



2025 BUDGET GUIDE

A RESIDENT'S GUIDE TO THE
2025 ADOPTED BUDGET





PURPOSE

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

It is our pleasure to provide you with an overview of our City finances for the 2025 fiscal year which begins on January 1. The City of Auburn Hills remains in an enviable financial position. Management prides itself on continued diligence to retain this distinction into the future. With the support of our City Council and with ongoing dialogue with all stakeholders, we continue to provide innovative, cost-effective, and efficient facilities and services. Staff regularly evaluates its programs and services which drives prudent decision-making. Methods are challenged regularly to ensure the best use of funds and to prioritize those things that are most desired by the community.

I wish to acknowledge the ongoing efforts of Finance Director/Treasurer Michelle Schulz and her team of dedicated professionals who assist the entire organization in formulating the annual budget and prepare it for City Council adoption. As always, our entire adopted budget can be found on our website at auburnhills.org should you wish to review it in greater detail.

Thomas A. Tanghe
City Manager

AUBURN HILLS FAST FACTS

1983

INCORPORATION

17.5

SQUARE MILES

25,000+

CURRENT POPULATION

MISSION

To be stewards for the community through a connected, transparent and efficient government

VISION

Auburn Hills will be a community with the heart of a small town that operates with the excellence of a world class city

VALUES

Excellence
Diversity
Fiscal Responsibility
Attentive Service
Safety
Humility



LIVE. WORK. PLAY.

WHO ARE WE?

Auburn Hills is a dynamic community that continues to be committed to innovation and growth. Our diversified tax base places us in an enviable position in this region, and the city continues to thrive with its many industrial, high-tech, retail, entertainment and education institutions and facilities. Through a cooperative effort between the residents and businesses, Auburn Hills has evolved into a city that offers the best of both worlds - an attractive business environment and outstanding quality of life. Our residents enjoy all the benefits that full-service community has to offer. We are a vibrant community and look forward to building upon the assets that make us unique and attractive for investment, economic development and growth.

MAJOR BUILDING BLOCKS OF OUR COMMUNITY:



Global Business

Auburn Hills is home to over 80 international corporations.



Center of Higher Education

The City takes pride in hosting a number of institutions of higher learning, including Oakland University, Oakland Community College, and the Oakland University-William Beaumont School of Medicine, which together attract over 20,000 students.



Strong Tax Base

Tax records show that the Auburn Hills tax base is about 73% nonresidential taxpayer and 27% residential, which is uniquely the opposite of most municipalities.



Entertainment Destination

The City is home to a growing number of entertainment venues, including Oakland University's Meadow Brook Theatre and Art Gallery, SEA LIFE Aquarium, LEGOLAND Discovery Center, Round 1 Bowling & Amusement, Peppa Pig World of Play, AMC Star Great Lakes 25 movie theatre, Topgolf and The HUB Stadium.



Sense of Community

Providing a variety of social and community events is a priority for the City because they help provide a sense of place and of belonging - feelings that can translate into happy and healthy residents.



Diverse Neighborhoods

The strong desire to protect and invest in the community's residential neighborhoods is a core value in Auburn Hills.



Active Community

The City is proud of its nine parks, a multi-function modern community center and a wide range of award-winning recreational opportunities its residents and visitors can enjoy.



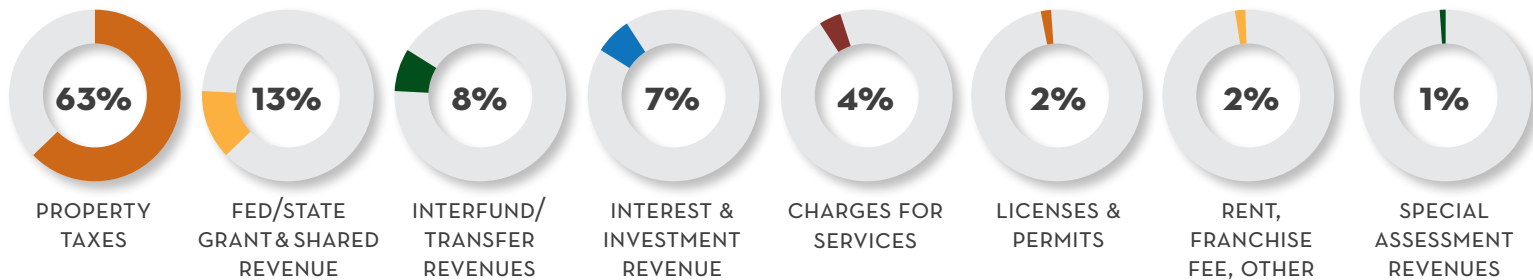
Environmentally Responsible

Knowing the important role trees play in maintaining the high quality of life of its community, Auburn Hills has one of the strongest tree preservation policies in Michigan and has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for the last twenty-one years.

