



# FISCAL YEAR 2021 POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

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In this data-driven world, we face a steady influx of facts, figures and statistics. Sorting through this information can be daunting and putting the information to good use can be a difficult task.

We are pleased to share with you the Frederick County Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

In an effort to provide you with easily accessible, reliable information, the PAFR provides a brief analysis of where County revenue comes from and where those dollars go in a short and concise format.

The PAFR is presented in an effort to better inform the public about the County's financial condition, without excessive detail or the use of technical accounting terms. This report represents the ongoing commitment of County officials to keep Frederick County citizens informed about County finances, and to be accountable for the receipt and expenditure of public funds. It is intended to be a supplement to the 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), not a replacement. It does not conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) and focuses solely on Governmental Activities. Financial information related to the County Schools, Landfill, Adult Detention Center, Regional Airport, Shawneeland, and Court Services are not included.

Although the PAFR is not audited and excludes many material disclosures, financial statements, schedules and notes to the financial statements, figures are extracted from the County's ACFR. The County's financial statements are prepared using the financial reporting model prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and are independently audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America by the accounting firm of Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates of Charlottesville, VA. We encourage you to read the ACFR, which is comprised of detailed financial statements, notes, schedules and reports. The ACFR, in its entirety, is available in the Frederick County Finance Department and online at [www.fcva.us/CAFR](http://www.fcva.us/CAFR)



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**June 30, 2020**

*Christopher P. Morill*

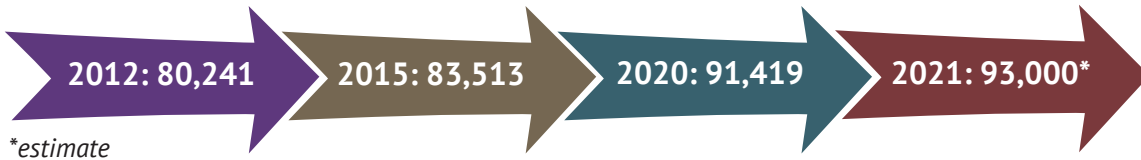
Executive Director/CEO

# OUR COMMUNITY

Frederick County, at the tip of the Northern Shenandoah Valley, is 72 miles northwest of Washington, D.C., and in the Northernmost corner of the state of Virginia. The County, which covers 424 square miles and borders the West Virginia line, was established in 1738. The County sits at the mouth of the Shenandoah Valley which stretched 200 miles between two mountain ranges - The Blue Ridge Mountains to the east and the Allegheny Mountains to the west.

The Valley is bound by two rivers, the Potomac River to the north and the James River to the south. Its county administrator form of government was established in 1971. In the southeastern portion of the county, there are two incorporated towns, Stephens City and Middletown. Frederick County is the 13th largest county in Virginia by population, is home to the 21st largest school division in Virginia, and 28.8% of residents hold bachelors degrees or higher.

