

# **NEW CASTLE COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2013**



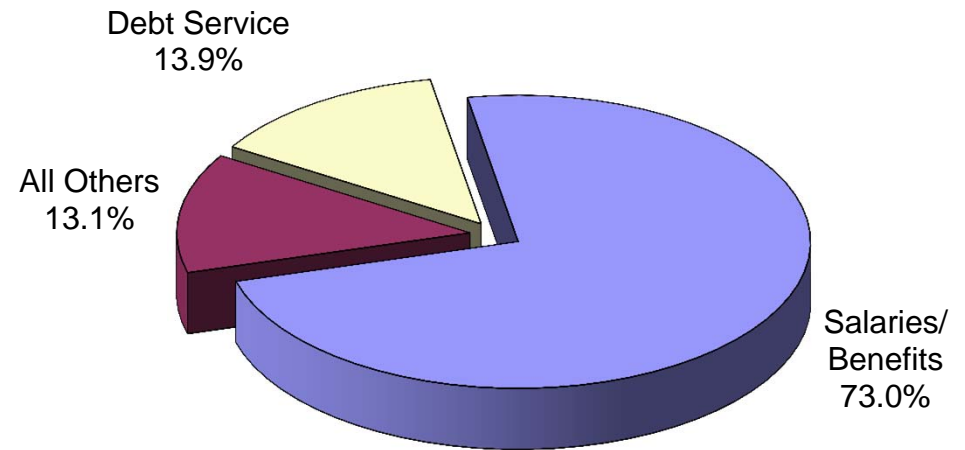
## **FINANCIAL OVERVIEW MAY 22, 2012**

# Total Budget

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Fiscal 2012</b>	<b>Fiscal 2013</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
General Fund	\$163,997,542	\$166,620,622	1.60%
Sewer Fund	69,080,955	71,022,083	2.81%
Light Tax Fund	5,072,865	5,719,281	12.74%
School Crossing Guards Fund	3,765,610	3,642,596	(3.27)%

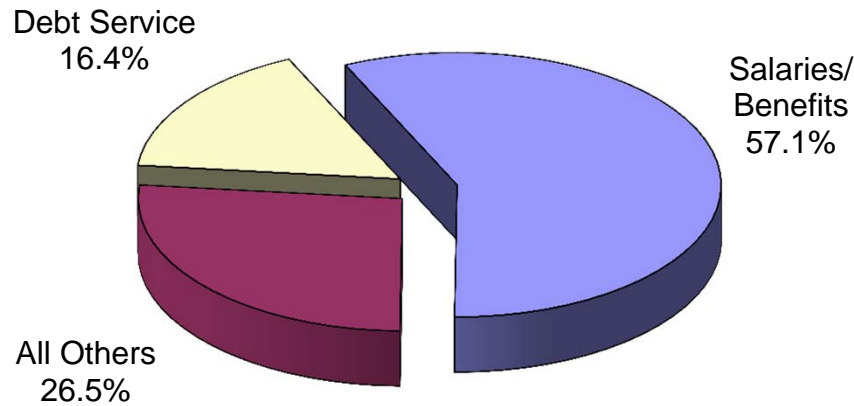
# FY2013 Approved Operating Budget

## GENERAL FUND



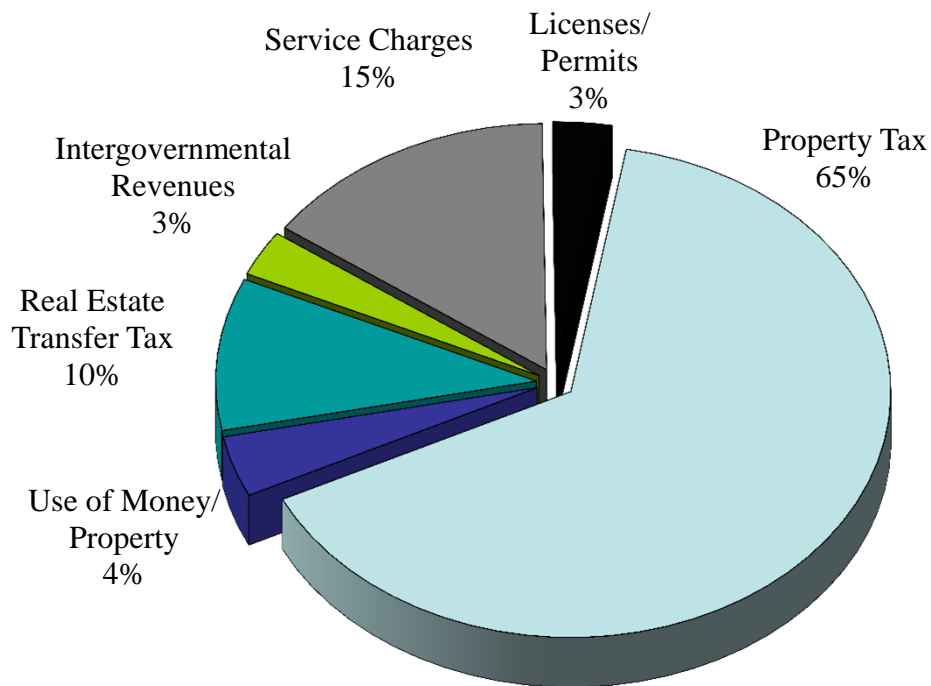
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## ALL FUNDS

