

budget in brief



Pathway to Progress



FISCAL YEAR
2025-2026



adopted budget \$830,557,660



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The City of Greensboro adopts its budget by ordinance, in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes, requiring estimated revenues and appropriated fund balances to be equal to appropriations.

The citywide Fiscal Year 2025 (FY 25-26) adopted budget runs from **July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026**. Organizational Strategic Priorities, developed by City Council and City staff, are used as guidelines in the development of funding recommendations.

The net adopted budget of \$830,557,660 is \$28.5M, or 3.6 percent, higher than the revised FY 24-25 budget.

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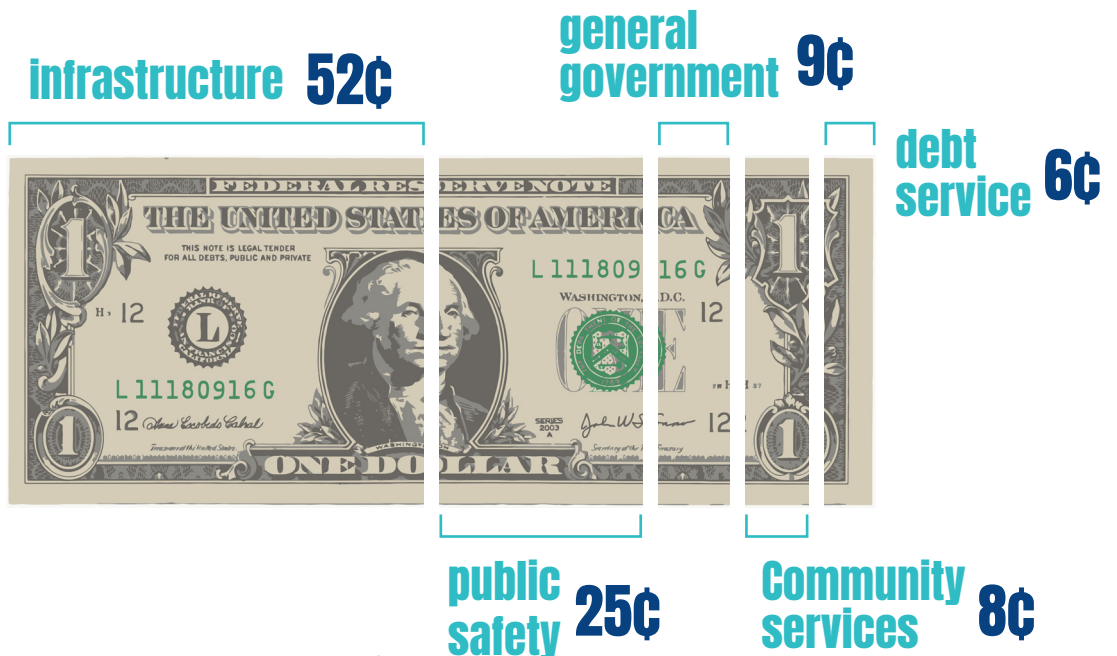
where does the money go?

Expenditures By Service Area

The City of Greensboro budget highlights service areas and programs. Each service area is responsible for delivering services to residents across Greensboro.

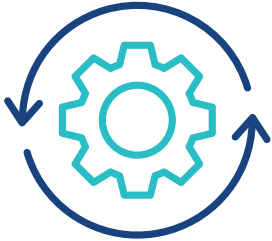
The four main service areas, listed from largest to smallest, are **Infrastructure, Public Safety, General Government, and Community Services** (see pages 4 and 5).

