One Service Area - Self Supporting & Combined Debt (\$)	General Fund Support (\$)	Each Service Area - Self Supporting (\$)
Adopted FY25 Rates (\$)				
O&M Rates- per EDU				
Water & Sewer Base Fee	318.50	350.00	360.00	640.00
Water Base Fee- Lewis Rd	50.00	55.00	60.00	100.00
Water & Sewer Usage Fees	1.60-15/1K gal	5-15/1K gal	5-15/1K gal	5-15/1K gal
Accessibility Fee	307.00	307.00	306.00	544.00
Domestic Water & Sewer Base Fee	318.50	-	-	-
Commercial Water & Sewer Base Fee	Tiered based on EDU #	-	-	-
Commercial Water & Sewer Usage Fees	4-10/1K gal	-	-	-
Debt Payment				
Water & Sewer	-	31.00	-	-
Sewer	-	27.00	-	-
Water	-	4.00	-	-

Lighthouse Sound

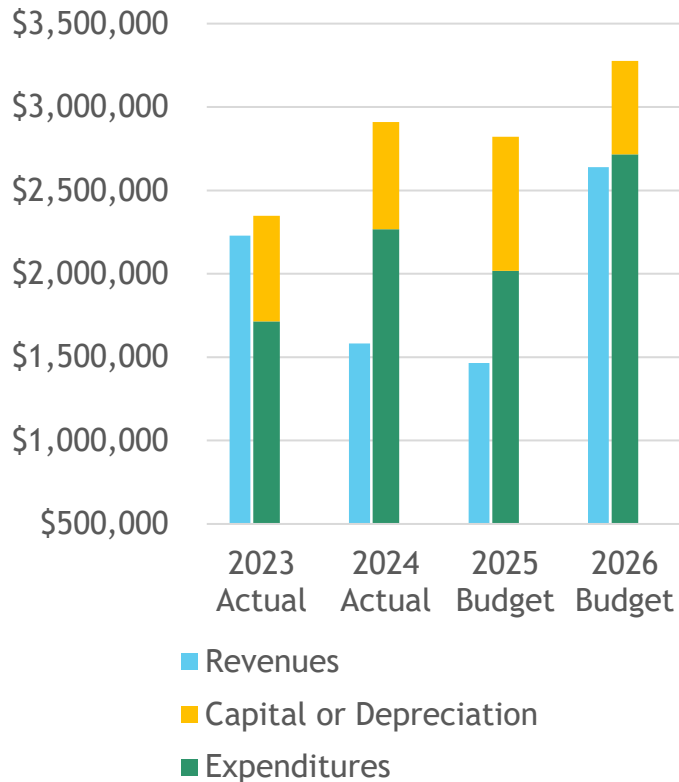


Category	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budget	FY26 Request
Personnel Services	\$72,989	\$92,111	\$72,788	\$65,170
Supplies & Materials	11,485	12,841	11,504	17,464
Maintenance & Services	34,734	22,834	38,700	34,386
Other Charges	777	980	1,178	4,367
Capital or Depreciation	<u>5,276</u>	<u>5,276</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,461</u>
Total Major Expenses	<u>\$125,261</u>	<u>\$134,042</u>	<u>\$124,170</u>	<u>\$133,848</u>
Variance from Prior Year	\$15,380	\$8,781	(\$9,872)	\$9,678

Lighthouse Sound

		Proposed FY26 Quarterly Rates			
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		All One Service Area - Self Supporting & Combined Debt (\$)	General Fund Support (\$)	Each Service Area - Self Supporting (\$)	
O&M Rates- per EDU		Adopted FY25 Rates (\$)			
Sewer Flat Fee		242.00	307.00	276.38	291.88
Accessibility Fee		114.00	203.00	163.20	176.38
Debt Payment					
Sewer		-	27.00	-	-

