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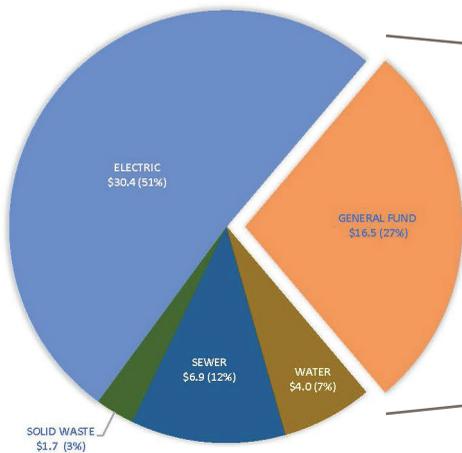
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Fiscal Year 23-24 Approved Operating Budget (in millions)

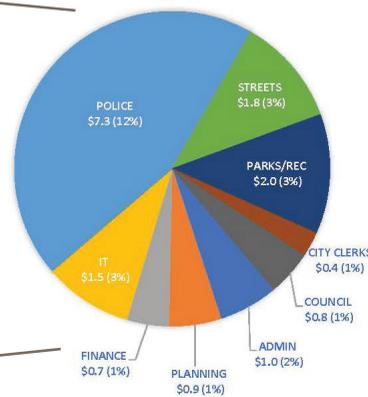
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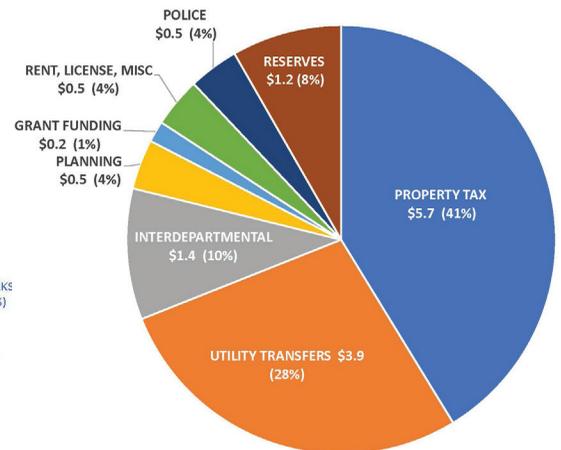
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GENERAL FUND BREAKOUT



INCOME

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Milford City Council adopted the FY2024 Operating Budget on June 12, 2023. The following highlights also include Capital projects funded with this year's budget priorities. The rightmost pie chart shows the City's funding sources, while the pie charts at left breakout City-wide spending plans by service and function. The FY2024 budget satisfies growing personnel requirements while sustaining momentum in the City's ongoing beautification, recreation, and infrastructure enhancements. Public safety is likewise at the top of the City's priority list, as the new police facility (approved in 2021 by referendum) and upgraded patrol fleet will be in service by the end of the year. The pedestrian crossing at the Walnut St. bridge, various streetscapes projects, the Maple St. bridge replacement, several walking and bike paths, parking lot rehab downtown, a public plaza fronting City Hall, improved gateways into Milford, and ADA accessibility initiatives all speak to demands from City residents for a more beautiful, walkable community. Projects enabling public Wi-Fi access, EV charging stations, LED street lights, payment kiosks, and public restrooms downtown are aimed at convenience and efficiency for Milford's residents and visitors. Continued investments in the Milford Corporate Center will promote economic growth to protect the costs of living and operating for Milford's citizens and businesses, respectively. The City's funding constraints, evident in the mix of funding sources in the rightmost pie chart, heighten the importance of raising funds beyond our taxpayers and utility customers. Property taxes are insufficient to cover the cost of police operations, let alone the entire City administration. Without utility support and the City's determined pursuit of grant opportunities, significantly more pressure would fall on property taxes. Over the last three years, grant funding and utility transfers accounted for \$17 million and \$8.5 million in revenue, respectively. Going forward, utility funds will generate more than \$3.5 million each year to benefit public safety, parks and recreation, streets, public works and technology, proving Milford's public utility model will pay dividends to all residents for years to come.

Public Utility Education

By Mike Svaby, Public Works Director

The Growing Pains of a Growing, Developing City

The amenities that make life in Milford very desirable by most residents' standards take time, money, organization and sometimes, short-term sacrifice – to achieve. The age-old expression – “You have to break a few eggs to make a cake” is alive and well in the City of Milford.

