



FY 2024 Recommended Budget at a Glance

Budget Focus

- Maintain all priority services (education, public safety, and transportation).
- Fund departmental operations sufficient to maintain existing levels of service to citizens.
- Fund commitments (jail, juvenile center, regional agencies, existing debt service, Social Services/CSA).
- Fund fifth of five years of increases in the ongoing OPEB contribution.
- Maintain tax rates and fees for services at affordable levels.

Budget Highlights

Schools –

- The net local transfer to the Schools increased by \$1.1 million to \$139,184,732, after removing the FY 2023 onetime transfer for the teacher pay study and accounting for the increase in Schools’ debt service.
- \$5.1 million of ongoing funds to replace the one-time funds used in FY 2023 to fund the \$5.65 million implementation of the teacher pay modernization.
- Onetime transfer of \$690,979 to the Schools’ Capital Projects Fund for the Spotsylvania Middle School.

Public Safety –

- The budget includes funding to implement the next step on the Public Safety scale effective July 24, 2023 for those completing at least a full year of service with the County as of June 30, 2023.
- 6 additional Sheriff’s Office positions are funded (¾ year)

Transportation –

- \$2.4 million transfer in one-time funding from the General Fund to the Transportation Fund.
- \$125,097 transfer from the General Fund to help fund the addition of 2 positions.

Tax Rates/Fees –

- The Real Estate tax rate is recommended at \$0.7377 – no change from rate adopted for CY 2022.
- No change to the tax rates.

Compensation –

- Funding is included for a 4% cost of living adjustment for all employees effective July 24, 2023.
- A 2.0% merit increase is effective July 24, 2023 for full-time and regular part-time positions not on the Public Safety scale. This is applicable to those completing at least a full year of service with the County as of June 30, 2023.
- Longevity adjustments continue to be included at 0.5% for non-Public Safety scale employees reaching 3 or 12 years of service, and 1% for those reaching 5, 10, and 15 years of service by June 30, 2023. These adjustments are effective July 24, 2023.

Capital Projects –

- One-time funding used to fund the \$2.2 million or additional 0.25% transfer to the Capital Projects Fund. Funding for an additional one-time transfer of \$1.4 million is budgeted.

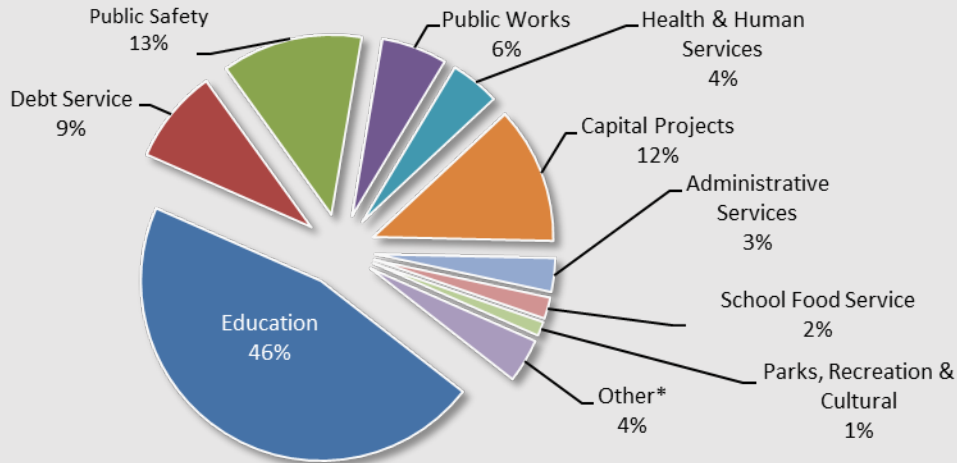
New Initiatives –

- 14.5 net new positions are added to maintain or enhance the delivery of services to citizens.

