



# Budget Fiscal 2008

A Balanced Approach...

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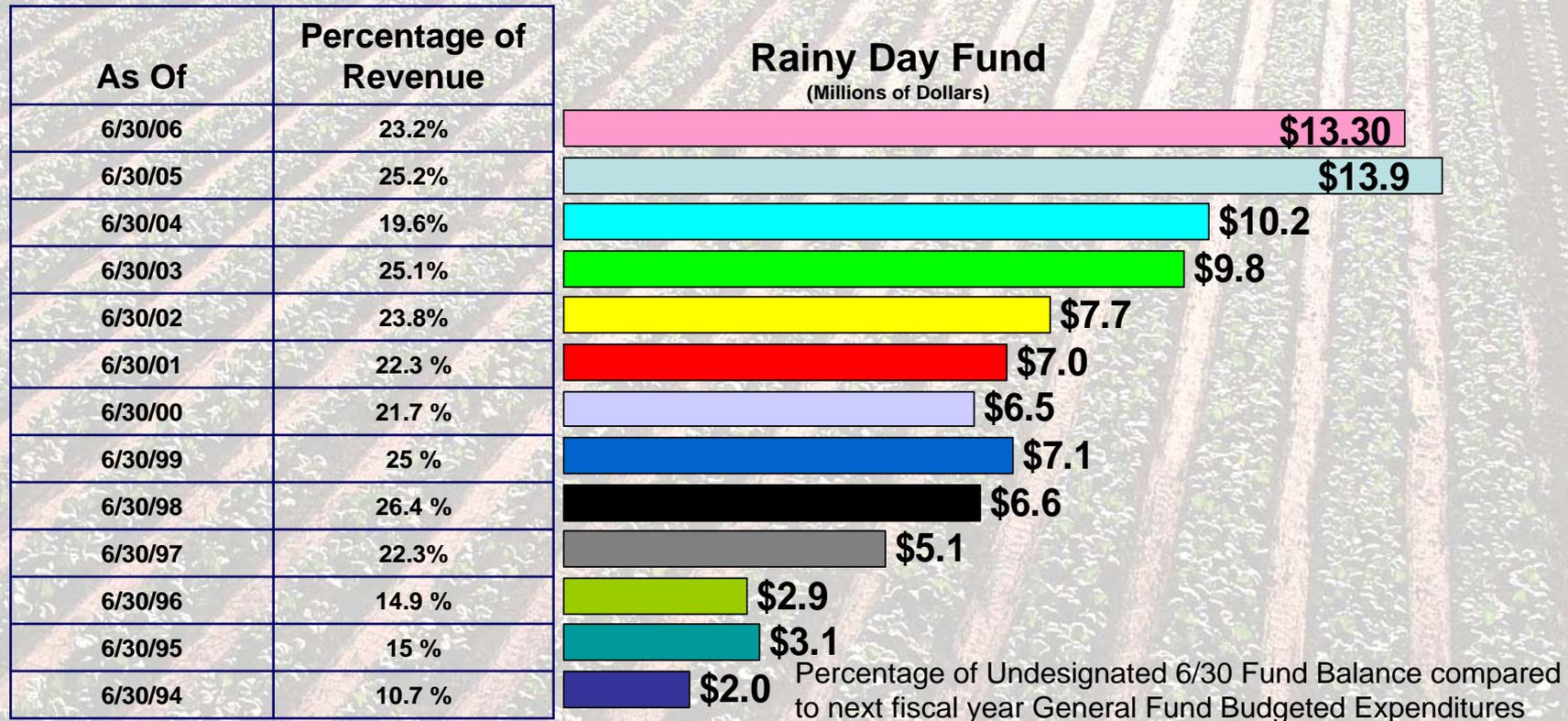
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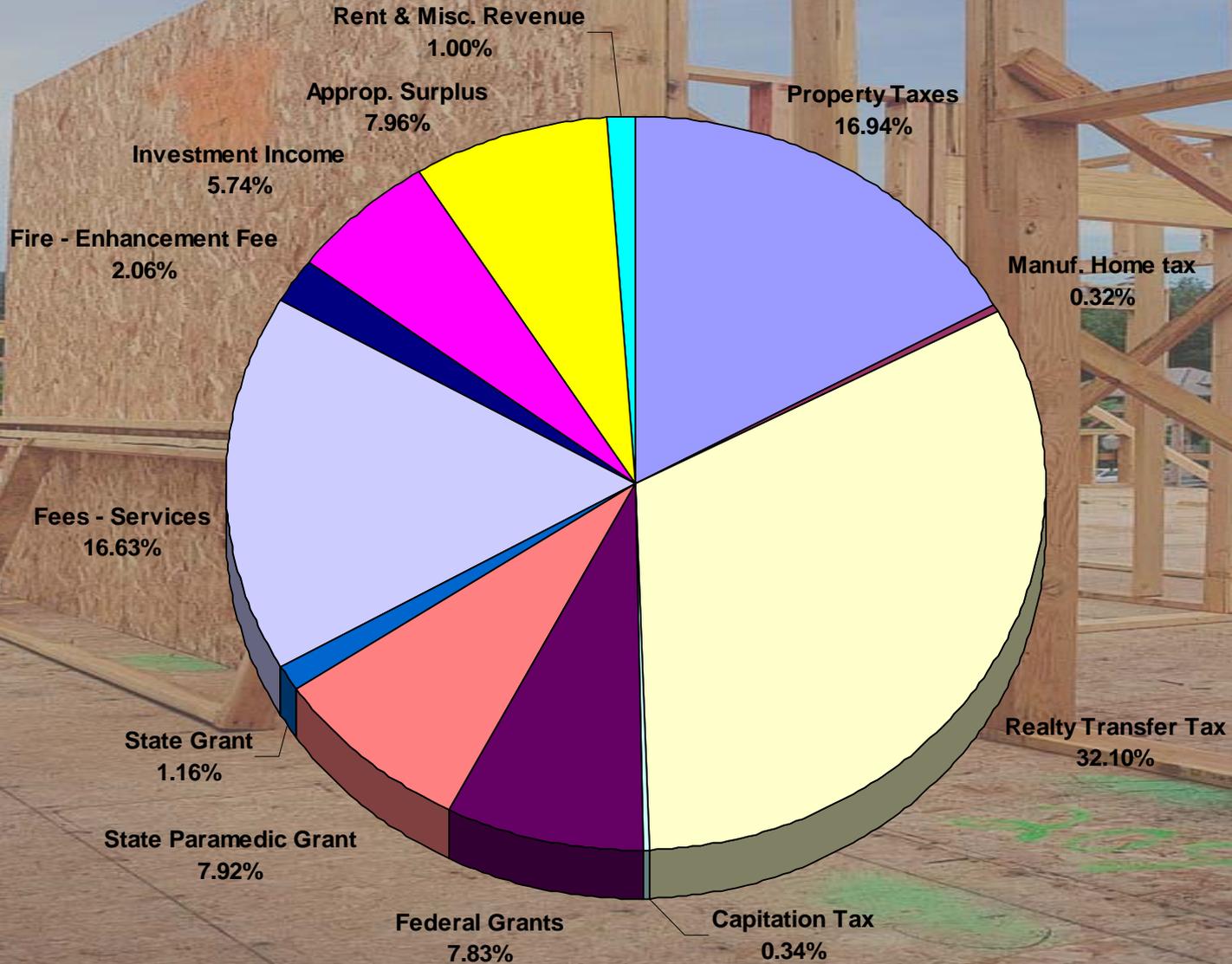
# Total Budget