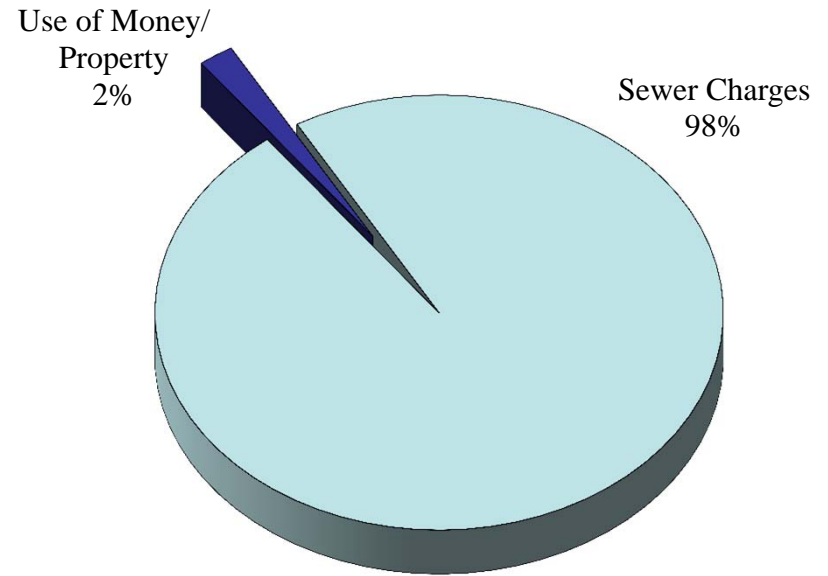


**\$247,004,582**

# FY2013 Funding Sources



**General Fund Sources...\$166,620,622**

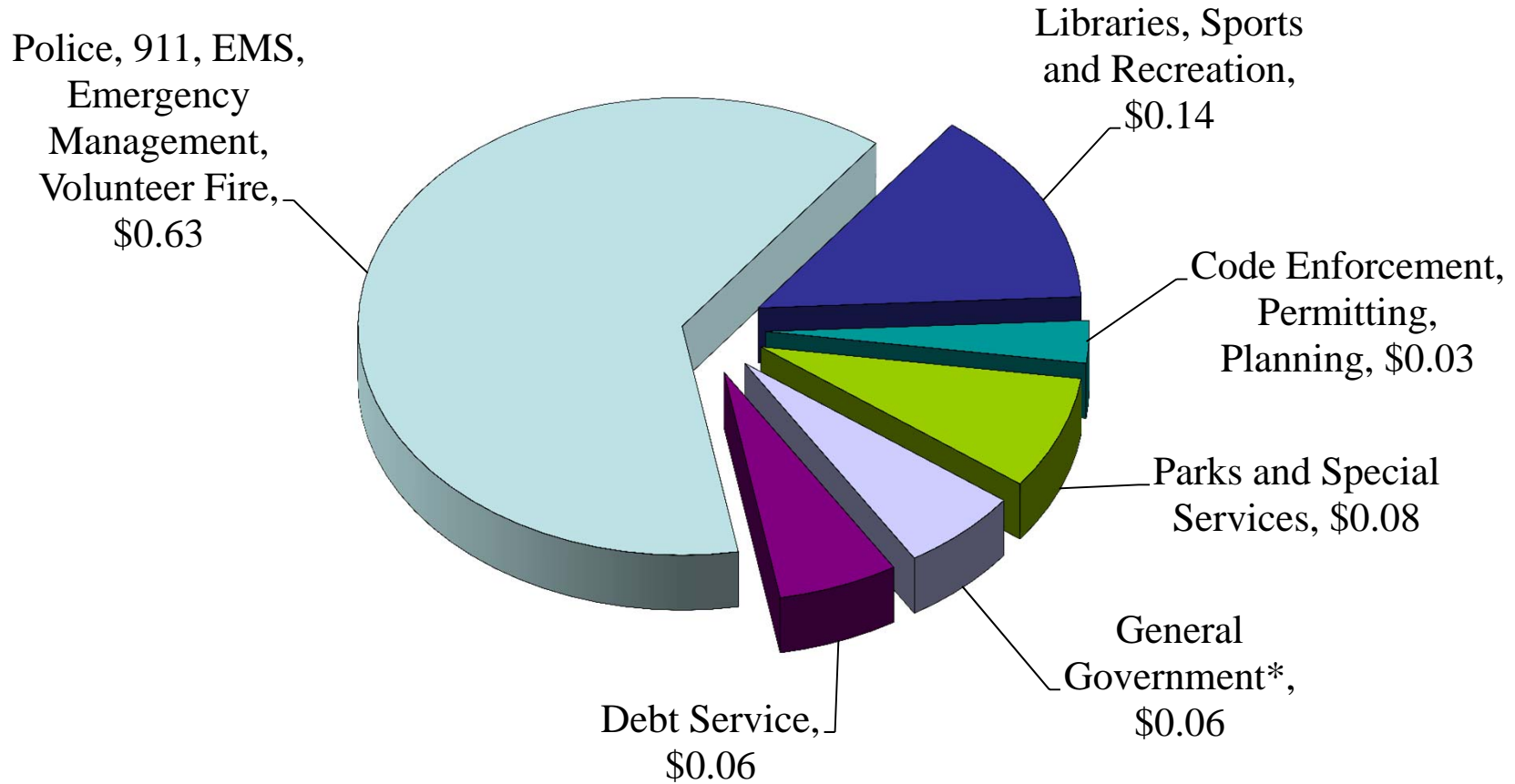


**Sewer Fund Sources...\$71,022,083**

# FY2013 Budget Highlights

- General Fund budget increase by 1.6% (CPI is 2.8%).
- Second consecutive fiscal year that the General Fund does not use available financial reserves to balance the budget.
- No property tax increase. Average unincorporated residential bill of \$502 or \$1.37 a day.
- No sewer rate increase. Average residential bill of \$283 or \$0.78 per day.
- Non-discretionary spending (salaries, benefits, debt service) make up 87% of General Fund spending.
- Addition of 17 positions offset by deletion of 19 positions for a net decrease of 2 positions. Authorized positions (1,562) will be lowest since FY2001.
- There are 38 positions defunded in the budget.
- ***Budget Cost Drivers include.....***
