# Budget Fiscal 2009

## Balanced Progress…

May 20, 2008

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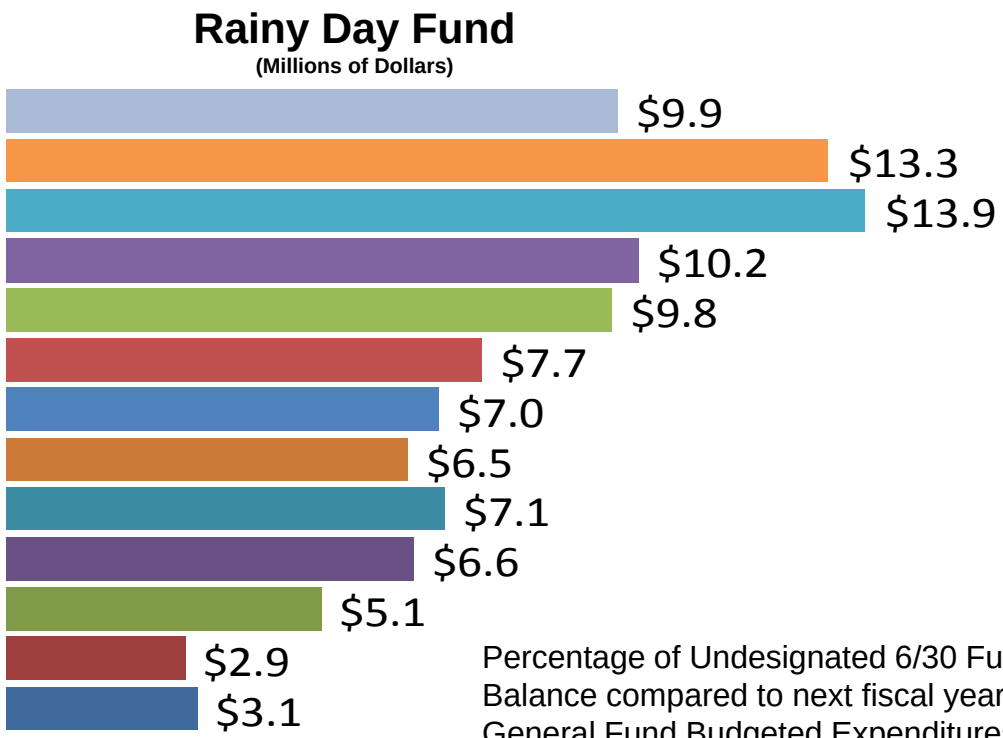
# Total Budget

| Expenditures | Amount Budgeted |
|---|---|
| General Fund | $54,811,895 |
| Capital Improvement Fund | 16,419,000 |
| Community Development Fund | 1,348,000 |
| Sewer And Water Districts | 30,719,357 |
| Capital Projects | 38,725,000 |
| Total | $142,023,252 |