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Amount Budgeted</u>
General Fund	\$57,941,357
Capital Improvement Fund	10,468,000
Community Development Fund	1,378,000
Sewer And Water Districts	33,101,058
Capital Projects	39,247,802
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$142,136,217</b>

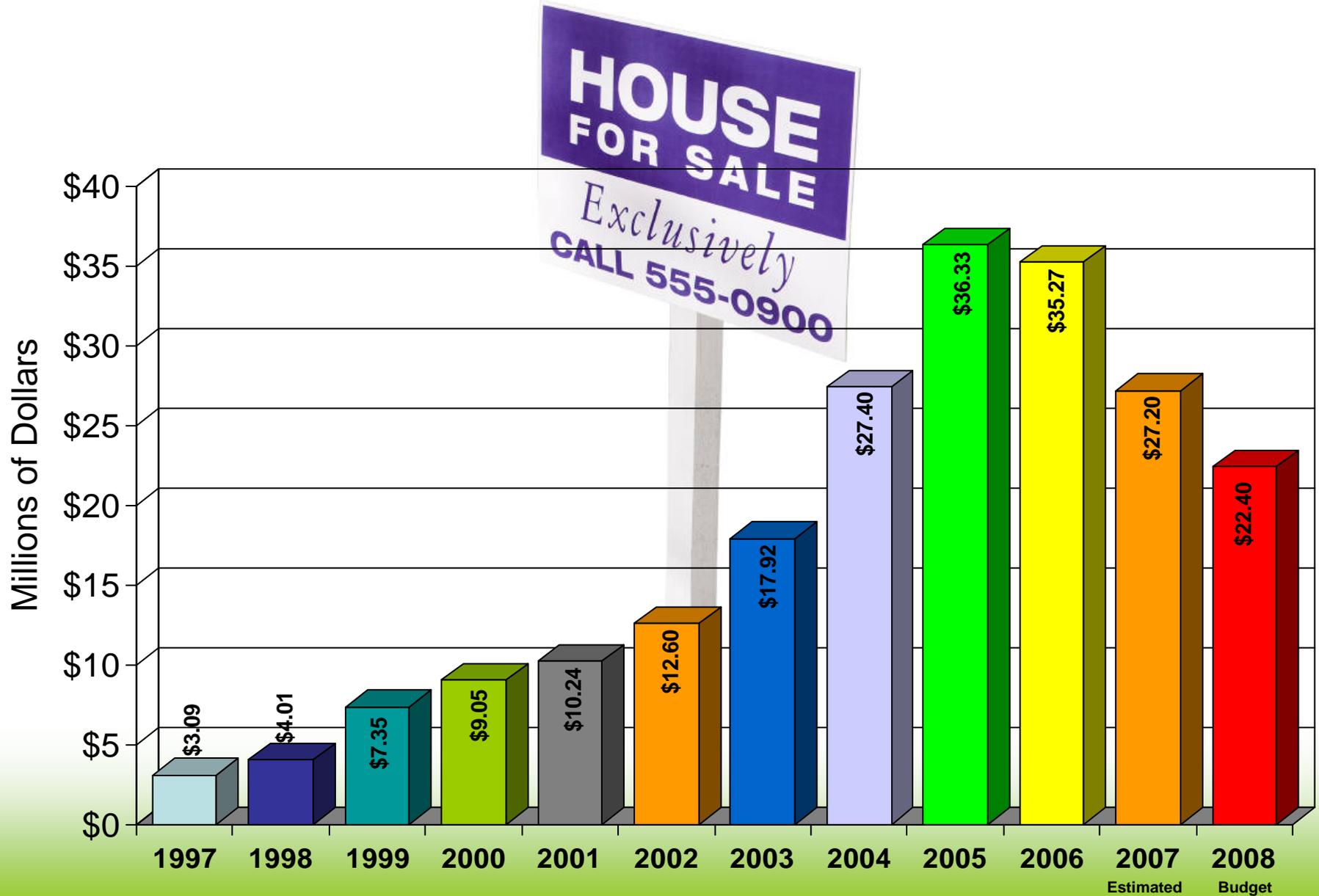
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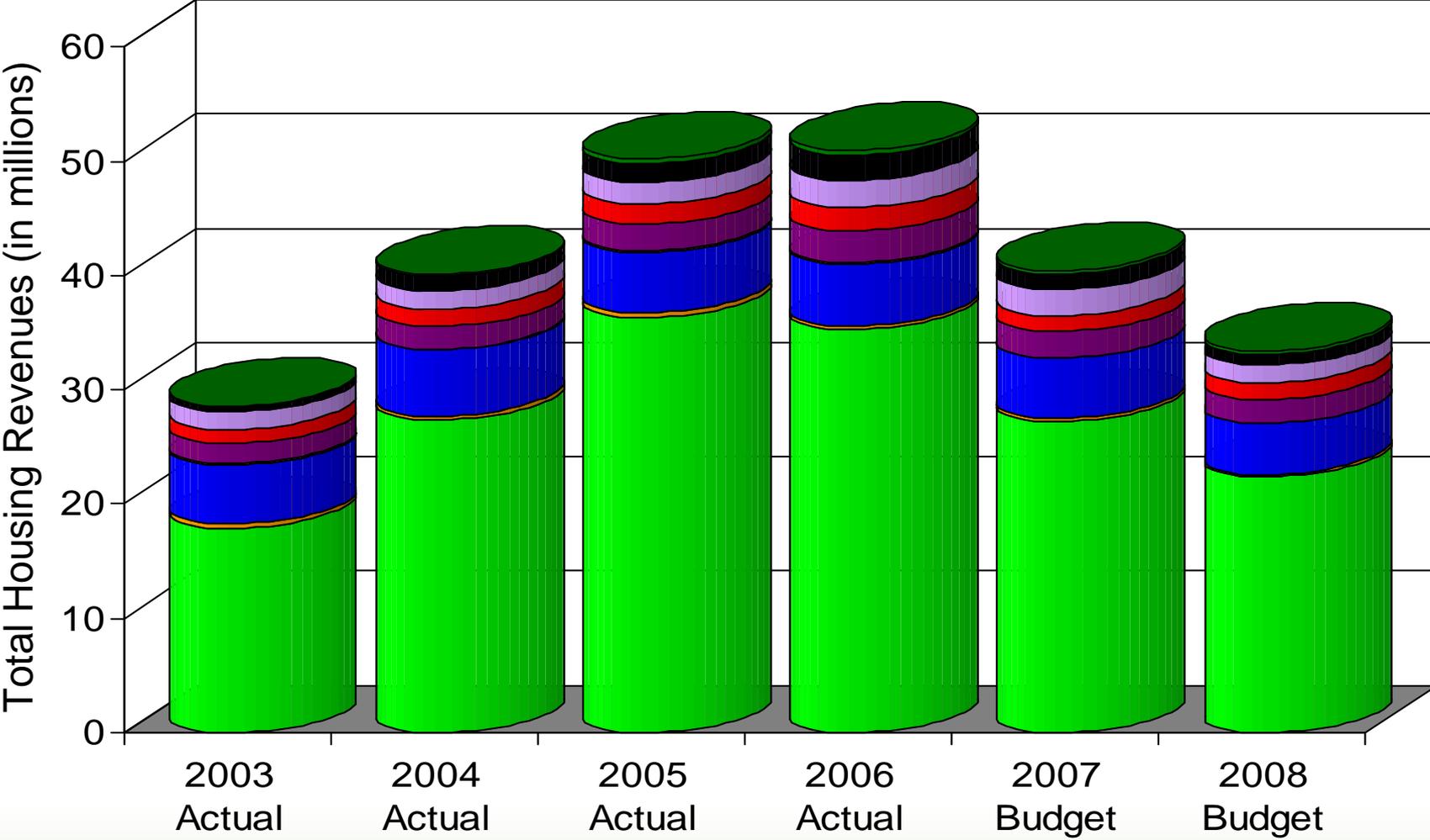
# Where the Money Comes From



