



2026

BUDGET GUIDE

A RESIDENT'S GUIDE TO THE
2026 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 2026 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

26,000+

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 and is home to the largest robotics footprint of any city in the United States.



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 75% nonresidential taxpayer and 25% 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.



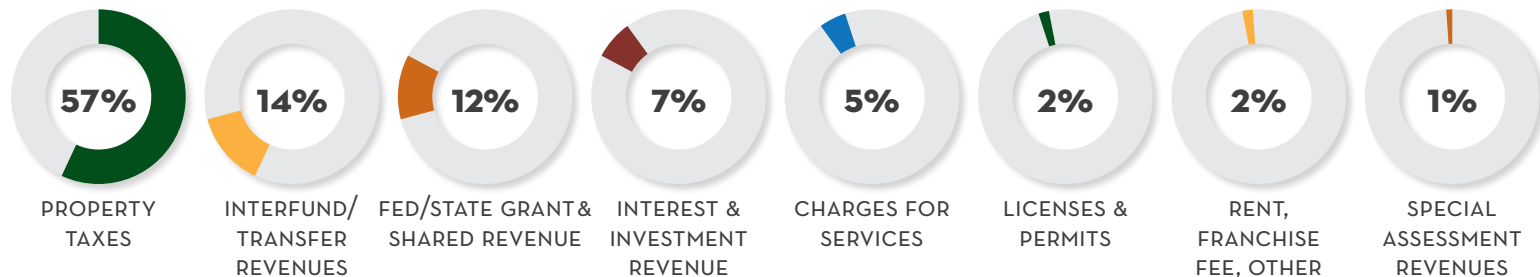
Environmentally Responsible

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-six years.

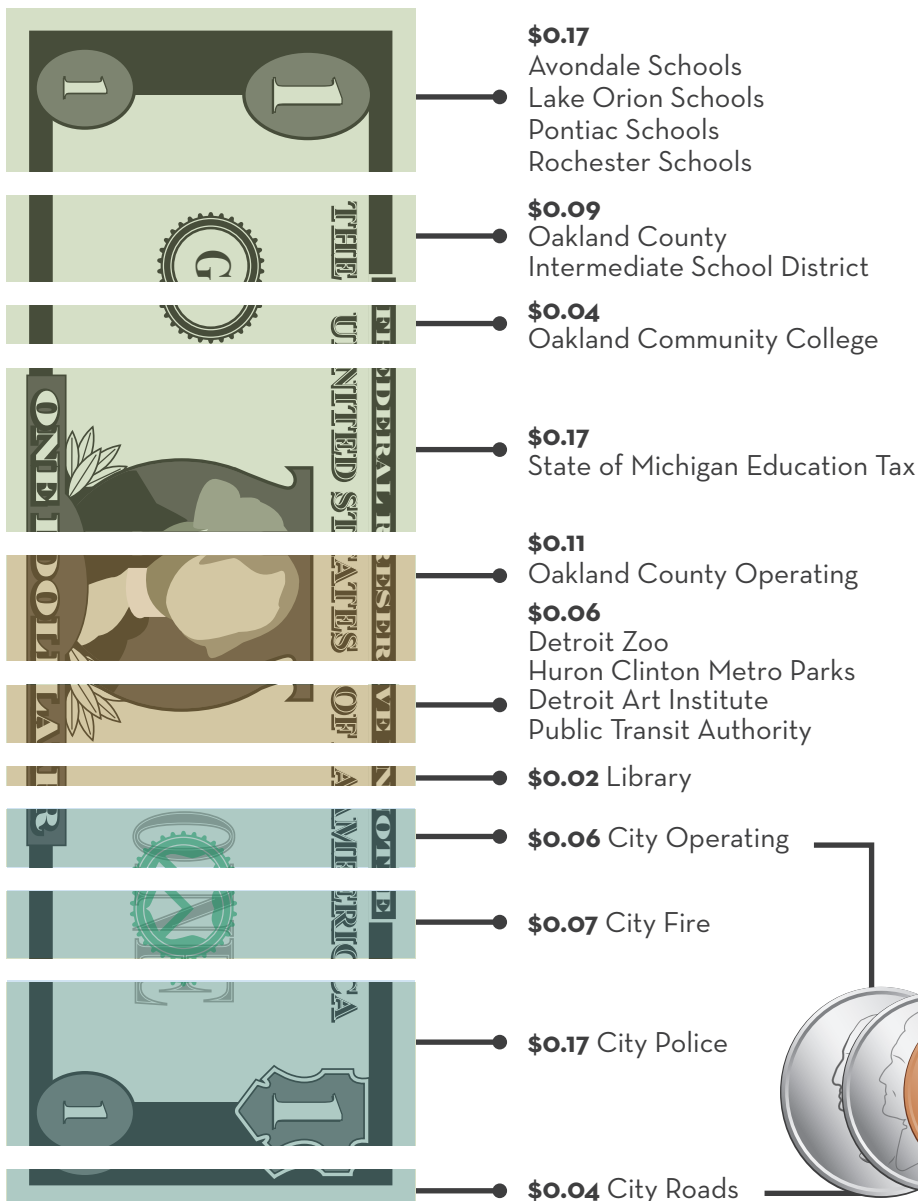
GENERAL FUND REVENUE

WHERE DOES THE CITY GET ITS MONEY?