The remaining service area is **Debt Service**, which is closely tied to the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget (page 6).



where does the money come from?

revenue **\$830,667,552**



user charges • 34%
\$320,357,249

Charges, fees, and licenses for City services such as water, parking fees, or Coliseum concessions.



fund balance • 5%
\$46,305,831

Unexpended funds from the current year appropriated for the following year's budget.



other revenue • 16%
\$154,503,658

Everything else, including interest income, internal service charges, donations, and sales of assets.

property tax • 29%
\$272,116,725

The adopted tax rate is 67.25 cents per \$100 valuation, unchanged from FY 24–25.



intergovernmental revenue • 6%
\$60,840,158

Collected by the state and returned to local governments, such as Utility Sales Taxes. This category also includes federal and state grants, as well as the County's contributions to the City's Library System.



sales tax • 10%
\$90,234,000

In addition to the 4.75 percent state sales tax, Guilford County levies a 2 percent county sales tax on eligible goods and services, such as restaurant meals, and distributes the revenue to its jurisdictions.

All estimates are based on actual prior year amounts, current year projections, trend analysis, and general economic forecasts.

highlights by service



infrastructure
\$425,901,777

FY 2025-26 increase:
+\$5,500,228 | 1.3%

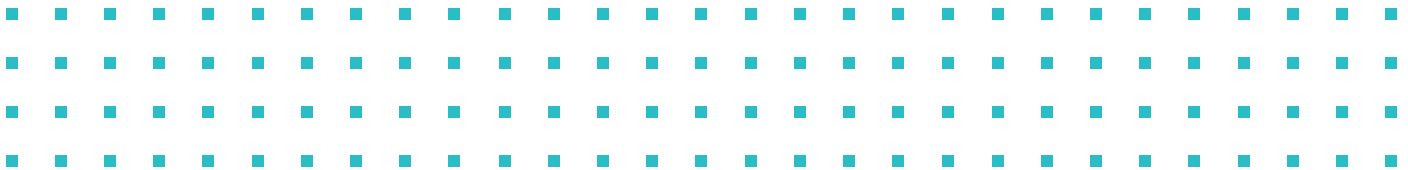
- The **Solid Waste and Recycling** budget is increasing by \$1,069,675 (3.3 percent). This includes purchasing two automatic side-loader solid waste trucks and adding two heavy equipment operator positions. Revenues will also increase by \$1,800,000 through raising the Solid Waste Household Availability Fee from \$3.50 to \$5.50 per month.
- The **Transit System Fund (GTA)** is increasing by \$2,447,556 (6.9 percent). This includes funding for higher contracted transportation costs and \$1,050,000 in local match grant support for transit operations.
- The **Water Resources Enterprise Fund** is increasing by \$4,707,064 (2.5 percent). This includes adding one engineering supervisor position to oversee water and sewer plan review.



public safety
\$214,240,585

FY 2025-26 increase:
+\$11,652,681 | 6.1%

- The **Fire Department** budget is increasing by \$4,898,985 (6.4 percent), which includes \$404,700 for the following cost of business items supplemental fire protection contracts, vehicle maintenance, and to supplement the NC Firefighters and Rescue Squad Workers Pension Fund. The budget also includes \$3.6 million towards financing installment payments for 12 new fire engines over the next several years.
- The **Police Department** budget is increasing by \$5,256,401 (5.1 percent). The budget will fund a service enhancement for two victim advocate positions and grant funding for the positions, as well as \$330,000 in contract increases and \$470,000 in supply and equipment cost increases due to inflation.
- The **Guilford Metro Communications** Fund is increasing by \$642,375 (4.2 percent). This includes an increase of \$30,000 for equipment upgrades to establish and maintain a backup internet connection between the primary and backup sites.





general government

\$80,194,176

FY 2025-26 increase:
+\$10,857,089 | 15.7%

- The **Legislative Department** budget is increasing by \$312,867 (27.6 percent). This includes the transfer of one administrative support specialist from the Legislative Department to the Executive Department and \$8,300 in cost-of-business increases to address rising costs for software, training, and professional organization dues. The budget also includes \$300,000 for the municipal elections in fall 2025 and a reduction of \$3,300 for equipment rentals and outdated software.
- The **Executive Department** budget is increasing by \$6,496,160 (39.5 percent). This includes \$5,000 for Community Relations to cover increased City Academy Program costs. The division budget also includes a reduction of \$3,300 in roster position funding.
- The **Information Technology** budget is increasing by \$146,554 (2.7 percent). Funding allows a \$30,000 cost of business increase to address the increased cost of GIS software licenses and a one-year reduction of \$20,000 to delay cell tower maintenance.