  - Employee/Retiree Healthcare expenses
  - Pension Contribution
  - Merit Step Increases for employees
  - Workers Compensation expenses
  - Debt Service for Capital Program
  - Gasoline price increase for County fleet
- Expired Public Safety grant funded 7 positions now operating funded.
- 911 Career Ladder Implementation plus 8 Call Operator positions.
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program unfunded mandate (\$570,000).
- Continue our partnership with the Volunteer Fire Companies by providing \$3.5 million of funding.
- Provide funding of \$2.4 to our contractual libraries at Wilmington, Delaware City, New Castle City and Corbit-Calloway.
- Capital Budget of \$17.0 million - 34% for sewer infrastructure rehabilitation and 25% for library projects.

# County Tax Dollar Breakdown FY2013 Approved

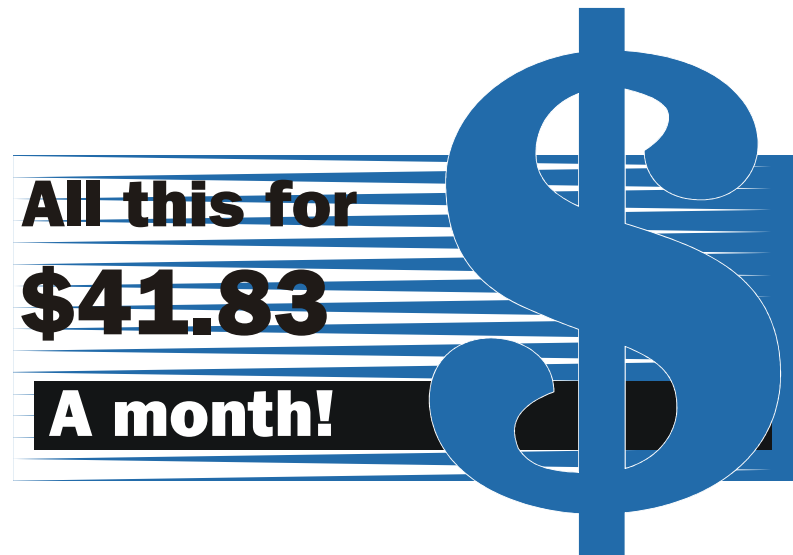


\*Executive Office, County Council, Law, HR, Admin Services, Finance, Row Offices, Ethics

