



CITY OF **FALLS**  
**CHURCH**

# **FY2022 OPERATING BUDGET**

and

# **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**



March 8, 2021

# **FY2022 Budget at a Glance**

## **Key investments:**

- ✓ **Public Safety and Emergency Management**
- ✓ **Flood mitigation**
- ✓ **Walkability & Traffic Calming**
- ✓ **Compensation for City work force**
- ✓ **Responsive Government**
- ✓ **City Schools**

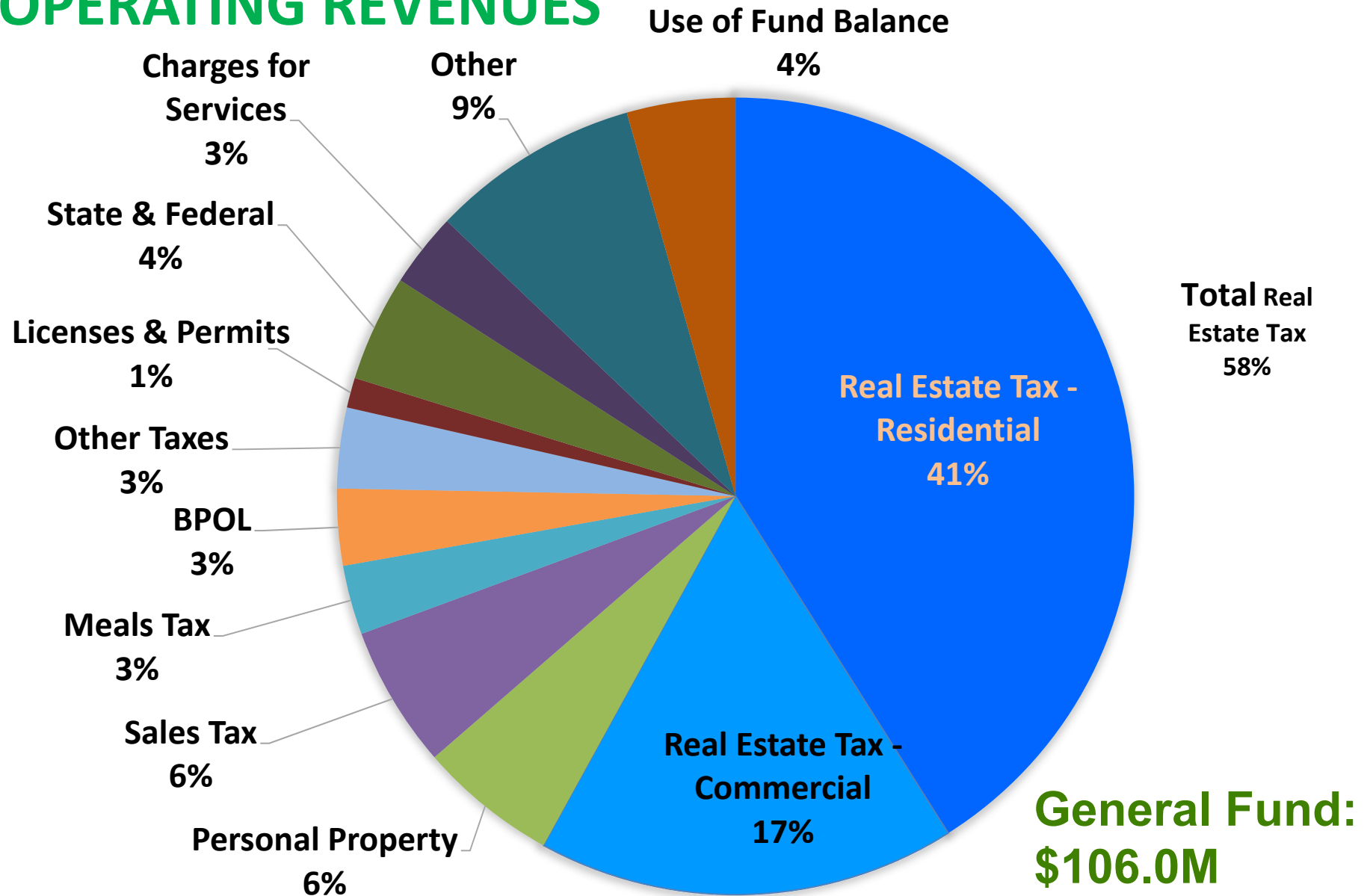
**Reduces RE Tax rate by one penny**

**Major state & federal grants pending**

# FY2022 Operating Budget

	FY2021	FY2022	\$Change	%Change
School Transfer	\$42,863,277	\$43,932,171	\$1,068,894	2.5%
School CIP	-	125,000	125,000	-
General Gov't	40,401,688	41,348,255	946,567	2.3%
Affordable Housing	-	100,000	100,000	-
COVID Contingency	-	200,000	200,000	-
Permit Reserves	275,000	448,000	173,000	62.9%
Debt Service	14,726,532	14,217,748	-508,784	-3.5%
Pension ROI	-640,000	-640,000	-	0.0%