Mystic Harbour

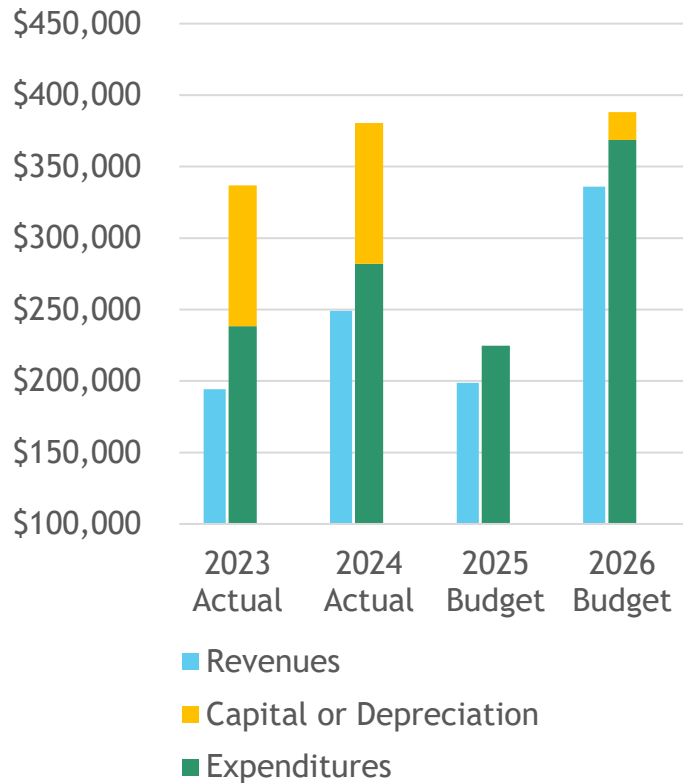


Category	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budget	FY26 Request
Personnel Services	\$663,831	\$813,220	\$729,047	\$927,557
Supplies & Materials	219,496	434,507	247,556	544,092
Maintenance & Services	806,499	990,350	1,020,854	1,185,054
Other Charges	24,773	29,380	20,112	58,959
Capital or Depreciation	<u>632,159</u>	<u>641,888</u>	<u>805,000</u>	<u>560,937</u>
Total Major Expenses	<u>\$2,346,758</u>	<u>\$2,909,345</u>	<u>\$2,822,569</u>	<u>\$3,276,599</u>
Variance from Prior Year	\$189,915	\$562,587	(\$86,776)	\$454,030

Mystic Harbour

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		As Advertised	Proposed Budget Work Session Option 1	Proposed Budget Work Session Option 2
		All One Service Area - Self Supporting & Combined Debt (\$)	General Fund Support (\$)	Each Service Area - Self Supporting (\$)
O&M Rates- per EDU		Adopted FY25 Rates (\$)		
Water & Sewer Base Fee		243.00	300.00	342.00
Water & Sewer Usage Fees	1.60-15/1K gal		5-15/1K gal	5-15/1K gal
Sewer Flat Fee		212.66	293.00	340.88
Accessibility Fee		-	255.00	290.70
Commercial Water & Sewer Base Fee	Tiered based on EDU #		-	-
Commercial Water & Sewer Usage Fees	4-10/1K gal		-	-
Debt Payment				
Water & Sewer		-	31.00	-
Sewer		66.00	27.00	66.00
Water		-	4.00	-