# The Value of County Services in the Unincorporated Area

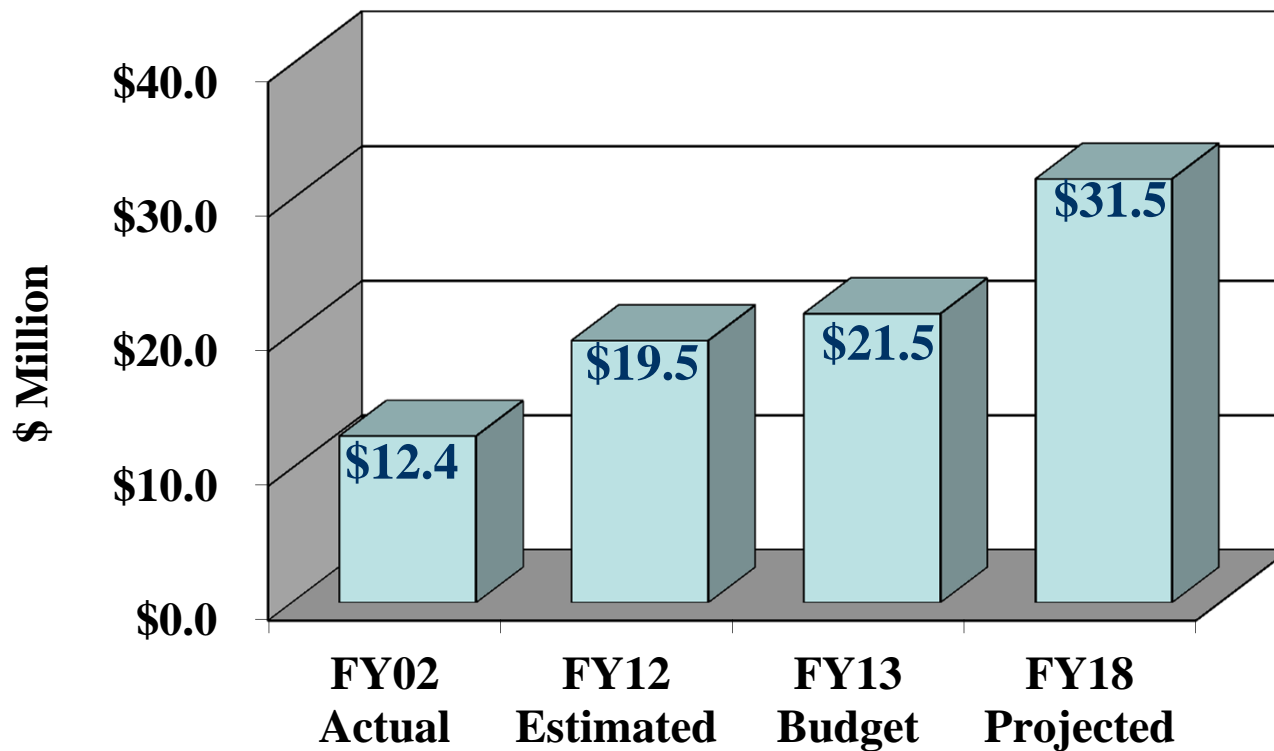
Based on an average assessed home value of \$71,700 (approximate market value of \$260,000 within the unincorporated area of the County) each household will pay \$502 in County taxes for the year, or approximately **\$41.83** per month, to support these County services:

- **24-Hour Police Protection**
- **24-Hour Emergency Medical Service**
- **24-Hour 9-1-1 Service**
- **24-Hour Dog Control**
- **15 Library Facilities**
- **300 Park Facilities**
- **Recreational Programming for ALL Age Groups**
- **Building Inspections and Permit Services**
- **Code Enforcement Services**
- **Customer Information and Assistance**
- **Comprehensive Land Use Planning**
- **Senior Programs**



# Employee Health Care Costs Continue to Increase

The County's contribution is estimated at \$21.5 million in FY 2013.

