

# Budget In Brief

*Fiscal Year 2025-2026*



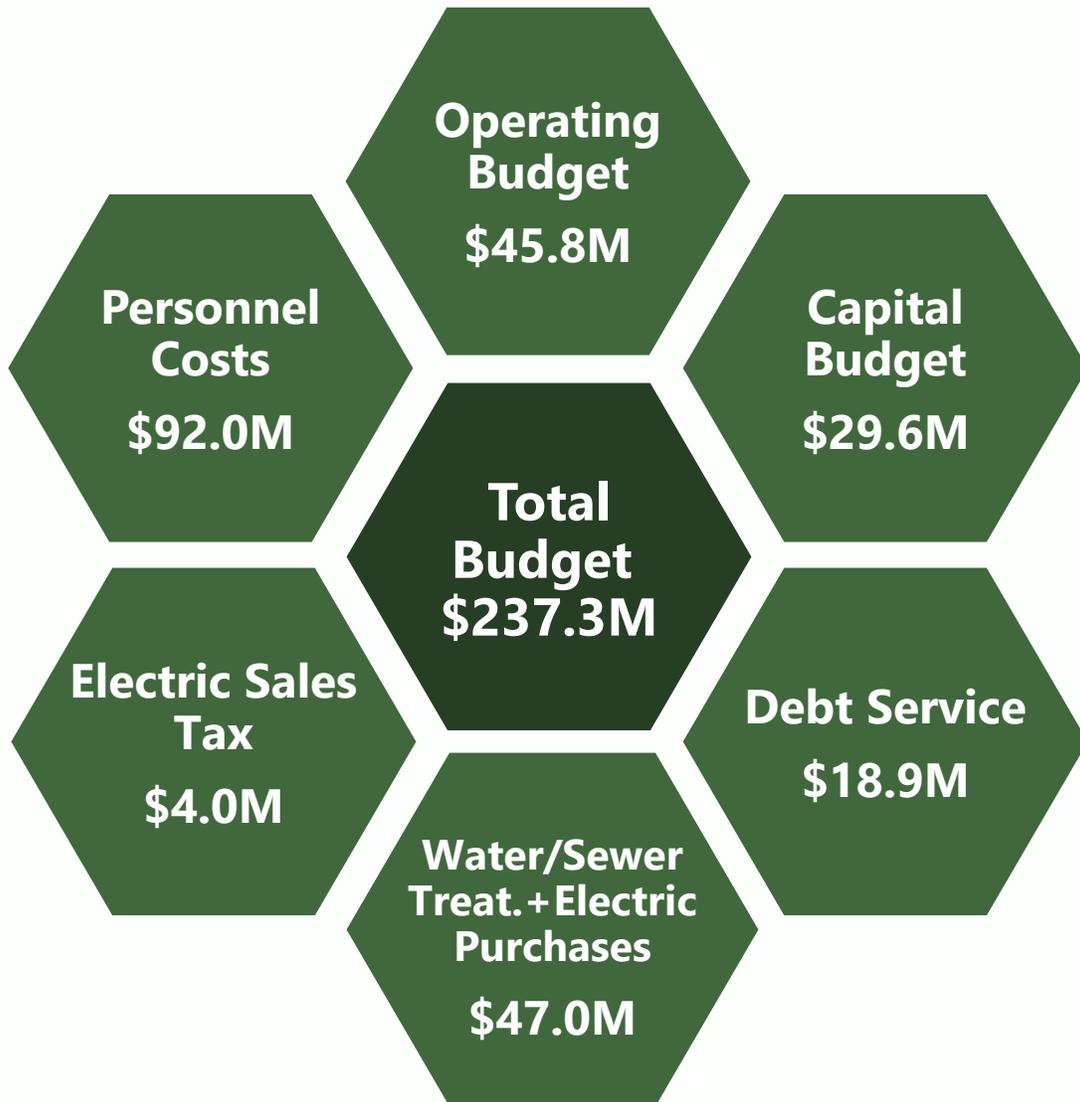
**APEX**  
NORTH CAROLINA

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# Budget Snapshot



## Property Tax Rate

**35.6¢ per \$100**

1.6¢ increase tied to voter-approved 2021 transportation bond



## Electric Rates (Residential)

**\$28 base**  
\$1.50 increase

**11.78¢ kWh**  
4% increase



## Water Rates (Residential)

**\$6.49 base**  
\$0.25 increase

**\$4.78 - \$7.42**  
**per 1,000 gallons**  
4% increase



## Sewer Rates (Residential)

**\$12.10 base**  
\$0.47 increase

**\$8.38**  
**per 1,000 gallons**  
4% increase



## Solid Waste Rates (Residential)

**\$10.35 trash**  
2.5% increase

**\$5.44 recycling**  
2.5% increase  
**\$7.83 yard waste**  
No Change

# Vision, Mission, & Peak Principles

Our mission, vision, and Peak Principles reflect the core values that guide how we interact with one another and the community that we serve. These values were also central to shaping this year's budget. Our Peak Principles come to life through our Peak Pledge: We will perform at the highest level by empowering our peers, remaining accountable to each other and those we serve, and continuing the pursuit of knowledge.