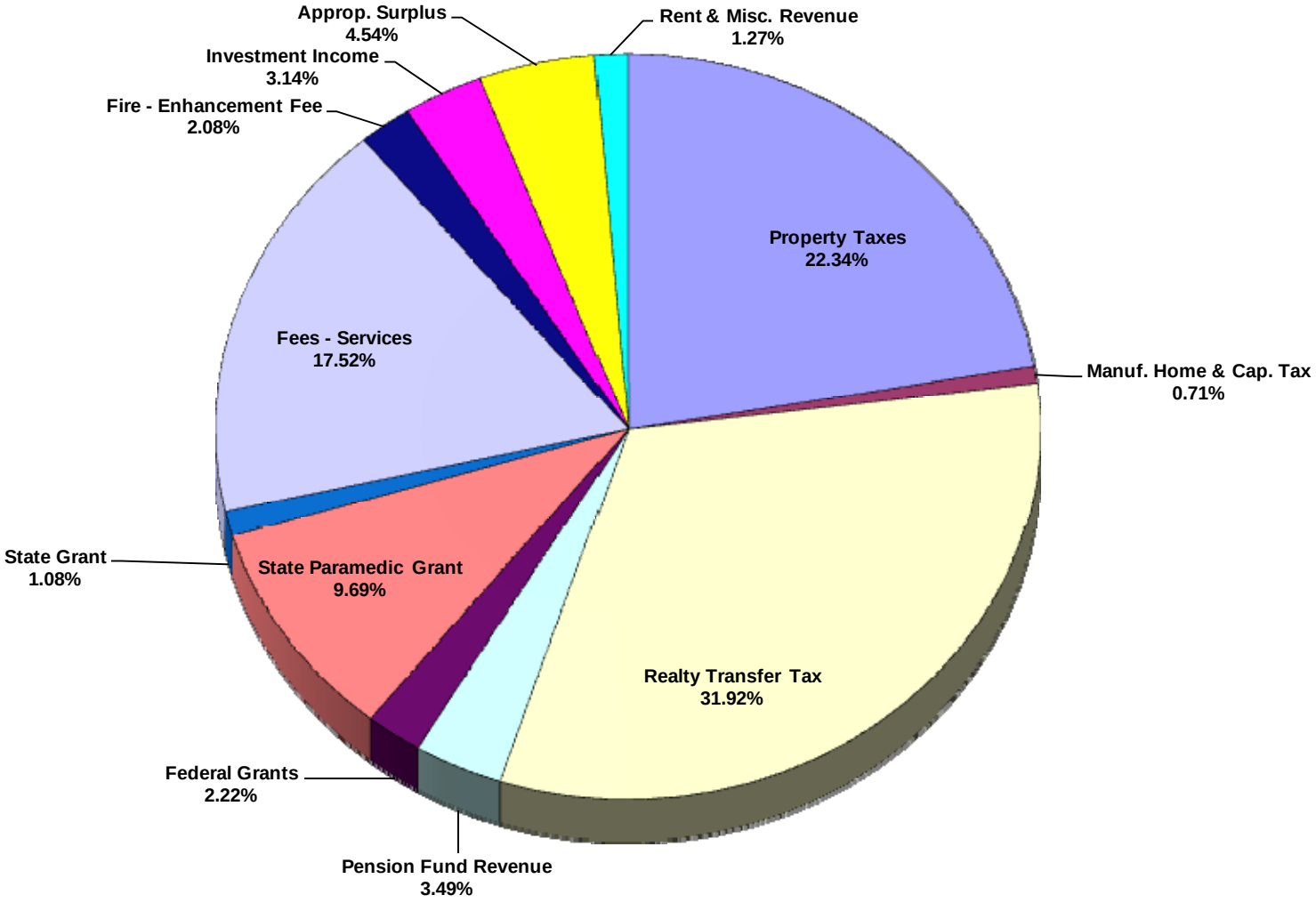
# Undesignated Funds

| As Of | Percentage of Revenue |
|---|---|
| 6/30/07 | 17.1% |
| 6/30/06 | 23.2% |
| 6/30/05 | 25.2% |
| 6/30/04 | 19.6% |
| 6/30/03 | 25.1% |
| 6/30/02 | 23.8% |
| 6/30/01 | 22.3 % |
| 6/30/00 | 21.7 % |
| 6/30/99 | 25 % |
| 6/30/98 | 26.4 % |
| 6/30/97 | 22.3% |
| 6/30/96 | 14.9 % |
| 6/30/95 | 15 % |

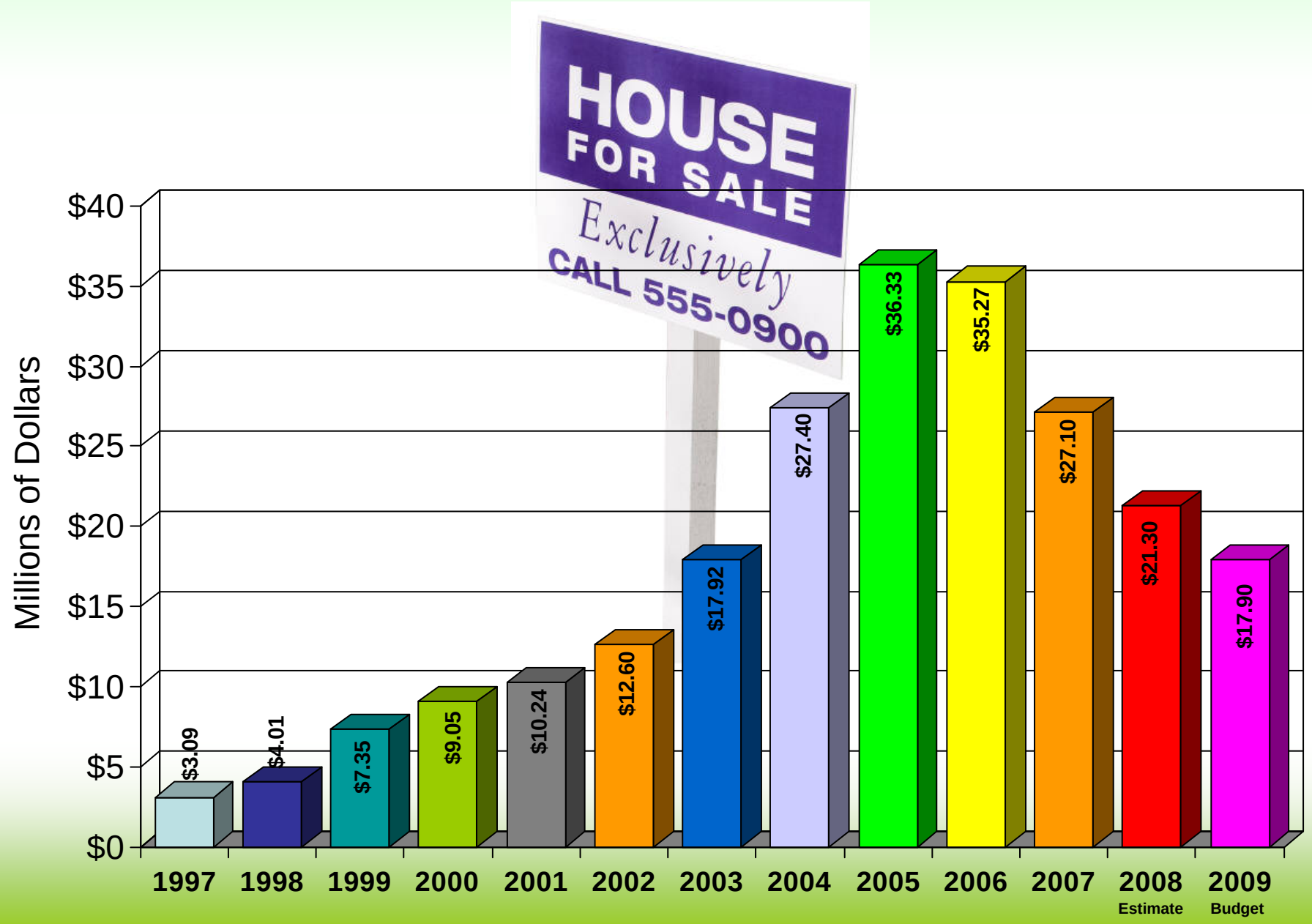



Percentage of Undesignated 6/30 Fund Balance compared to next fiscal year General Fund Budgeted Expenditures

