

# Fauquier County FY 2022 Proposed Budget

## Budget-in Brief

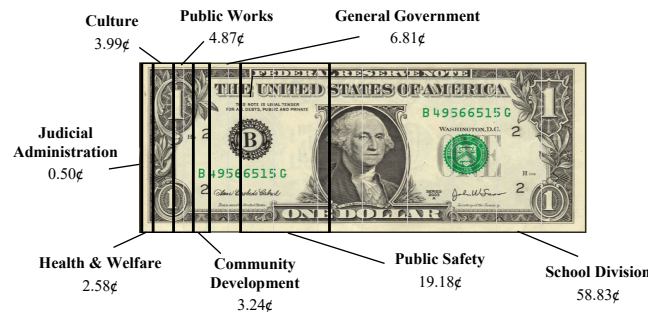
### Budget Overview

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Proposed Budget continues the County's biennial budget process. While the Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved a draft FY 2022 fiscal plan with the FY 2021 adopted budget, the Board of Supervisors must legally adopt a final budget and tax rates for Tax Year 2021 through the annual statutorily mandated process for adopting budgets and tax rates. As such, the FY 2022 proposed budget was prepared based on the commitment by the Board of Supervisors with the adopted FY 2021 budget and the projected FY 2022 budget, including projected Tax Year 2021 tax rates. The FY 2022 proposed budget includes adjustments to the FY 2022 projected budget resulting from significant changes in revenue projections, the imposition of newly mandated or regulated requirements, or other significant events constituting an emergency that required additional consideration in comparison to the previously presented FY 2022 draft plan.

The FY 2022 proposed budget totals \$339.4 million, maintains an overall real estate tax rate of 0.994 per \$100 of assessed value, and is consistent with the Board's approved draft plan for the second year of the biennial budget. The proposed budget maintains all current tax rates from Tax Year 2020. While the County Administrator's proposed budget does not recommend any tax rate changes, the advertised overall real estate tax rate is one-cent higher at \$1.004 only to provide the utmost flexibility to the Board of Supervisors throughout the budget deliberation process. Under the recommended rate, the average homeowner's real estate tax bill would remain the same.

### Capital Improvement Program

The proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) totals \$137.7 million from FY 2022 through FY 2026, with an additional \$178.5 million designated for future fiscal years. Over the five-year planning period (FY 2022-FY 2026), \$9.9 million would be allocated for public safety and fire and rescue projects, \$5.4 million for parks and recreational projects, \$0.25 million for environmental services projects, \$5.0 million for utility and infrastructure projects including \$4.0 million for broadband development, \$0.12 million for Airport projects, and \$39.9 million for school division projects. The proposed CIP contains a significant cash funding commitment totaling \$24.77 million, with \$9.58 million anticipated from General Fund contribution and \$15.2 million from non-General Fund sources, including donations and agency specific funds.



### Expenditures

The FY 2022 proposed budget totals \$339.4 million, with General Fund expenditures totaling \$192.0 million, an overall decrease of \$9.6 million. In comparison to the FY 2022 approved budget, this is an overall increase of \$1.5 million consisting of a \$0.2 million decrease to the General Fund, \$1.5 million decrease in School Division Funds primarily due to projected State revenue in the School Division Fund, an increase of \$4.1 million in all other funds, of which the Capital Improvement Fund increased by \$4.0 million and an \$0.9 million increase in offsetting transfers. Overall local tax funding increased by \$71,537 or 0.03% compared to the FY 2021 adopted budget and decreased by \$67,525 compared to the FY 2022 projected budget.

As presented in the FY 2022 projected budget, the FY 2022 proposed budget does not include salary increases or adjustments for County staff given the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and uncertainty of overall revenue growth and sustainability longer term. Compensation for employees remains a priority for County Administration and the Board of Supervisors, however due to limited revenue growth the proposed budget maintain the pause in this compensation plan. However, County Administration does recommend an alternate implementation plan in mid-FY 2022 if revenues allow.