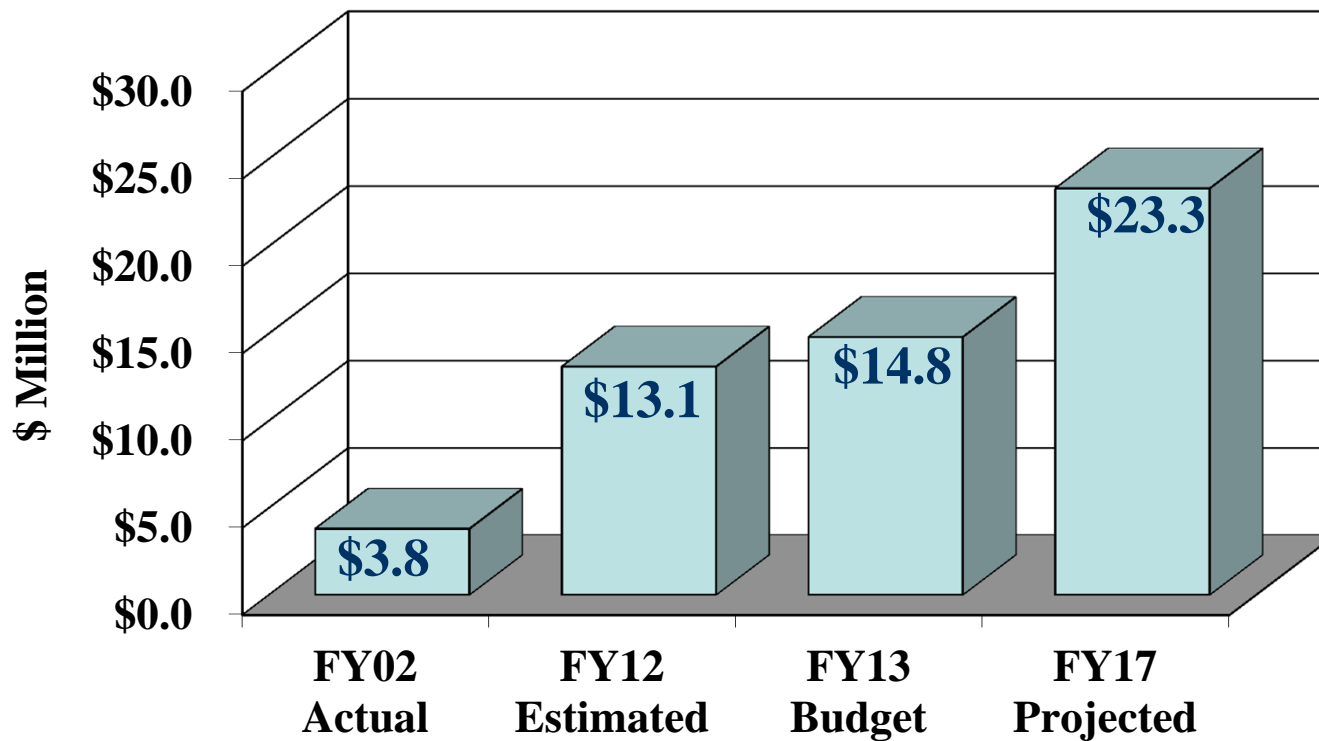


The County's contribution is for current employees and retirees.  
Annual health care increases are projected at 8% to 10%.