Every year, the budget process is an opportunity to reflect on what matters most to our community, set priorities, and plan for Apex's future. This year, the development of the FY25-26 budget presented some challenges including slower revenue growth, continued inflation, and general uncertainty in the economy. Even so, the process was approached with a clear sense of purpose and an unwavering commitment to serving the people of Apex.

## Vision

A community unified in the stewardship of our small-town character and natural environment, for a future where all succeed.

## Mission

Provide exceptional public service that fosters opportunity for the individual and community to live, thrive, and reach their peak.

## Peak Principles

Performance

Empowerment

Accountability

Knowledge

# Game Plan Apex

Town Council and staff have worked diligently to implement Game Plan Apex, the Town's five-year strategic playbook. This strategic plan, adopted in November of 2022, guides the Town as it grows and responds to the evolving needs of residents. Departmental plans, the annual budget, and performance measurements are aligned with Game Plan Apex to ensure success.



## A Welcoming Community

Create a safe and welcoming environment fostering community connections and high-quality recreational and cultural experiences supporting a sense of belonging.



## High Performing Government

Deliver exceptional service valuing an engaged workforce with an emphasis on efficiency, collaboration, and innovation.



## Environmental Leadership

Commit to sustaining natural resources and environmental well-being.



## Responsible Development

Encourage equitable and sustainable development that provides accessibility and connectivity throughout the community.



## Economic Vitality

Improve and sustain an environment that invites and retains a variety of residents, employment opportunities, and businesses.





## A Welcoming Community

Create a safe and welcoming environment, fostering community connections and high-quality recreational and cultural experiences supporting a sense of belonging.



**2,559**

New Residents Added in FY24-25



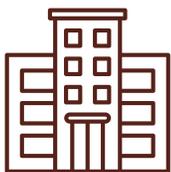
**4,668**

Residential Units Under Construction



**3.48M**

Commercial Square Feet Under Construction

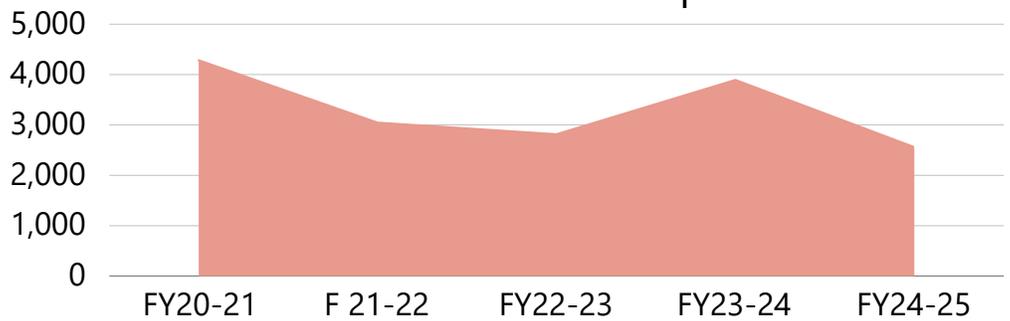


**699**

Mixed-Use Units Under Construction

## Our Community Profile

New Residents to Apex



**\$151,386**

Median Household Income



**58,780**

Census Population



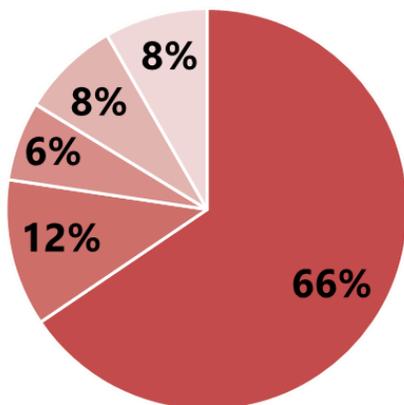
**56.8%**

Population Percent Increase (2010-2020)



**38.3**

Median Age



■ White                      ■ Asian  
■ African-American       ■ Hispanic or Latino  
■ Two or More Races



**81,035**

Current Population Estimate (April 2025)



**73.8%**

Population (25+ Years) have Bachelor's Degree or Higher

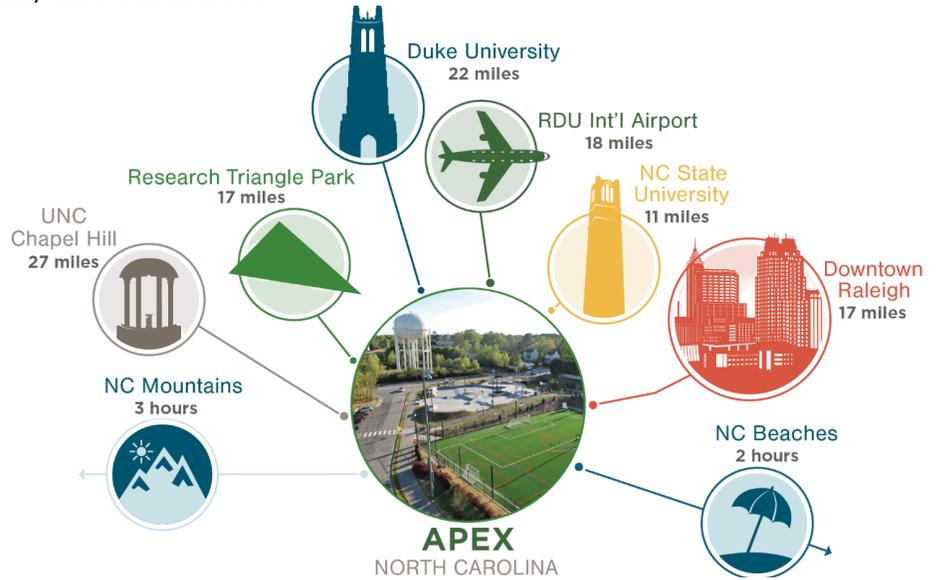
# Game Plan Apex



## Economic Vitality

*Improve and sustain an environment that invites and retains a variety of residents, employment opportunities, and businesses.*

