



Fiscal Year 2024

Budget Recommendation

February 22, 2023

Agenda

1

FY 24-28 Strategic Plan

Strategic priorities for
the next 5 years

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FY 24 Recommendation

County Executive's FY 24
Budget Recommendation

2

FY 24 Drivers

Revenues,
Expenditures, Trends

4

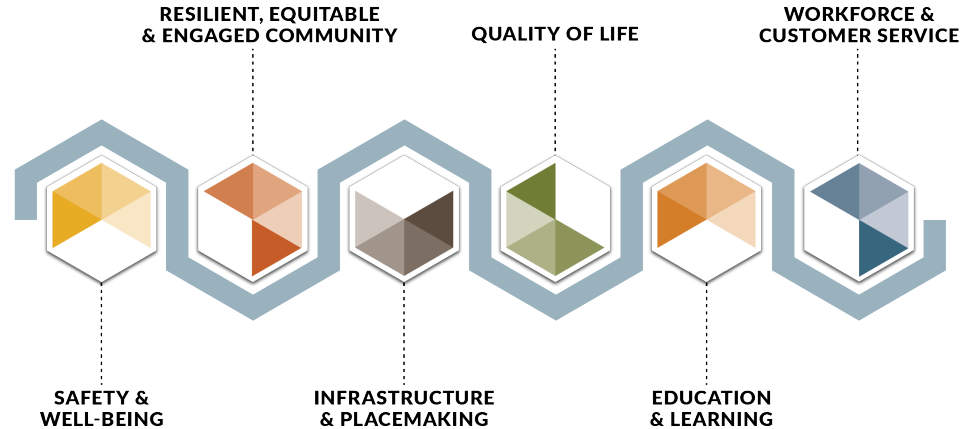
Next Steps

Development calendar &
prep for work sessions

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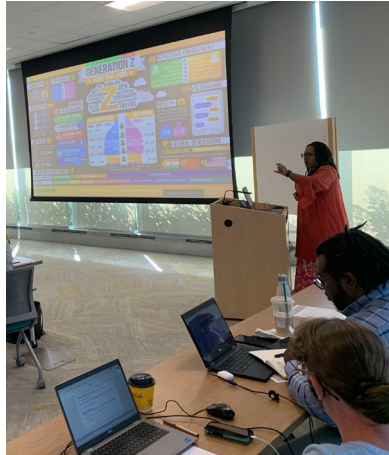
Strategic Plan

FY 24 – 28
Strategic Plan



A Turning Point

After several years of focused efforts to support the community through the COVID-19 pandemic, this Board held its first strategic planning session in August 2022.

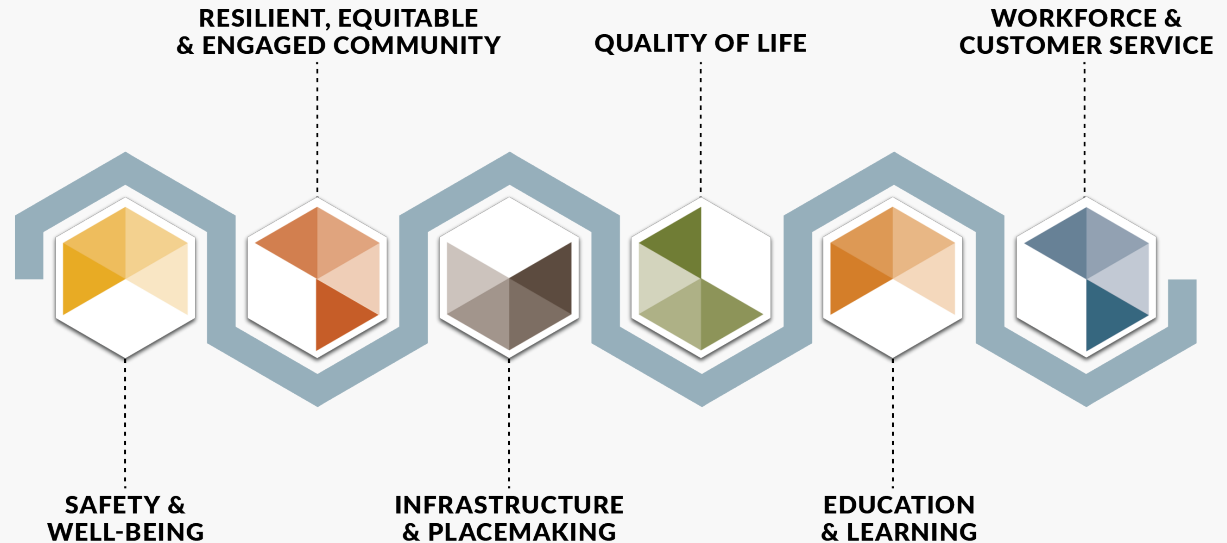


OUR VISION

Albemarle County envisions a community with the following:

