



TOWN of CARY

ADOPTED BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Fiscal Year 2013

July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

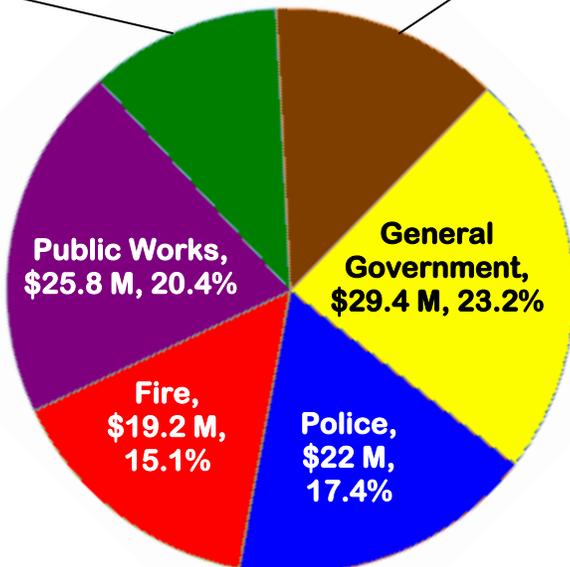
WHAT IS THE GENERAL FUND?

The Town uses the General Fund to account for daily operations to help enrich the lives of our citizens. The chart below shows how the General Fund will be spent in FY 2013. During a typical day, you can see the Town at work. The police and fire departments are ready to respond 24 hours a day. Many of the roads are maintained by the Town and all of the traffic signals are maintained by the Town. Parks and greenways are available for fun and exercise, while cultural events are hosted at Town facilities and downtown.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES = \$121.8 M
CAPITAL TRANSFERS = \$5.0 M

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources (PRCR), \$13.8 M, 10.9%

Debt Service & Transfers to Capital Projects, \$16.6 M, 13.1%



Tax or Fee	Change from FY12	More Information
Property Tax	No Change	The Town has not increased the tax rate since 1989. It is currently set at 33¢ per \$100 valuation.
Solid Waste & Recycling Fee	No Change	The solid waste and recycling fee is still \$14 per month and has not changed since 2008. This fee covers 94% of operating costs for the solid waste and recycling programs.
Water and Sewer Rates	Up 6%	Utility customers using an average of 7,000 gallons per month should expect to see an increase of \$5.18 on their monthly bill.

PROJECTED REVENUE = \$122.3 M

The top two revenue generators are ad valorem (property) and sales taxes. They are budgeted at \$70 million and \$25.8 million respectively. Together they combine to make up 78% of projected revenue.

WHAT IS THE UTILITY FUND?

The Town provides water and sewer service through the Utility Fund. The primary revenue sources for the utility fund are water and sewer fees—taxes are not used to support the water and sewer system.



FY 2013 Revenue: \$61.5 M
 Water Charges: \$23.5 M, 38.2%
 Sewer Charges: \$36.1 M, 58.7%
 Other Revenue: \$1.9 M, 3.1%

The full FY 2013 Adopted Budget can be found at www.townofcary.org



The Downtown Theater on Chatham Street is currently undergoing renovation and is expected to open in the fall of 2013.

HOW HAS THE RECESSION AFFECTED THE TOWN?

- The Town has operated without a property tax increase since 1989 due in part to growth in population and tax base. The FY 2013 budget reflects the slow economic recovery with a 2.3% increase in revenues over FY 2012. Revenue is also affected by a slowing population growth, as seen in the table at the bottom right of the page.
- Investment earnings in FY 2013 are a small fraction of the revenue source compared to just five years ago. Total investment earnings have fallen \$18.2M or 92% since FY 2008 to this year's total of \$1.6M.
- Sales tax revenue and building permit fees have also suffered due to the economy. Since a high in FY 2008, these categories are down a combined \$3.2M or 11%, compared to average sales tax growth of over 10% per year from FY 2004 to FY 2008.
- The level of the Town's fund balance savings and the amount paid in debt service each year compared to the total budget have been conservatively managed. They directly affect the Town's bond rating, which still stands at AAA, the best possible rating. Council makes it a priority to keep the Town in good financial condition despite the economy.

TOTAL BUDGET: \$232.4 M

Operating + Capital
\$184.0 M \$48.4 M

Questions?

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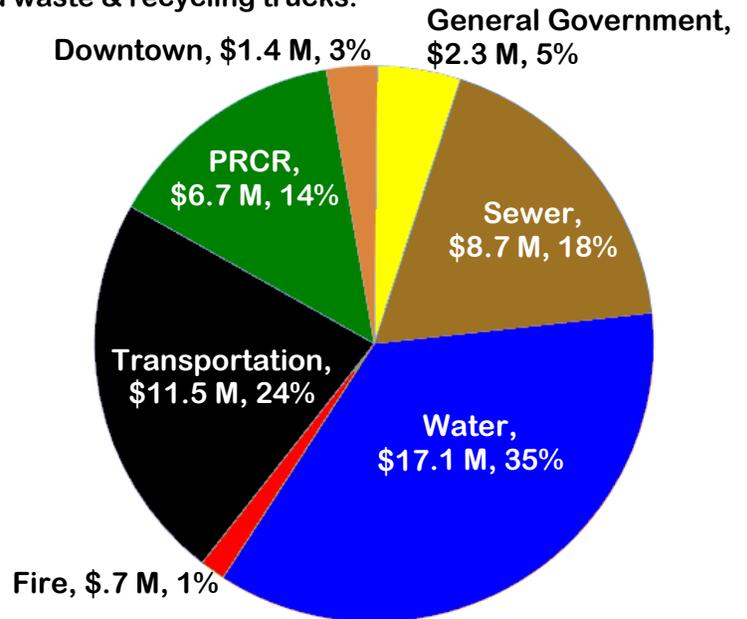
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES = \$48.4 M

Projects like roads, sidewalks, pipelines and facility construction or upgrades require long-term planning. It is important to anticipate needs and keep everything up-to-date and safe. The Town appropriates funds from various sources, including the general fund and capital reserve funds to help pay for these types of projects.

Larger capital projects are sometimes paid for with debt by issuing bonds. The economic downturn has resulted in the Town putting some projects on hold and cancelling others to help conserve resources.

In addition to annual street, water, and sewer projects, major projects that improve the fire department, parks system, and downtown are underway. The picture to the left shows the anticipated front façade of the Downtown Theater, a current capital project, after its renovation. Fire Station #8 construction began in the spring of 2012, and is expected to be operational by the summer of 2013. Construction will begin on the Crabtree Creek Greenway, which will add over 2.5 miles of greenway south of Lake Crabtree with connection to the Black Creek Greenway.

The chart below shows how the capital project funds are allocated this fiscal year. The general government category below supports primarily storm drainage and solid waste & recycling trucks.



1970-2010 Town of Cary Population according to U.S. Census				
Year	Population	Increase from Previous Decade	Average Increase Per Year	General Fund Revenue per Person
1970	7,640	4,284	12.8%	\$61
1980	21,763	14,123	18.5%	\$205
1990	43,858	22,095	10.2%	\$476
2000	94,536	50,678	11.6%	\$775
2010	135,234	40,698	4.3%	\$903
July 1, 2011 est.	139,672	N/A	2.2%	\$876
July 1, 2012 est.	142,094	N/A	1.7%	\$854