## POPULATION



## PER CAPITA INCOME



## UNEMPLOYMENT



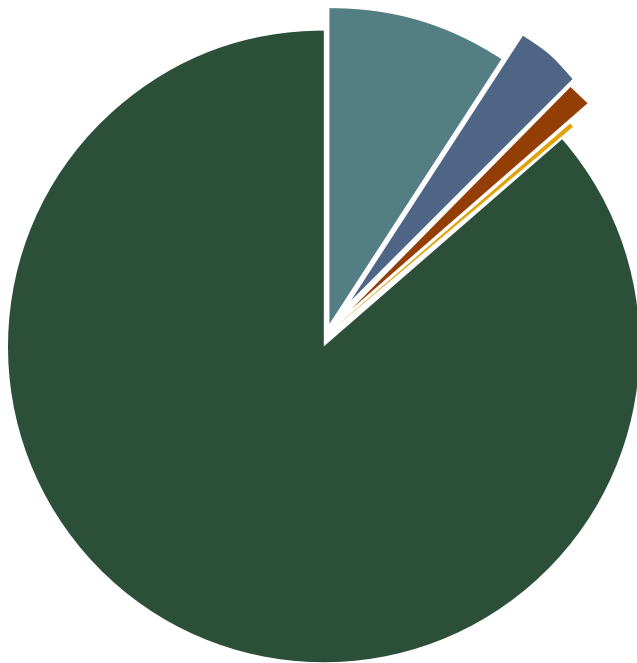
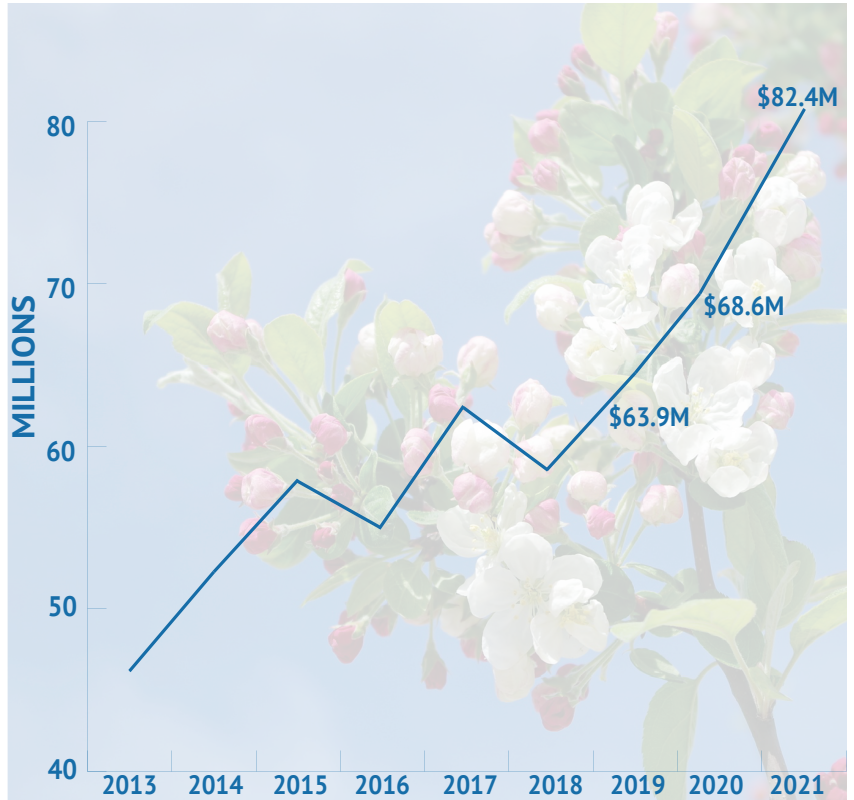
## TAXABLE PROPERTY VALUES



# FY 2021 GENERAL FUND: TOTAL FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance is the excess dollars of what the County owns (assets) over what the County owes (liabilities) in the current year. Fund balance is a critical factor in financial planning and budgeting, provides for unforeseen expenses or emergencies, reduces the need for short-term borrowing for operations by assuring sufficient cash flow, and demonstrates financial stability, which enhances bond rating, thereby lowering debt issuance costs.

The County's fund balance has increased over the last 3 years.



## TOTAL FUND BALANCE \$82.4M

- 0.00% Nonspendable \$1.6K
- 9.21% Restricted \$7.6M
- 4.57% Committed \$3.8M
- 0.01% Assigned \$4.8K
- 86.22% Unassigned \$71.0M

### NOTE

County policy transfers unassigned fund balance in excess of 20% operating reserves to a capital reserve fund following the close of the fiscal year. For 2021, \$26.1 million of the \$71 million was reserved for future capital needs.



## FY 2021 GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES: NET POSITION

Changes in net position are represented by comparing total annual revenue with total annual expenses. When revenue exceeds expenses, the County's net position improves. The County's net position has increased over the previous year.

