



MESSAGE FROM THE COMPTROLLER

SEPTEMBER 2023

The independent audit of the Dutchess County Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 has been completed with the issuance of the Independent Auditors' Reports from Drescher & Malecki LLP. Their audit reported no material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, or noncompliance. Dutchess County was rated as a "low-risk auditee."

The audited financial statements show that the unassigned fund balance for the general fund has decreased to **\$77,447,963** in 2022, from **\$119,508,207** at the end of 2021. This decrease of **\$42 million** was due to the use of the general fund for some capital expenses that would otherwise have been bonded, the funding of the Housing Trust, and the paydown of callable debt. The 2022 unassigned fund balance is in line with the County's Fund Balance Management Policy that states that the County will, "strive to maintain an undesignated general fund balance of 1-2 months of general fund operating expenditures."

The net position of the County governmental activities increased by **\$7.17 million** over the prior year. This increase is primarily due to increases in operating grants and contributions.

Sales tax revenue remains the highest source of revenue at **\$260,214,733** in 2022, up from **\$255,550,540** in 2021. The County's most significant expense item for governmental activities was "Economic Assistance and Opportunity," in the amount of **\$155,531,376**, followed by "General Government Support," in the amount of **\$134,153,613**.

The County continued to subsidize the operations of the Dutchess Regional Airport and the Public Transportation enterprise funds in 2022. The Airport's 2022 subsidy was **\$655,121**, up from **\$599,203** in 2021. Transportation's subsidy almost tripled from **\$1,465,608** in 2021 to **\$4,220,150** in 2022. This large increase is due to increased operating expenses and decreased state and federal aid. As they have in years past, the independent auditors recommended that we monitor these funds and consider if they should be made as a special revenue governmental fund or as a department of the general fund more appropriately.

Bonds payable in governmental activities increased to **\$321,869,402** in 2022 up by **\$45,961,215** from **\$275,908,187** in 2021. The County issued **\$70,200,000** in general improvement serial bonds in 2022 and had scheduled principal payments of **\$23,418,900**.

The full audited financial statements can be found [here](#).