Capital Reserve	-	6,270,000	6,270,000	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$97,626,497</b>	<b>\$106,001,174</b>	<b>\$8,374,677</b>	<b>8.6%</b>

# OPERATING REVENUES



# Local Revenues

	FY2021	FY2022	\$Change	%Change
Real Estate Tax	\$60,284,000	\$61,479,000	\$1,195,000	2 %
Personal Property	5,525,500	5,965,000	439,500	8 %
Sales Tax	4,950,000	6,100,000	1,150,000	23 %
Meals Tax	2,858,000	2,985,000	126,750	4 %
BPOL Tax	2,987,400	3,293,050	305,650	10 %
Other Taxes	3,846,300	3,463,200	(383,100)	-10 %
Other Local Rev	\$10,750,747	\$9,904,724	(\$846,023)	-8 %

# Assessed Values (AV)

<b>Single Family:</b>	<b>+ 4.2%</b>	}	<b>Overall Residential AV growth:</b>	<b>4.1%</b>
<b>Townhouses:</b>	<b>+ 4.6%</b>		• <b>Market:</b>	<b>3.5%</b>
<b>Condos:</b>	<b>+ 3.1%</b>		• <b>New Constr.</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
<b>Commercial:</b>	<b>+ 0.6%</b>	—	• <b>Market</b>	<b>-5.9%</b>
<b>Apartment:</b>	<b>- 2.8%</b>		• <b>New Constr.</b>	<b>6.5%</b>
<b>Overall:</b>	<b>+ 2.7%</b>			