# Realty Transfer Tax Decline



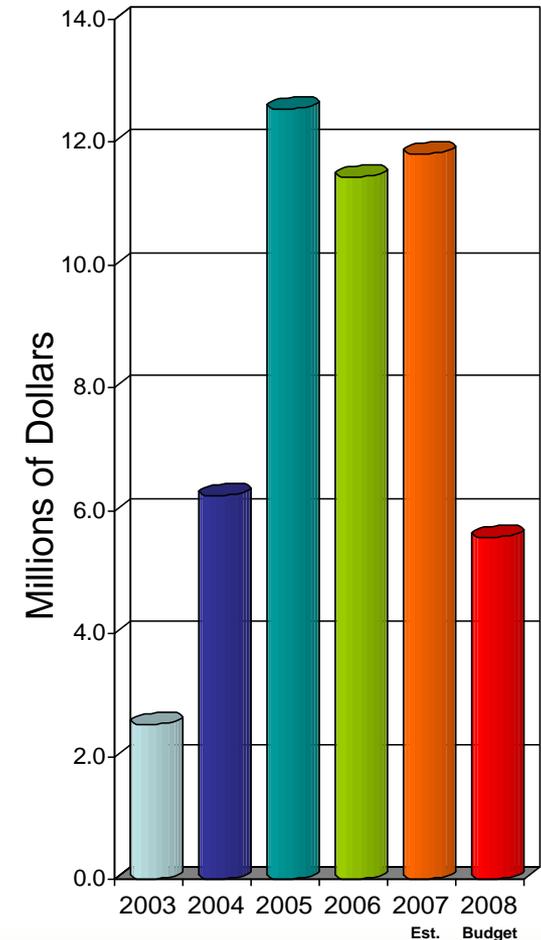
# Housing Industry Revenues



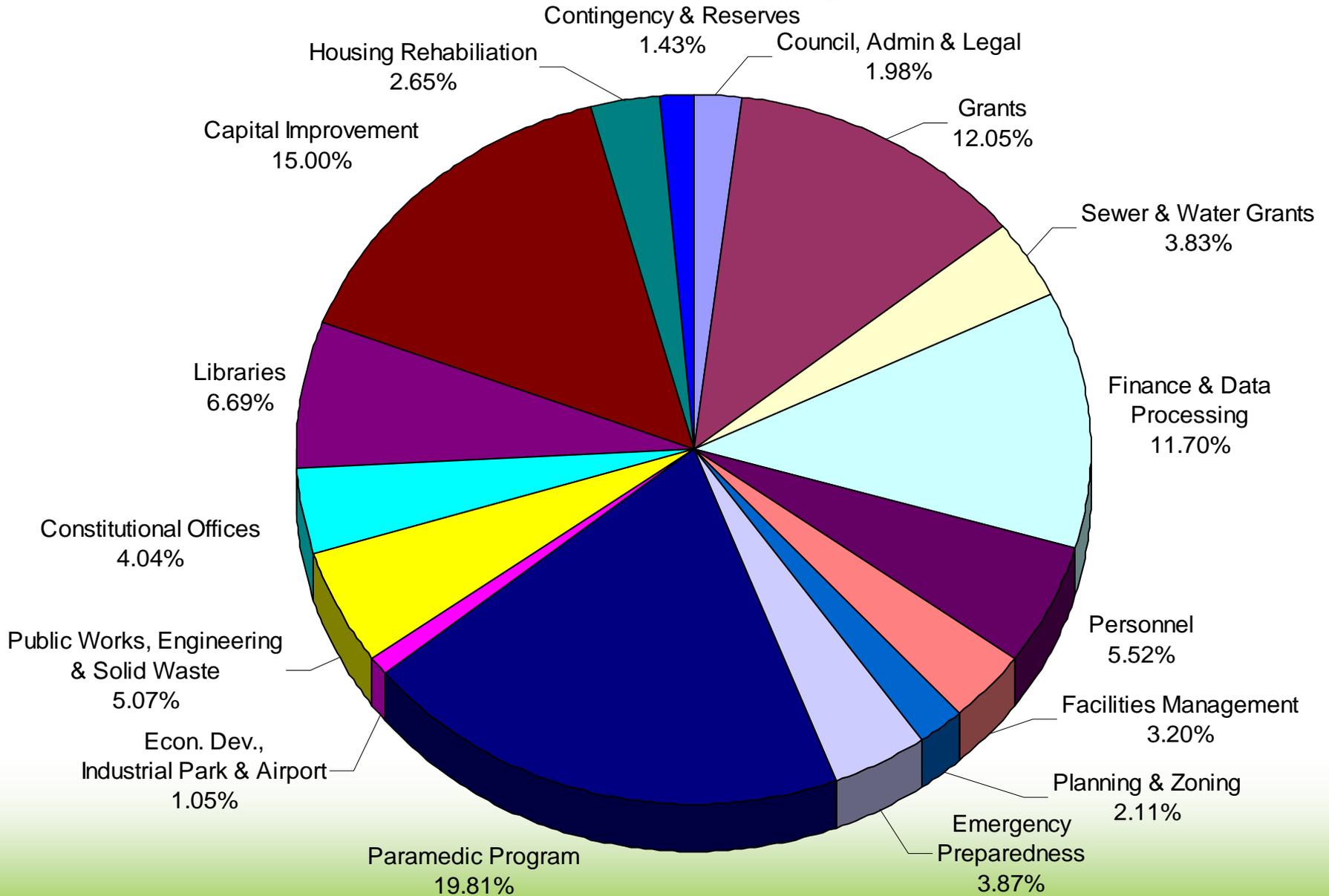
- Realty Transfer Tax
- Recorder of Deeds
- Building Permit and Zoning Fees
- Building Inspection Fees
- Private Road Design Fees
- Manufactured Home Placement Tax
- Maintenance Fee (Deeds)
- Fire Service Enhanced Funding
- Private Road Inspections

