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Dumfries Releases Proposed FY2023 Fiscal Plan Documents

Dumfries releases the Proposed Fiscal Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 and the Proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for FY2023-2027.

The Proposed \$7.2 million General Fund budget represents a 22% increase over the previous fiscal year. Balanced at the existing tax rate, the proposed budget shows healthy growth in most major revenue categories.

"Our financial outlook is very positive, and we must continue to build upon sound fiscal management practices," stated Keith Rogers Jr., Town Manager. "As we emerge out of the pandemic, our priorities for this budget are providing relief to our residents and investing in our organization."

Relief to Our Residents

The Manager's Proposal keeps the Real Estate Tax rate flat at \$0.1899, one of the lowest rates in Northern Virginia. The Proposed Budget also eliminates the Vehicle License Fee, a fee collected on every vehicle garaged within town limits.

In conjunction with the FY23 Fiscal Plan, the Town Council will consider an ordinance to provide a Real Estate Tax Abatement for this year's June billing. Once approved, this abatement will provide immediate relief to property owners, many of whom have seen notable increases in assessed values.

Investment in Our Organization

The demands of the pandemic reiterated the importance of having a strong workforce, particularly first responders. The Proposed budget supports 8% Market Rate adjustments for most positions and continues to support 100% Employer Funded healthcare for employees and families. Additional positions in finance and public safety help to support strategic plan goals.

Capital Improvement Plan

The Proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for FY2023-2027 reflects continued efforts to complete projects already underway including the Route 1 Widening Project. All capital projects in the current plan are funded entirely by grants and Pay-As-You-Go cash, thus having no impact on the Town's debt capacity. The Proposed CIP includes one new project to create a new Stormwater Infrastructure Map. Once completed, this map will enhance our stormwater assessments and maintenance operations.

To view the full FY23 Fiscal Plan documents and submit budget related comments and questions please visit: https://www.dumfriesva.gov/government/departments/finance/budget.php