	FY 2023 Adopted	FY 2024 Recommended	Difference \$	%
General Fund	\$180,315,879	\$198,056,106	\$17,740,227	9.8%
Economic Dev. Authority Fund	1,152,300	812,300	(340,000)	(29.5%)
Code Compliance Fund	7,743,096	7,010,448	(732,648)	(9.5%)
Transportation Fund	8,106,982	10,284,414	2,177,432	26.9%
School Operating Fund	358,957,212	368,846,732	9,889,520	2.8%
School Food Service Fund	31,713,924	14,153,044	(17,560,880)	(55.4%)
Utilities Fund	<u>40,336,875</u>	<u>45,973,842</u>	<u>5,636,967</u>	14.0%
Sub-Total Operating Expenditures	\$628,326,268	\$645,136,886	\$16,810,618	2.7%
Capital Projects Fund	\$27,075,669	\$24,555,882	(2,519,787)	(9.3%)
School Capital Projects Fund	38,743,386	46,538,360	7,794,974	20.1%
Utilities Capital Projects Fund	<u>18,612,722</u>	<u>19,400,000</u>	<u>787,278</u>	4.2%
Sub-Total Capital Expenditures	\$84,431,777	\$90,494,242	\$6,062,465	7.2%
Total Budget	\$712,758,045	\$735,631,128	\$22,873,083	3.2%

Expenditures by Function – All Funds

\$735,631,128 excluding transfers out



*"Other" includes Community Development, Executive Services, Judicial Administration, Transportation and Voter Services functions and tax relief.

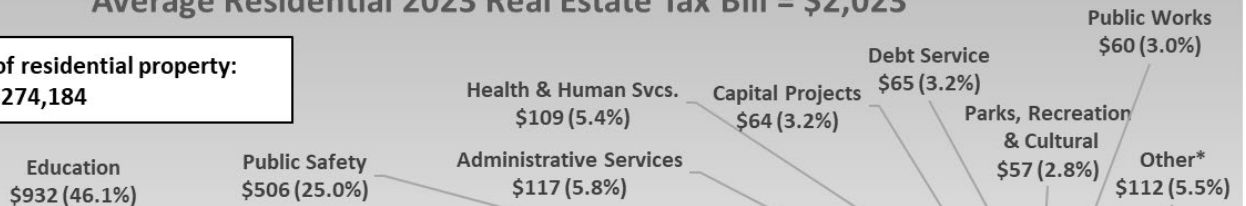
Breakdown of General Fund Transfer to Schools

	FY 2023 Adopted	FY 2024 Recommended
Required Local Effort - SOQs	\$71,445,623	\$72,564,493
Required Local Match for Non-SOQ Programs	8,257,710	11,940,397
Required Match Federal Programs Other Than Maintenance of Effort for Special Education	491,309	591,878
Debt Service	28,811,932	30,075,247
Additional local transfer, a portion of which is used to ensure the locality meets the required Federal Maintenance of Effort for Special Education	29,074,842	24,012,717
Total Local Transfer	\$138,081,416	\$139,184,732

*This information has been updated since the FY 2024 Recommended Budget book was published.

Average Residential 2023 Real Estate Tax Bill = \$2,023

Average value of residential property:
\$274,184



*"Other" includes Executive Services, Community Development, Judicial Administration, Voter Services, and Transportation

Tax Bills for Average All Residential Property			
Year	Mean AV*	Rate	Bill
2018	\$209,939	\$0.8330	\$1,749
2019	\$212,858	\$0.8474	\$1,804
2020	\$230,839	\$0.8094	\$1,868
2021	\$234,624	\$0.8094	\$1,899
2022	\$271,798	\$0.7377	\$2,005
2023 – advertised rate	\$274,184	\$0.8377	\$2,297

*Based on original land book values. Because this represents each year's mean value, it cannot be assumed that a certain residential property valued at \$209,939 in 2018 is valued at \$274,184 in 2023.