Apex is perfectly positioned in the Research Triangle area and has a well-deserved reputation as great place to live in the United States. Not only is Apex an excellent place for individuals and families to thrive and reach their peak, but it is also an outstanding location for businesses. Local businesses, both old and new, benefit from access to a highly educated workforce, a dynamic local and regional economy, and an overall positive business environment.



## High Performing Government

*Deliver exceptional service valuing an engaged workforce with an emphasis on efficiency, collaboration, and innovation.*



The Town of Apex carefully manages growth to invest in our community's future while maintaining the highest standards of financial stewardship. This is reflected in its AAA and Aaa bond ratings from Standard & Poor's and Moody's, respectively. Recognized for intentional decision-making, the Town continues to earn accolades for its commitment to excellence. The FY25-26 Budget reflects the dedication of Apex's elected officials and staff, who work year-round to deliver high-quality services. To support this team, the Town offers competitive benefits, including generous leave policies, longevity pay, and wellness incentives. Shown below are the new additions to support Team Apex this fiscal year!

### FY25-26 New Positions

#### Human Resources

- Safety Specialist

#### Information Technology

- Technology Services & Support Supervisor
- IT Security Supervisor

#### Economic Development

- Program Support Specialist

#### Finance

- Financial Systems Analyst
- Accountant I (.25)

#### Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources

- Assistant Director of Parks
- Recreation Program Supervisor
- Pleasant Park Operations Team Leader & Operations Worker I (2)
- Parks Planner

#### Communications

- Communications Specialist

#### Facilities

- Facility Maintenance Mechanic

#### Police

- Senior Program Support Specialist (.25)
- School Resource Officer (2)

#### Fire

- Firefighter (6)

#### Community Development & Neighborhood Connections

- Town Services Specialist
- Community Engagement Specialist

#### Transportation & Infrastructure Development

- Engineer I

#### Water & Sewer Administration

- Assistant Operations & Maintenance Manager

- Utilities Engineer I/II

#### Water Maintenance

- Utility Technician

#### Sewer Maintenance

- Utility Field Supervisor

#### Electric

- Design Engineer
- Electric Line Technician

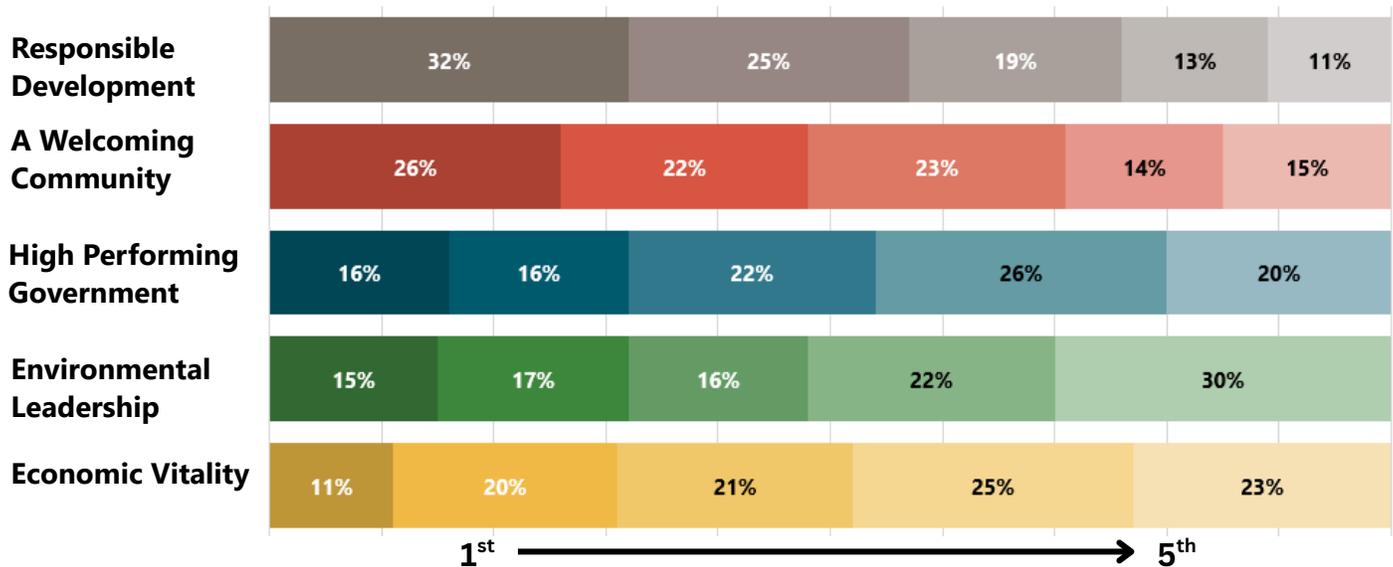
# Public Engagement

The Town of Apex is always looking to hear from its residents. From public meetings, to town events, to the annual survey, and more; there are multiple ways to engage with the Town and let your voice be heard.