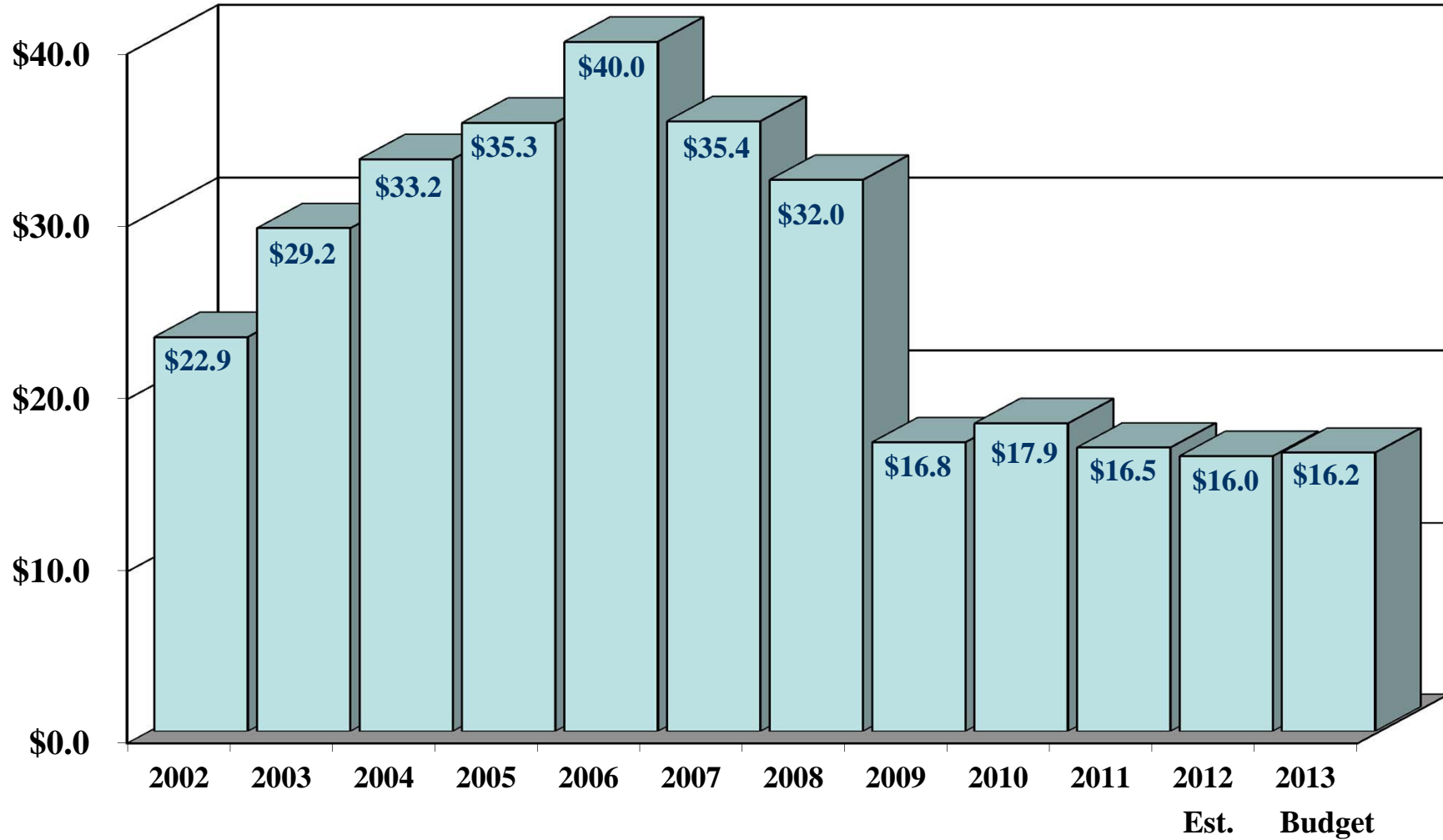
# Pension Fund Costs Continue to Increase

The County's contribution approaches \$14.8 million in FY 2013.