Newark

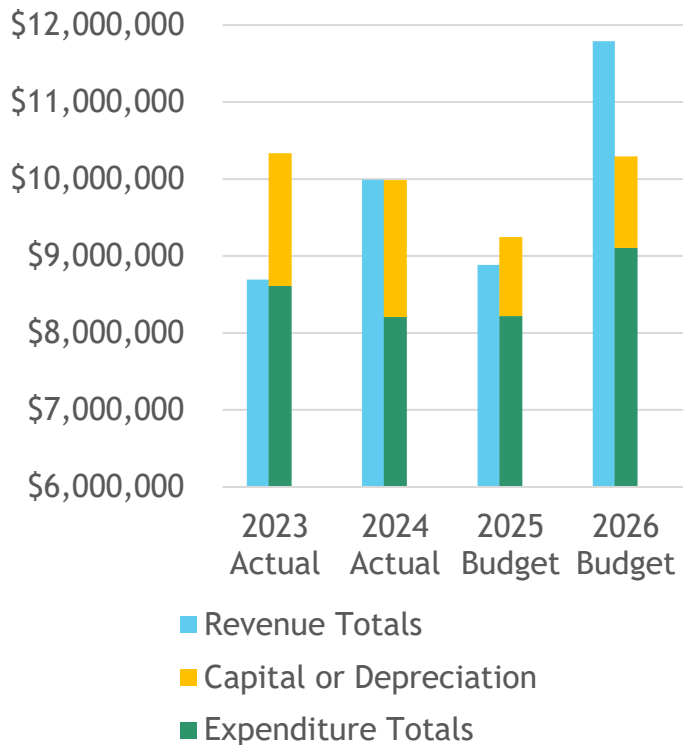


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Personnel Services	\$154,607	\$196,864	\$152,334	\$193,070
Supplies & Materials	12,454	14,391	14,258	32,636
Maintenance & Services	69,417	68,466	56,360	135,173
Other Charges	1,799	2,234	1,797	7,778
Capital or Depreciation	<u>98,623</u>	<u>98,623</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>19,396</u>
Total Major Expenses	<u>\$336,900</u>	<u>\$380,578</u>	<u>\$224,749</u>	<u>\$388,053</u>
Variance from Prior Year	\$47,370	\$562,587	(\$155,829)	\$163,304

Newark

		Proposed FY26 Quarterly Rates		
		As Advertised	Proposed Budget Work Session Option 1	Proposed Budget Work Session Option 2
		All One Service Area - Self Supporting & Combined Debt (\$)	General Fund Support (\$)	Each Service Area - Self Supporting (\$)
Adopted FY25 Rates (\$)				
O&M Rates- per EDU				
Water & Sewer Base Fee	240.00	310.00	280.00	390.00
Water & Sewer Usage Fees	7-14/1K gal	5-15/1K gal	5-15/1K gal	5-15/1K gal
Water Base Fee	120.00	130.00	70.00	98.00
Water Usage Fees	3.50-7/1K gal	1.25-3.75/1K gal	1.25-3.75/1K gal	1.25-3.75/1K gal
Sewer Flat Fee	246.00	312.00	294.38	376.88
Accessibility Fee	-	264.00	238.00	331.50
Debt Payment				
Water & Sewer	82.00	31.00	82.00	82.00
Sewer	55.00	27.00	55.00	55.00
Water	27.00	4.00	27.00	27.00