# Use of Appropriated Reserves

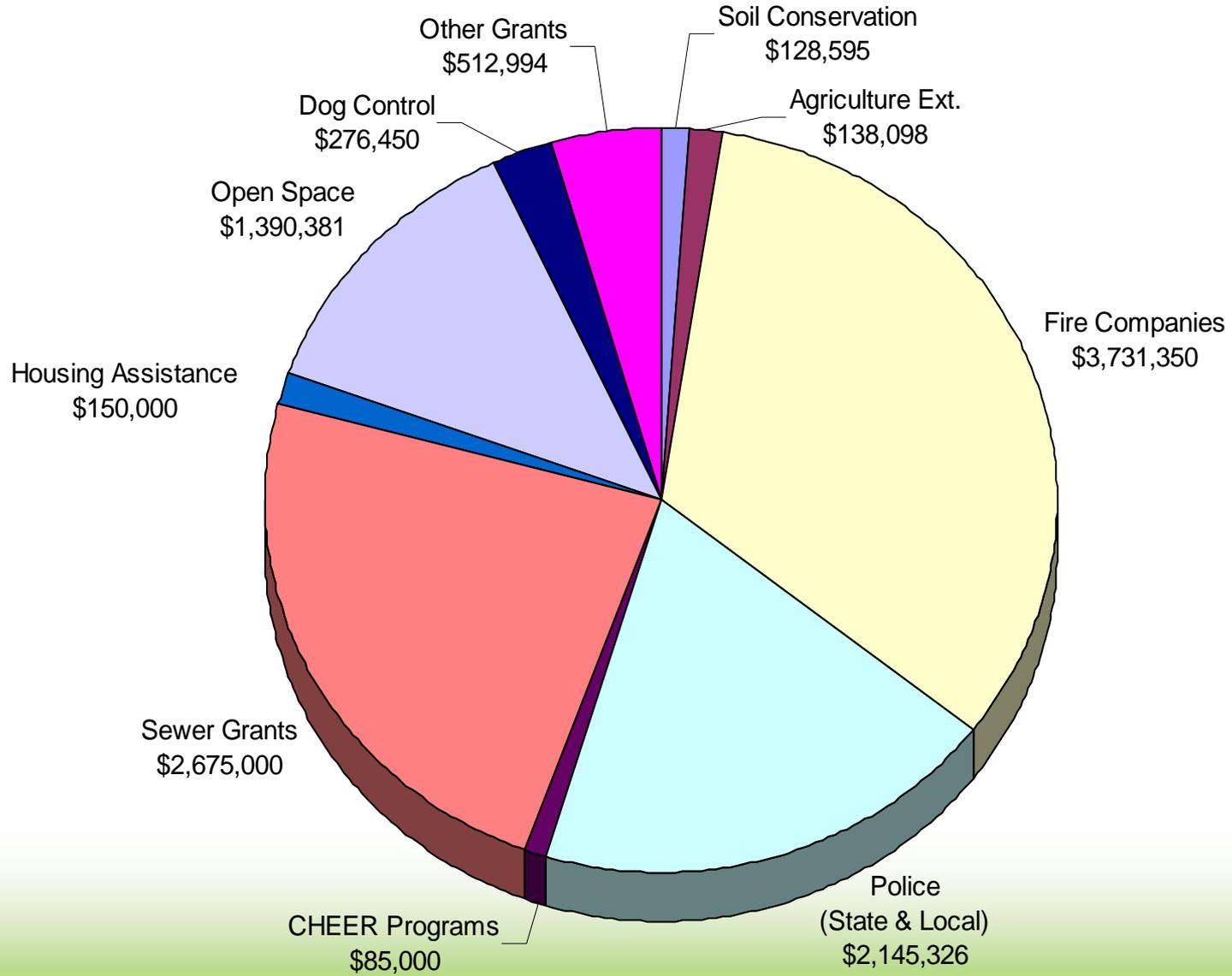
<b>Expenditures:</b>	<b>Fiscal 2007</b>	<b>Fiscal 2008</b>
Airport Clear Zone Project	\$ 1,546,337	
Community Improvement Grants	\$ 150,000	
Housing Assistance Programs	\$ 150,000	
County Administrative Building	\$ 0	\$ 1,171,128
Property Acquisition Program	\$ 2,500,000	
Open Space – Land Trust & Agriculture Preservation Funding	\$ 1,480,371	\$ 1,390,381
Pension Fund Contributions	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 3,000,000
Revenue Sharing – Local Law Enforcement	\$ 500,000	
Suburban Road Project – Holly Oak	\$ 300,000	
Sewer Project Grants	\$ 2,000,000	
Sewer – Wireless Technology Improvements	\$ 171,000	
Sewer – SCADA Panels at Towers	\$ 18,000	
Public Safety – Fire Sirens	\$ 75,000	
State Police – Additional Troopers	\$ 1,413,000	
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$ 11,803,708</b>	<b>\$ 5,561,509</b>



# Where the Money Goes



# Grant-In-Aid Programs



# Open Space Program

Sussex County  
LAND TRUST



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**Sussex County Council is pleased to again provide funding for the Open Space Program in partnership with the Sussex County Land Trust.**

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## **FY 2008 - \$1,390,381**

- 6-year contributions totaling \$7.8 million
- 280-acre Drum Creek conservation easement
- 908-acre Ponder Tract purchase
- 230-acre conservation easement with The Peninsula
- 43 acres along the Great Marsh called Oyster Rocks
- 933 acres preserved through the Delaware Dept. of Ag. FY 03
- 37 acres of forest and wetlands along Pepper Creek
- 499 acres preserved through the Delaware Dept. of Ag. FY 06
- 327 acres of property added to Redden State Forest