- **ABUNDANT NATURAL, RURAL, HISTORIC, AND SCENIC RESOURCES**
- **HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS**
- **ACTIVE AND VIBRANT DEVELOPMENT AREAS**
- **A PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT THAT SUPPORTS HEALTHY LIFESTYLES**
- **A THRIVING ECONOMY**
- **EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

For present and future generations.



1

SAFETY & WELL-BEING

Nurture a safe and healthy community.

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RESILIENT, EQUITABLE & ENGAGED COMMUNITY

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Balancing Considerations

Economic Outlook

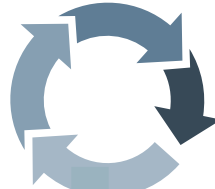
Economic cooling expected

5-Year Financial Plan

Strengthen Budget;
maintain existing CIP

Strategic Plan

Safety & Well-being, Resilient, Equitable,
& Engaged, Infrastructure & Placemaking;
Quality of Life; Education & Learning;
Workforce & Customer Service



Revenues

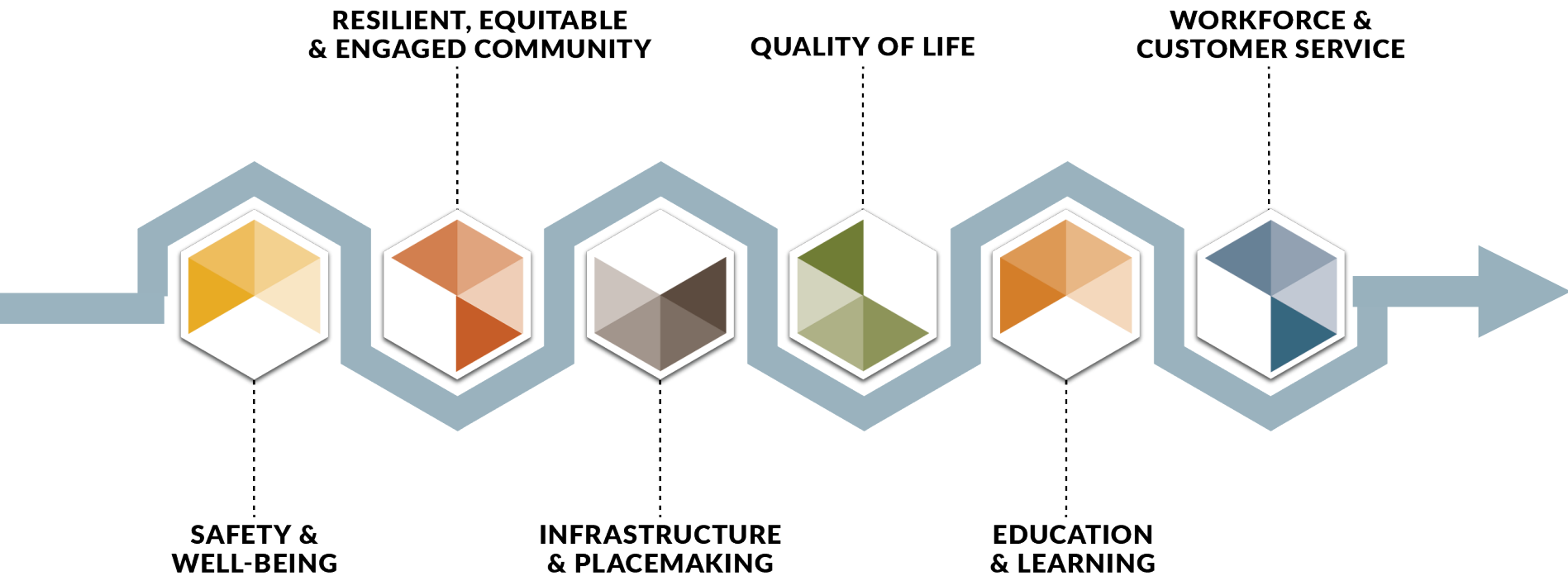
Projections for FY 24 tempered
with out-year expectations