Tax Bills for Average Residential Property With A Home			
Year	Mean AV*	Rate	Bill
2018	\$262,100	\$0.8330	\$2,183
2019	\$264,100	\$0.8474	\$2,238
2020	\$284,500	\$0.8094	\$2,303
2021	\$286,500	\$0.8094	\$2,319
2022	\$328,300	\$0.7377	\$2,422
2023 – advertised rate	\$331,900	\$0.8377	\$2,780

*Based on original land book values. Because this represents each year's mean value, it cannot be assumed that a certain residential property with a home valued at \$262,100 in 2018 is valued at \$331,900 in 2023.

Tax Rates¹		
Taxes	2022 Adopted	2023 Advertised
Real Estate	\$0.7377	\$0.8377
Personal Property – automobiles, pickups, motorcycles, and campers	\$5.42	\$5.42
Personal Property – boats and boat trailers	\$6.25	\$6.25
Personal Property – Motorhomes, Trailers (except boat trailers), Trucks	\$6.35	\$6.35
Aircraft	\$0.000001	\$0.000001
Business Furniture & Fixtures	\$4.55	\$4.55
Data Center Computer Equipment & Peripherals	\$1.25	\$1.25
Machinery & Tools	\$1.90	\$1.90
Heavy Duty Equipment	\$1.55	\$1.55
Mobile Homes ²	\$0.7377	\$0.8377
Lee Hill East Service District	\$0.25	\$0.25
Lee Hill West Service District	\$0.38	\$0.38
Massaponax Service District	\$0.00	\$0.00
Harrison Crossing Service District	\$0.44	\$0.44

¹Real Property, Mobile Homes, and Service District tax rates are levied per \$100 of assessed value. All others are assessed at no greater than 50% of the value or 50% of original cost depending on the classification.

²Per State Code, the Mobile Homes rate must match rate for Real Estate.

How do Spotsylvania’s 2023 advertised real estate and personal property tax rates compare to other localities in the area?

Because we do not have the recommended 2023 rates for all other localities at this time, the tables below show the 2022 personal property and real estate tax rates for neighboring localities and the rates advertised for Spotsylvania for 2023. Spotsylvania’s advertised rates reflect the fifth lowest real estate tax rate and the fifth lowest effective personal property tax rate in the area.

Real Estate Tax Rates CY 2022	
Locality	Tax Rate
Culpeper	\$0.5500
King George	\$0.6400
Louisa	\$0.7200
Orange	\$0.7500
Caroline	\$0.7700
Hanover	\$0.8100
Spotsylvania¹	\$0.8377
Henrico	\$0.8500
Stafford	\$0.8500
Fredericksburg	\$0.8600
Loudon	\$0.8900
Fauquier	\$0.9030
Chesterfield	\$0.9200
Arlington	\$1.0300
Prince William	\$1.1075
Alexandria	\$1.1100
Fairfax	\$1.1435
Richmond City	\$1.2000

¹Reflects the rate advertised for CY 2023

Personal Property Tax Rates CY 2022			
Locality	Tax Rate	Assessment Ratio	Effective Rate*
Stafford	\$4.49	50%	\$2.245
Louisa	\$2.43	100%	\$2.430
Spotsylvania¹	\$5.42	50%	\$2.710
Culpeper	\$3.00	100%	\$3.000
Fredericksburg	\$3.40	90%	\$3.060
King George	\$3.25	100%	\$3.250
Fauquier	\$3.45	100%	\$3.450
Henrico	\$3.50	100%	\$3.500
Hanover	\$3.57	100%	\$3.570
Chesterfield	\$3.60	100%	\$3.600
Richmond City	\$3.70	100%	\$3.700
Prince William	\$3.70	100%	\$3.700
Orange	\$3.75	100%	\$3.750
Caroline	\$3.80	100%	\$3.800
Loudoun	\$4.15	100%	\$4.150
Fairfax	\$4.57	100%	\$4.570
Arlington	\$5.00	100%	\$5.000
Alexandria	\$5.33	100%	\$5.330

¹Reflects the rate advertised for CY 2023

*The effective rate shown here provides a comparable rate across localities since it takes into account that the assessment ratio is not the same for all.