# Public Safety

**\$23 Million**

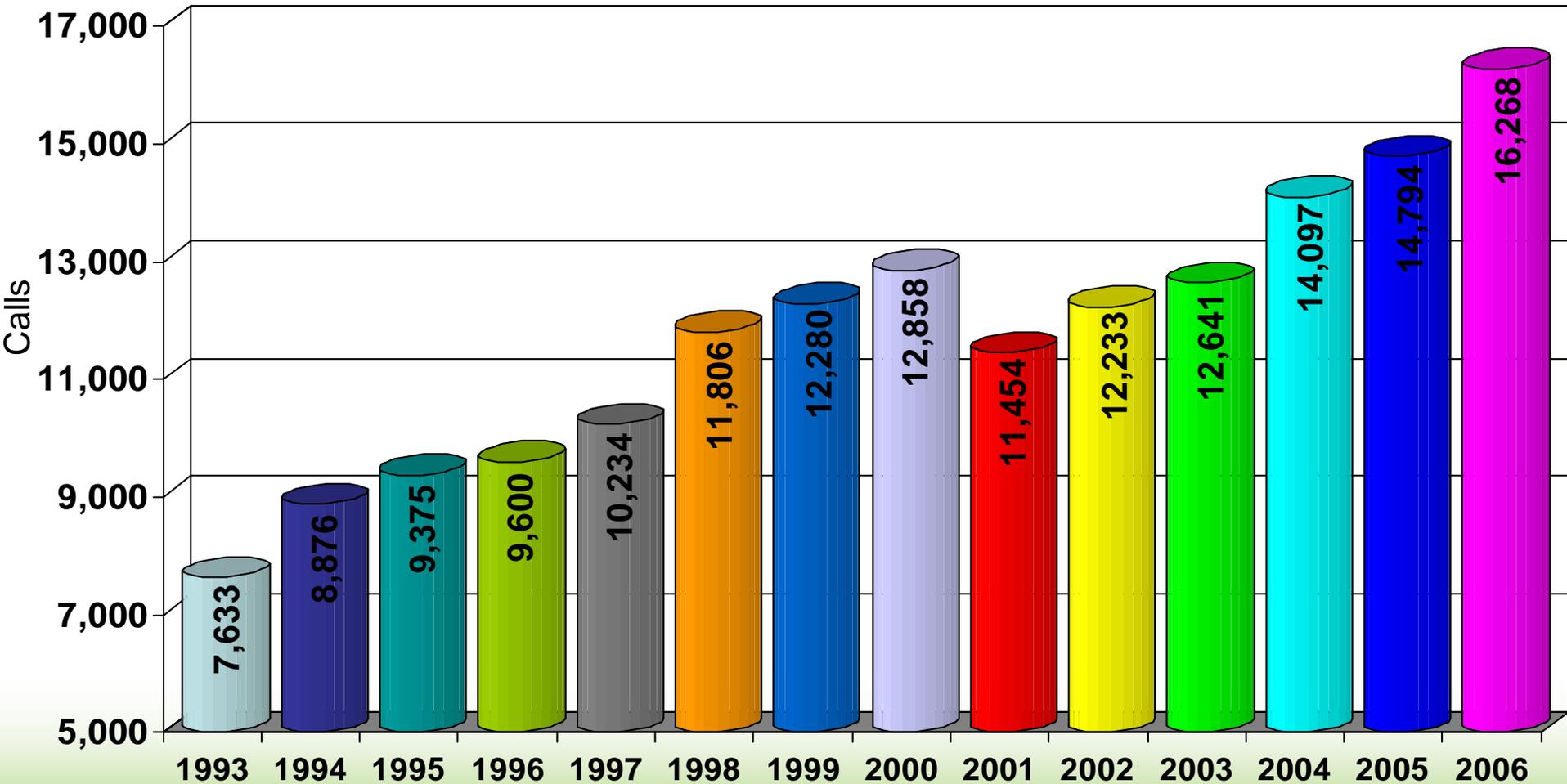
**10% Increase from FY 07**



- **Fire Service**  
(\$2.2 Million)
- **Ambulance Service**  
(\$1.5 Million for BLS Ambulance Attendants)
- **Revenue Sharing for Local Law Enforcement**  
(3<sup>rd</sup> year for this program)
- **Emergency Preparedness – 911**  
(New 911 Center for Storm/Incident Management and Enhanced PSAP)
- **Paramedics**  
(8 Units and 2 Supervisors 24/7)
- **State Police Subsidy**  
(\$1,620,000 for Additional State Troopers)

# Sussex County EMS

## Historical Growth in Calls for Service



# Libraries

**\$5 Million**

- 329 Computers
- 422,000+ Volumes
- 738 Hours Open Per Week
- 81,690 Library Cards Issued
- 1,109,713 Books Checked Out Last Year