Existing Commitments

5-Year CIP, staffing
commitments

Financial Policies

Stabilization Reserves,
borrowing capacity,
maintaining AAA/Aaa/AAA

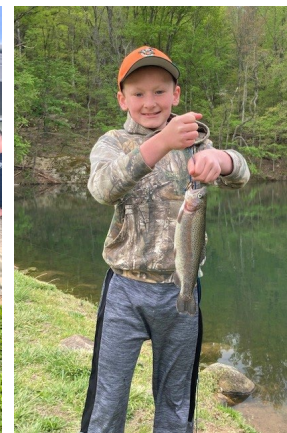
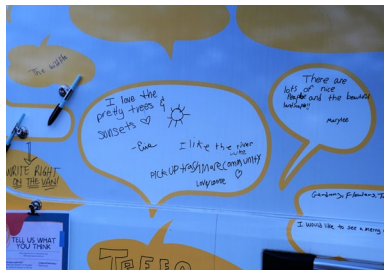


Balanced on Current Tax Rates



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Financial Drivers



Economic Outlook



Annual Economic Outlook Report for Albemarle County, Virginia

Prepared by
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Principal Project Lead
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“Given the identified history of Albemarle County’s economic indicators generally following state and national economic trends...the report...recommends it prudent for Albemarle County to also anticipate an economic cooling with the accumulating signals of a likely economic slowdown in the U.S., state, and globally.”

ECONOMIC INDICATORS



-16.2%

Vehicle
Values



-18.9%

Residential
dwelling unit
Certificates of
Occupancy



-12.0%

Recorded
Deeds
tax revenue



+13.46%

Real Property
Assessment
values



+16.0%

Consumer-
Driven
Revenues



+11.6%

Business-
Driven
Revenues

Year over year

ECONOMIC INDICATORS



+0.94%

Population
growth
estimate



+6.5%

Inflation/CPI
(YoY)



