

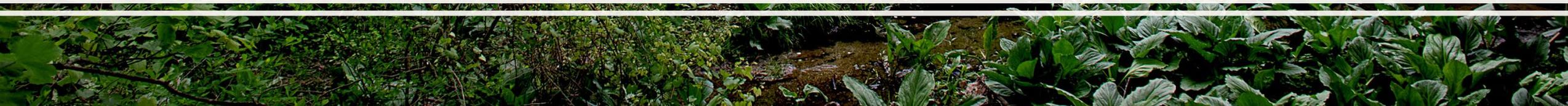
Willistown Township 2025 Budget

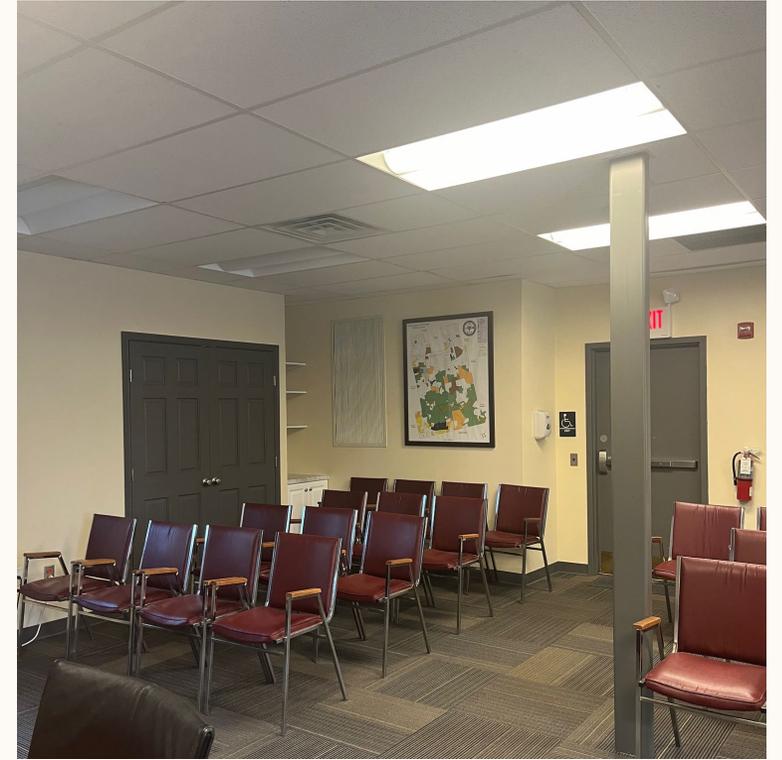
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A look back at 2024...





2024 Highlights Township Campus

- Completion of Township Building lobby and front porch renovation
- Remediation and repair of water damage to Township Building meeting room, IT closet, and chimney
- Began survey, engineering, and design for new Public Works Facilities



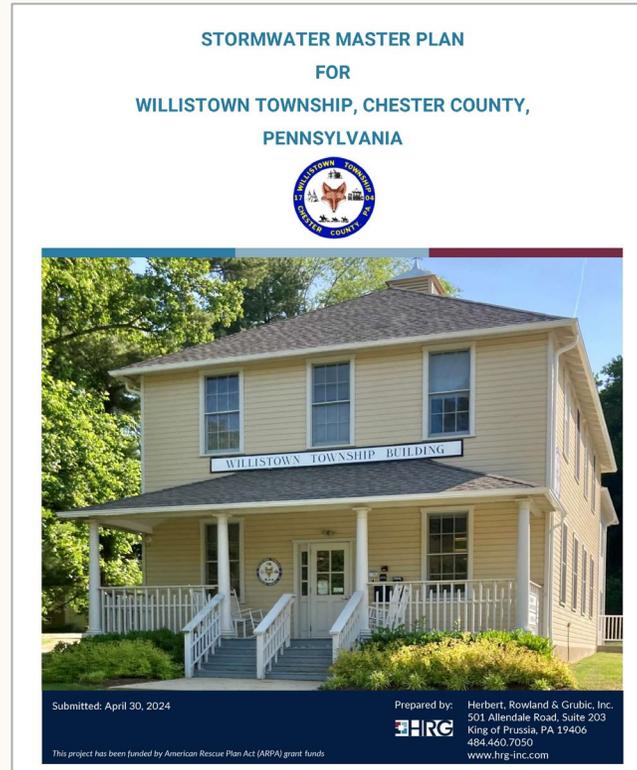
2024 Highlights Parks and Recreation

- Monument Road Neighborhood Park and Bird Sanctuary
- Greentree Park upgrades
- Rita Reves Memorial Park pavilion roof
- GO WilMa! Outdoor Adventure Program
- Annual Country Fair, Nature Ramble, “In Tune and On Tap,” Owl Prowl