Ocean Pines

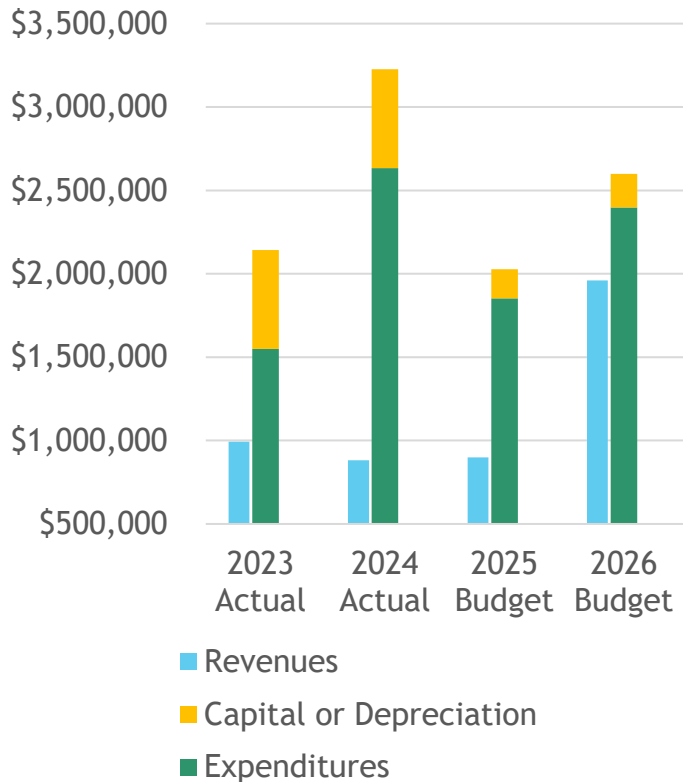


Category	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budget	FY26 Request
Personnel Services	\$4,315,633	\$4,465,064	\$4,661,160	\$4,794,699
Supplies & Materials	846,715	925,826	783,172	1,117,999
Maintenance & Services	3,317,597	2,667,927	2,642,411	3,034,172
Other Charges	132,783	149,049	133,988	158,808
Capital or Depreciation	<u>1,723,310</u>	<u>1,778,542</u>	<u>1,024,838</u>	<u>1,187,190</u>
Total Major Expenses	<u>\$10,336,038</u>	<u>\$9,986,408</u>	<u>\$9,245,569</u>	<u>\$10,292,868</u>
Variance from Prior Year	\$1,621,027	(\$349,630)	(\$740,839)	\$1,047,299

Ocean Pines

		Proposed FY26 Quarterly Rates		
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		All One Service Area - Self Supporting & Combined Debt (\$)	General Fund Support (\$)	Each Service Area - Self Supporting (\$)
Adopted FY25 Rates (\$)				
O&M Rates- per EDU				
Water & Sewer Base Fee	207.00	244.00	209.00	212.00
Water & Sewer Usage Fees	1.60-15/1K gal	5-15/1K gal	5-15/1K gal	5-15/1K gal
Water Flat Fee- RVR	71.00	78.00	73.15	74.20
Sewer Flat Fee	187.00	251.00	241.13	243.38
Accessibility Fee	-	207.00	177.65	180.20
Water & Sewer Flat Rate-100 gpd (WHP)	160.00	160.00	160.00	163.00
Commercial Water & Sewer Base Fee	Tiered based on EDU #	-	-	-
Commercial Water & Sewer Usage Fees	4-10/1K gal	-	-	-
Debt Payment				
Water & Sewer	36.00	31.00	36.00	36.00
Sewer	-	27.00	-	-
Water	-	4.00	-	-