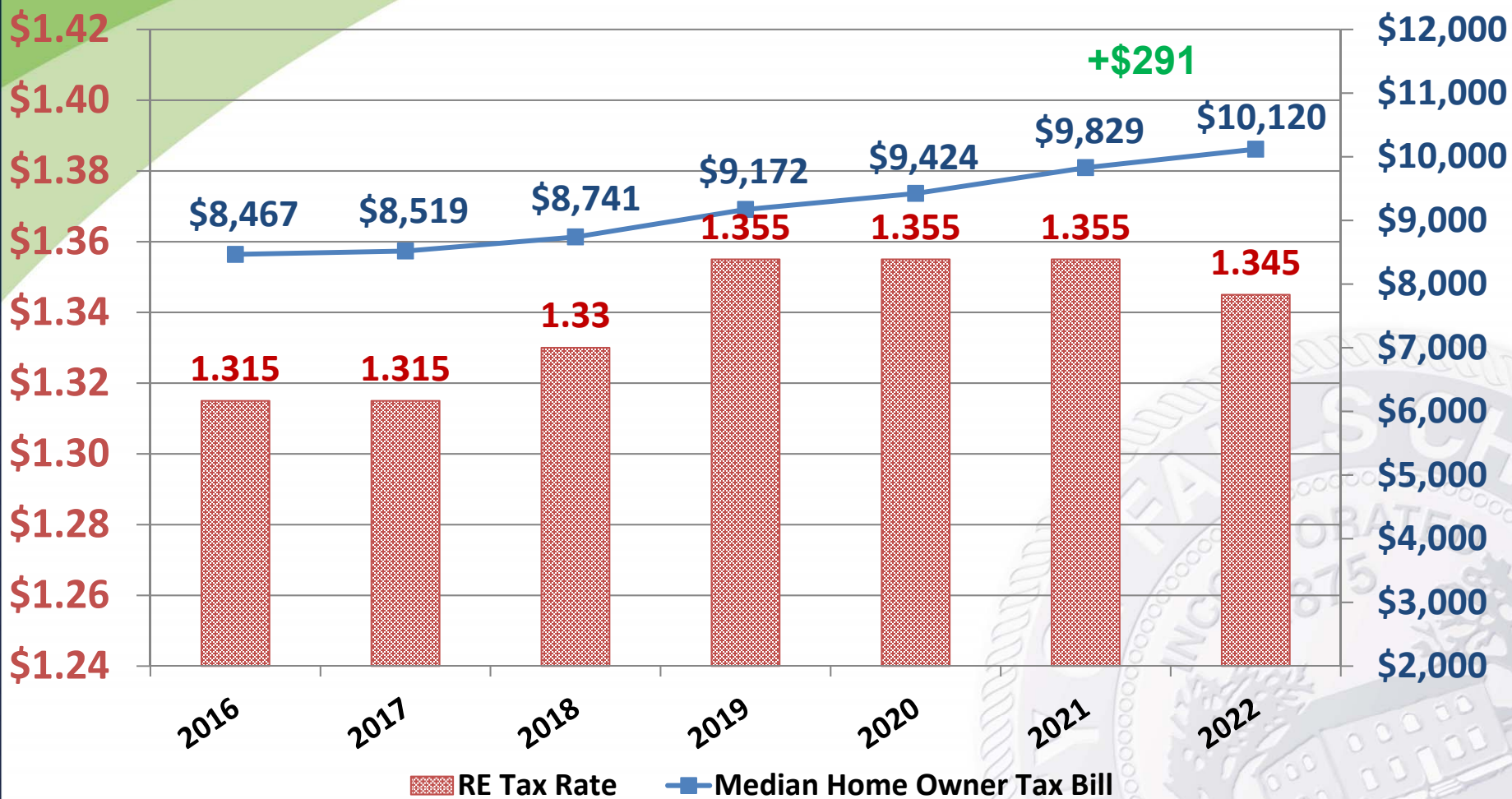
<b>Total AV:</b>	<b>\$ 4.57 Billion</b>
<b>Total AV Growth:</b>	<b>\$ 120.9 Million</b>
<b>New Construction:</b>	<b>\$ 72.7 Million</b>

# RE Tax Rate

- **Reduce Rate to 1.345**
- **Average Homeowner:**
  - **\$291 (3%) increase in tax bill**
- **One penny reduction**
  - **\$75 savings for average homeowner**