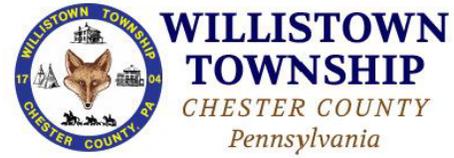
2024 Highlights Police

- Community Policing: Visits to local organizations, neighborhoods, and businesses, school visits and participation in National Night Out
- Purchase of Polaris utility task vehicle
- Participation in Chester County Emergency Response Team



2024 Highlights Stormwater

- Completion of the Township-Wide Stormwater Master Plan
- Pipe replacement and infrastructure repairs
- Basin rain garden retrofit at Rita Reves Memorial Park
- Engineering for Forest and Chetwynd projects underway
- Additional grant efforts and design work on Ronnie Park Phase II



WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP

Wastewater Management Study

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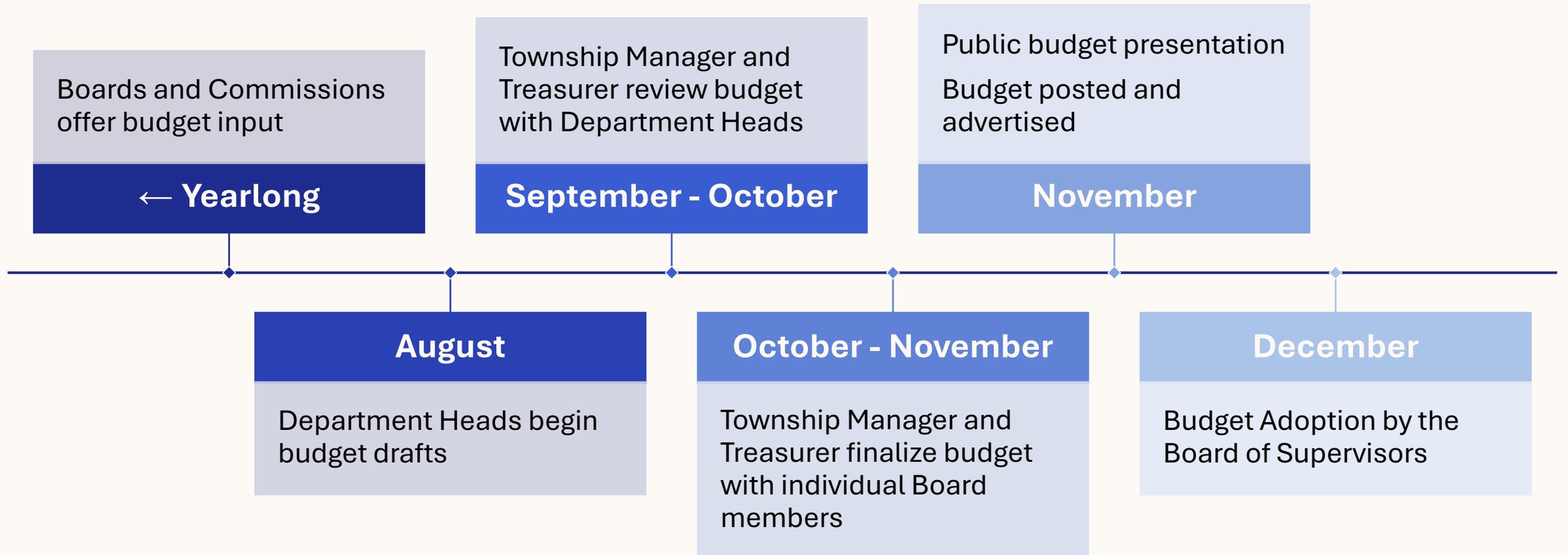
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2024 Highlights Sanitary Sewer

- Completion of Wastewater Management Study
- Televising of more than 20% of gravity sewer lines, exceeding target
- Infiltration and inflow reduction through repairs
 - Main replacement on Long Lane, Paoli Pike
 - Emergency repairs near 66 Devon Road

Budget Timeline



2025 Budget Highlights



General Fund budget is balanced at \$10.5 million



No proposed property tax increase



Projected 2024 surplus of \$2 million



Penn's Preserve and Valley Forge Sewer accounts budget revenue of \$3.9 million and expenditures of \$3.8 million.