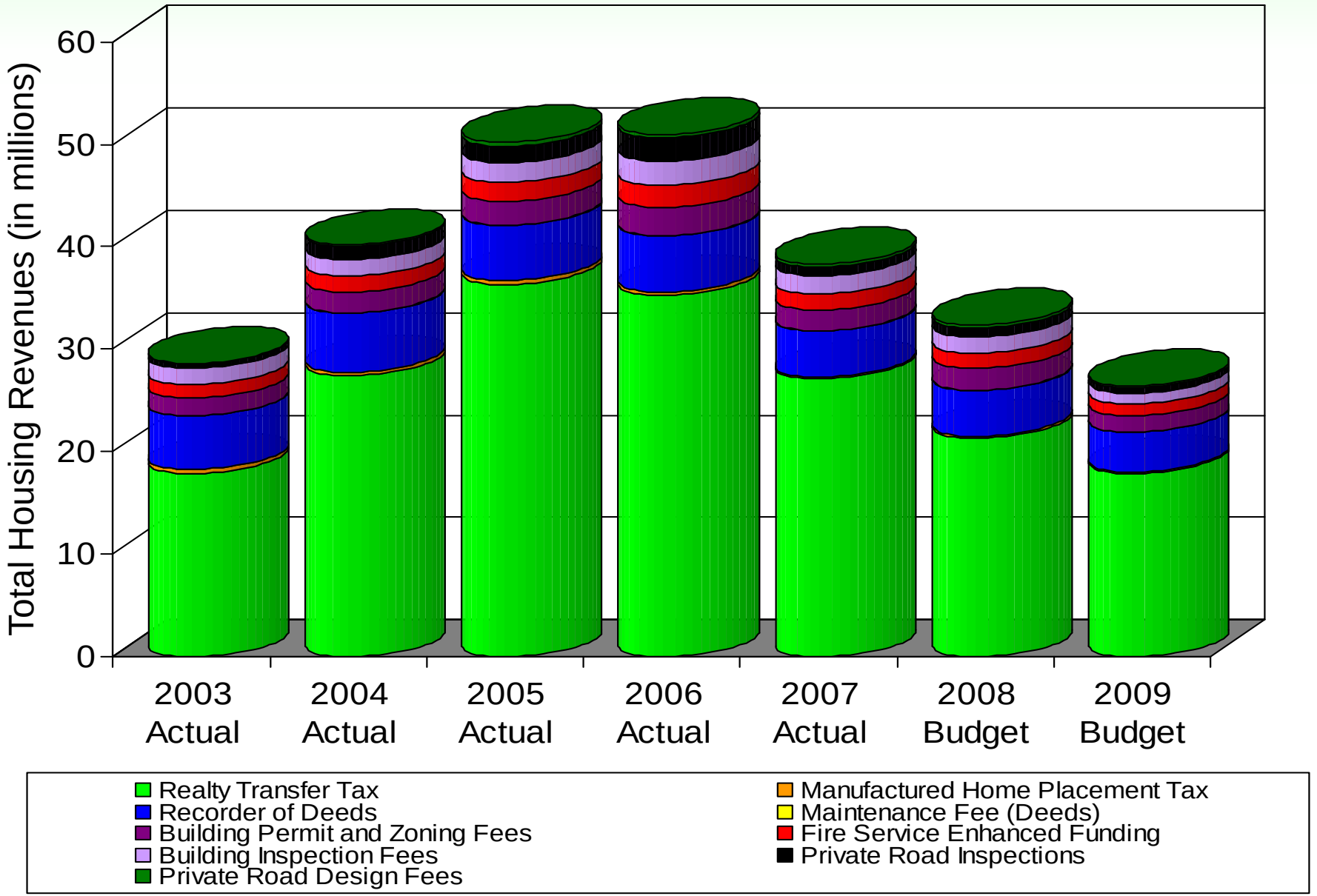
# General Fund and Community Development Funding Sources



