PROTECTING PROPERTY TAXPAYERS

from New York State Cost Shifting

2024
DUTCHESS COUNTY ADOPTED BUDGET

$16M
INCREASE IN STATE MANDATES

COUNTY PROPERTY TAX RATE DECREASE
11%

Neighbors,

In 2024, New York State mandated annual costs will increase by over $16 million, primarily for Medicaid, child institution costs, and pre-school special education/early intervention, among others. New York is one of the few states in the nation to push Medicaid costs to counties, and this year, Governor Hochul unilaterally increased the County's annual costs, and took $15 million owed to the County by redirecting federal funding intended to help counties offset local taxpayer costs into State coffers.

Dutchess County Government has been fiscally responsible year after year, evidenced by our AA+ bond rating, but as Albany continues to spend recklessly into deficit, and cost shifts continue, we must brace for multi-year, negative impacts to our County budget, requiring we bring our County Sales Tax rate level with the majority of other New York counties.

My **2024 Adopted Budget** protects residents already facing affordable housing concerns, higher utility bills driven by new State mandates, and inflationary impacts on everyday needs. We are lowering property taxes and keeping clothing and footwear items under $110 tax-free, while continuing the high-quality programs and services people depend on.

COUNTY PROPERTY TAX RATE
per $1,000 Assessed Valuation

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VIEW 2024 BUDGET DOCUMENTS ONLINE AT DUTCHESSNY.GOV/2024BUDGET

2024 ADOPTED BUDGET BY THE NUMBERS

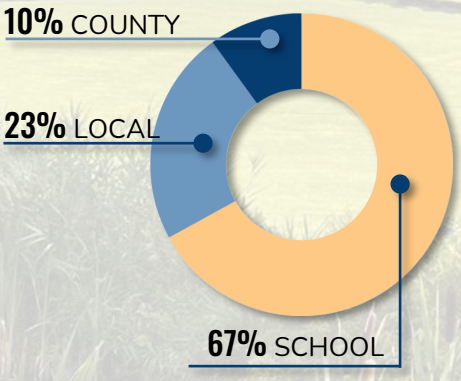
10TH CONSECUTIVE PROPERTY TAX LEVY CUT

$99.4M

Lowest in 15 years

DID YOU KNOW?

County property taxes only account for 10% of the average homeowner's tax bill.



COUNTY SALES TAX 4%

- NEW RATE LEVEL WITH THE REGION
- MORE REVENUE FOR LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES

NO SALES TAX

on clothing & footwear items under $110

FOCUS ON ESSENTIAL SERVICES

HOUSING

- Emergency Housing Facility
- Housing Navigator + Homeless Outreach
- Housing Trust Fund to increase affordable unit inventory

SENIORS + VETERANS

- Therapeutic home-delivered meals for seniors' dietary needs
- Transportation for seniors transitioning home from the hospital
- Traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Bowdoin Park

YOUTH + FAMILIES

- Family Check-ups program to offer parenting skills, family management, and education interventions
- Continuing innovative youth programming for all abilities
- More summer camp opportunities at Camp Nooteeming

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Expanding composting capacity through municipal match program
- Increasing support to local nonprofits for staffing
- Supporting the frontline of the opioid epidemic

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Countywide emergency radio network
- Expanding community policing
- Comprehensive trainings for first responders