## Administrative Services provided to Local Libraries

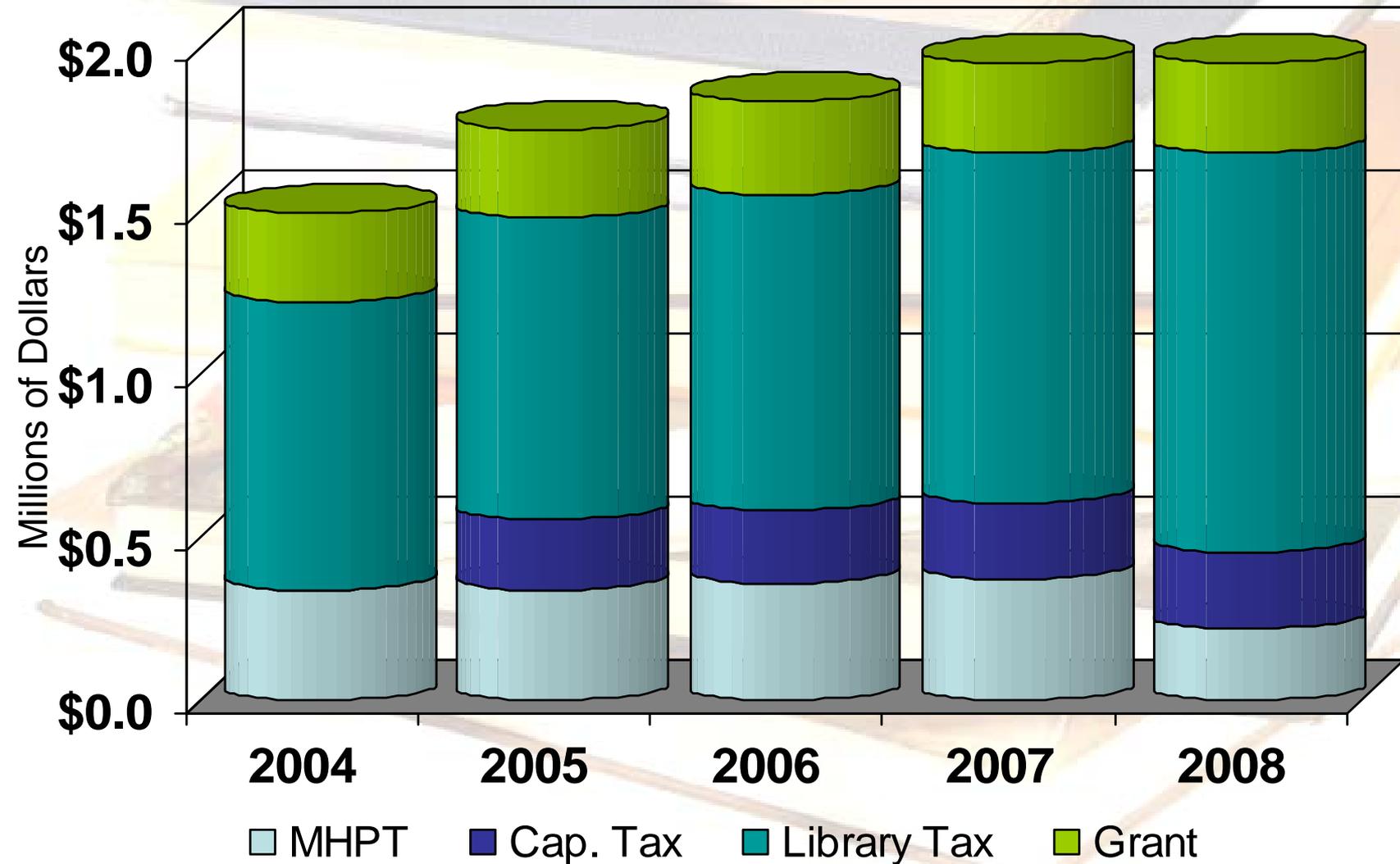
- Auditing of Financial Expenditures
- Delivery of Materials on a Daily Basis
- Training & Education Assistance
- Coordination of Literacy Programs
- Computer Technical Services

## Library Locations:

Milford	Delmar
Georgetown	Laurel
Millsboro	Seaford
Lewes	Bridgeville
Rehoboth	Greenwood
South Coastal	Selbyville
Milton	Frankford



# Funding for Local Libraries



# Personnel Benefits

- 3% COLA July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Defined Pension Contribution (10%)
- Defined Pension Benefits Contribution (20%)
- Accrued Sick & Vacation Payout
- Liberal Sick & Vacation Pay
- Life Insurance
- \$0 Employee Contribution for Health Insurance Benefit / Individual
- Affordable Insurance for Family Coverage
- 15 Paid Holidays
- Long-Term Disability Insurance
- Dental Program
- Vision Program
- Accrued Medical Health Leave Bank
- Section 457 Pension Supplement Program
- Employee Assistance Program

# Potential Retirement of Senior Management

<b>Position</b>	<b>Length of Service</b>	<b>Eligible for Retirement</b>
• Director of Data Processing	38 Years	Currently Eligible
• Director of Planning & Zoning	37 Years	Currently Eligible
• Assistant Director of Data Processing	34 Years	Currently Eligible
• Administrative Secretary	34 Years	Currently Eligible
• Director of Public Works	31 Years	Currently Eligible
• Administrative Secretary	31 Years	Currently Eligible
• Director of Environmental Services	30 Years	Currently Eligible
• Assistant County Engineer	28 Years	Currently Eligible
• Director of Assessment	26 Years	Currently Eligible
• Director of County Libraries	21 Years	Currently Eligible
• Finance Coordinator	16 Years	Currently Eligible
• Director of Personnel	29 Years	July 2007
• Director of Facilities Management	29 Years	August 2007
• County Administrator	29 Years	April 2008
• Director of Engineering Accounting	28 Years	September 2008
• Director of EMS	6 Years	January 2009
• Director of Community Development	28 Years	May 2009
• Chief of Building Code Inspectors	28 Years	May 2009

# Community Development

- CDBG – \$1,053,000
- HUD HOME Program – \$100,000
- Farmers Home Housing Preservation Grant – \$25,000
- Delaware State Housing Loan – \$200,000
- County Council Emergency Grant Assistance – \$100,000