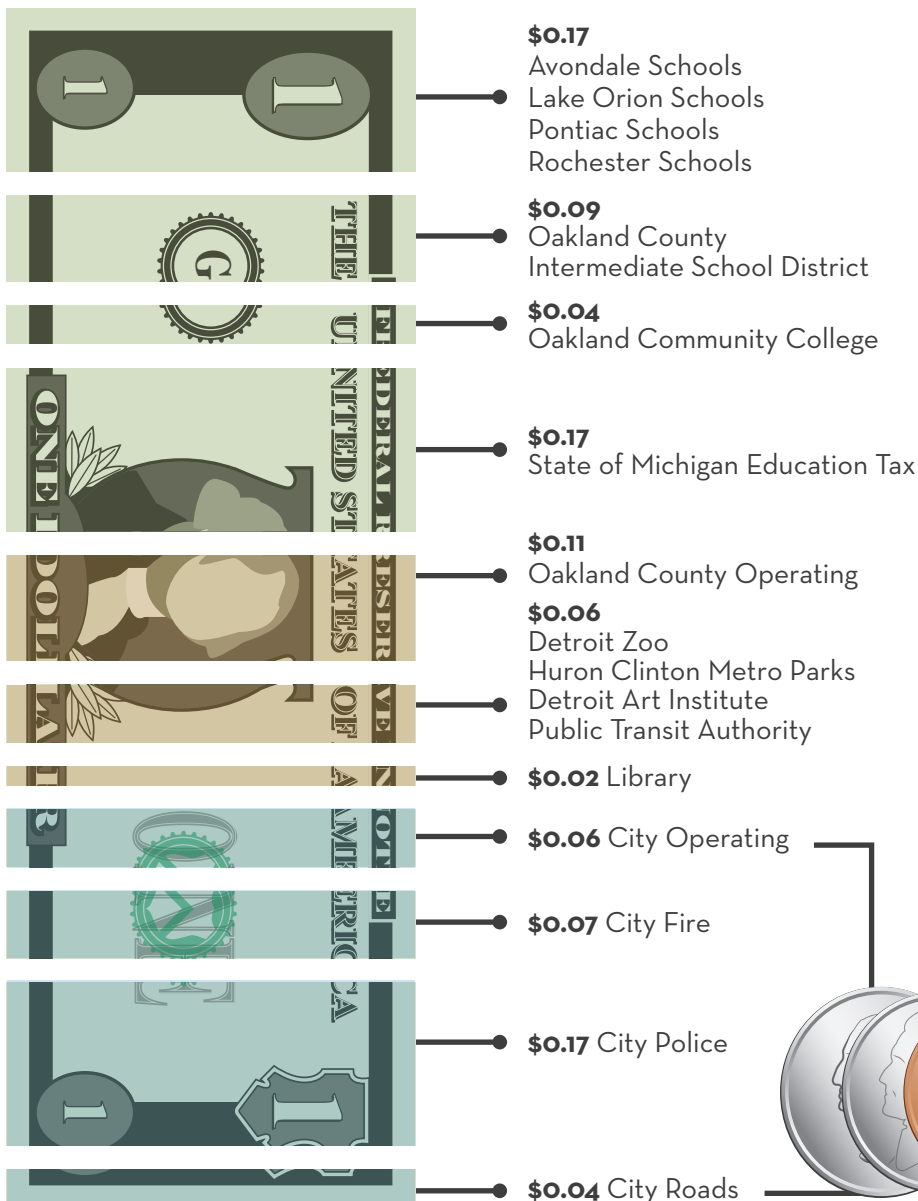
GENERAL FUND REVENUE

WHERE DOES THE CITY GET ITS MONEY?