# Realty Transfer Tax Decline



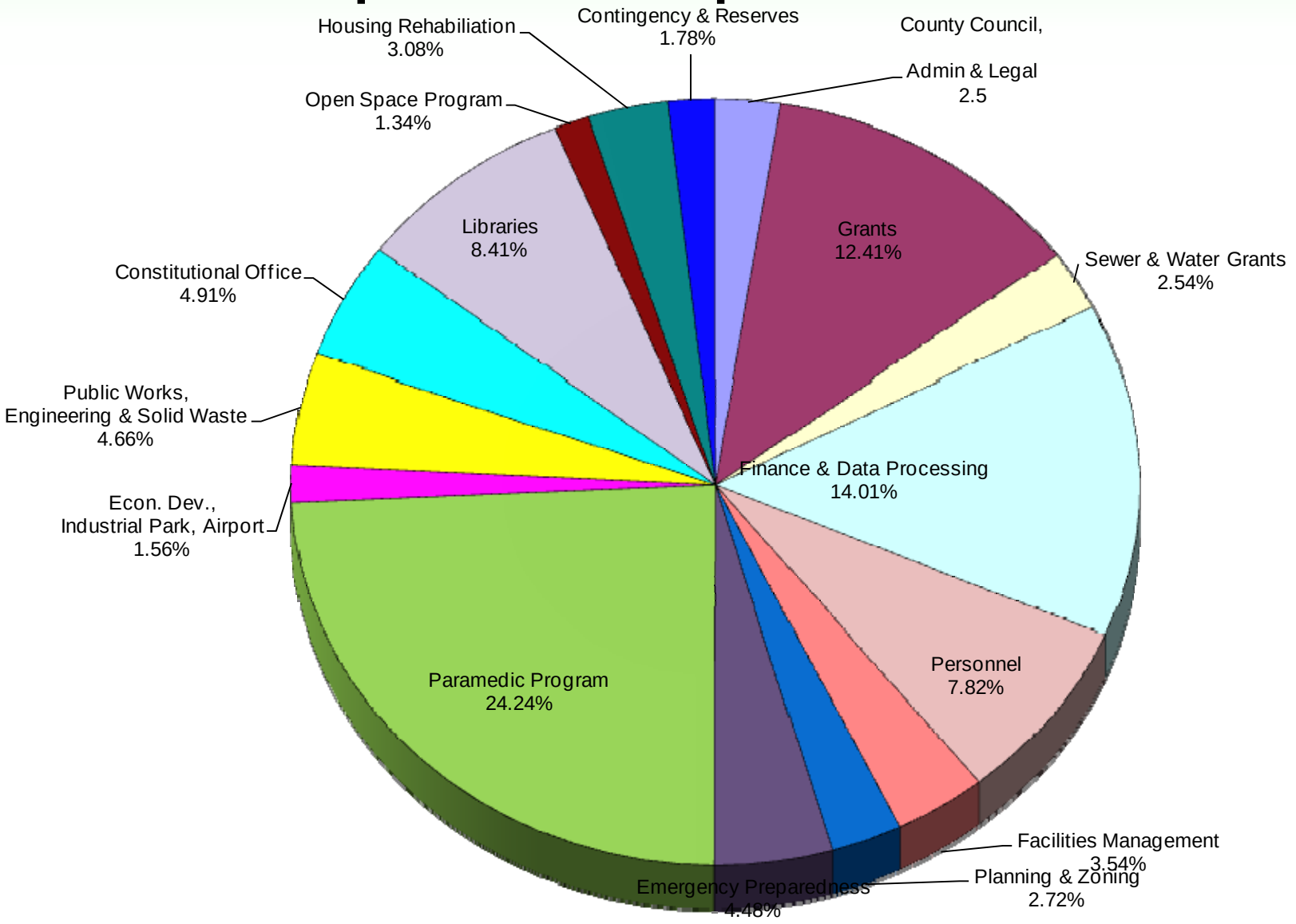
# Housing Industry Revenues



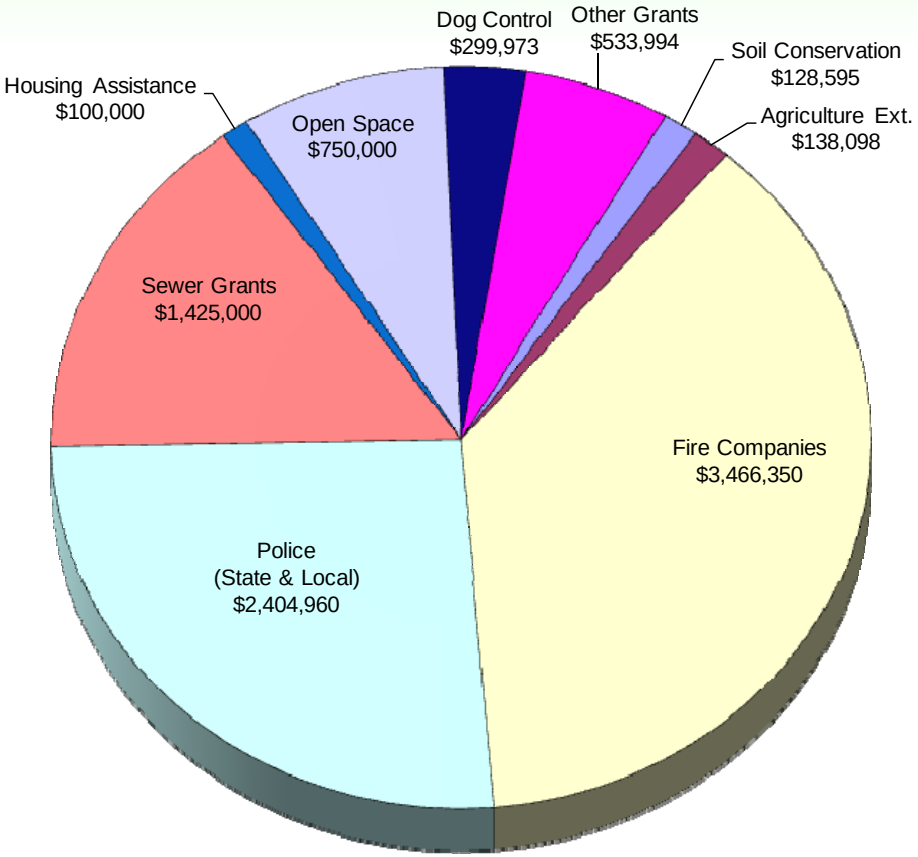
# Use of Appropriated Reserves

| **Expenditures:** | **Fiscal 2009** |
|---|---|
| Open Space –<br>Land Trust & Agriculture Preservation Funding | $ 750,000 |
| Housing Assistance Grants | $ 100,000 |
| Paramedics – Station Renovations | $ 120,000 |
| Local Law Enforcement Grants | $ 525,000 |
| Economic Development | $ 79,077 |
| Water & Sewer Grants | $ 965,000 |
| Information Systems – Machinery & Equipment | $ 11,438 |
| **Total General Fund Expenditures** | **$ 2,550,515** |
| Airport & Industrial Park Projects | $ 9,979,000 |
| Property Acquisitions | $ 2,700,000 |
| Library Expansion | $ 1,644,000 |
| Solid Waste | $ 775,000 |
| County Buildings | $ 917,000 |
| **Total Capital Improvement Fund** | **$ 16,015,000** |
| **Total Expenditures:** | **$ 18,565,515** |

# General Fund and Community Development Expenditures



# Grant-In-Aid Programs



# Open Space Program

Sussex County Land Trust

**Sussex County Council is pleased to again provide funding for the Open Space Program in partnership with the Sussex County Land Trust.**

## FY 2009 - $750,000

- 7-year contributions totaling $8.8 million
- 280-acre Drum Creek conservation easement
- 908-acre Ponder Tract purchase
- 230-acre conservation easement with The Peninsula
- 43 acres along the Great Marsh called Oyster Rocks
- 2,471 acres preserved through the Delaware Farmland Preservation Program
- 37 acres of forest and wetlands along Pepper Creek
- 327 acres of property added to Redden State Forest
- 150 acres – Great Marsh – Burton Farm Tract