community services

\$62,652,239

FY 2025-26 increase:
+\$936,212 | 4.8%

- The **Parks & Recreation** budget is increasing by \$649,247 (2.6 percent). This includes \$458,311 for contract and service cost increases for recreation centers, Gillespie Golf Course, outdoor pool operations, tennis courts, recreation software, mowing operations, and temporary services. It also includes \$105,000 for infrastructure improvements, such as preventative maintenance for the Country Park boardwalk and turf replacement at the Greensboro Sportsplex, and \$117,027 for increased maintenance and upkeep at Gateway Gardens, Gillespie Golf Course, the Greensboro Sportsplex, and all City lakes.
- The **Libraries** budget is increasing by \$212,163 (1.8 percent). Funding includes \$325,287 for annual contract increases across the department and expanded security services at the Glenwood and Hemphill branch libraries. The budget also includes a reduction of \$259,698 to more strategically use existing resources through reduced operational hours.
- The **Human Rights** budget is increasing by \$277,663 (25.7 percent). This includes \$3,891 to cover higher expenses related to Salesforce software and a net increase of 0.6 positions through various mid-year departmental reorganizations.

highlights by service



debt service
\$47,527,983

FY 2025-26 decrease:
-\$344,605 | 0.7%

Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

FY 2025-34 Total: \$2,809,898,150

- The CIP is a financing and construction plan for projects requiring significant capital investment.
- Updated annually, adopted by City Council, and outlines 10-year project schedules and priorities.
- Voters authorized \$228.4 million in General Obligation Bonds through the 2006, 2008, 2009 Bond Referenda. The 2016 Bond Referenda authorized an additional \$126 million.
- The CIP is linked to the annual budget in three ways: through operating funds such as the Water Resources Fund, through ongoing costs, and through debt service expenses. Examples include Fire Station renovations, the Windsor Chavis Nocho Community Complex, and the T.Z. Osborne Water Reclamation Facility. For updates on 2022 bond projects, visit greensboro-nc.gov/bondtracker.