Sincerely,

Robin L. Lois
Dutchess County Comptroller

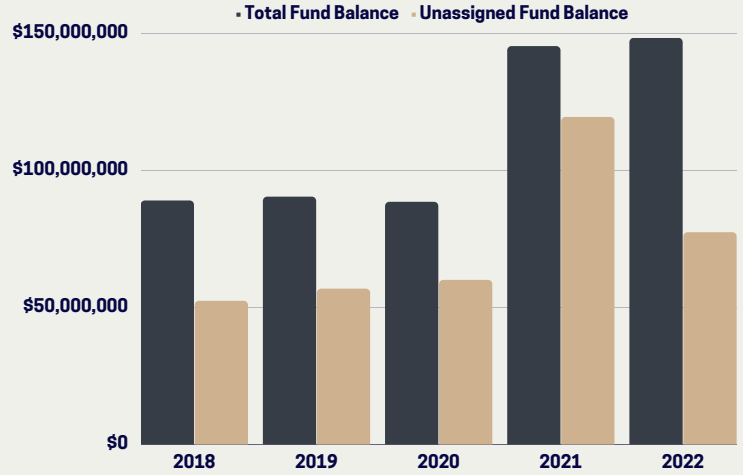
COUNTY FINANCES

2022 SNAPSHOT

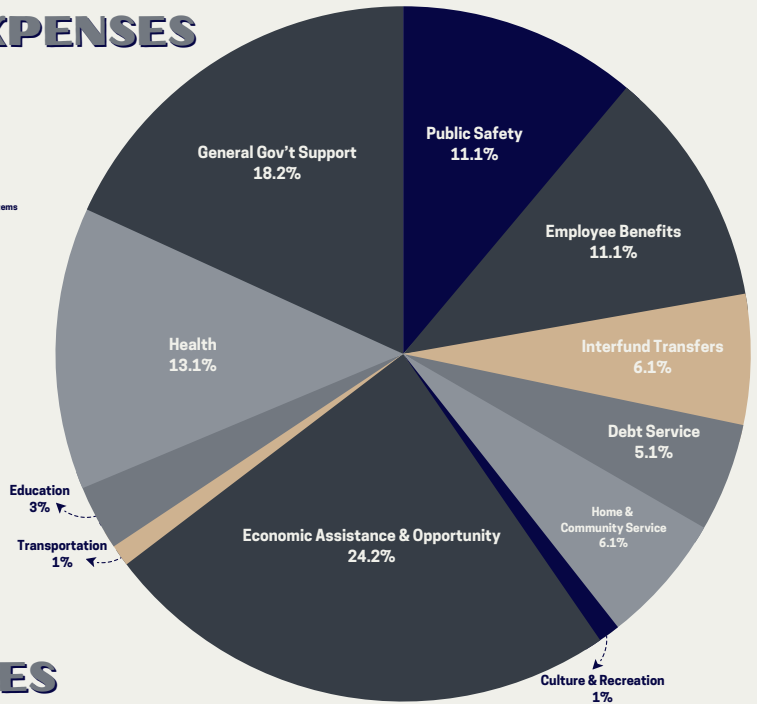
Fund balance is the difference between the County's assets and liabilities at a single point in time. General fund unassigned fund balance can be considered "reserves" and is the measure used when looking at the County's ability to adjust to economic changes. The increase in fund balance over the past few years has been largely attributable to the increase in sales tax collections.

\$77.4 MILLION
IN UNASSIGNED FUNDS
YEAR-END 2022

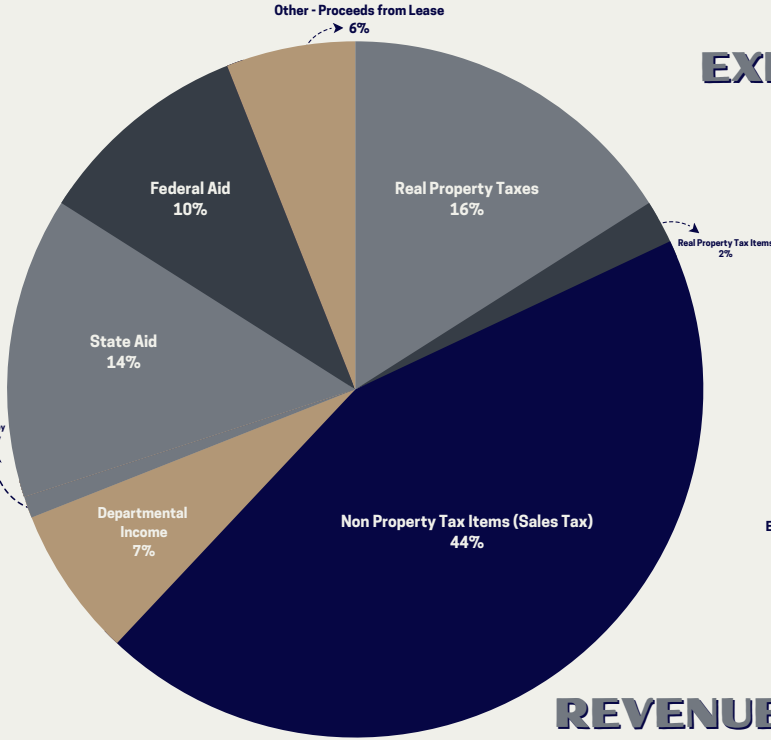
FUND BALANCE



EXPENSES



REVENUES



CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION • DECEMBER 31, 2022

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES		TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
CURRENT ASSETS	\$449,302,882	\$383,920,275	\$17,065,608	\$10,088,603	\$466,368,490	\$394,008,878
NONCURRENT ASSETS	450,484,696	346,847,521	25,753,407	26,335,574	476,238,103	373,183,095
TOTAL ASSETS	899,787,578	730,767,796	42,819,015	36,424,177	942,606,593	767,191,973
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	210,966,746	269,041,824	3,767,347	1,909,561	214,734,093	270,951,385
CURRENT LIABILITIES	171,717,318	151,842,375	1,583,116	832,257	173,300,434	152,674,632
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES	999,622,366	903,507,019	5,952,036	5,069,460	1,005,574,402	908,576,479
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,171,339,684	1,055,349,394	7,535,152	5,901,717	1,178,874,836	1,061,251,111
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	163,177,992	175,395,904	8,377,479	730,960	171,555,471	176,126,864
NET POSITION:						
NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS	91,895,915	84,339,406	22,551,540	24,350,279	114,447,455	108,689,685
RESTRICTED	45,405,748	29,837,728	-	-	45,405,748	29,837,728
UNRESTRICTED	(361,065,015)	(345,112,812)	8,122,191	7,350,782	(352,942,824)	(337,762,030)
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$(223,763,352)	\$(230,935,678)	\$30,673,731	\$31,701,061	\$(193,089,621)	\$(199,234,617)