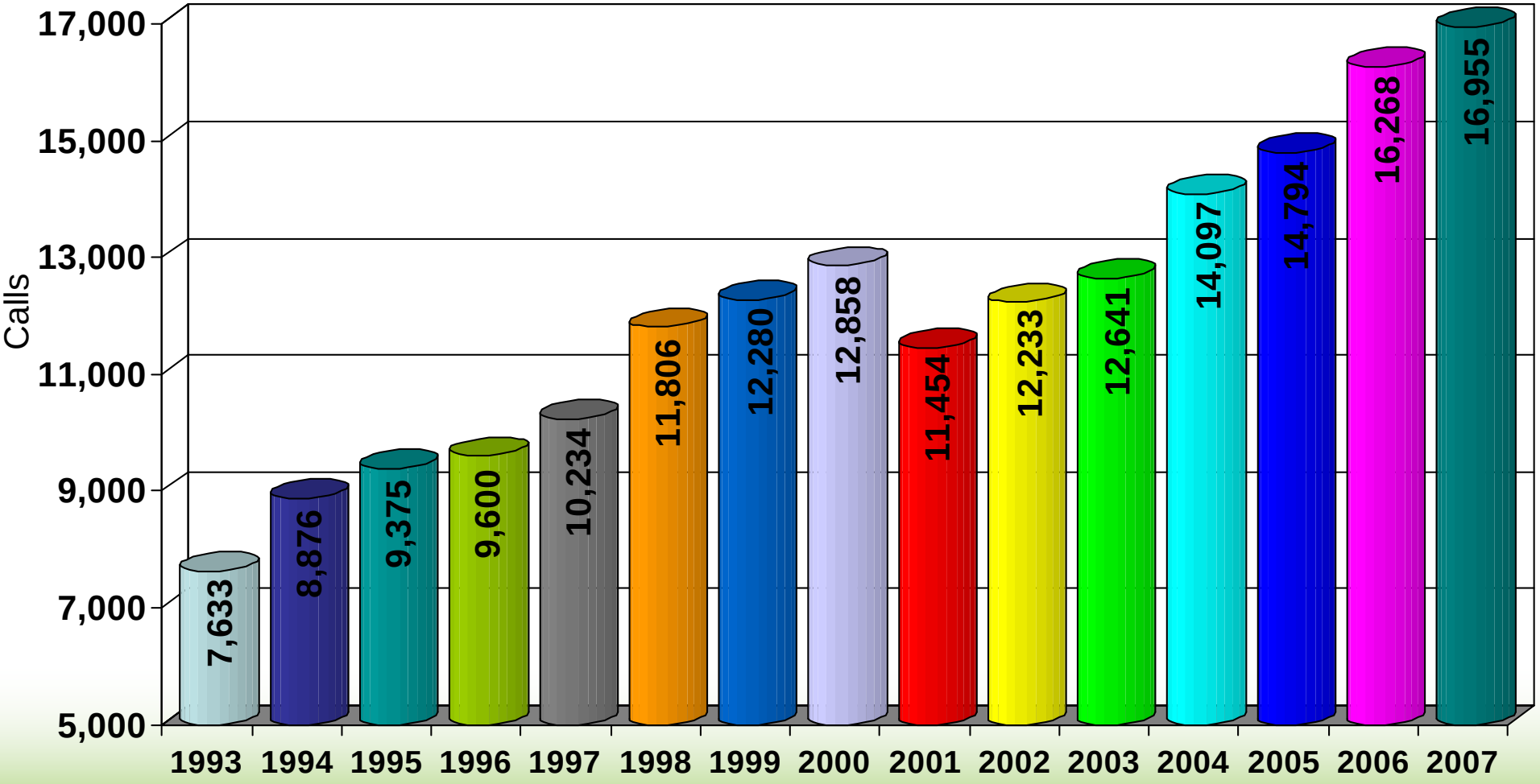
# Public Safety

**$23 Million**
**41% of the General Fund Budget**

- Fire Service
  ($2 million)
- Paramedics
  ($13.6 million – 8 Units and 2 Supervisors 24/7)
- Ambulance Service
  ($1.5 million for BLS Ambulance Attendants)
- State Police Subsidy
  ($1.9 million for 40 Additional State Troopers)
- Revenue Sharing for Local Law Enforcement
  (4th year for this program – No change in funding)
- Emergency Preparedness – 911
  ($2.5 million – with New 911 Center)

# Sussex County EMS

## Historical Growth in Calls for Service



# Libraries

**$6.3 Million**

- 335 Computers
  - 205,531 Computer Hours
- 508,482+ Volumes
- 738 Hours Open Per Week
- 91,589 Library Cards Issued
- 1,170,327 Items Circulated

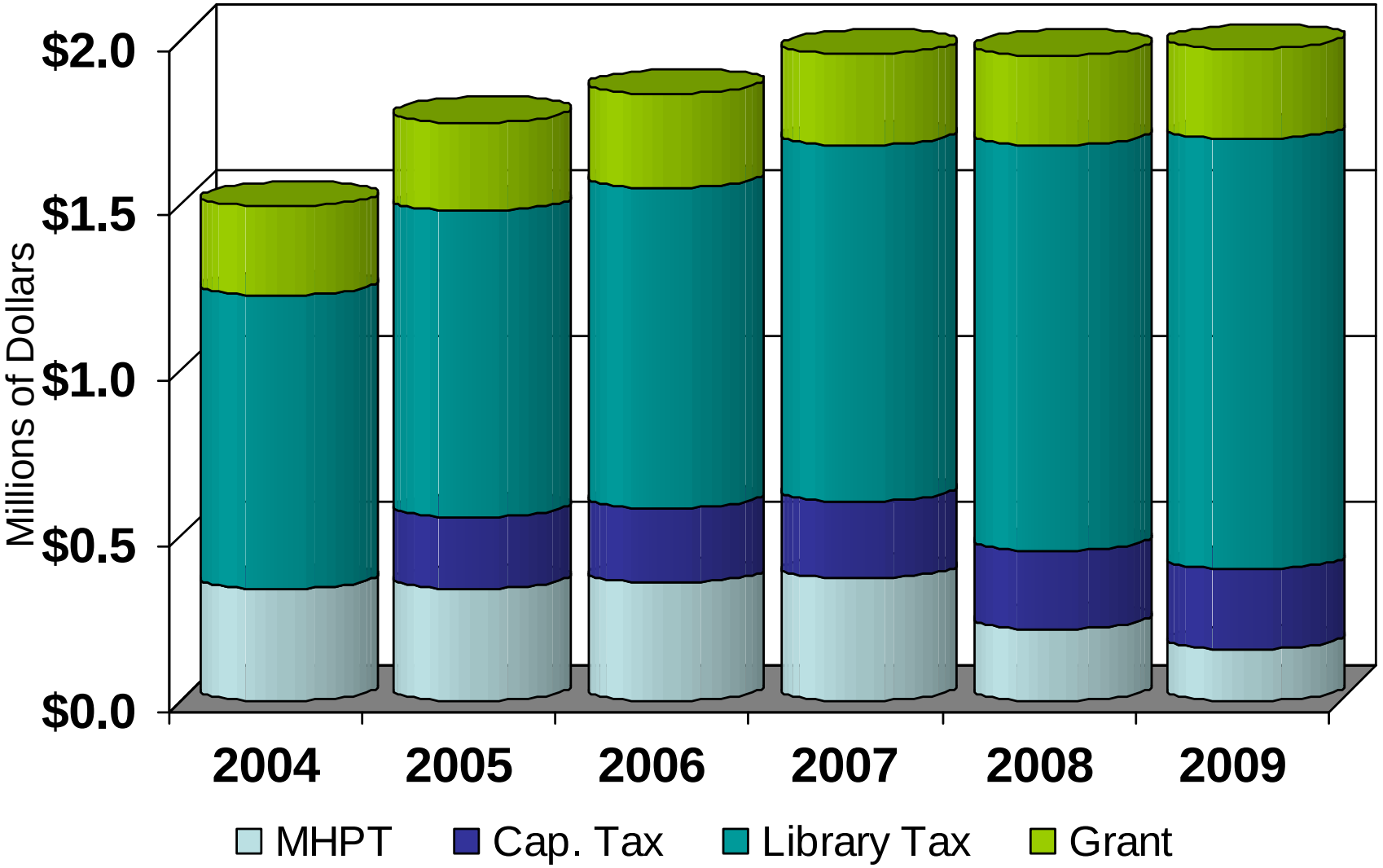
**Administrative Services provided to Local Libraries**