Riddle Farm

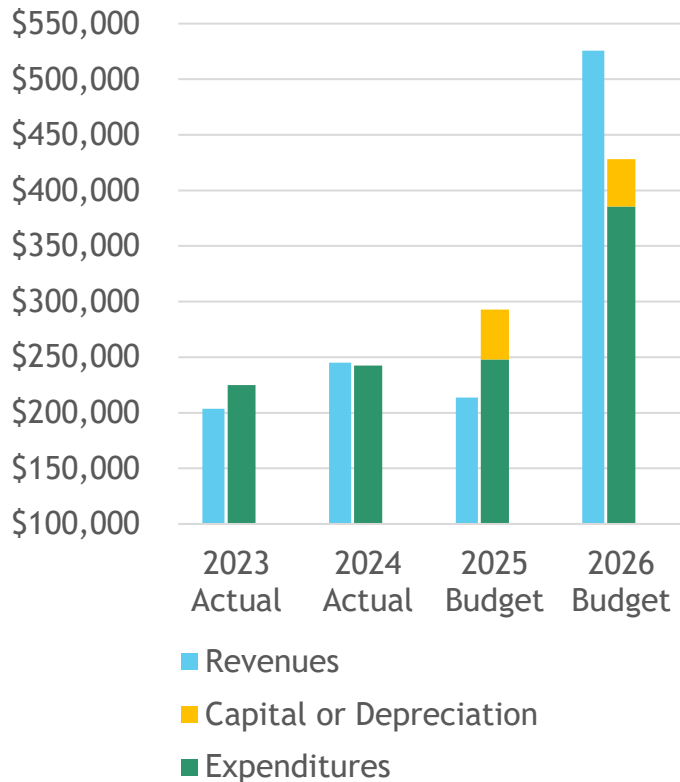


Category	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budget	FY26 Request
Personnel Services	\$404,336	\$381,257	\$473,509	\$487,122
Supplies & Materials	104,613	116,450	98,620	193,725
Maintenance & Services	1,035,281	2,128,967	1,273,625	1,674,096
Other Charges	6,106	7,122	6,296	43,164
Capital or Depreciation	<u>591,373</u>	<u>593,278</u>	<u>175,000</u>	<u>201,080</u>
Total Major Expenses	<u>\$2,141,709</u>	<u>\$3,227,074</u>	<u>\$2,027,050</u>	<u>\$2,599,187</u>
Variance from Prior Year	\$112,345	\$1,085,365	(\$1,200,024)	\$572,137

Riddle Farm

		Proposed FY26 Quarterly Rates		
		As Advertised	Proposed Budget Work Session Option 1	Proposed Budget Work Session Option 2
		All One Service Area - Self Supporting & Combined Debt (\$)	General Fund Support (\$)	Each Service Area - Self Supporting (\$)
O&M Rates- per EDU		Adopted FY25 Rates (\$)		
Water & Sewer Base Fee		288.00	320.00	350.00
Water & Sewer Usage Fee	1.60-15/1K gal		5-15/1K gal	5-15/1K gal
Accessibility Fee		150.00	272.00	297.50
Commercial Water & Sewer Base Fee	Tiered based on EDU #		-	-
Commercial Water & Sewer Usage Fee	4-10/1K gal		-	-
Effluent Disposal Surcharge		35.00	-	-
Debt Payment				
Water & Sewer		-	31.00	-
Sewer		9.00	27.00	9.00
Water		-	4.00	-

River Run

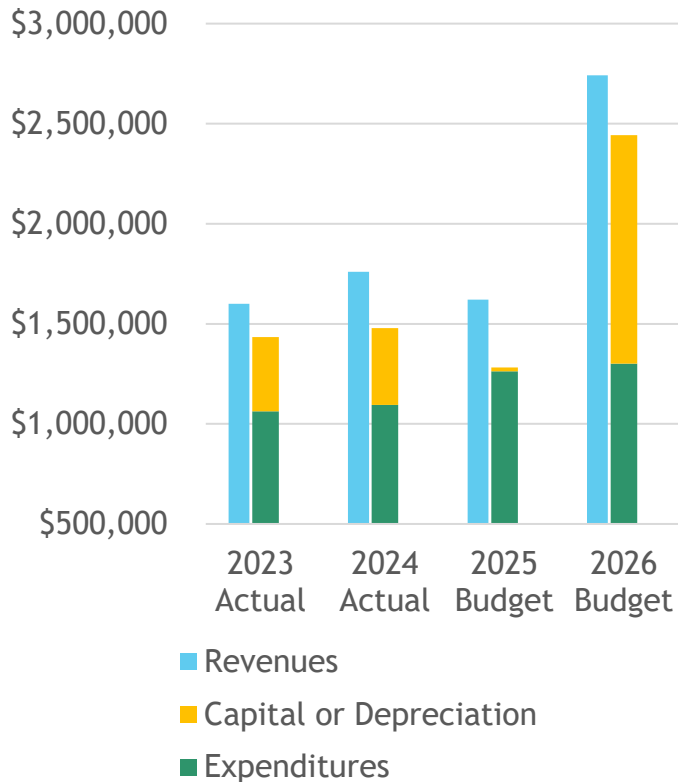


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Personnel Services	\$71,514	\$78,428	\$93,636	\$126,366
Supplies & Materials	13,043	27,979	17,466	45,574
Maintenance & Services	137,906	133,279	134,141	203,665
Other Charges	2,342	2,745	2,546	10,020
Capital or Depreciation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>42,471</u>
Total Major Expenses	<u>\$224,805</u>	<u>\$242,431</u>	<u>\$292,789</u>	<u>\$428,096</u>
Variance from Prior Year	\$10,735	\$17,626	\$50,358	\$135,307