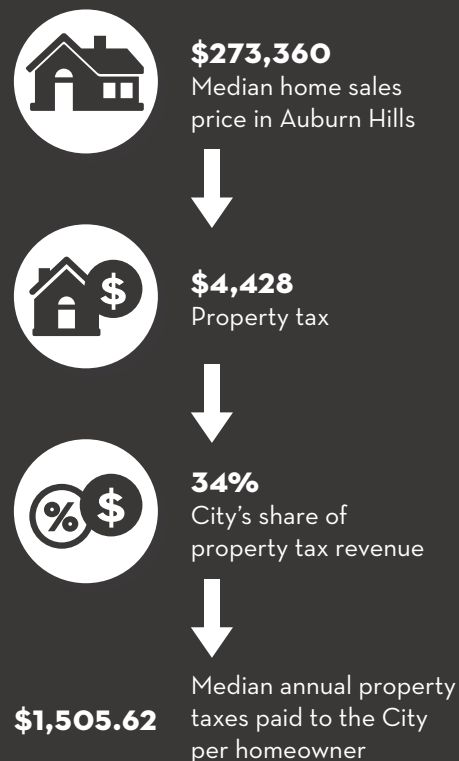
2025 TOTAL REVENUES: \$39,012,938



WHERE DOES EACH PROPERTY TAX DOLLAR GO?



HOW MUCH OF YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOES THE CITY RECEIVE?



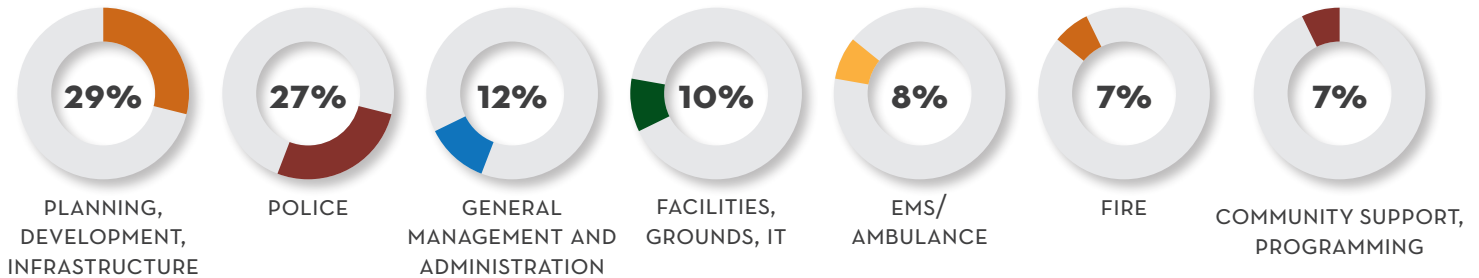
The City of Auburn Hills receives **\$0.34** for every property tax dollar paid.