Some of the most desirable features of a city like Milford include being able to walk to most destinations; having safe, paved alignments for bike use; not having utility wires overhead, ruining the City's horizon and sky view above while still enjoying the easy availability of electric and communications lines – these all come with a price. Most people understand this. What is commonly forgotten is the short-term disruption to every-day life that stands between convenience and the current state.

Not so hypothetically, maybe we cannot cross a bridge on our usual route to work, maybe our car gets dusty while a new community facility or home is being built nearby, or even more relevant to Milford life today – maybe both of these nuisances are occurring at the same time. While no one would disagree that traveling can be a hassle in a growing environment, these are the growing pains of success and prosperity; they will become the “creature comforts” of everyday life, literally the roses that we'll be “smelling along the way”.

The only way to ease the sting of inconvenience is to seek to be aware of what's happening and make adjustments to your travel timetable in the best way you can. The City seeks to inform you about these activities on a regular basis, all the while knowing there is always room for improvement in the audiences we reach, the various media on which we choose to relay the information, and the range and detail of the information shared. You are encouraged to seek day-to-day information about traffic and conditions on our website (www.cityofmilford.com) and DelDOT Travel Advisories webpage (www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/#advisories) in the case where DelDOT may be working on a road, bridge, or utility or signal upgrade – in the City of Milford. Finally, if you have ideas on how we can better inform you or you have any questions about what is going on around you, go to the City's website address above and click on “Bucky” to find the space where you can share your idea or question.

Downtown Milford is a busy place - just wait, you're gonna like it!

City Office Closures

City offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4 for the holiday. Trash, Recycling and yard waste may differ on these dates. Check the schedule online at www.cityofmilford.com/87/Solid-Waste

Employee Spotlight

Timmy Barnett

Electric Line Supervisor

1. How long have you worked for the City of Milford? **23 years**
2. Have you always worked in this role? **No, I started as a groundsman on the line crew.**
3. What is your favorite thing about working for the City? **Problem solving.**
4. What do you enjoy doing in your free time? **Fishing**



Timmy's personable nature and willingness to support both his colleagues and customers make him an invaluable member of the team. He maintains continuous communications ensuring that every job runs smoothly and is available day or night to respond to system emergencies. Timmy's dedication to the City and its residents is highly commendable.

- Anthony Chipola, Electric Director

Recycle in Delaware

Want to know where to recycle in Delaware? Use the QR code to the right to learn more!



Water Quality Report

The 2023 Water Quality Report is available on City home page. Use the QR code to the right to learn more!



Do you have what it takes

to be a public servant?

Join the City of Milford for a career that matters!

Now hiring the following positions:

Accountant

\$80,166.88

Electric Line Technician, First Class

\$91,769.60

Electric Line Technician, Second Class

\$83,428.80

Public Works Equipment Operator II-Solid Waste

\$45,252.11

Public Works Equipment Operator-Streets

\$45,252.11

Arborist/Urban Forestry Coordinator

\$54,755.06

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The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a federal government program that offers eligible households **\$30/month** toward home internet services.

4 Steps To Get Connected

1

VISIT bit.ly/Milford-GetACP
Get a checklist to simplify the application process

2

APPLY
Use your personalized checklist to apply for ACP

3

CONFIRM
Receive confirmation that you qualify

4

ENROLL
Select Internet Service Provider and enroll in service plan



Visit bit.ly/Milford-GetACP to see if you qualify, what you'll need to apply and how to connect to plans that are free with ACP.

Scan the code to get started.



CONÉCTESE A INTERNET *en el* HOGAR **GRATIS**

El Programa de Conectividad Asequible (Affordable Connectivity Program, ACP) es un programa del gobierno federal que ofrece a los hogares elegibles **\$30/mes** para servicio de Internet.

4 Pasos Para Conectarse

1

VISITE bit.ly/Milford-GetACP

Obtenga una lista de verificación para simplificar el proceso de solicitud

2

PRESENTE LA SOLICITUD

Use su lista de verificación personalizada para solicitar el ACP

3

CONFIRMAR

Reciba la confirmación de que usted califica

4

INSCRIBIRSE

Seleccione el proveedor de Internet e inscribese en un plan de servicio



Visite bit.ly/Milford-GetACP para saber si califica, qué necesitará solicitar y cómo conectarse a planes que son gratuitos con ACP.

Escanee el código QR para comenzar.