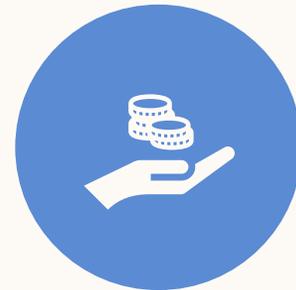


Staffing adjustments for improved sewer operation per the Sewer Management Study

Willistown Tax Overview



Property Tax:
Millage rate of 0.28
mills.



Earned Income Tax:
1% for residents, 0.875%
for non-residents



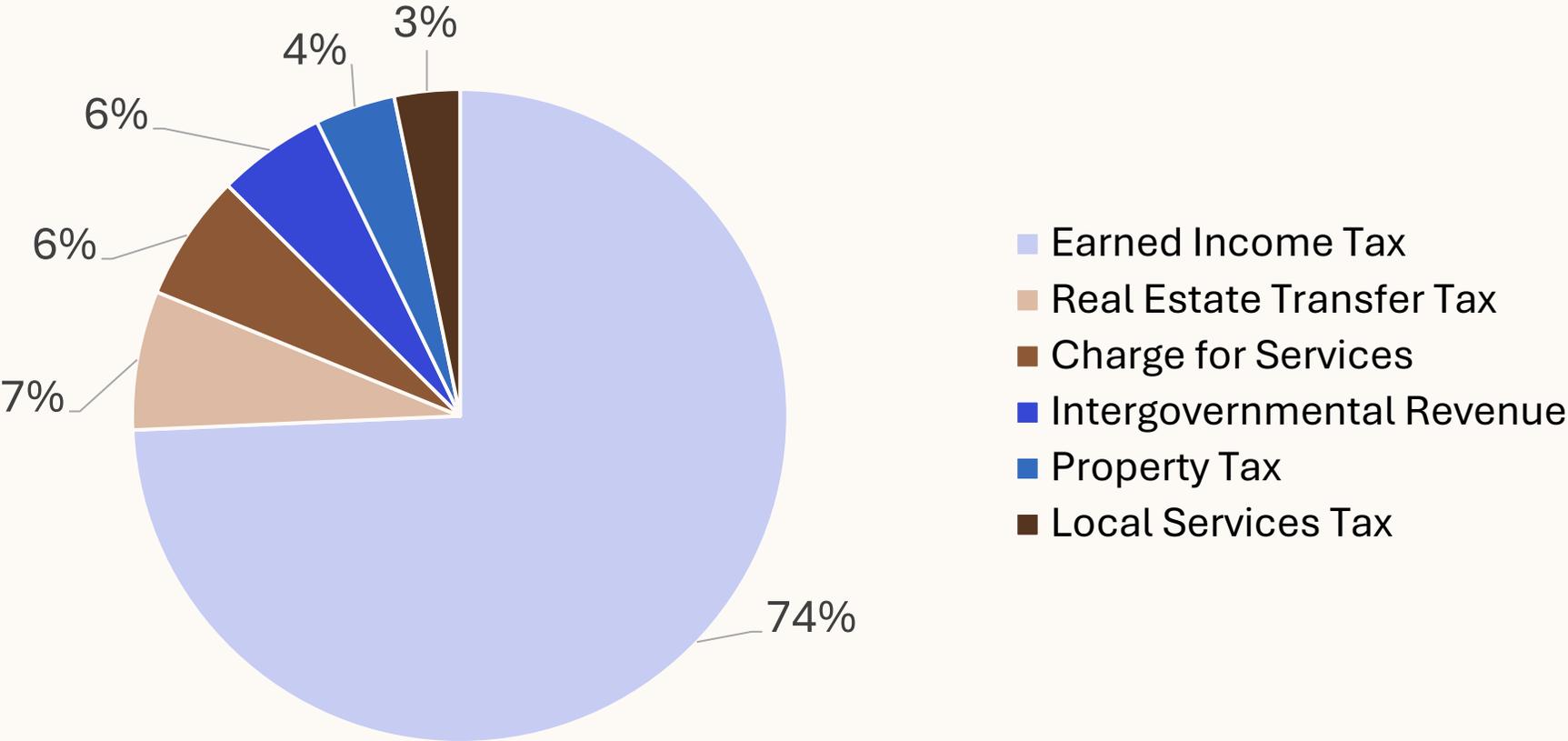
Local Services Tax:
\$52 annually for anyone
working in Willistown



Real Estate Transfer Tax:
One-half of 1% of the
value of real estate
transferred

Willistown Tax Overview, *continued*

Top Township Revenue Sources



Willistown Tax Overview, *continued*

Your Real Estate Tax Dollar at Work

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| Willistown Township | 0.28 mills |
| Chester County | 4.551 mills |
| Great Valley School District | 24.37 mills |



General Obligation Bonds / Debt



The 2025 Budget proposes the issuance of debt in the amount of \$12 million dollars



Debt service payments for this obligation will begin in 2026



General Fund: 6 million dollars will cover the demolition, construction, and fit out of the new Public Works facilities on the Township Campus



Valley Forge Sewer Fund: 6 million dollars will cover various sewer equipment purchases and infrastructure projects.