GENERAL FUND

EXPENDITURES

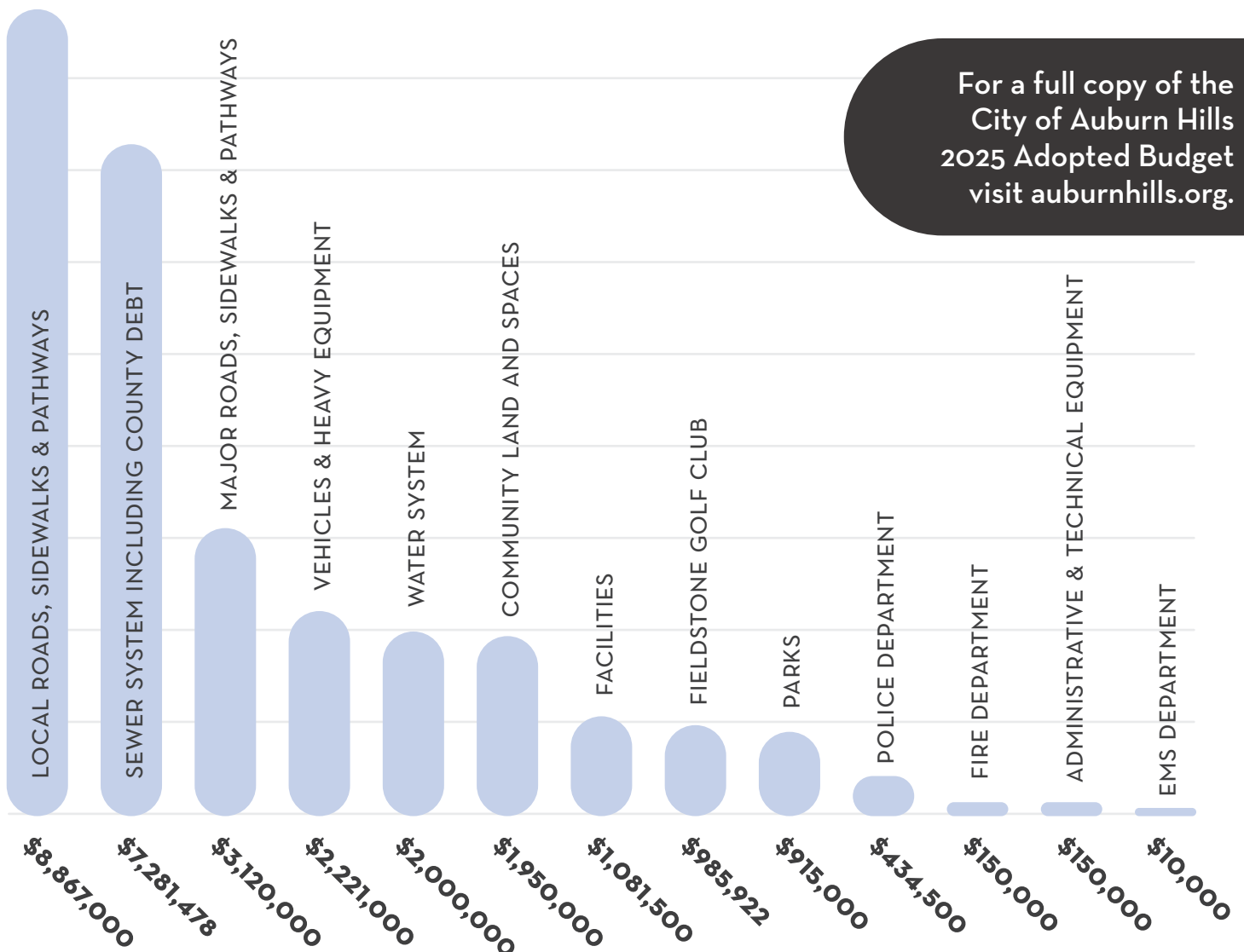
HOW ARE THE DOLLARS DISTRIBUTED?

2025 TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$42,927,286



CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET

TOTAL 2025 CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET PLAN: \$29,166,400 ALL FUNDS



For a full copy of the
City of Auburn Hills
2025 Adopted Budget
visit auburnhills.org.

HIGHLIGHTS

SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE COMMUNITY

In 2023, AHPD responded to a total of 25,530 calls for service, made 1,614 arrests, 6,255 traffic stops and issued 4,124 traffic citations. AHPD assisted with 515 vehicle lockouts, 74 vacation home checks and 936 citizen assists.

The AHPD is a fully accredited agency.

AHPD has two full-time mental health social workers, who respond to calls for service involving people in crisis.



71% crime clearance rate in 2023 (National Average: 45.6% violent crimes and 17.6% property crimes)



AHPD logged 4,368 hours of training in 2023.



AHFD logs in thousands of hours of training each year.

The AHFD Prevention division completes over 1,000 inspections annually.

Public Education consists of fire extinguisher classes, CPR/First Aid/AED courses, school visits, and smoke detector installation.



The City issues over 1,500 permits and conducts over 4,000 inspections annually. Over 1,000 properties are improved through code enforcement every year.



AHFD consistently responds to over 4,300 calls a year.



The City employs 168 full-time, 92 part-time, and 44 seasonal staff members.



Hosted 20 community-wide events in 2024.

Served 2,482 meals to seniors at the Community Center and delivered over 11,891 meals in 2024.



Over 28,000 visitors to the Community Center in 2024.



During Fall 2024, 265 volunteers raked the yards of over 41 senior citizens, collecting 691 bags of leaves across 30 acres for the Rake & Run program.