### FY 2021

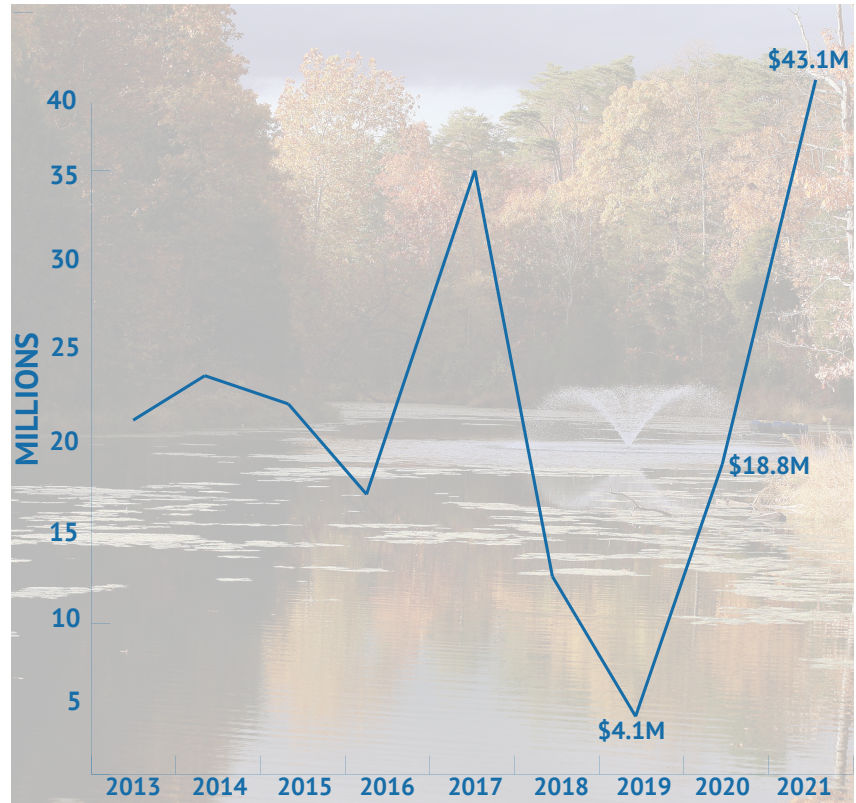
Beginning Net Position	\$ 18,827,105
Total Revenues	+ 226,961,682
Total Expenses	- 202,673,715
Ending Net Position	\$ 43,115,072

*The significant reduction in net position in 2018 is due to the new accounting standard required to recognize postemployment benefits other than pensions (OPEB). Without this reporting change, the County's net position would have remained flat as there was a minimal difference, \$153,309, between revenues and expenditures for 2018.*

*The \$8.2 million decrease in net position for 2019 is due to a \$15.7 million increase in education expenses as a result of a net increase in school general obligation bonds issues, offset by increased general revenue in the amount of \$7.4 million.*

*The \$14.7 million increase for 2020 is partially due to a real estate reassessment, CARES Act Funding, and reduced expenses as a result of a spending freeze due to COVID-19.*

*The \$24.3 million increase for 2021 is due to a combination of revenues exceeding budget projections, and an increase in property taxes as a result of the prior year reassessment and increased automobile values. In addition, CARES Act funding was still being used in FY21.*



## What's the difference between Net Position and Fund Balance?

Net position of governmental activities reflects the difference between all economic assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term, while fund balance of governmental funds represents the difference between only currently available assets and the liabilities to be repaid from those assets. Additions to fund balance include: capital assets (land, buildings, schools, etc.), internal service funds, other long-term assets, and deferrals. Long-term liabilities are subtractions from fund balance and include items such as OPEB and pension liabilities and debt and interest payments outside of the current year.

*(See Exhibit 4 of the ACFR)*



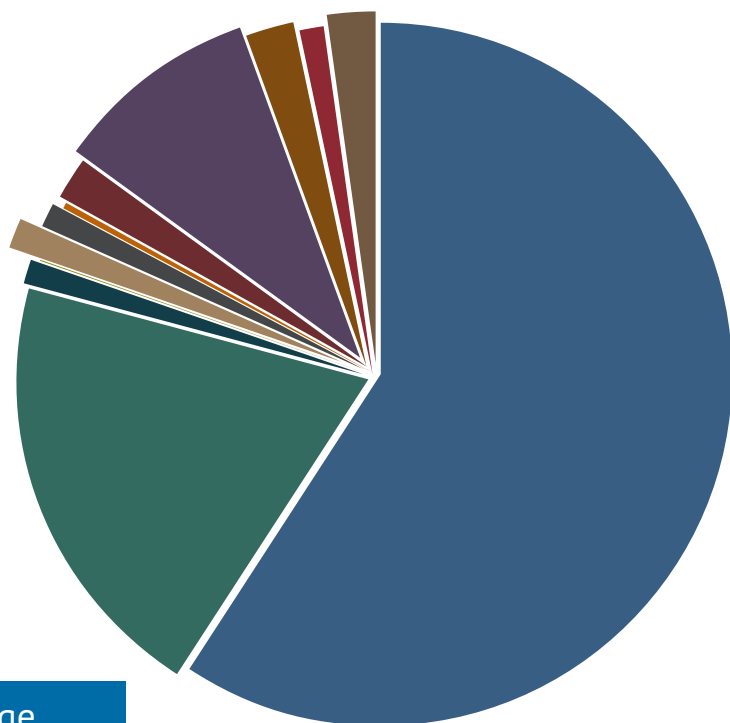
## SOURCES OF COUNTY REVENUES - GENERAL FUND

The General Fund is the County's primary operating fund. This fund is used to record all resource inflows and outflows that are not associated with special-purpose funds. The major sources of revenues for the General Fund are real estate and personal property taxes, other taxes, non-restricted grants, and operating grants and contributions. These taxes predominately fund basic government services including Public Safety, Parks and Recreation, and education. The activities being paid for through the general fund constitute the principal administrative and operational tasks of Frederick County Government.