+6.8%

Value of Social
Services benefits
to residents

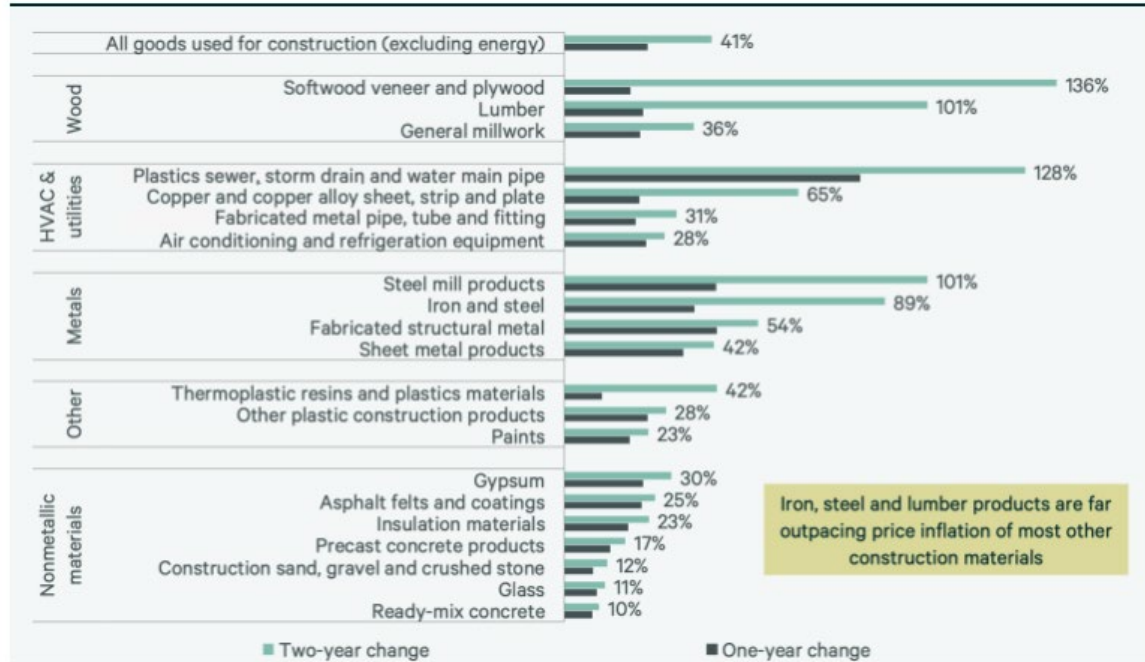


2.3%

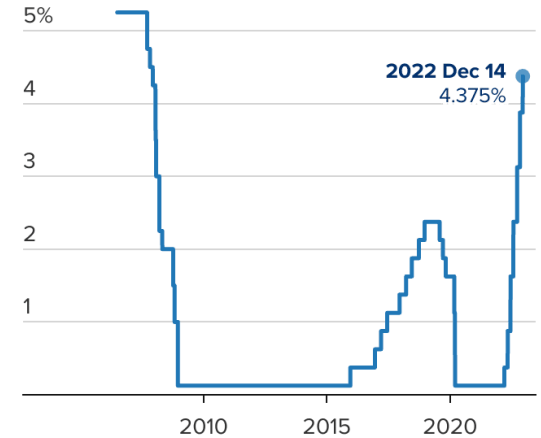
Unemployment
Rate

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Figure 37: Price inflation for select construction commodities, March 2020-March 2022



The federal funds target rate since July 2006



Note: As of Dec. 14, 2022
From December 2008 to present, data reflects the midpoint of the Federal Reserve's target range.

Chart: Gabriel Cortes / CNBC
Source: The Federal Reserve Bank of New York



Rising Costs at Partner Organizations



 = \$100,000

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“Albemarle County’s history of prudent financial management and its overall solid economic base provide a foundation and community capacity for strategic initiatives.”

Credit Worthiness

AAA Exceptionally Strong Fitch	Aaa Exceptional Moody's	AAA Exceptionally Strong Standard & Poor's
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**ACTIVATING THE
STRATEGIC PLAN TO**



STRENGTHEN OUR FOUNDATION

The Fiscal Year 2024 Recommended Budget

FY 23

- Schools capital
- Courts Expansion
- FEMA SAFER I & II
- Community Response
- Biscuit Run Park
- Public Safety Pay Plan
- Southern Convenience
- Core Systems Mod.
- Workforce Stabilization
- Streetsweeper & Vegetation

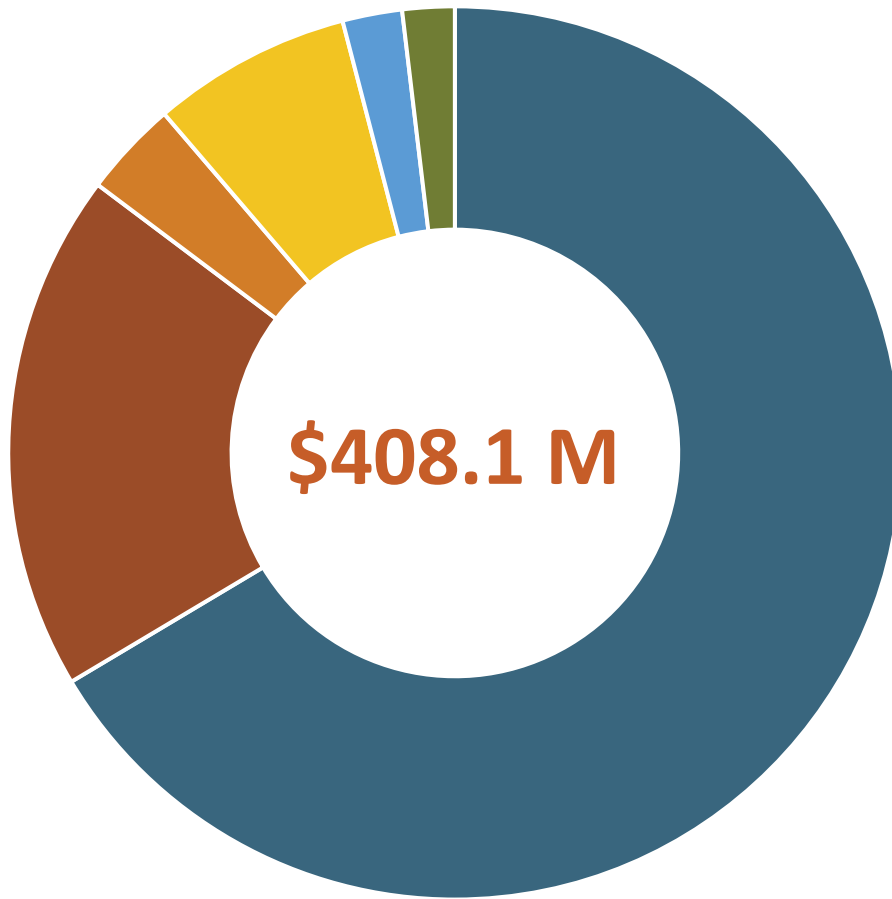
FY 24

- Schools capital and operating
- Safety & Well-being
- Workforce Stabilization
- Rising Capital costs
- Rising partner agency costs