The annual resident budget priorities survey is designed and published by the Budget & Performance Management Department. This survey provides insights into the budget preferences of those who work, live, and play in Apex. The goal is to gain input from more residents than the two annual budget hearings alone. The 825 survey responses this year, a 30.3% increase from the prior fiscal year, was presented to Town Council at their annual Budget Retreat in February.

**First, residents ranked the Town’s five strategic goals (1st-5th) in order of importance.**

## FY25-26 Resident Budget Priorities Survey Results



**Residents then identified their top priority underneath each strategic goal:**

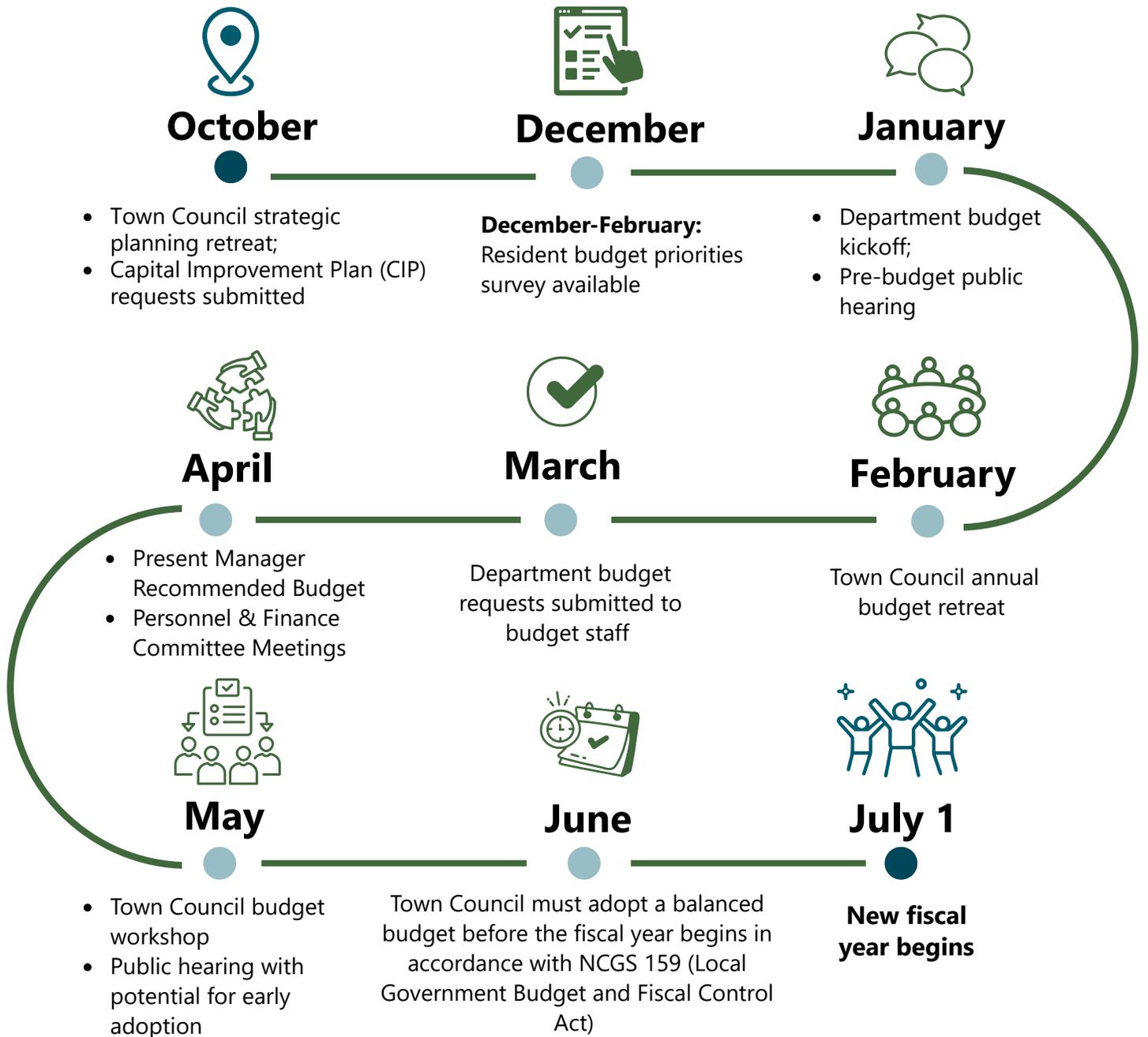
Strategic Goal	Top Priority
Responsible Development	Maintain and Improve Existing Roadways
A Welcoming Community	Vibrant and Accessible Downtown
High Performing Government	Exceptional Customer Service for Community Members
Environmental Leadership	Community Forestry Efforts
Economic Vitality	Expand Infrastructure to Support New and Growing Businesses

# Operating Budget

The Town of Apex's operating budget accounts for the Town's day-to-day operational costs including personnel costs and annual facility operating costs. The Town's annual budget is closely aligned with Game Plan Apex, the Town of Apex's strategic plan. Below are a few expenditures highlighted in the FY25-26 budget and how they support Game Plan Apex:

 <p><b>A Welcoming Community</b></p>	 <p><b>High Performing Government</b></p>	 <p><b>Environmental Leadership</b></p>	 <p><b>Responsible Development</b></p>	 <p><b>Economic Vitality</b></p>
<p><b>Cricket Batting Cage</b> Adding a cricket batting cage at Jaycee Park</p> <p><b>Police Department Drone Program</b> Developing a first responder program using drones to support public safety</p> <p><b>Sculpture Walk</b> Annual sculptures for in and around downtown to enhance the quality of life for residents through public art</p>	<p><b>Smart Tech at Parks</b> Allowing residents to see real-time availability for park fields, courts, and rinks.</p> <p><b>Peak Lifestyle Benefit Program</b> Supporting comprehensive employee health by offering a \$1,200 stipend for physical, emotional, and financial wellness.</p> <p><b>Employee Tuition Assistance</b> Encouraging town staff professional development by offering tuition reimbursement</p>	<p><b>Sustainable Action Plan Updates</b> Leading sustainability by outlining various sustainable efforts and strategies for Town departments</p> <p><b>Plant the Peak</b> Increasing the Town's tree canopy by planting native trees at no cost to the owner</p> <p><b>EV Charger Replacements</b> Replacing existing chargers with smart tech EV chargers that provide real time data</p>	<p><b>GoApex Transit</b> Increasing Route 1 frequency to improve accessibility and enhance transit service for residents</p> <p><b>Pavement Condition Study</b> Assessing the condition of Town owned roads to prioritize improvements</p> <p><b>Apex Cares Housing Rehabilitation Program</b> Assisting residents with housing repairs and accessibility modifications</p>	<p><b>Economic Development Incentives</b> Encouraging the recruitment, retention, and expansion of industries that generate jobs and a local private investment</p> <p><b>Downtown Façade Grant Program</b> Incentivizing tenants and property owners to increase rehabilitation activity downtown</p> <p><b>LaunchAPEX &amp; Farmer's Market</b> Strengthening local entrepreneurs and Apex's small businesses</p>

# Budget Timeline



**Continuous**

- Resident feedback
- Budget amendments approved by Town Council
- Monthly financial reports for monitoring

**End of Fiscal Year**

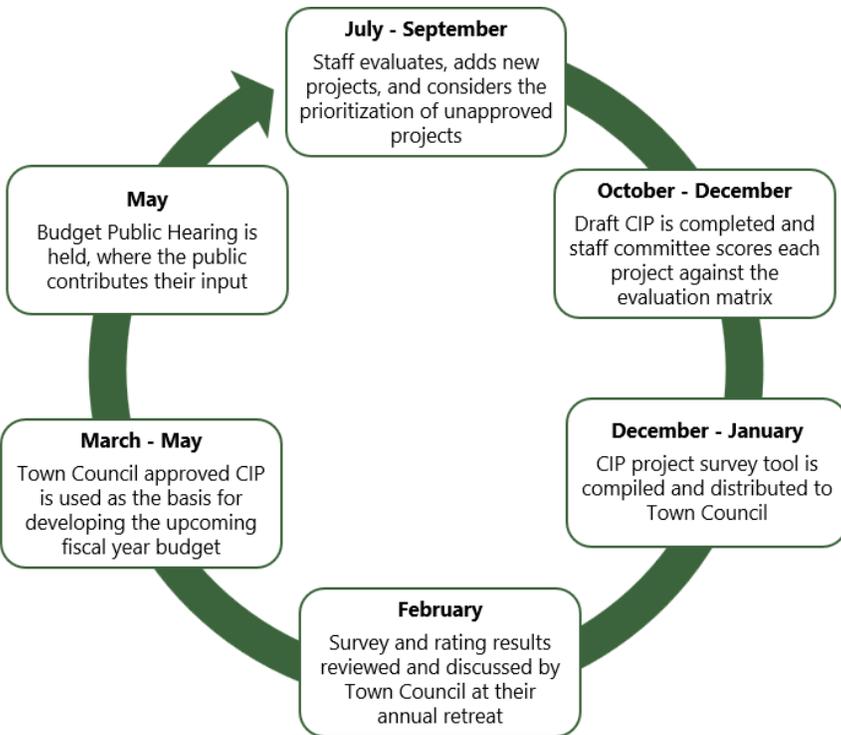
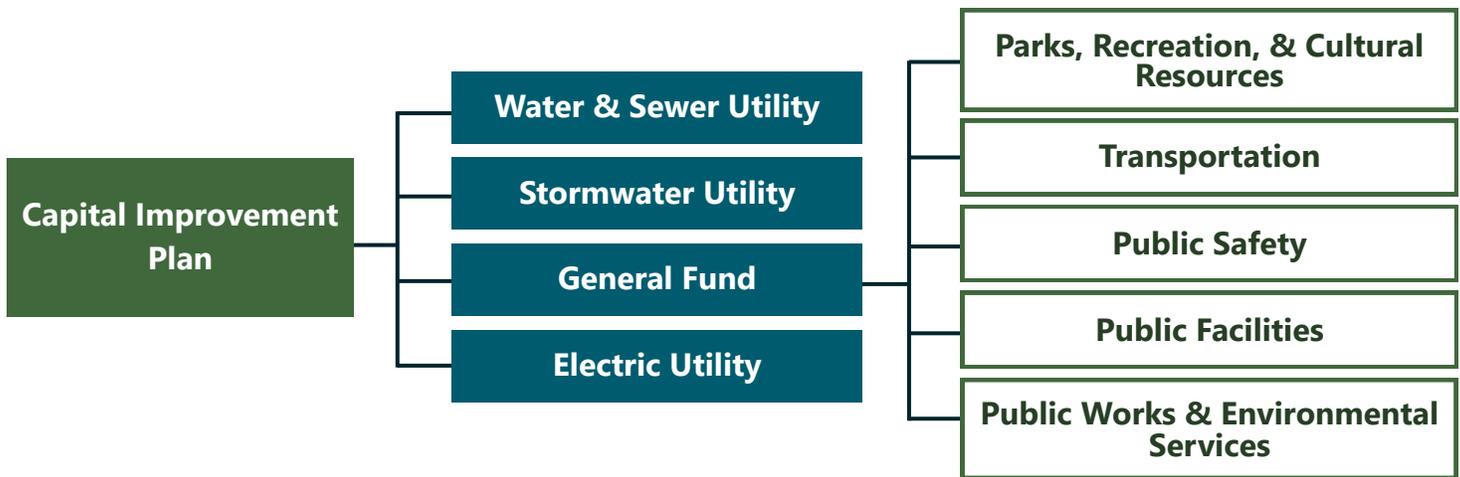
- **October 31:** Submit Annual Financial Information Report to NC Department of State Treasurer;
- Independent audit of Town finances