Revenues	FY2021	FY2020	FY2019
Property taxes	\$129,586,450	\$120,543,325	\$113,629,440
Other local taxes	43,632,400	39,526,349	36,634,376
Permits, fees and licenses	2,424,417	2,285,194	2,188,705
Fines and forfeitures	199,394	248,111	313,896
Use of money and property	3,125,173	998,794	1,272,035
Charges for services	2,411,670	2,344,290	3,003,141
Miscellaneous	438,314	156,935	416,830
Recovered costs	4,071,208	7,948,509	3,422,092
Issuance of capital lease	-	-	449,291
Commonwealth of VA	21,118,336	21,859,486	21,652,162
Federal Government	4,404,069	4,304,569	4,025,596
County Capital Reserve	2,379,301	3,783,655	-
CARES Funds	4,845,362	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$218,636,094</b>	<b>\$203,999,217</b>	<b>\$187,007,564</b>

## REVENUES

*Fiscal year 2021 results illustrated as cents per dollar of revenue with property taxes making up 59¢ for each \$1 received.*



**TOTAL REVENUE \$218.6M**

- \$0.59 Property taxes
- \$0.20 Other local taxes
- \$0.10 Commonwealth of VA
- \$0.02 CARES Funds
- \$0.02 Federal Government
- \$0.02 Recovered costs
- \$0.01 Use of money and property
- \$0.01 Permits, fees and licenses
- \$0.01 Charges for services
- \$0.01 County capital reserve
- \$0.00 Miscellaneous
- \$0.00 Fines and forfeitures
- \$0.00 Issuance of capital lease

## USE OF COUNTY FUNDS – GENERAL FUND

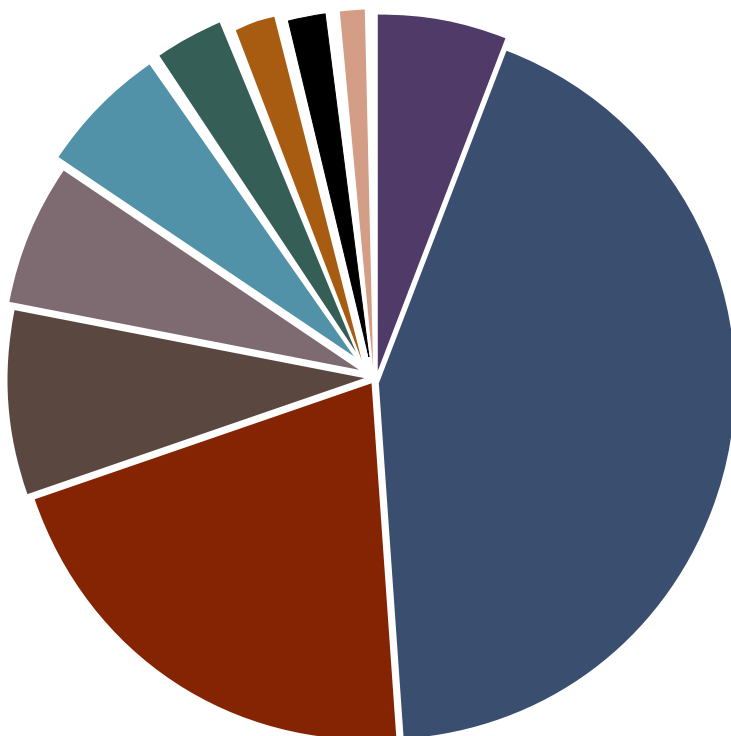
On an annual basis, the County adopts an annual operating budget which allocated dollars to the highest priorities as determined by the Board of Supervisors. The General Fund primarily is financed by real estate and personal property taxes and supports core services such as public safety.

The County provides services to our citizens with the majority of the fund being dedicated to Education and Public Safety, which includes Fire & Rescue and the Sheriff's Office, Parks & Recreation, and Health & Welfare.