FY 25

- Strategic priorities
- Operating impacts of capital projects
- Capital needs
- Macroeconomic factors
- Emerging needs

FY 26+



■ General Property Taxes \$271.2 M

■ Other Local Taxes \$76.8 M

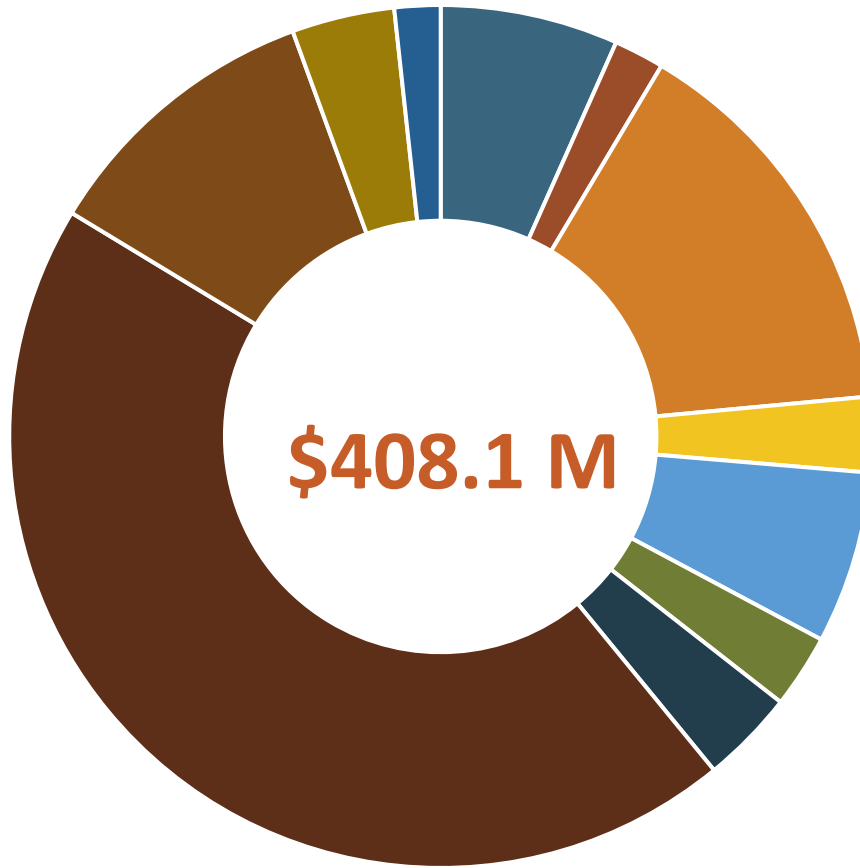
■ Other Local Revenue \$14.2 M

■ State Revenue \$29.5 M

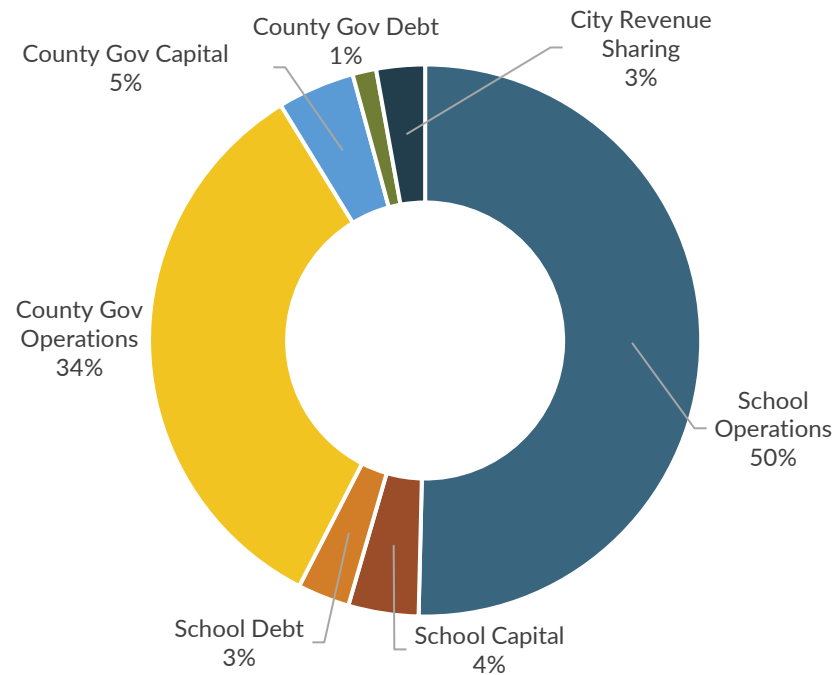
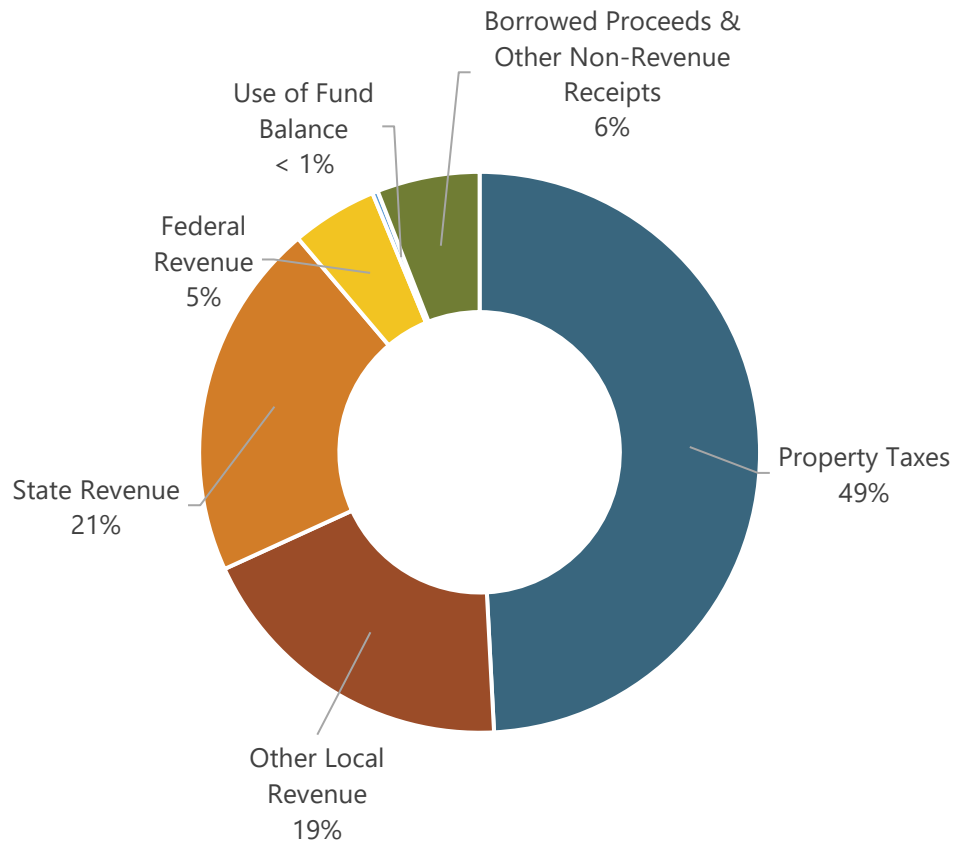
■ Federal Revenue \$8.8 M

■ Non-Revenue Receipts, Transfers, &
Use of Fund Balance \$7.7 M

General Fund Revenues



General Fund Expenditures



Total Budget

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EDUCATION & LEARNING

Support exceptional educational opportunities.

ACPS Operations

Implement strategic plan
- salary increases, class size, student safety



2023-2024 Draft Funding Request

We Will Know Every Student

5

EDUCATION & LEARNING

Support exceptional educational opportunities.

Systemwide Renovations

\$14.3 M
over 5 years

Elementary School 1

\$44.1 M
Southern feeder pattern

Elementary School 2

\$50.6 M
Northern feeder pattern

High School Center 2

\$36.3 M
Systemwide

1

SAFETY & WELL-BEING

Nurture a safe and healthy community.