- Auditing of Financial Expenditures
- Delivery of Materials on a Daily Basis
- Training & Education Assistance
- Coordination of Literacy Programs
- Computer Technical Services

**Library Locations:**

| | |
|---|---|
| Milford | Delmar |
| Georgetown | Laurel |
| Millsboro | Seaford |
| Lewes | Bridgeville |
| Rehoboth | Greenwood |
| South Coastal | Selbyville |
| Milton | Frankford |

# Funding for Local Libraries



# Personnel Benefits

- 2% Performance Review Increase Effective July 1st, $750 Minimum
- Defined Pension Contribution (10%)
- Defined Pension Benefits Contribution (12%)
- Accrued Sick & Vacation Payout
- Liberal Sick & Vacation Pay
- Life Insurance
- $0 Employee Contribution for Health Insurance Benefit / Individual
- Affordable Insurance for Family Coverage
- 15 Paid Holidays
- Long-Term Disability Insurance
- Dental Program
- Vision Program
- Accrued Medical Health Leave Bank
- Section 457 Pension Supplement Program
- Employee Assistance Program
- Flexible Spending Plan – Daycare and Medical Costs

# Community Development

- CDBG – $998,000
- HUD HOME Program – $100,000
- Farmers Home Housing Preservation Grant – $50,000
- Delaware State Housing Loan – $200,000
- County Council Emergency Grant Assistance – $75,000

**Housing Rehabilitation - 62**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Countywide | – | 32 |
| Coverdale Crossroads | – | 10 |
| Laurel | – | 5 |
| Milton | – | 5 |
| Seaford | – | 5 |
| Selbyville Area | – | 5 |

Utility Connections - 75

# Other Housing Programs

- Moderately Priced Housing Initiative
- Emergency Housing Repair Assistance
- First State Community Action
- Milford Housing Development Corporation

# Assistance Programs

## Water & Sewer District Relief Programs

- **County Sewer and Water Low-Income Assistance Program (Grant)**
- **State West Rehoboth Sewer Low-Income Assistance Program**
- **State Septic & Connection Fee Loan Program**
- **Federal Rural Development Hook-up Cost/Loan Grant Program**
- **Community Development Block Grant Assistance**
- **County Septic System & Connection Fee Grant Program**

**For more information, contact the Utility Billing Division (302) 855-7871**

## Property Tax Assistance Programs

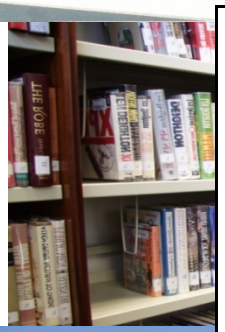
- **Exemption for Disabled**
- **Exemption for Residents 65 and Older**
- **State Senior Citizen School Property Tax Credit**
- **Sussex County Property Tax Subsidy**

**For more information, contact the Treasury Division (302) 855-7760**

# Capital Projects

## Non Sewer & Water Capital Improvements

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Airport/Industrial Park | $ | 10,133,000 |
| County Buildings | $ | 1,167,000 |
| Solid waste | $ | 775,000 |
| Library Expansions | $ | 1,644,000 |
| Property Acquisition | $ | 2,700,000 |
| **Total** | **$** | **16,419,000** |



# Wastewater Program - $31 Million

## Increases & Decreases

- System Connection Charges – 3.4%
- Operations & Maintenance – 3.8%
- Municipal Water & Wastewater – 14%
- Utility Billing – 7%
- Capital Items – (47%)

## Capital Items

- Pump Rebuilds
- Generator Replacements
- Irrigation System Rebuilds
- Wastewater Plant Expansion Design
  - Piney Neck WWF
  - Wolfe Neck WWF
  - Inland Bays Regional WWF
- SCADA System Upgrades
  - Pump Station Monitoring
- Utility Truck Replacements

## General Fund Grants & Loans

$35.9 Million Since FY 99

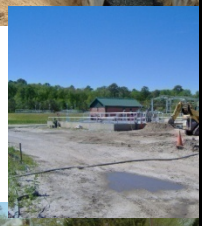
## Future Service Areas:

Millville Extension
Oak Orchard Extension
Johnson's Corner
Golf Village
Angola

**13,128 EDU's in 1988**
**59,963 EDU's in Fiscal 2009**
**357% Increase in 20 Years**
**More than 17% Average Annual Growth**
**3.8% Increase in Fiscal 2008**