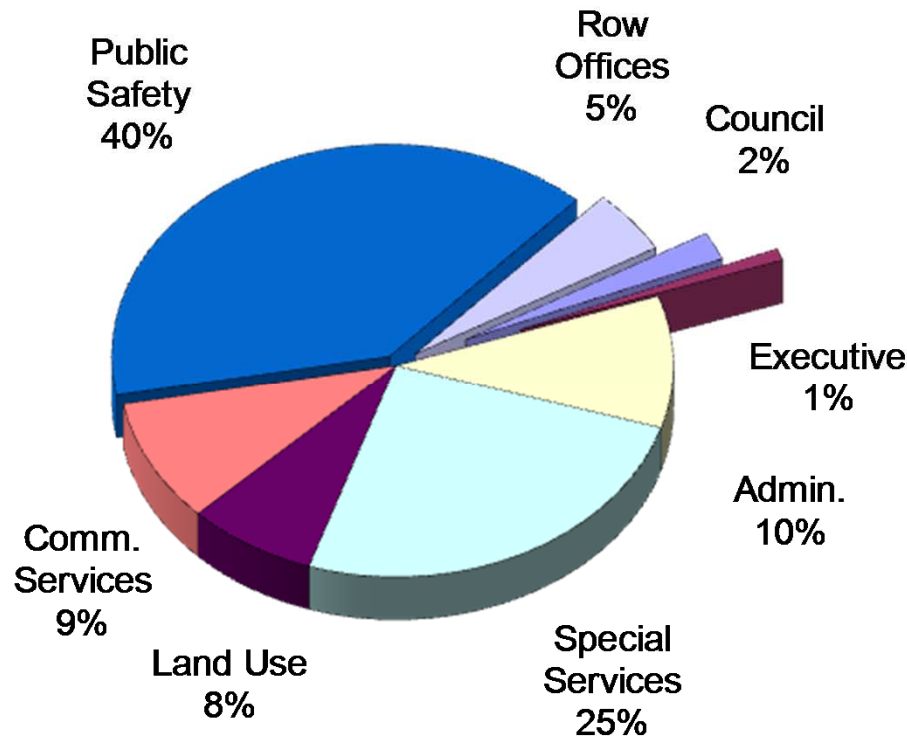


This is over and above the employee contribution and the 7.50% annual return on investment.

# Real Estate Transfer Tax



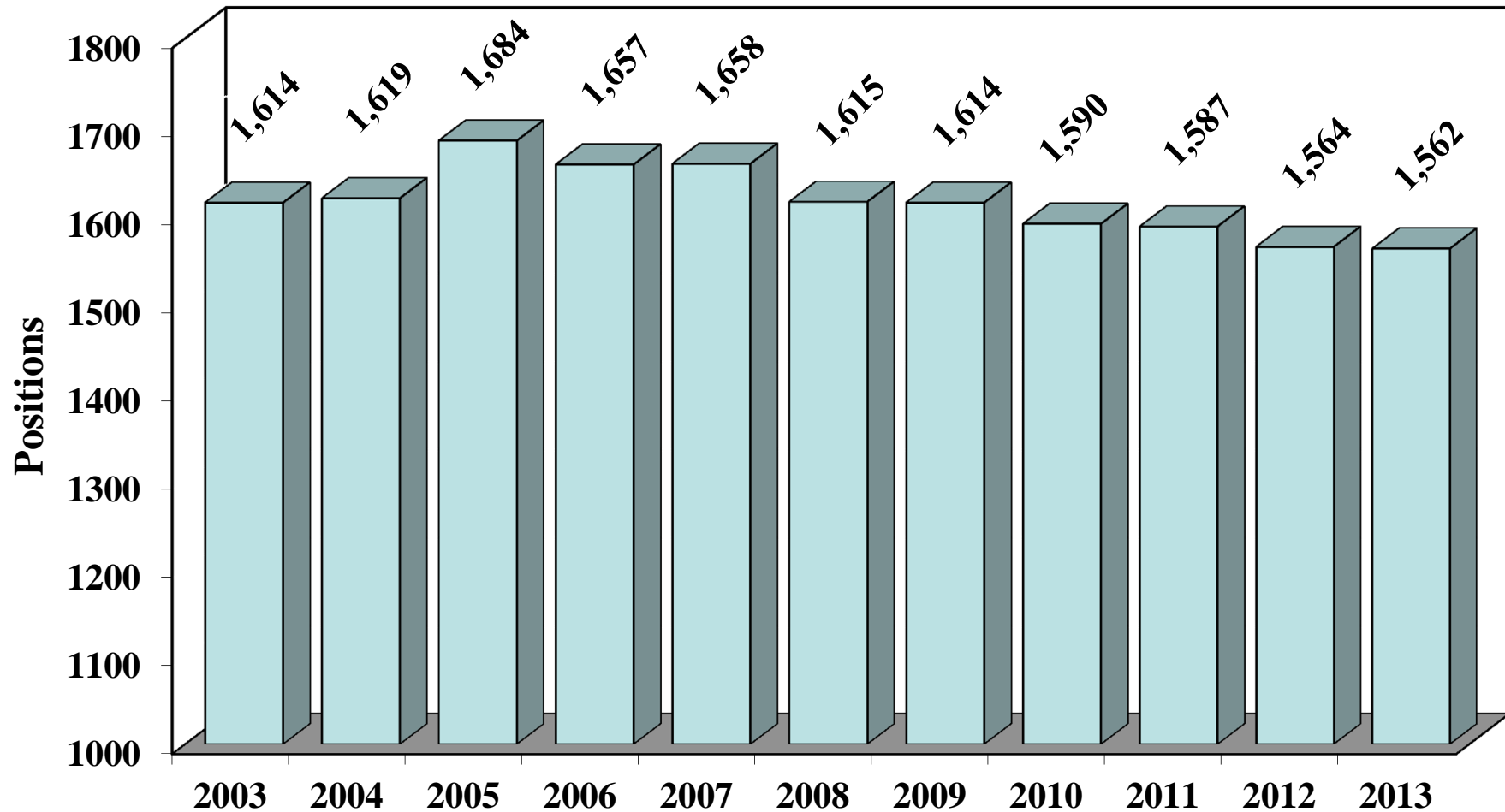
# FY2013 Full-Time Positions by Department