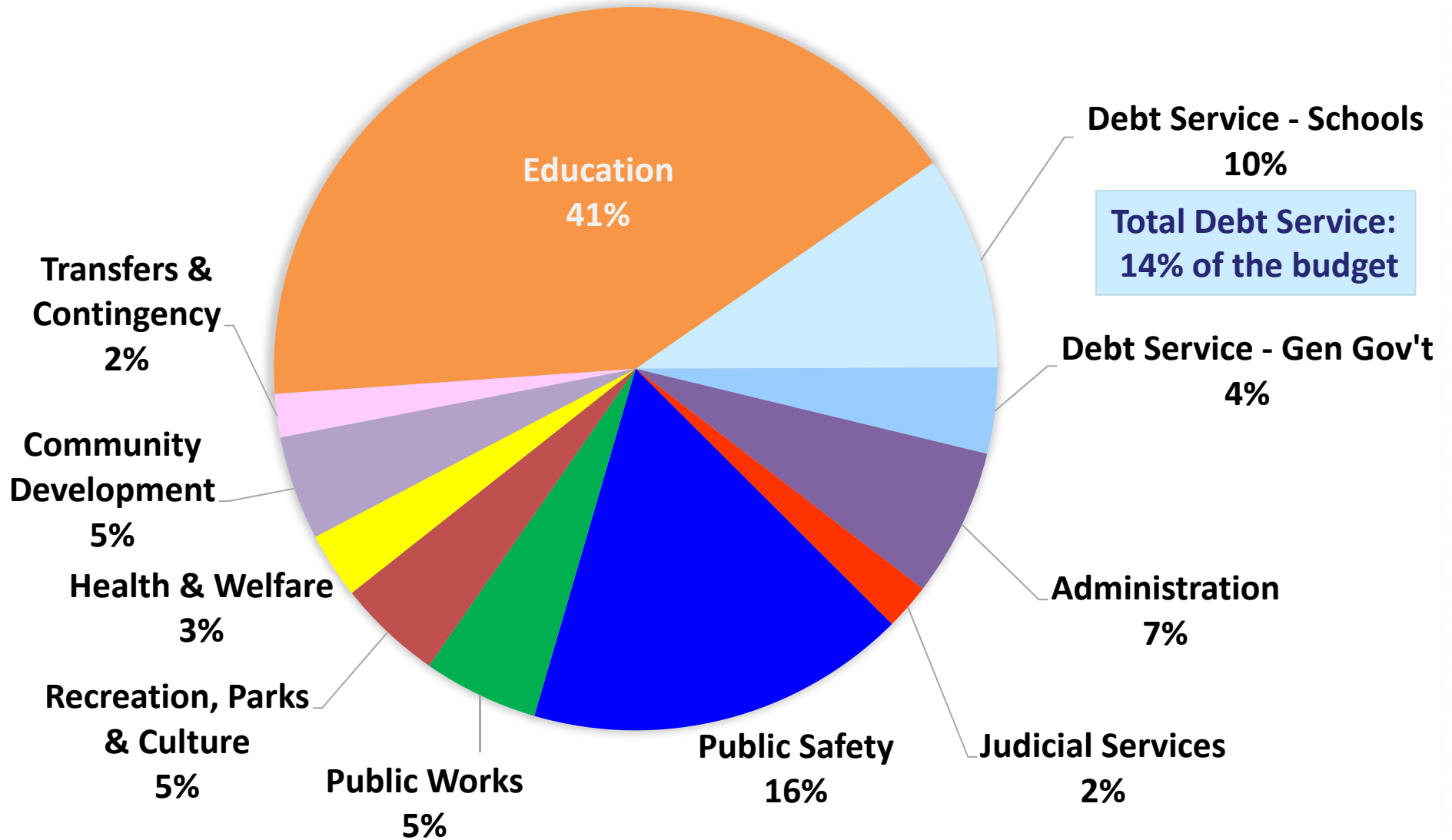
# Median Home Owner RE Tax Bill



**FY2022 median home value: \$752,400**



# OPERATING EXPENSES



# Mobility and Accessibility

✓ Sidewalks / LED Streetlights \$150,000

✓ Neighborhood Traffic Calming

FY2022 CIP \$100,000

FY2021 CIP \$100,000

FY2021 Grant \$636,000

FY2020 Year-end \$400,000

✓ Increase paving budget by \$150,000  
(total appropriation of \$400,000)

# Mobility and Accessibility Grants

## New

- ✓ Park Ave Great Street- \$8.3 M
- ✓ West Falls \$6.9 M
- ✓ S. Oak Street Bridge \$2.4 M

## Active Now

- ✓ S. Maple & S. Washington \$733 K
- ✓ N. Wash & Columbia St \$1.2 M
- ✓ Broad Street Ped Crossings \$1.6 M
- ✓ S. Washington Street Project: \$9.0 M
- ✓ W&OD Crossings \$1.6 M

# Public Health & Safety

- ✓ **Use of Force Committee Recommendations**
  - ✓ Body-worn camera program (\$145,000)
  - ✓ Additional civilian positions to support department
- ✓ **Add Part Time Police Officer:**
  - ✓ for photo red, school bus camera, and school zone speed controls.
- ✓ **Add Public Safety Aide for animal control and other public safety functions**
- ✓ **Add 1 FTE to Office of Emergency Management**
- ✓ **Exploring Regional 911 Dispatch Option**

# Public Health & Safety

## Use of Building Permit Reserve (\$448,000)

- ✓ **NEW:** Add 1 FTE for permit intake functions
- ✓ **Sustain:** \$100k for contracted building plan review and inspections
- ✓ **Sustain:** 2 FTE Inspectors hired this year

# Equity & Inclusiveness

- ✓ **Scholarship for recreation activities for low income households** (\$25,000)
- ✓ **Additional Tax Relief for seniors, veterans and the disabled** (\$42,000)
- ✓ **Affordable housing** (\$100,000)
- ✓ **Amazon Reach grant approved** (\$3.75M)