# Capital Projects

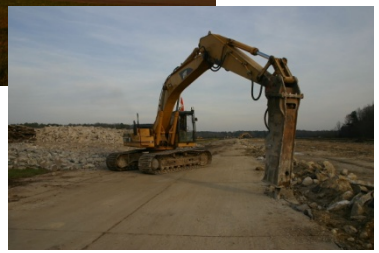
## Major Sewer & Water Capital Improvements



| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Angola Sewer District | $ | 7,000,000 |
| Dags. Frankford – Prince Georges Acres | $ | 950,000 |
| Fenwick Sewer – Rt. 54 Transmission Upgrade | $ | 1,900,000 |
| Golf Village Sewer District | $ | 1,000,000 |
| Holts Landing – Mallard Creek Sewer | $ | 50,000 |
| Inland Bays WWF Expansion – Design | $ | 500,000 |
| Johnson's Corner Sewer District | $ | 2,000,000 |
| Miller Creek Sewer District Extension | $ | 1,500,000 |
| Millville Sewer District | $ | 18,000,000 |
| Oak Orchard Sewer Project | $ | 1,075,000 |
| Piney Neck WWF – Treatment Expansion | $ | 500,000 |
| SCRWF – Pump Station | $ | 3,000,000 |
| Western Sussex Sewer Projects | $ | 750,000 |
| West Rehoboth Sewer Treatment Expansion | $ | 500,000 |
| **Total** | **$** | **38,725,000** |

# 5-Year Capital Improvements

## 5-Year Capital Improvement Funding $277,103,970



| | |
|---|---|
| 2009 | $56,814,970 |
| 2010 | $62,765,000 |
| 2011 | $84,574,000 |
| 2012 | $55,850,000 |
| 2013 | $17,100,000 |

**Other**

| | |
|---|---|
| 2009 | $600,000 |
| 2010 | 7,000,000 |
| 2011 | 699,000 |
| 2012 | – |
| 2013 | – |
| **Total:** | **$8,299,000** |

**General Fund**

| | |
|---|---|
| 2009 | $17,815,000 |
| 2010 | 4,145,000 |
| 2011 | 11,325,000 |
| 2012 | 11,375,000 |
| 2013 | 1,050,000 |
| **Total:** | **$45,710,000** |

**Water & Sewer**

| | |
|---|---|
| 2009 | $5,170,970 |
| 2010 | 4,000,000 |
| 2011 | |
| 2012 | |
| 2013 | 1,500,000 |
| **Total:** | **$10,670,970** |

**Federal Grants**

| | |
|---|---|
| 2009 | $4,675,000 |
| 2010 | 5,950,000 |
| 2011 | 10,250,000 |
| 2012 | 7,750,000 |
| 2013 | 1,900,000 |
| **Total:** | **$30,525,000** |

**State Grants**

| | |
|---|---|
| 2009 | $3,054,000 |
| 2010 | 2,295,000 |
| 2011 | 1,125,000 |
| 2012 | 375,000 |
| 2013 | 50,000 |
| **Total:** | **$6,899,000** |

**Bonds**

| | |
|---|---|
| 2009 | $25,500,000 |
| 2010 | 39,375,000 |
| 2011 | 61,175,000 |
| 2012 | 36,350,000 |
| 2013 | 12,600,000 |
| **Total:** | **$175,000,000** |

# Potential Cuts

## Realty Transfer Tax Funding

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Airport/Industrial Park Projects | $ | 10,133,000 |
| Grants – State Police Sussex Program | $ | 1,879,960 |
| County Sewer Grants<br>• Angola, Inland Bays (Long Neck & Oak Orchard), Ellendale, 100 Front Foot Max. Bill, Dagsboro-Frankford, Miller Creek | $ | 1,425,000 |
| Library Expansions – Milton | $ | 644,000 |
| Town Local Law Enforcement Grants | $ | 525,000 |
| Fire Service Funding | $ | 500,000 |
| Communications Building & Property Acquisition | $ | 450,000 |
| Paramedic – HAZMAT Program | $ | 200,000 |
| Record Storage Renovations | $ | 167,000 |
| Economic Development Director | $ | 86,000 |
| Town Grants | $ | 45,000 |
| **Total** | $ | 16,054,960 |

Other Programs that are currently funded by non-transfer tax revenues could also be cut.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Open Space Purchases | $ | 750,000 |
| University of Delaware – Ag. Extension Service | $ | 138,098 |
| Housing Assistance Program – Housing Rehabs. | $ | 75,000 |
| Sussex Conservation District Grant | $ | 53,595 |
| Housing Assistance Programs | $ | 25,000 |
| Total | $ | 1,041,693 |