	<b>2013</b>
Council	33
Executive	14
Administration	158
Special Services	395
Land Use	118
Community Services	147
Public Safety	621
Row Offices	76
	<b>1,562 *</b>

\*Includes 38 unfunded positions.

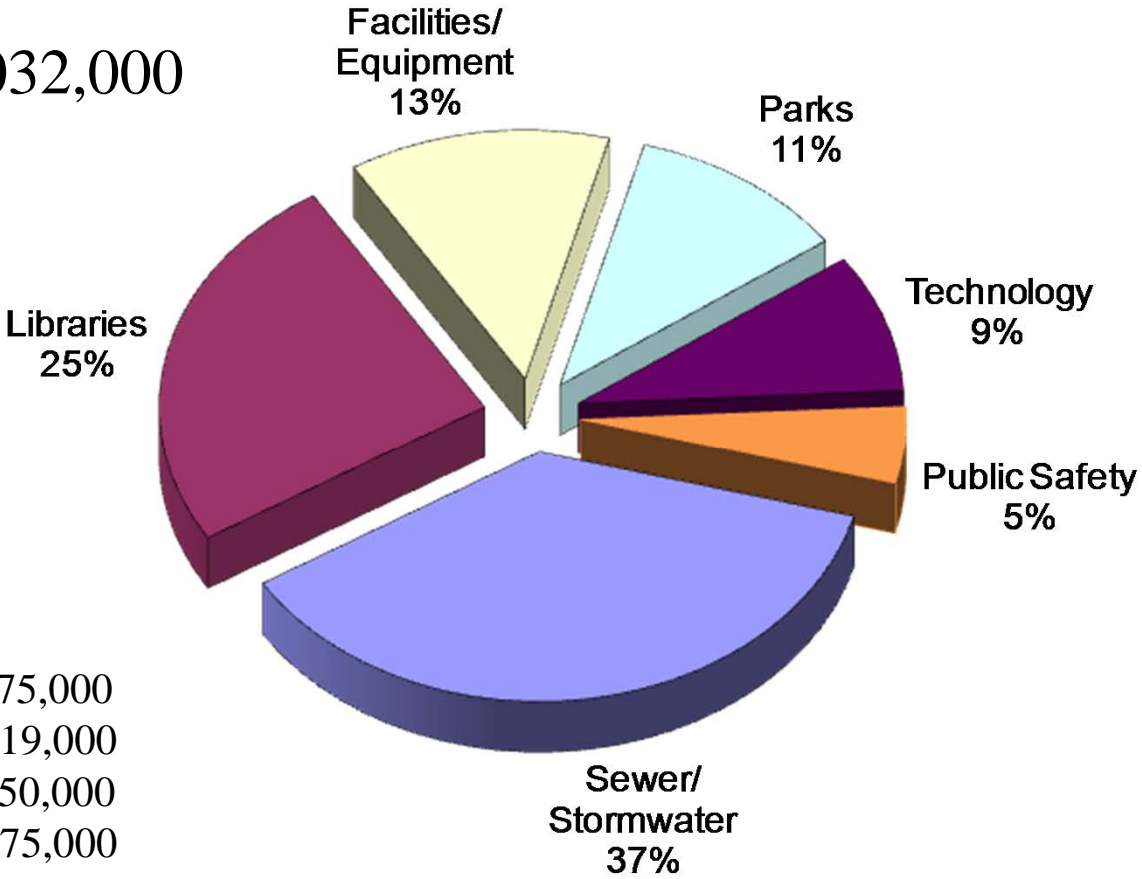
# Full Time Positions



*Authorization at July 1<sup>st</sup> of each fiscal year.*

# FY2013 Capital Budget

Capital Budget...\$17,032,000



Major Capital Programs

Sewer/Stormwater.....	\$6,375,000
Libraries.....	\$4,219,000
Facilities/Equipment.....	\$2,150,000
Parks.....	\$1,875,000
Technology Improvements.....	\$1,513,000
Public Safety.....	\$900,000