# Small Town Character

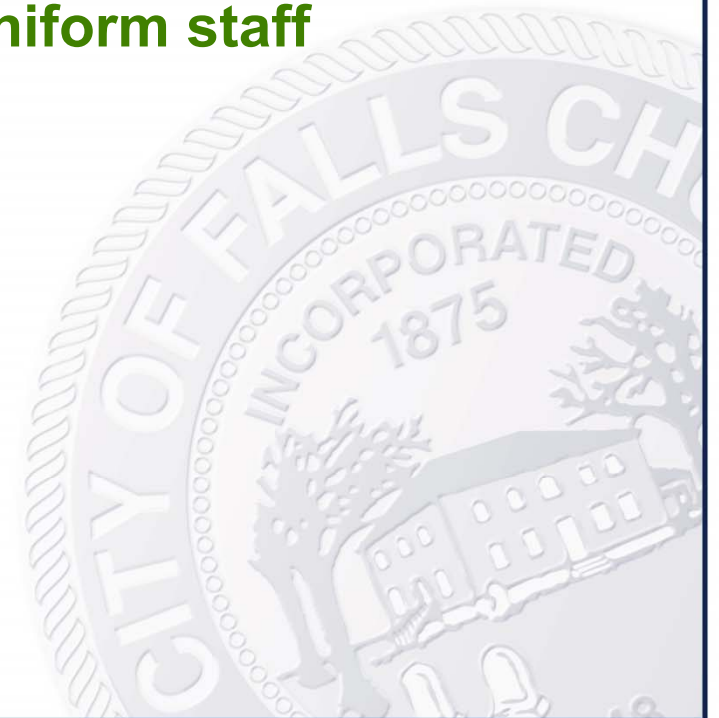
- ✓ **Downtown Improvements** **\$ 36,000**
  - Continue use of Hotel Tax
- ✓ **Park Master Plan** **\$150,000**





# Responsive & Accountable Government

- ✓ **Employee compensation (\$580,000)**
  - ✓ Merit increase 3% for City employees
  - ✓ Step increase 3.5% for police uniform staff
- ✓ **Health Insurance (\$45,000)**
  - ✓ Anthem: 2.4% increase
  - ✓ Kaiser: 0% increase
- ✓ **Addition of 3 FTEs (\$240k)**
  - ✓ PD, CPEDS, HR, Library



# Responsive & Accountable Government

- ✓ Upgrade part-time HR position to support talent acquisition (\$45,000)
- ✓ Fleet and equipment replacement (\$259,000)
- ✓ Facilities Reinvestment (pay as you go)
  - ✓ General Govt: \$200,000
  - ✓ Schools: \$125,000
- ✓ IT Core Infrastructure: \$275,000

# Unfunded Needs

## **\$3.94M Unfunded General Gov't Needs**

- **Police officer positions**
- **IT staff, programs and equipment**
- **Economic Development staff**
- **Recreation and Parks maintenance**
  - **Basketball and tennis courts**
  - **Field maintenance**



# Stormwater Fund

- **\$8.5M for flood mitigation**
  - 6 priority projects from Stormwater Task Force
- **2% rate increase in FY2022**
  - From \$18.36 to \$18.72 per 200 sq ft impervious surface
  - Current rate: \$230 for median homeowner
  - Average rate increase of \$5 for median homeowner
  - Anticipated 10% to 15% rate increase each year for next 5 years
- **Green Infrastructure**
  - Stormwater Task Force Recommendations in March

# Sanitary Sewer Fund

- **Continued funding for Arlington & Alexandria treatment plant upgrades**
  - \$987K FY22
- **No rate increase since 2016**
- **Sewer rate study underway**
  - **Ensure that connection fees are adequate for system expansion to accommodate growth**

# Schedule

- **March 11, 12 noon: Budget Town Hall**
- **March 22, 7:30 pm: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Budget, Tax Rate Ord., and Stormwater Rate Ord.**
- **April 12, 7:30 pm: Public Hearing**
- **April 15, 7:30 pm: Budget Town Hall**
- **April 26, 7:30 pm: Final Adoption**

[www.fallschurchva.gov/Budget-Calendar](http://www.fallschurchva.gov/Budget-Calendar)

# Public Information & Comment

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