# Capital Improvement Plan & Process

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a five-year plan for major capital expenditures that are at least \$100,000 and have a useful life longer than three years.

**Examples of possible major capital expenditures include:**

- Water & wastewater
- Electric
- Land acquisition
- New transportation infrastructure (roads, sidewalks, and multi-use paths)
- Stormwater infrastructure expansion
- Significant renovations
- Capital equipment
- New public facilities (buildings and parks)



## The CIP Process

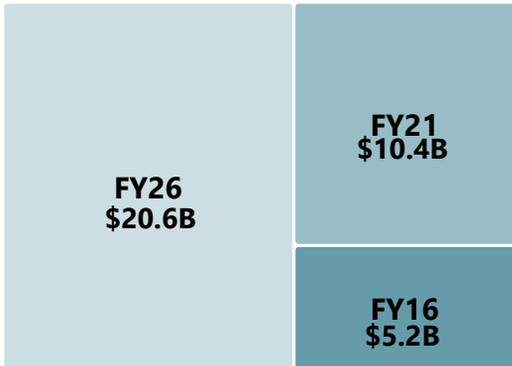
The CIP development process, as illustrated on the left, begins shortly after the beginning of a new fiscal year (July 1) as staff considers unmet capital needs in the recently adopted budget and other emerging needs

After departmental staff submits their CIP requests, Town staff evaluates each project using technical criteria.

Then, the Mayor and Town Council rank the proposed projects using the Town's strategic goals, resident budget priorities survey results, and community needs and preferences.

## Total Budget

Apex has benefited from high population growth, steady development, and increasing property values contributing to a growing tax base. However, recent trends indicate a slower pace of growth on the horizon. The slowing pace impacts revenue growth, requiring greater efficiency and prioritization in the budget process.



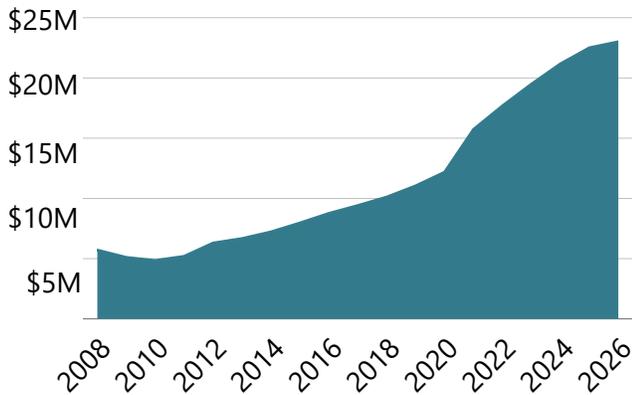
## Total Assessed Value

The total assessed value of taxable property located within the Town of Apex’s boundaries has consistently risen over the past decade. Ad valorem taxes, commonly referred to as property taxes, are based on the total assessed values as of January 1st. This metric is a key indicator of growth and development in our community.

## Property Tax Rate

Following the Town Council’s direction, the FY25-26 budget is balanced with a **tax rate of 35.6¢** per \$100 of assessed value, a 1.6¢ increase from the FY24-25 rate. This increase is tied to the 2021 voter-approved transportation bond. Property taxes represent 49.8% of General Fund revenues.

Estimated Annual Cost By Home Value 35.6¢ per \$100	
<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$1,424</b>
<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$1,780</b>
<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$2,136</b>
<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>\$2,492</b>



## Sales Tax

The State of North Carolina collects local option sales tax on behalf of Wake County. Sales tax is then distributed based on population. Apex’s distribution of sales tax accounts for approximately 20% of the General Fund’s FY25-26 revenue.