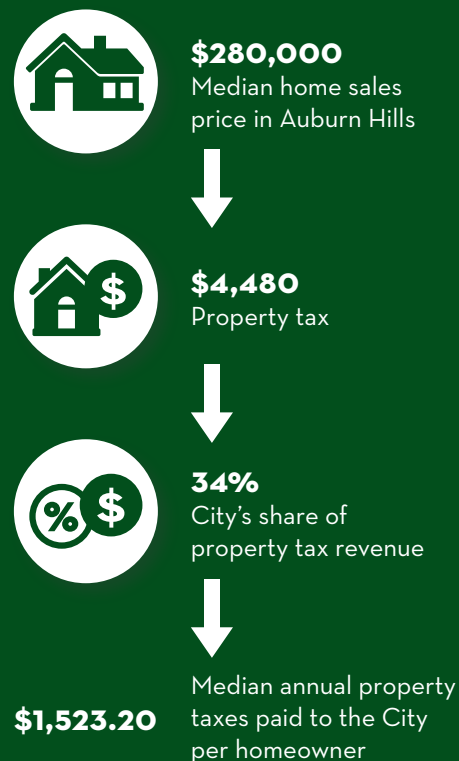
2026 TOTAL REVENUES: \$44,542,533



WHERE DOES EACH PROPERTY TAX DOLLAR GO?



HOW MUCH OF YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOES THE CITY RECEIVE?



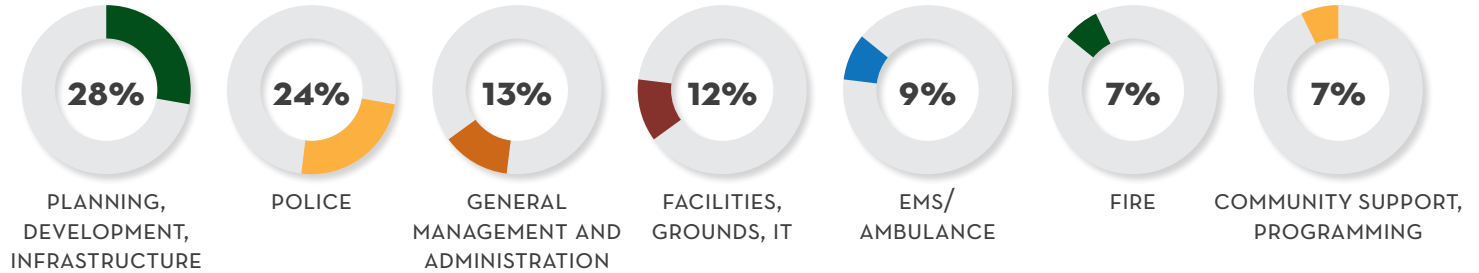
The City of Auburn Hills receives **\$0.34** for every property tax dollar paid.