Expenditures	FY2021	FY2020	FY2019
General administration	\$12,335,688	\$13,654,137	\$11,067,912
Judicial administration	2,942,811	2,931,762	2,962,088
Public safety	42,930,250	41,395,357	39,152,979
Public works	6,031,603	6,291,241	5,432,118
Health / welfare / CSA	11,875,229	11,760,036	11,114,109
Local community college	81,308	81,308	81,080
Public school system	87,933,236	83,349,189	85,327,387
Public school debt service	17,085,531	16,248,300	14,579,320
Parks, recreation and culture	6,244,228	7,625,553	7,346,862
Community development	2,161,568	2,123,758	2,155,810
County debt service	2,272,561	2,268,063	2,257,231
County capital reserve	13,004,306	11,504,520	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$204,898,319</b>	<b>\$199,233,224</b>	<b>\$181,476,896</b>

## EXPENDITURES

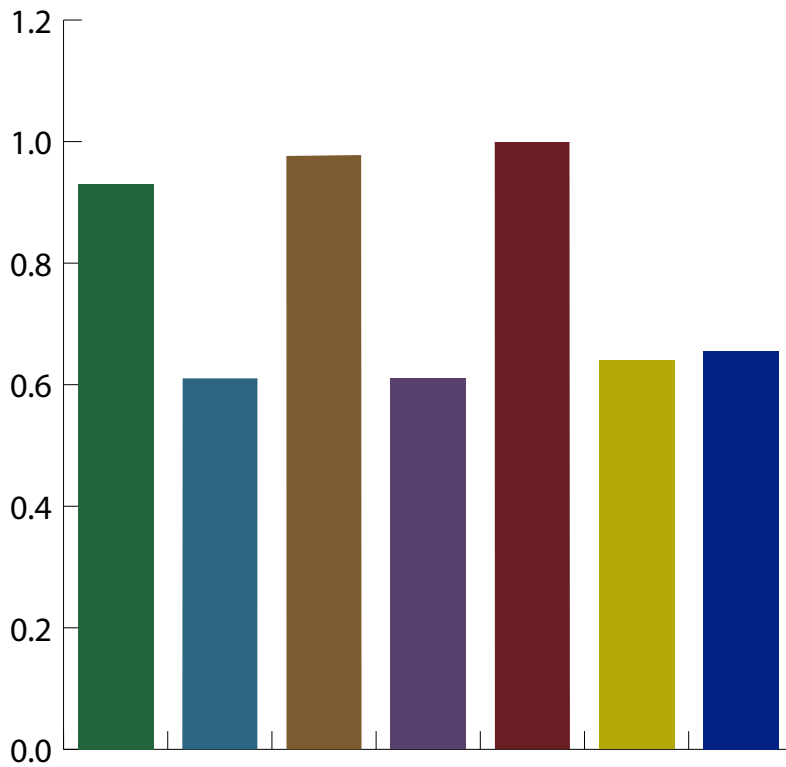
Fiscal year 2021 results illustrated as cents per dollar of expenditure, with Education accounting for 51¢ and Public Safety accounting for 21¢ of every \$1 spent.



### TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$204.9M

- \$0.06 General administration
- \$0.01 Judicial administration
- \$0.21 Public safety
- \$0.03 Public works
- \$0.06 Health/welfare/ CSA
- \$0.51 Education
- \$0.03 Parks, recreation and culture
- \$0.01 Community development
- \$0.01 County debt service
- \$0.06 County capital reserve

## BY THE NUMBERS



### 2021 REAL ESTATE TAX RATES

per \$100 of assessed value

**\$0.93** City of Winchester

**\$0.61** Clarke County

**\$0.994** Fauquier County

**\$0.61** Frederick County

**\$0.98** Loudoun County

**\$0.64** Shenandoan County

**\$0.655** Warren County

### OTHER TAX RATES:

**\$4.86** Personal Property

**\$2.00** Machinery & Tools

**\$0.01** Airplanes

**\$0.61** Mobiles Homes

## FAST FACTS

### ANIMAL SHELTER

Dogs cats adopted/reclaimed: 943

### BUILDING INSPECTIONS

Inspections performed: 29,911

Building/zoning related permits issued: 8,024

### PARKS & RECREATION

Youth Sports participants: 5,400

basicREC average daily attendance: 715

Special Events/Excursions: 55

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire and Medical incidents: 11,803

Law enforcement calls for service: 80,983

911 calls for service - Fire/EMS: 12,106

911 calls for service - Sheriff: 85,897

### MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Frederick County School Board

Navy Federal Credit Union

Amazon Fulfillment Center

U.S. Dept. of Homeland Defense

Trex Company, Inc.

County of Frederick

The Home Depot

H.P. Hood, Inc.

Martin's Food Market

Fisher Scientific Company