COUNTY FINANCES

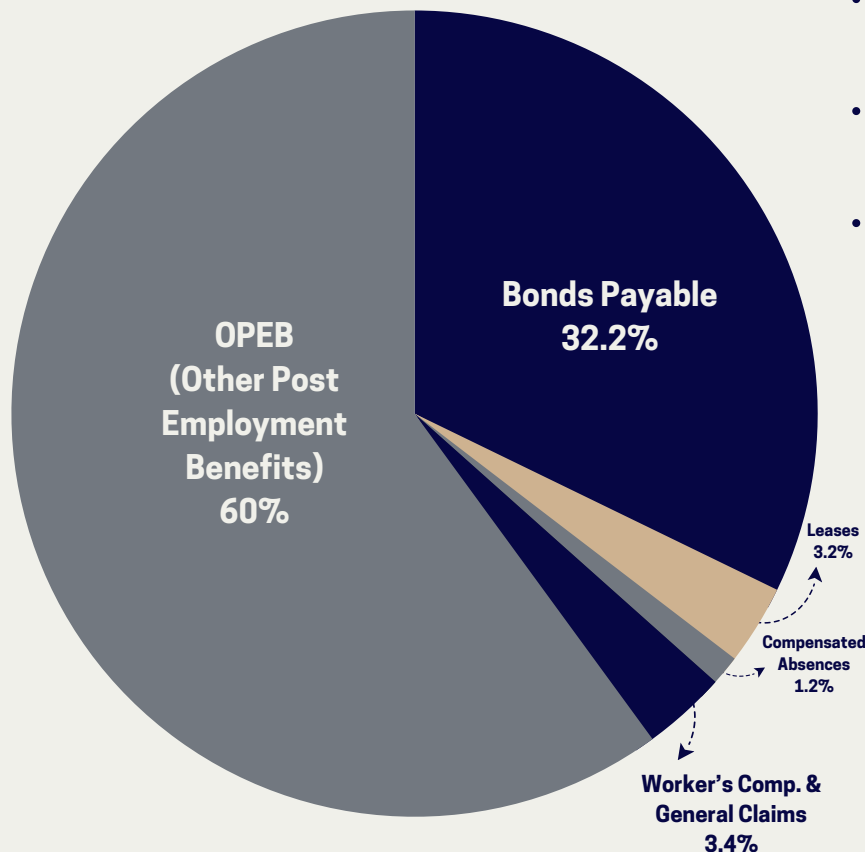
2022 SNAPSHOT

DUTCHESS COUNTY, NY

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION • PROPRIETARY FUNDS • DECEMBER 31, 2022

	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES						TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS	
	AIRPORT		TRANSPORTATION		DUTCHESS COUNTY LDC			
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	\$1,170,078	\$1,117,626	\$9,988,574	\$10,432,120	\$1,160,870	\$896,556	\$12,319,522	\$12,446,302
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$3,452,272	\$3,575,418	\$14,950,214	\$13,309,922	\$1,239,483	\$1,098,398	\$19,641,969	\$17,983,738
OPERATING (LOSS)	(2,282,194)	(2,457,792)	(4,961,640)	(2,877,802)	(78,613)	(201,842)	(7,322,447)	(5,537,436)
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	\$800,395	\$1,902,122	\$629,645	\$1,432,463	\$(10,194)	\$4,138	\$1,419,846	\$3,338,723
(LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS	(1,481,799)	(555,670)	(4,331,995)	(1,445,339)	(88,807)	(197,704)	(5,902,601)	(2,198,713)
TRANSFERS IN	655,121	599,203	4,220,150	1,465,608	-	-	4,875,271	2,064,811
NET POSITION -- ENDING	\$18,119,910	\$18,946,588	\$9,675,237	\$9,787,082	\$2,878,584	\$2,994,534	\$30,673,731	\$31,728,204

2022 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES)



Long-Term Liabilities from Governmental Activities

- Nearly **40%** of the current **22.4 million** debt service payment is related to the JTC ("Jail") project.
- Current debt represents approximately **10.8%** of the constitutional debt limit.
- The County paid off all callable eligible debt in 2022 totaling **\$8.6 million**.

General Long-Term Liabilities from Governmental Activities