GENERAL FUND

EXPENDITURES

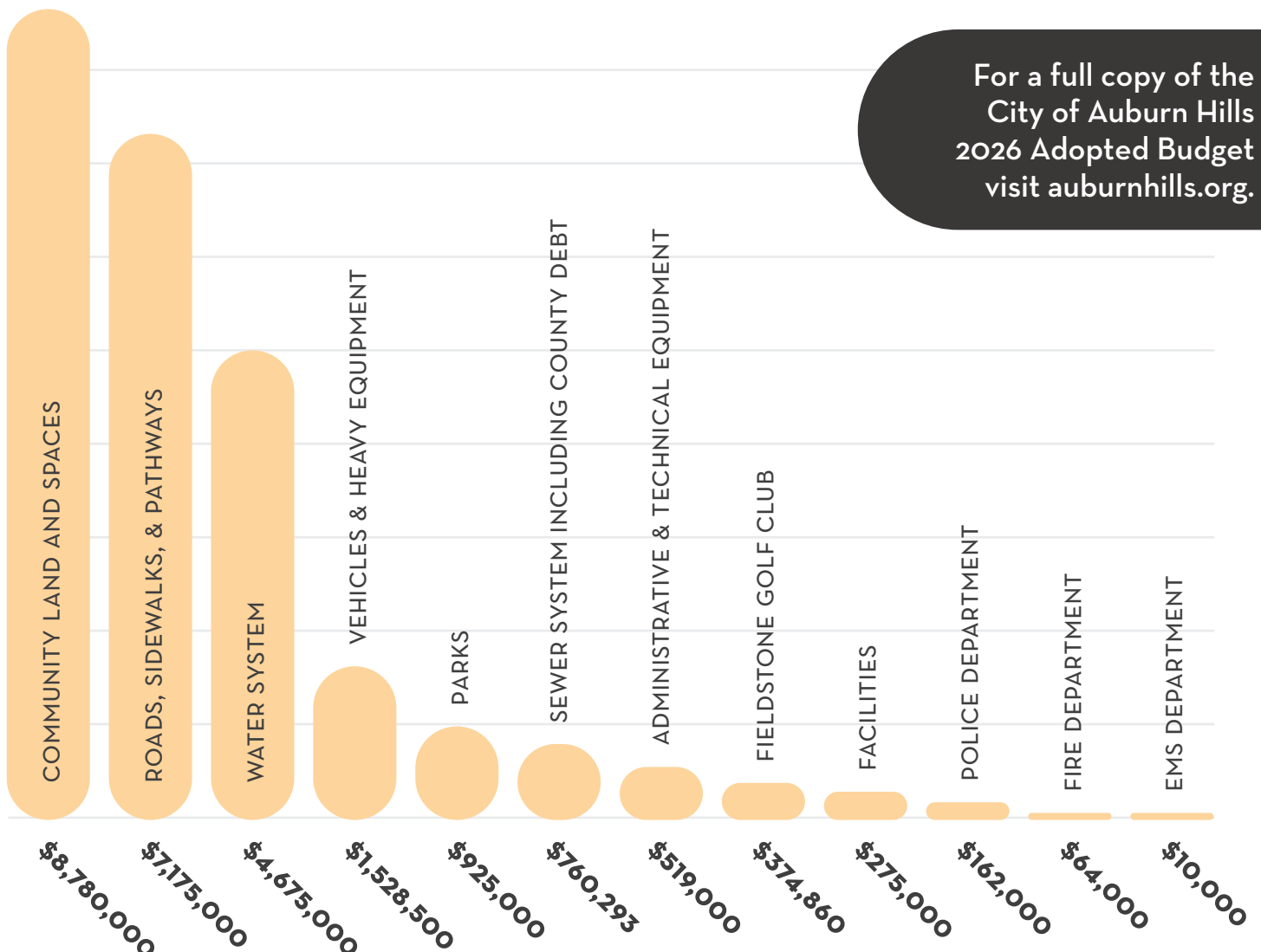
HOW ARE THE DOLLARS DISTRIBUTED?

2026 TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$49,740,900



CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET

TOTAL 2026 CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET PLAN: \$25,248,653 ALL FUNDS



For a full copy of the
City of Auburn Hills
2026 Adopted Budget
visit auburnhills.org.

HIGHLIGHTS

SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE COMMUNITY

In 2024, AHPD responded to a total of 26,050 calls for service, made 1,772 arrests, 6,333 traffic stops, and issued 4,058 traffic citations. AHPD assisted with 457 vehicle lockouts, 80 vacation home checks, and 1,004 citizen assists.

The AHPD is a fully accredited agency.

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



76.35% crime clearance rate in 2024 (National Average: 45.5% violent crimes and 17.2% property crimes).

AHPD logged 3,693 hours of training in 2024.



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 1,000 permits and conducts over 1,600 inspections annually. Over 1,200 properties are improved through code enforcement every year.



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



The City employs 170 full-time, 115 part-time, and 60 seasonal staff members.



In 2025, our volunteers gave 7,893 hours of their time to community center programs, events, and services.

Served 4,650 meals at the Community Center and delivered over 29,000 meals to seniors' homes in 2025.



In 2025, the tee boxes and baskets were replaced on the disc golf course at Civic Center Park.



In 2025, the basketball courts at Riverwoods Park were freshly resurfaced, and the basketball hoops were replaced.



In 2025, 250 kids and teens participated in summer day camp through the Auburn Hills Recreation Department.



The 2024 City of Auburn Hills road millage (revenue of 2025) provided approximately \$3 million in property tax revenues to assist in a number of planned road maintenance and reconstruction projects totaling \$13.6 million in costs. Included in those costs were necessary improvements on Tienken Road, Simmons/Circle, Butler Road, and Executive Hills.



2025 featured 17 concerts at the Knight Amphitheater.

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



Some of the maintenance items the DPW performed in 2025 include 1,100 fleet work orders, 1,185 catch basins cleaned, 292 tons of asphalt installed, 37,800 pounds of crack seal applied, 93,000 feet of sewer cleaned, 77,000 feet of sewer inspected, 138 hydrant repairs, 17 water valve repairs, 3 water main repairs, 3,180 Miss Dig requests, and 36 snow events.

There are 16,756 registered voters in nine 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 maintains 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 Department

The Recreation Department's 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.

Senior Services Department

The Senior Services Department's mission is to enhance the quality of life for adults age 55+ by connecting residents to a wide range of programs, services, and resources for health, wellness, and independence.

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.



EUGENE HAWKINS, III
MAYOR



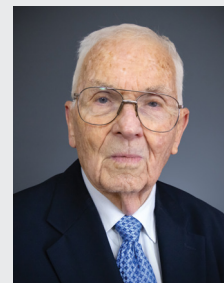
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