## **Housing Rehabilitation - 70**

Blades	–	5
Bridgeville	–	5
Coverdale Crossroads	–	5
Greenwood	–	5
Lincoln	–	6
Laurel	–	5
Milford	–	5
Seaford	–	8
Countywide	–	26

Utility Connections - 35

# Assistance Programs

## Water & Sewer District Relief Programs

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- **County Sewer and Water Low-Income Assistance Program (Grant)**
- **State West Rehoboth Sewer Low-Income Assistance Program**
- **State Septic & Connection Fee Loan Program**
- **Federal Rural Development Hook-up Cost/Loan Grant Program**
- **Community Development Block Grant Assistance**
- **County Septic System & Connection Fee Grant Program**

For more information, contact the Utility Billing Division (302) 855-7871

## Property Tax Assistance Programs

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- **Exemption for Disabled**
- **Exemption for Residents 65 and Older**
- **State Senior Citizen School Property Tax Credit**
- **Sussex County Property Tax Subsidy**

For more information, contact the Treasury Division (302) 855-7760

# Other Housing Programs

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- Moderately Priced Housing Initiative
- Emergency Housing Repair Assistance
- First State Community Action
- West Rehoboth Land Trust
- Habitat for Humanity
- Interfaith Mission





# Capital Projects

## Non Sewer & Water Capital Improvements



Airport/Industrial Park	\$	5,492,000
County Administration Buildings	\$	3,850,000
County Administration Building Roof Repairs	\$	750,000
Library Expansions	\$	376,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,468,000</b>



# Wastewater Program - \$33 Million

## Increases

- System Connection Charges
- Operations & Maintenance
- 10% Municipal Wastewater
- Communication Upgrades

## Capital Items

- Pump Rebuilds
- Generator Replacements
- Pump Station 30 Expansion
- Wastewater Plant Expansion Design
  - Piney Neck WWF
  - Wolfe Neck WWF
  - Inland Bays Regional WWF
- South Coastal Regional WWF
  - Admin Building
- Communications System Upgrades
  - Tower Installations
  - Use of State Towers

## General Fund Grants & Loans

\$34.5 Million Since FY 99

## Future Service Areas:

Pinetown  
Millville Extension  
South Ocean View  
Oak Orchard Extension  
Johnson's Corner  
Miller Creek  
Angola

**13,128 EDU's in 1988**

**57,554 EDU's in Fiscal 2008**

**338% Increase in 19 Years**

**More than 17% Average Annual Growth**

# Capital Projects

## Major Sewer & Water Capital Improvements

Angola Sewer District	\$	1,000,000
Holts Landing – Mallard Creek Exp.	\$	850,000
Dags. Frankford – Prince Georges Acres	\$	800,000
Johnson’s Corner Sewer District	\$	800,000
Miller Creek Sewer District	\$	4,750,000
Millville Sewer District	\$	14,779,000
Oak Orchard Sewer District	\$	750,000
SCRWF – Admin/Maint. Building	\$	1,775,117
SCRWF – Expansion/Upgrade	\$	1,000,000
Western Sussex Sewer Planning	\$	750,000
Other Projects	\$	5,889,628
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>33,143,745</b>



# 5-Year Capital Improvements

**5-Year Capital Improvement Funding \$298,426,539**

**2008 \$53,928,539**

**2009 \$91,124,000**

**2010 \$109,038,000**

**2011 \$40,436,000**

**2012 \$3,900,000**

**Other**

2008 \$11,500,000

2009 2,900,000

2010 —

2011 —

2012 —

**Total: \$14,400,000**

**General Fund**

2008 \$16,077,044

2009 12,941,150

2010 11,819,000

2011 775,000

2012 1,607,500

**Total: \$43,219,694**

**Water & Sewer**

2008 \$4,982,737

2009 4,350,000

2010 9,200,000

2011 5,000,000

2012 2,000,000

**Total: \$25,532,737**

**Federal Grants**

2008 \$5,497,721

2009 3,521,700

2010 16,268,200

2011 9,650,000

2012 285,000

**Total: \$35,222,621**

**State Grants**

2008 \$4,904,250

2009 3,361,150

2010 719,000

2011 175,000

2012 7,500

**Total: \$9,166,900**

**Bonds**

2008 \$10,966,787

2009 64,050,000

2010 71,031,800

2011 24,836,000

2012 —

**Total: \$170,884,587**

# Budget Highlights

- No Property Tax Increase
  - Average County Tax for a Single-Family Home – \$99.93
  - Average County Tax for a Manufactured Home – \$39.62
- Decrease in anticipated realty transfer tax and housing industry related revenues
- Land Use Plan Update completion and ordinances
- New Emergency Operations Center completion
- Records Storage Program
- Funding for 36 additional State Police
- Sussex County Vol. Firemen's Association – \$3.7 Million
  - Paid Ambulance Attendants Portion – \$1.5 Million
- Moderately Priced Housing Program Administration
- Dog Control - \$276,000 Grant
- South Ocean View Sewer – Connections will begin
- Five-year Capital Plan - \$298,426,539
- Fiscal 2008 – Capital Plan
  - Library Expansion Projects – Milton, South Coastal, Greenwood
  - Administrative Office Building Design
  - Airport Industrial Park Improvements
  - Treatment Plant Expansion Design
  - Miller Creek and Millville Under Construction
  - Utility Rate Study
  - Water & Sewer – Communication Improvements
- 1.4 % Budget Increase