## Service Charges and Fees

The Town’s three major enterprise funds (Electric Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, and Stormwater Fund) receive the vast majority of their revenue from charges for services and fees.

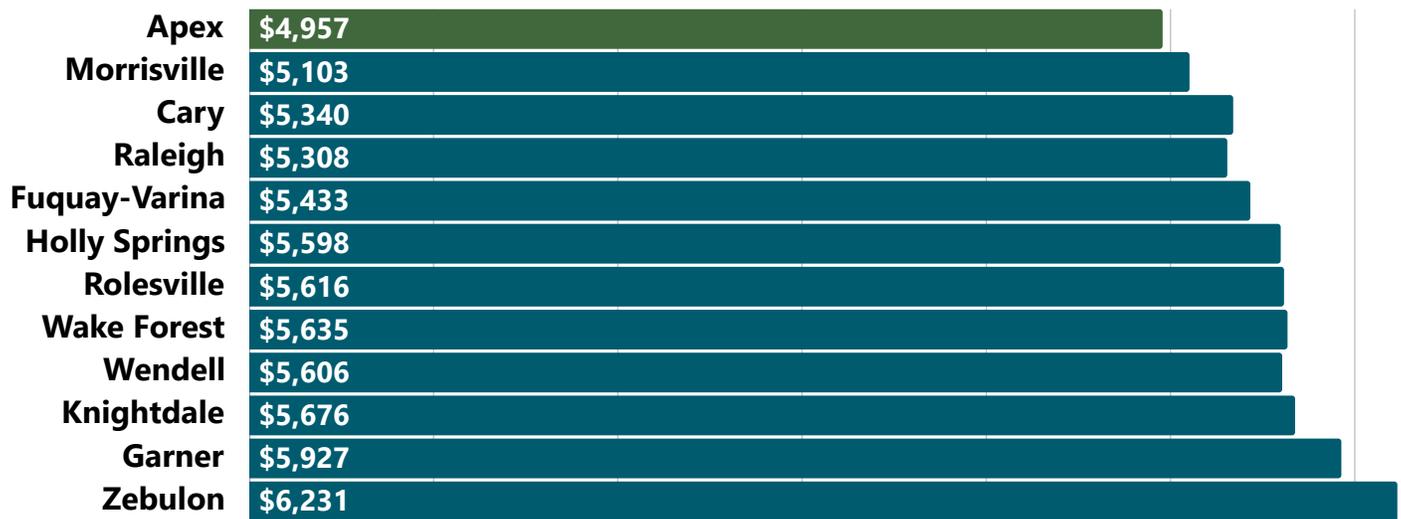
# Rates & Fees

Rates and fees are charges set to cover the cost of specific services provided to residents. These include utility services such as water, sewer, electric, solid waste collection, and stormwater management. Unlike property taxes, which fund general government operations, rates and fees are used to directly support and maintain the infrastructure and operations tied to the service being charged. For example, water and sewer fees may help fund treatment facilities and pipeline maintenance, while stormwater fees could support drainage systems and environmental protection efforts.

Apex Rate Impact on Average Household FY24-25 → FY25-26	
Fee/Rate	Change Per Month
<b>Solid Waste</b> (Combined)	<b>\$0.35</b>
<b>Water</b> (5,000 Gallons)	<b>\$1.15</b>
<b>Sewer</b> (5,000 Gallons)	<b>\$2.07</b>
<b>Electric</b> (1,150 kWh)	<b>\$6.68</b>
<b>Stormwater</b> (2700 sq. ft.)	<b>No Change</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>+\$10.25</b>

To ensure fair and reasonable rates and fees for its residents, Town staff evaluates the impact of fee and rate changes on Apex households. The Town benchmarks, or compares, Apex’s rates to the 11 other municipalities in Wake County which include Cary, Fuquay-Varina, Garner, Holly Springs, Knightdale, Morrisville, Raleigh, Rolesville, Wake Forest, Wendell, and Zebulon. The comparison below is based on information that was publicly available as of June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

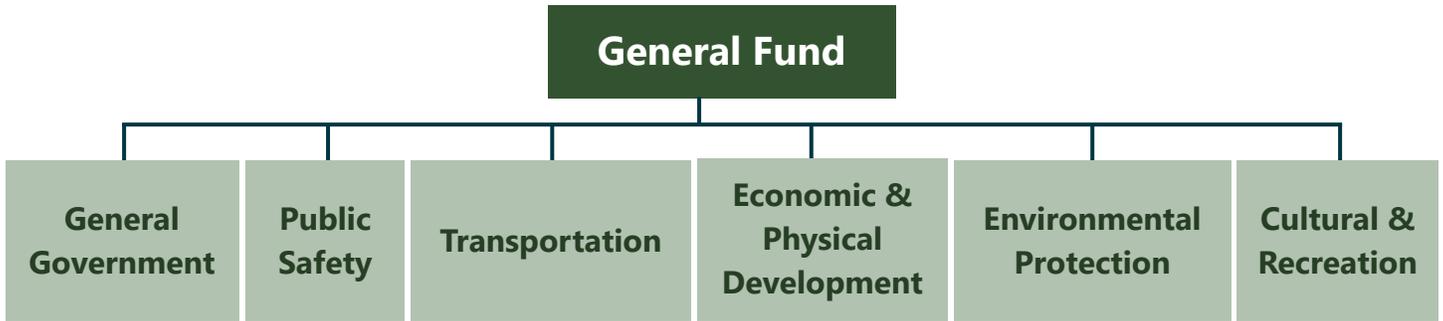
## ANNUAL COST FOR RESIDENTS



This annual total cost includes property taxes on a \$452,000 home value (March 2025’s Wake Median Price), solid waste fees, water/sewer charges (5,000 gallons a month within Town limits), a vehicle fee, stormwater fees (2,700 sqft of impervious surface), and electric charges (1,150 kWh a month).