Public Safety Operations Center

JC Penney site renovation for ACPD/ FR warehousing and maintenance

ACPD Staffing

Squad-based policing
3 officers & 1 Services position

SAFER Grant

Application for 30 firefighter positions to best align resources with system needs.

Emergency Management

Continuity of Operations, Emergency Operations, Active Threat Training

1

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Social Services

Full-year implementation of mid-year staffing in benefits and foster care

Human Services

Broaden Social Services to Human Services to focus on community well-being, supported by 2 FTEs

Emergency Assistance Funding

Designating \$260k in local funding – to address urgent, one-time financial needs.

Health & Welfare Agencies

\$4.3M to sustain human service programs delivered through partners.

1

SAFETY & WELL-BEING

Nurture a safe and healthy community.

Common- wealth Attorney

2.25 FTE to address
projected workload
increase

Public Defender

Increases related to pay
adjustments

Courts Construction

Breaks ground in 2023
after years of planning

2

RESILIENT, EQUITABLE & ENGAGED COMMUNITY

Design programs and services that promote an equitable, engaged and climate-resilient community.

Equity & Inclusion Trainings

Expand training and learning offerings for staff development

Arts & Cultural

Funding community programs and events

Biannual Community Survey

Resident satisfaction survey

Climate Action

Continue work to meet climate goals

3

INFRASTRUCTURE & PLACEMAKING

Invest in infrastructure and amenities that create connection, opportunity, and well-being.

Transit

Microtransit pilot; rising cost of services from CAT and JAUNT

Transportation

Ongoing capital funding to road, bike, ped projects; RAISE & SS4A work

Solid Waste & Recycling

RSWA Baling Facility, operating funds for Southern Convenience Center

Public Works

Streetsweeper, vegetation management

4

QUALITY OF LIFE

Encourage a vibrant community with economic and recreational opportunities that serve all community members.