The level of non-personnel related cost increases is limited to those costs relative to contractual or mandated cost increases, with a minimal amount of expenditure increased outside of these parameters. The majority of budget enhancements requested in the proposed budget are align with the priorities and goals established by the Board of Supervisors in the FY 2018 – 2022 Strategic Plan.

### Revenue

The FY 2022 proposed budget maintains an overall real estate tax rate of \$0.994 per \$100 of assessed value, and is consistent with the Board's approved draft plan for the second year of the biennial budget. The proposed budget maintains all current tax rates from Tax Year 2020. While the County Administrator's proposed budget does not recommend any tax rate changes, the advertised overall real estate rate is one-cent higher only to provide the utmost flexibility to the Board of Supervisors throughout the budget deliberation process.

During the 2020 General Assembly session, the State legislature expanded local taxing authority for counties to enact admission tax, meals tax, and cigarette tax. The proposed budget recommends the Board of Supervisors enacting the implementation of a cigarette tax, and set a rate at \$0.40 cents per pack similar to the current level of tax within the Town of Warrenton. The budget does not include any revenue for the tax, and rather recommends that in year one the revenue be allocated to one-time needs or pay as you go capital costs.

### Tax Rate Comparison

	Tax Year 2020 Adopted Rate	Tax Year 2021 Proposed Rate <sup>1</sup>	Change	
Real Estate	General	\$0.855	\$0.855	\$0.00
	Fire & Rescue	\$0.133	\$0.133	\$0.00
	Conservation Easement Service District	\$0.006	\$0.006	\$0.00
Personal Property	Personal	\$4.65	\$4.65	\$0.00
	Business	\$2.30	\$2.30	\$0.00
Stormwater Management Fee <sup>2</sup>	\$13.64	\$13.64	\$0.00	

<sup>1</sup> The County Administrator will advertise an overall real estate tax rate for Tax Year 2021 of \$1.004 to allow the Board of Supervisors the utmost flexibility when considering the proposed budget.

<sup>2</sup> The Stormwater Management Fee is a County-wide special assessment, on a per parcel basis.

	Tax Year 2020	Tax Year 2021	Difference
Value	\$378,000	\$378,000	\$0
Tax Bill	\$3,757	\$3,757 <sup>1</sup>	\$0

<sup>1</sup> Recommended average residential tax bill.

## FY 2022 Budget Calendar

Pursuant to the County's emergency continuity of government, citizens are encouraged to participate virtually in this process and may view via livestream at [http://fauquier-va.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=1](http://fauquier-va.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=1).

Please note that dates are subject to change. Please see <http://www.fauquiercounty.gov/living/county-calendar> for updates.

### Budget & Tax Year 2021 Public Hearing

Date	Time	Location
March 16	7:00 p.m.	Fauquier High School Auditorium 705 Waterloo Road Warrenton, VA

### Budget Work Sessions

Date	Time	Location
March 2	2:00 p.m.	Warren Green Building 10 Hotel Street Warrenton, VA
March 9	2:00 p.m.	Warren Green Building 10 Hotel Street Warrenton, VA
March 11 (with School Board)	4:30 p.m.	Warren Green Building 10 Hotel Street Warrenton, VA
March 16	2:00 p.m.	Warren Green Building 10 Hotel Street Warrenton, VA
March 23	4:00 p.m.	Warren Green Building 10 Hotel Street Warrenton, VA

### Budget Adoption & Appropriation

Date	Time	Location
March 25	4:00 p.m.	Warren Green Building 10 Hotel Street Warrenton, VA

## For More Information

The Board of Supervisors will conduct its evaluation of the Proposed Budget in March, with budget adoption scheduled for March 25, 2021. Members of the public are invited to speak virtually at the Board of Supervisors' public hearing or submit their comments by e-mail to: [bos@fauquiercounty.gov](mailto:bos@fauquiercounty.gov). The FY 2022 Proposed Budget is also available in the following locations:

- Fauquier County Office of Management & Budget
- County Administrator's Office
- <http://www.fauquiercounty.gov/government/departments-h-z/management-and-budget>

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