General Fund

Operating fund for Township departments:
Administration, Public Safety, Public Works, and
Parks

Revenue sources include taxes, fees, permits,
fines, interest, grants, and state funding

2025 Budget for the General Fund is balanced at
\$10,512,778

Highlights: Township-wide circulation study, admin
staff additions, GIS software, expanded park and
community events, stormwater inlet repair

Capital Fund

Capital assets are major purchases with an initial cost of \$10,000 or more and an estimated useful life greater than one year

Capital investments out of this fund as presented for 2025 total \$6,186,259

Capital projects and purchases are proposed to be funded by a portion of the 2024 surplus, grants, and bond proceeds

2025 Capital Project Highlights

Police

- Two patrol vehicles with vehicle fit-outs
- Trailer for Polaris UTV
- Interview room technology enhancements

Infrastructure

- Garrett Mill Road Bridge
- Lancaster Avenue fiber interconnect
- Backhoe replacement
- 6-wheeler truck with dump bed upfit
- Additional roadway paving

Township Campus

- Public Works Facilities
 - demolition and construction
 - aboveground fuel tanks
 - new salt shed
 - generator
- Township Building exterior painting

Parks

- Rita Reves Memorial Park upgrades
- Ballfield groomer
- Kubota zero-turn mower
- Monument Road Neighborhood Park structure demolition

Stormwater Fund

Designated fund for stormwater planning, engineering, and construction

2025 Total Expenditures of \$634,992

Projects Include: Forest Lane, Chetwynd Road, and Spring Road

ARPA monies designated for stormwater will fund some project engineering and design

Liquid Fuels Fund (State Aid)

Funding is provided by the Commonwealth and restricted to road maintenance, construction, and related projects and purchases

2025 Budget includes total revenue of \$393,160 and total expenditures of \$493,000

Proposed expenditures include road salt, traffic signals, streetlights, purchase of a Public Works vehicle, and funding toward annual roadway resurfacing

Open Space Fund

Expenditures out of this restricted fund must go toward park land or open space

2025 Budget includes total revenue of \$857,000; revenue sources are the Open Space Tax ($\frac{1}{8}$ th of 1% of Willistown residents' EIT), and interest earnings

2025 Budget includes total expenditure of \$556,403, primarily in debt service

Sewer Funds and Rates



Sewer Funds

- Sewer funds are in distinct accounts.
- Sewer rates for the two major districts – Valley Forge and Penn’s Preserve – are slated to increase.



Sewer Funds, *continued*

- In the Valley Forge Sewer account, 2025 budget includes revenue of \$3,719,780, including \$221,000 as a margin of safety for repair and replacement of existing infrastructure and including \$300,000 in Local Share Account grant funds. Expenditures in this account total \$3,588,685.
- Penn's Preserve Fund budget includes revenue of \$192,457 and expenditures of \$222,985. This does not include any margin of safety.
- Proposed Budget Includes: Addition of Sewer Administrator, sewer line televising, infiltration and inflow repairs, and replacement of generators at Pump Stations 1 and 2.

Sewer Rates

Estimates Used for Budgeting. The Board will finalize and adopt rates in December.

Penn's Preserve District

- Fixed Rate: \$244.47/quarter

Easttown and East Goshen

- Billed in accordance with invoices received by applicable neighboring municipalities

Valley Forge Sewer District

- Fixed Rate: \$144.85 per quarter
- Usage Rate: \$12.92/1,000 gallons
 - Usage Rate impacted by 22% increase in contracted conveyance costs through the Valley Creek Trunk Sewer and significant increases in facility costs at Valley Forge Treatment Plant
- Average quarterly payment of \$287.15

2026 and Beyond....



- Ronnie Park Stormwater Phase II construction
- Mill Road Park pavilion roof
- Rita Reves Memorial Park parking lot repaving
- Monument Road Park design
- Stormwater project construction
- Sewer infrastructure repairs



Thank you

Questions?