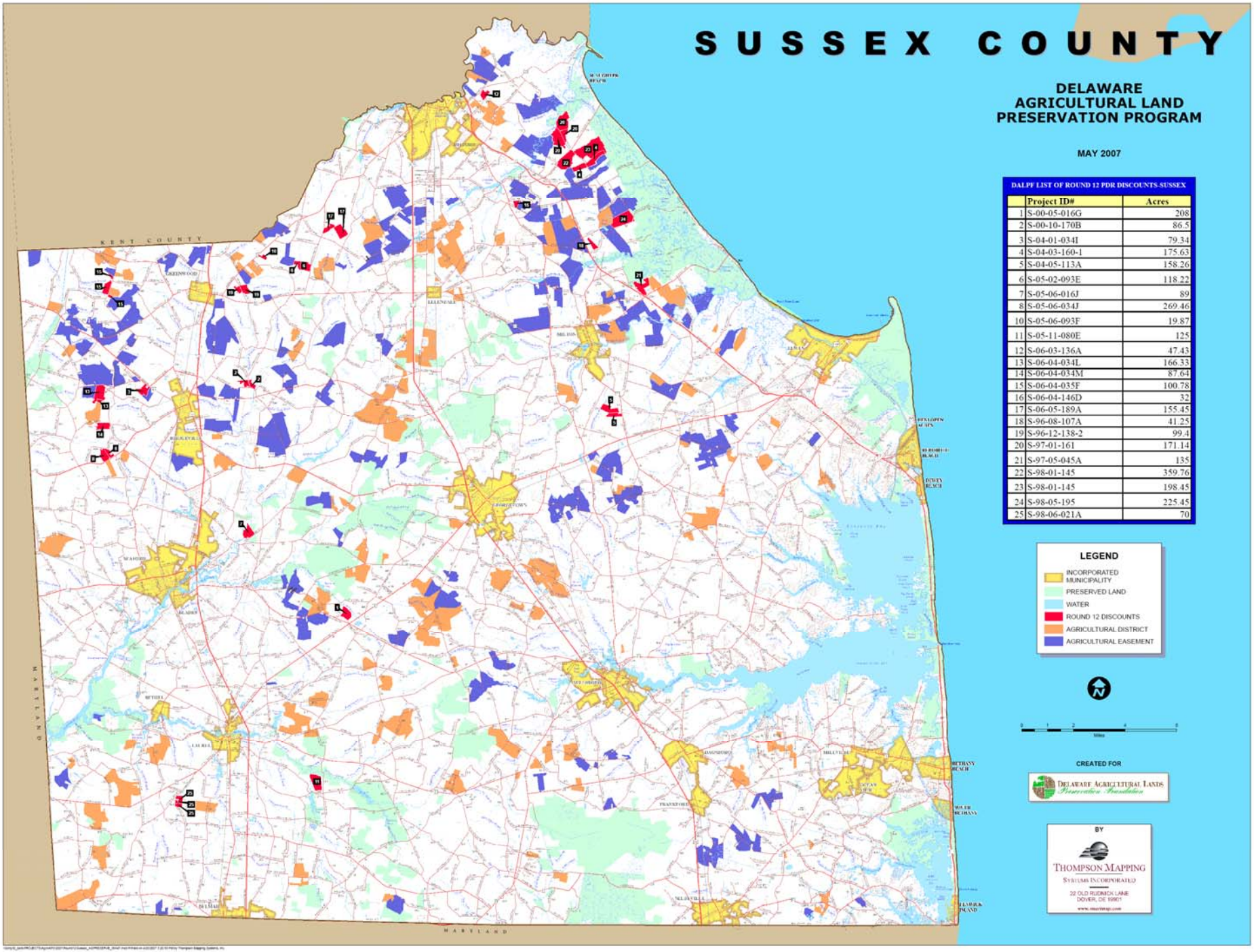
# Budget Highlights

- No Property Tax Increase
  - Average County Tax for a Single-Family Home – $103.14
  - Average County Tax for a Manufactured Home – $40.52
- 21% Decrease in anticipated realty transfer tax and housing industry related revenues
- Land Use Plan Update ordinances
- No Sewer Service Charge or Assessment increases
- Economic Development – Industrial Park & Airport Improvements – $10.1 million
- Records Storage Program
- Funding for 40 additional State Police
- Sussex County Vol. Firemen's Association – $3.5 Million
  - Paid Ambulance Attendants Portion – $1.5 Million
- Moderately Priced Housing Program Administration
- Dog Control - $300,000 Grant
- Millville and Miller Creek Sewer – Connections will begin
- Five-year Capital Plan - $277,103,970
- Fiscal 2009 – Capital Plan
  - Library Expansion Projects – Milton and South Coastal
  - Airport Industrial Park Improvements
  - Treatment Plant Expansion Design
  - Millville Sewer Under Construction
  - Utility Rate Study
  - Water & Sewer – Communication Improvements
- (5.4 %) General Fund Budget Decrease

# SUSSEX COUNTY

## DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

MAY 2007




**DALPF LIST OF ROUND 12 PDR DISCOUNTS-SUSSEX**

| | Project ID# | Acres |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | S-00-05-016G | 208 |
| 2 | S-00-10-170B | 86.5 |
| 3 | S-04-01-034I | 79.34 |
| 4 | S-04-03-160-1 | 175.63 |
| 5 | S-04-05-113A | 158.26 |
| 6 | S-05-02-093E | 118.22 |
| 7 | S-05-06-016J | 89 |
| 8 | S-05-06-034J | 269.46 |
| 10 | S-05-06-093F | 19.87 |
| 11 | S-05-11-080E | 125 |
| 12 | S-06-03-136A | 47.43 |
| 13 | S-06-04-034L | 166.33 |
| 14 | S-06-04-034M | 87.64 |
| 15 | S-06-04-035F | 100.78 |
| 16 | S-06-04-146D | 32 |
| 17 | S-06-05-189A | 155.45 |
| 18 | S-96-08-107A | 41.25 |
| 19 | S-96-12-138-2 | 99.4 |
| 20 | S-97-01-161 | 171.14 |
| 21 | S-97-05-045A | 135 |
| 22 | S-98-01-145 | 359.76 |
| 23 | S-98-01-145 | 198.45 |
| 24 | S-98-05-195 | 225.45 |
| 25 | S-98-06-021A | 70 |

# Potential Retirement of Senior Management

| Position | Length of Service | Eligible for Retirement |
|---|---|---|
| • Director of Data Processing | 39 Years | Currently Eligible |
| • Director of Planning & Zoning | 38 Years | Currently Eligible |
| • Assistant Director of Data Processing | 35 Years | Currently Eligible |
| • Administrative Secretary | 35 Years | Currently Eligible |
| • Director of Public Works | 32 Years | Currently Eligible |
| • Administrative Secretary | 32 Years | Currently Eligible |
| • Director of Environmental Services | 31 Years | Currently Eligible |
| • Director of Assessment | 27 Years | Currently Eligible |
| • Director of County Libraries | 22 Years | Currently Eligible |
| • Finance Coordinator | 17 Years | Currently Eligible |
| • Director of Personnel | 30 Years | Currently Eligible |
| • Director of Facilities Management | 30 Years | Currently Eligible |
| • County Administrator | 30 Years | Currently Eligible |
| • Director of Engineering Accounting | 28 Years | September 2008 |
| • Director of EMS | 7 Years | January 2009 |
| • Director of Community Development | 29 Years | May 2009 |
| • Chief of Building Code Inspectors | 29 Years | May 2009 |