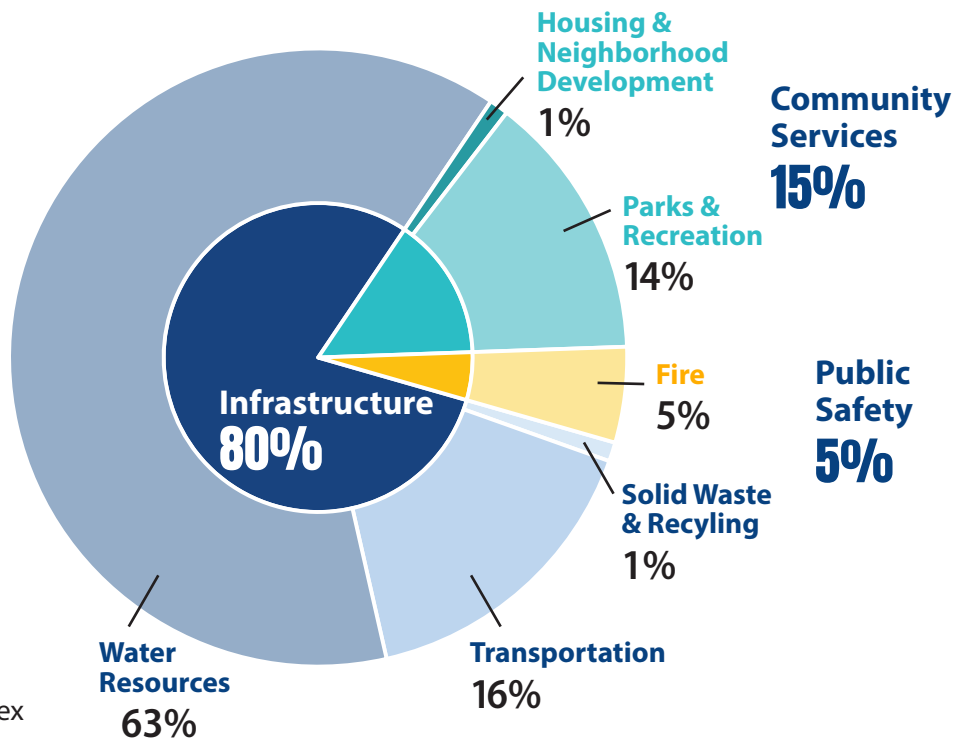
Fire Station Renovations



Windsor Chavis Nocho Community Complex



TZO Water Reclamation Facility





The goal of Phase 4 of the Downtown Greenway is to complete a four-mile loop around the heart of downtown Greensboro. This section will connect not only to other trails and greenways, including the Ole Asheboro Connector, but also to nearby businesses, universities, and neighborhoods. Phase 4 completes the final one-mile western section of the Greenway. It will primarily follow existing, inactive railroad tracks between Spring Garden and Smith streets. The Greenway is supported by the City and State through grants and bonds, as well as by community organizations and individual contributions.

the budget cycle

The City of Greensboro budget process occurs on an annual basis and is cyclical in nature.

fall

City staff revise internal revenue and expenditure forecasts, identify local economic changes and trends, and the City Council begins holding planning sessions.

winter

Each department consults with the Budget and Evaluation staff on anticipated changes, service enhancement requests, and CIP proposals.

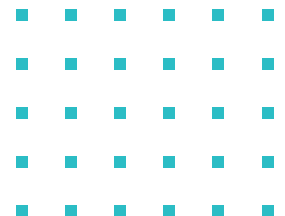
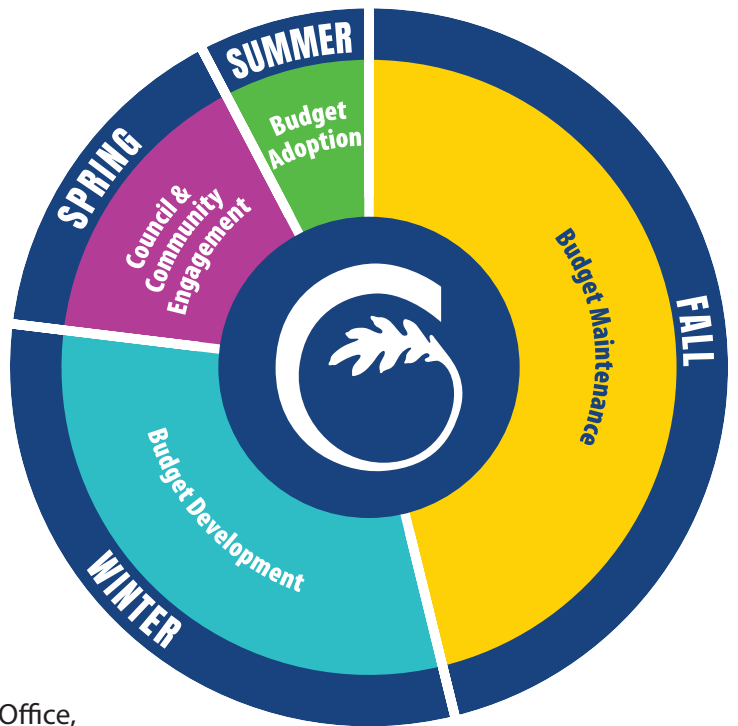
spring

In conjunction with City Council and the City Manager's Office, Budget staff takes all of the information gathered in previous months and evaluates the proposals and requests for feasibility and practicality.

Additionally, they determine if the budget will need further adjustments based on anticipated changes to revenues and expenditures. Shortly thereafter, the City Manager officially presents and recommends the recommended budget to the City Council.