Biscuit Run Park & Trails

Open Biscuit Run Park;
advance grass soccer fields

Rivanna Village Park

Open Rivanna Village Parks

Urban Pocket Park

Identify a location and scope for
a small urban park

AC44

Phase 2 development of goals
and planning toolkits

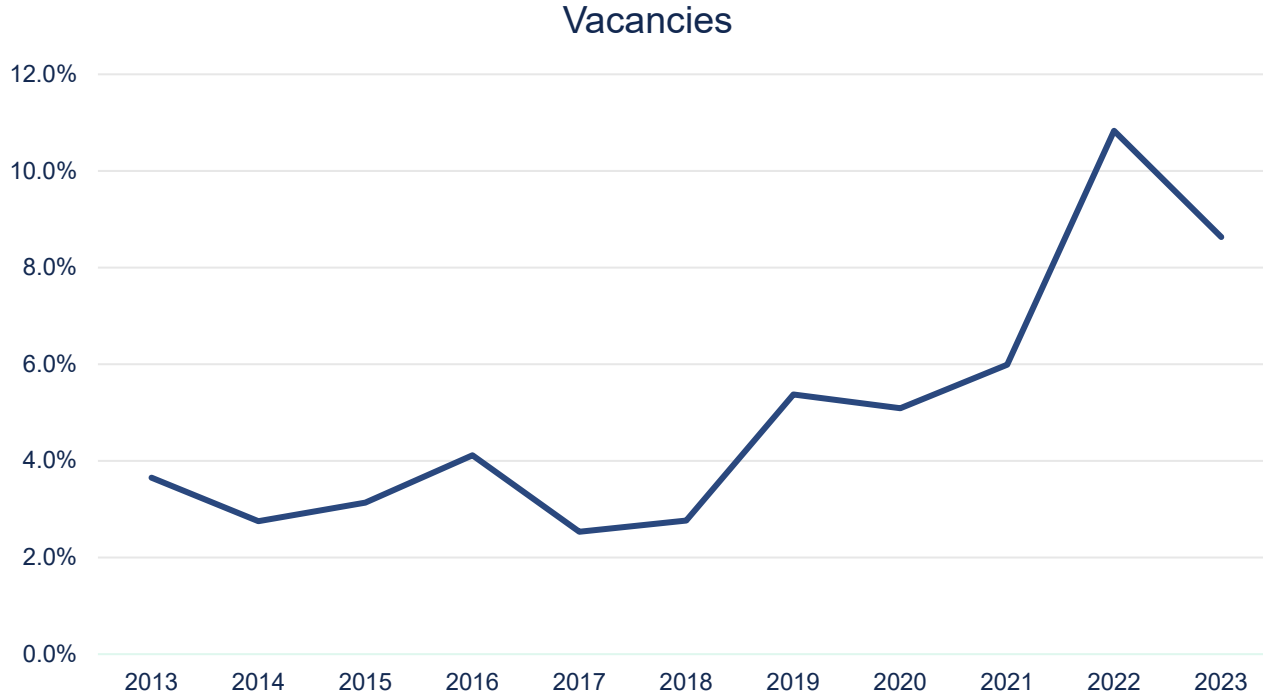
Housing Fund

\$3.9M in FY 23 revenues to
advance affordable housing
projects

Economic Development

Strategic funding
for opportunities aligned to
Project ENABLE

Workforce Stabilization



Employee Benefit Survey

Near-Term



More & Flexible Leave

Seeking more time for family and time away for work-life balance.



Professional Growth

Training, learning, and development to grow skills and hone talent.

Longer-Term



Flexible Hours/Locations

Increasing work-from-home, 4-day work weeks, and others



Systems

Replace outdated systems with modern technology

Options in the survey included more schedule flexibility, onsite perks, and benefits. **Most popular options shown.**

6

WORKFORCE & CUSTOMER SERVICE

Recruit & retain engaged public servants who provide quality government services to advance our mission.

Core Systems Modernization & Centralization

Human Resources, Community Development, Enterprise Resource Planning, Financial systems projects; meeting organization-wide resource needs comprehensively.

Workplace

5-year facility renovation to modernize office environment with the customer in mind

Development & Training

Enhance Learning & Development program

Compensation

- 4% salary increase for all staff
- 2% step increase to Public Safety Pay Scale
- Employer health insurance increase
- Compensation & Classification Implementation

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New Operating Revenues



Public Schools

Operating funds by formula



Schools Capital

Increased project costs & debt service



Workforce Stabilization

Salary and benefits; new positions; Class & Comp implementation



Government Capital

Increased project costs & debt service



Partner Agencies

Rising costs for services

Capital Improvement Plan

Schools Summary

\$194.5 M

24 25 26 27 28

Elementary 1

Southern feeder pattern



Elementary 2

Northern feeder pattern



Renovations

Systemwide projects



Maintenance

Systemwide projects



School Bus Replacement

Annual fleet cycle



Mountain View expansion construction and High School Center 2 planning underway

Capital Improvement Plan

Government Summary

\$122.1 M

24 25 26 27 28

Transportation Leveraging	Road, bike, pedestrian projects					
Economic Development	ED Fund Investments					
Biscuit Run	Open park & build 2 soccer fields					
RSWA Baler Facility	Recycling infrastructure					
County Offices Renovations	Workforce stabilization					
Courts	Construction					

Strategic Plan Resource Allocation



Positions



Work Plans



**Collaborative
Execution**



Centralization

Grant Applications

FEMA SAFER

Application for
30 firefighters to
address system/
resource
alignment

DEQ: Southwood

\$11.8M to address
critical sewer
issues within
Southwood
Mobile Home Park

DEQ: Baling Facility

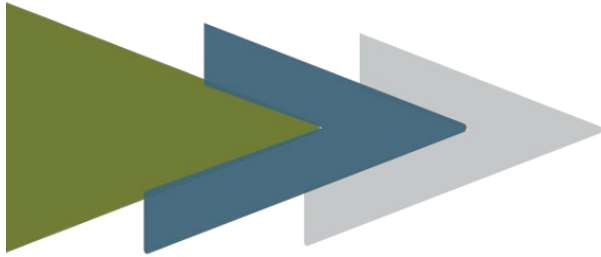
\$4M to offset
costs of baling
facility to
sustain
recycling baling
capability
locally

USDOT

Reconnecting
Communities
Grant for \$337k

VDOT

\$15.8M Avon Street
Multimodal
Improvements
\$20.55M 250/Peter
Jefferson Pkwy Park &
Ride
\$4.9M Belvedere/Rio Rd



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Next Steps

FY 24 Budget Development

Calendar

March

Work Sessions

1st Public Hearing on
Recommended Budget
8th Operating
13th School Board, CIP
15th Proposed Budget, Tax Rate
22nd Work Session: Transit
29th Work Session:
Workforce Stabilization

April

Public Input

12th Work Session TBD
26th Public Hearings
TBA Engagements

May

Adoption

3rd Approve budget
Set tax rate

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