The 2023 City of Auburn Hills road millage (revenue of 2024) provided approximately \$2.7 million in property tax revenues to assist in a number of planned road maintenance and reconstruction projects totaling \$6.4 million in costs. Included in those costs were necessary improvements on Dexter Road, Simmons/Dexter curve alignment, Hunt Club, Zelma/Hatton/Glenrose and Superior Court.



2024 featured 17 concerts at the Knight Amphitheater.



Some of the maintenance items the DPW performed in 2024 include 1,100 fleet work orders, 671 catch basins cleaned, 82 tons of asphalt installed, 58,500 pounds of crack seal applied, 1,500 trees trimmed, 115,000 feet of sewer inspected, 1,196 meter work orders, 23 sewer manhole repairs, 2,223 Miss Dig requests and 32 snow events.

130 miles of non-motorized pathways and 2.1 miles of trailway of Clinton River Trail for people to walk and bike

17,337 registered voters in 9 precincts.



Municipal Properties has 26 budgeted positions responsible for maintaining 9 city parks, 1,700 streetlights over 460 acres of land as well as all 120,000 square feet of landscaping beds, hundreds of irrigation lines and 155 acres of turf maintenance. In addition, Municipal Properties coordinates maintenance, repairs, equipment installation, and large-scale renovation projects across 63 municipal buildings and structures.



SERVICES BY DEPARTMENT

Assessing Department

The Assessor's Office is charged with annually discovering, listing, and valuing all taxable property within the City of Auburn Hills.

City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk's Office administers all elections and maintains the records of all registered voters in the City, maintains the official City records including minutes, agendas and cemetery records, and provides administrative support for City Council meetings.

City Manager's Office

The City Manager is the chief administrative officer for the City of Auburn Hills and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the City.

Community Development

The Community Development Department consists of four integrated divisions: Advanced Planning, Building Services, Code Enforcement, and Economic Development. Working collaboratively, this department oversees development and works to protect the public's investments within the City.

Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works is responsible for maintaining the city's infrastructure including 90 miles of roads, 182 miles of water mains, 118 miles of sewer mains, 45 city facilities and over 400 acres of parks and grounds.

Fieldstone Golf Club

Fieldstone Golf Club is owned by the City of Auburn Hills and rated as one of the top municipal golf courses in the Midwest.

Finance and Treasurer's Department

Responsibilities include management of revenue collection, expense payments, property taxes, budget compliance, financial audits, risk, payroll, retirement benefits, debt and investments, and state and federal funding.

Fire Department

The Fire Department responds to over 4,300 EMS and fire related calls annually. The department has three divisions: Suppression, Prevention and Administration and was recently awarded an ISO rating of 2.

Police Department

The Police Department's mission is to continually improve the safety and quality of life within our community, through a broad base of traditional and innovative services while protecting constitutional and basic human rights.

Recreation and Senior Services Department

Our mission is to improve the quality of life in Auburn Hills by providing quality parks and recreation opportunities and a variety of affordable year-round programs and special events for people of all ages.

CITY COUNCIL

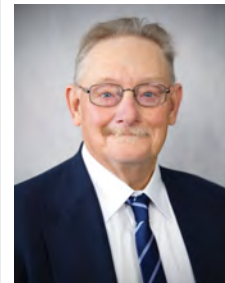
The City Council is composed of seven members elected at-large on a non-partisan basis. The City Council selects, among its members, a Mayor and a Mayor Pro-Tem. The City Council is the legislative and policy-making body. Acting as a whole, the City Council is responsible for adopting ordinances and setting the direction of City policy.



BRIAN MARZOLF
MAYOR



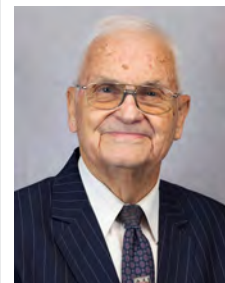
EUGENE HAWKINS, III
MAYOR PRO-TEM



JACK D. FERGUSON



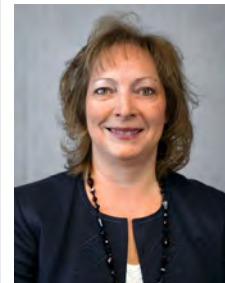
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