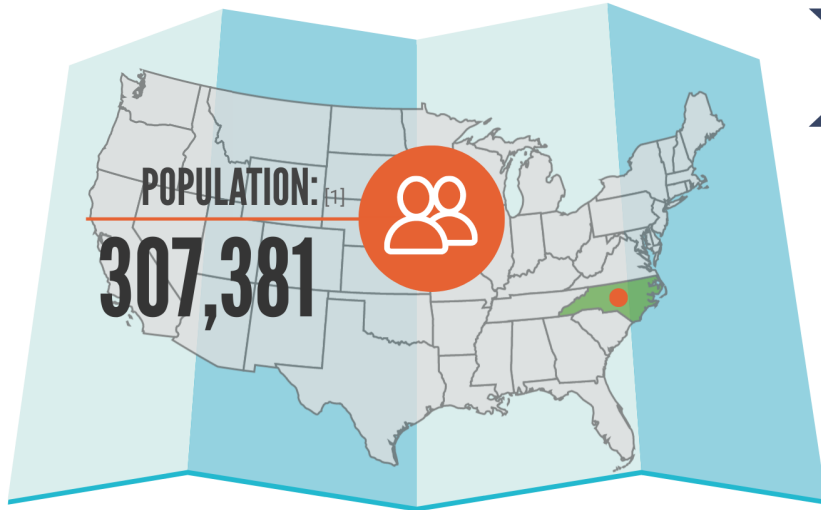
summer

Public hearings are held and the requested revisions are made to the document. Finally, Council legally adopts the budget in June.





CITY OF GREENSBORO 2025 FACT SHEET



City Infrastructure [2]

PAVED STREETS - 1,062 miles

SIDEWALKS - 682 miles

WATER LINES - 1,919 miles

CITY MAINTAINED WATER LINES - 1,558 miles

SEWER LINES - 1,707 miles

CITY MAINTAINED SEWER LINES - 1,478 miles

WATER METERS - 105,358

FIRE HYDRANTS - 13,492

GARBAGE COLLECTED - 115,747 tons

RECYCLING COLLECTED - 16,975 tons

FULL-TIME CITY EMPLOYEES - 3,228

TRAILS AND GREENWAYS - 107.2 miles

BICYCLE FACILITIES - 119 miles

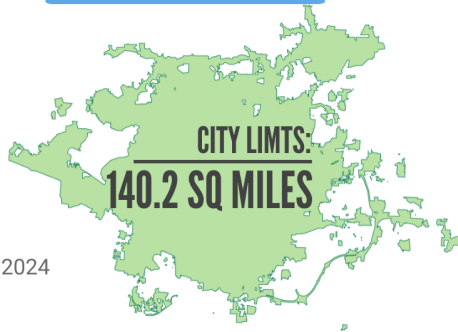
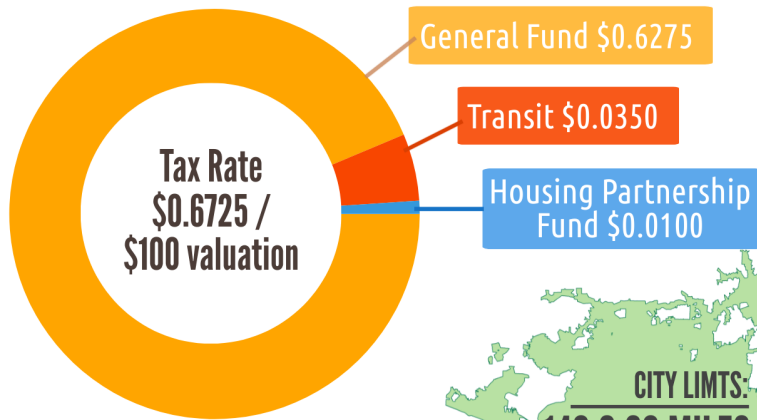
= Buffered and bike lanes, shared lane markings, edgelines

POTHoles REPAIRED - 3,652

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TAX VALUATION - \$40,103,700,000

TOTAL BUDGET - \$830,557,660



Sources:
[1] US Census Bureau, Population Estimates, 2024
[2] Internal City data
[3] Adopted City Budget, 2025-2026