River Run

		Proposed FY26 Quarterly Rates		
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		All One Service Area - Self Supporting & Combined Debt (\$)	General Fund Support (\$)	Each Service Area - Self Supporting (\$)
Adopted FY25 Rates (\$)				
O&M Rates- per EDU				
Water Base Fee- OCP	71.00	78.00	73.15	74.20
Water Usage Fees- OCP	.50-4.69/1K gal	1.25-3.75/1K gal	1.25-3.75/1K gal	1.25-3.75/1K gal
Sewer Only Flat Fee	192.00	280.50	254.38	294.38
Accessibility Fee	-	229.50	144.50	178.50
Debt Payment				
Water & Sewer	-	31.00	-	-
Sewer	-	27.00	-	-
Water	-	4.00	-	-

West Ocean City



Category	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budget	FY26 Request
Personnel Services	\$227,819	\$245,147	\$288,375	\$312,355
Supplies & Materials	41,090	31,747	29,264	36,925
Maintenance & Services	769,149	788,303	918,082	940,565
Other Charges	24,756	28,958	26,726	11,810
Capital or Depreciation	<u>371,001</u>	<u>384,867</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>1,140,555</u>
Total Major Expenses	<u>\$1,433,815</u>	<u>\$1,479,022</u>	<u>\$1,282,447</u>	<u>\$2,442,210</u>
Variance from Prior Year	\$1,036	\$45,207	(\$196,575)	\$1,159,763

West Ocean City

		Proposed FY26 Quarterly Rates			
		As Advertised	Proposed Budget Work Session Option 1	Proposed Budget Work Session Option 2	
	Adopted FY25 Rates (\$)	All One Service Area - Self Supporting & Combined Debt (\$)	General Fund Support (\$)	Each Service Area - Self Supporting (\$)	
O&M Rates- per EDU					
	Sewer Flat Fee	-	167.50	139.38	149.38
	Accessibility Fee	-	85.00	46.75	55.25
	Domestic Fixture Rate	10.50	-	-	-
	Commercial Fixture Rate	14.25	-	-	-
Debt Payment					
	Sewer	-	27.00	-	-

Service Area Impact

		Proposed FY26 Revenues & Expenses		
		As Advertised	Proposed Budget Work Session Option 1	Proposed Budget Work Session Option 2
	Adopted FY25 Revenue & Expenses	All One Service Area - Self Supporting & Combined Debt (\$)	General Fund Support (\$)	Each Service Area - Self Supporting (\$)
Net Operating Income (Loss)				
Assateague	(101,809)	(196,728)	(112,007)	2,868
Bridgetown	2,490	(23,959)	(22,867)	421
Edgewater Acres	(36,911)	(29,501)	(32,429)	6,611
Landings	(182,710)	(377,433)	(332,439)	11,557
Lighthouse Sound	(7,750)	16,851	**362	8,227
Mystic Harbour	(1,143,597)	(376,944)	(117,825)	194,401
Newark	(26,014)	(52,204)	(59,684)	9,766
Ocean Pines	(362,129)	1,498,767	**352,661	534,503
Riddle Farm	(1,128,200)	(638,587)	(382,312)	166,776
River Run	(78,989)	97,538	(29,030)	45,112
West Ocean City	339,153	299,610	*(150,087)	8,303
Total Net Operating Income (Loss)	(2,726,464)	217,410	(885,657)	**988,545
Transfer In - General Fund	-	-	1,088,593	-
*Transfer In From Reserves	-	-	150,087	-
**Transfer Out To Reserves	-	-	(353,023)	(988,545)
Transfer In (Out) - Service Areas	2,726,464	(217,410)	-	-

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