# General Fund

The General Fund accounts for most Town operations and just under half of the FY25-26 Budget.



This fund accounts for resources that are not required legally or by sound financial management to be accounted for in another fund. General Fund services typically cannot be operated as a business enterprise and therefore rely on tax dollars as their primary source of revenue.

## How is the General Fund Allocated?



## What is “General Government”?



- Governing Body
- Town Clerk Administration
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Legal Services
- Communications
- Budget & Performance Management
- Finance
- Facility Services
- Fleet Services

# Recreation & Cultural Capital Improvement Plan

## Wimberly Road Park

\$1,000,000

This project designs and develops nearly 50 acres with a 70,000+ square foot recreation center, maintenance facility, and yard. Given public input, preliminary project features include indoor staffed and programmed recreation space (gymnasium/multi-functional spaces/classrooms), trails, a passive open space, adaptive multi-use fields, sport courts, community gardens, and a park operation facility and yard to provide environmental education and conservation opportunities.



## KidsTowne Playground Renovation

\$200,000

This project replaces the 24-year-old KidsTowne Playground equipment, improves surfacing, and adds a second rental shelter. Despite regular maintenance, the treated lumber structure is aging. Renovations using durable composite or metal components will extend its life by 20+ years and improve accessibility. Poured-in-place surfacing will enhance accessibility, last longer, and reduce mulch replacement costs. A larger secondary shelter will offer more protected space for residents, as the current one is often rented out.

## Greenway Designs

Middle Creek  
Greenway

\$450,000

Beaver Creek Greenway  
Extension

\$200,000

Reedy Branch  
Greenway

\$250,000

# Transportation

## Capital Improvement Plan

### Salem Street Downtown Streetscape, Gathering Space, & Alleys

\$1,000,000

This project funds the Saunders Lot overrun, streetscape and alleys property acquisition, curb-less Salem Streetscape, Saunders Street gathering space, and Commerce/Seaboard/Peak Alley improvements. These plans are based on schematic designs approved by Town Council in 2021. Improving these spaces was identified as a "Top 10" priority in the Downtown Plan.



### Apex Peakway North Widening

\$1,200,000

This project widens the existing Apex Peakway from a two-lane median-divided road to a four-lane median-divided road. Peak hour traffic exceeds the existing roadway's capacity, so this widening will reduce queue lengths and delays. Without it, the road will continue to cause longer delays, make access difficult for commuters and emergency vehicles, cause more drivers to divert to other local routes, and increase congestion elsewhere.

### Pavement Management Backlog

\$5,000,000

This project reduces the Town's backlog of needed street rehabilitation. This supplements the Town's ongoing pavement management program by optimizing pavement management strategies to ensure serviceable road conditions at the lowest cost and provide a safe and reliable transportation system. Without this project, the Town's Street maintenance needs would continue to lag behind, overall street conditions would degrade, and maintenance costs would increase substantially over time.



# Transportation

## Capital Improvement Plan

### Annual Pavement Management

\$2,591,200



A recent survey highlighted deferred maintenance, prompting a continued focus on repairing pavement issues like potholes, cracking, and rutting to ensure safe travel. While the Town receives Powell Bill funding from the State, resurfacing costs exceed these allocations, requiring support from the General Fund. The program also uses cost-effective preservation methods to extend pavement life and ensures curb ramp upgrades meet state and federal requirements. The Town maintains over 240 miles of streets, with resurfacing needs growing annually due to ongoing development.



### South Salem Street Bicycle Connection

\$1,062,500

This project includes sharrows (road markings that indicate a shared environment for bicycles and vehicles) along Salem Street from Apex Peakway to Hunter Street and bike lanes along South Salem Street from Pleasant Park to Apex Peakway. This project was the second highest priority identified in Bike Apex: The Comprehensive Bicycle Plan.



### More Transportation Projects :



GoApex Transit Improvements  
\$200,000



Olive Chapel at Apex Barbecue Road Improve.  
\$550,000



Vision Zero - Intersection Updates  
\$100,000



Annual Misc. Road & Sidewalk Improvement  
\$300,000



GPS Emergency Vehicle Preemption  
\$55,000



West Williams St. Sidewalk & Vision Zero Upgrades  
\$50,000

# Public Facilities

## Capital Improvement Plan

### Fire Station 3 Renovation/Addition

\$3,900,000

This project renovates and expands Fire Station 3 to accommodate the engine company of crew from Fire Station 1 when Fire Station 1 closes. This project addresses insufficient kitchen, living room, bedroom, locker, and bathroom space in addition to age-related renovations (flooring, paint, fixtures, plumbing, etc.).



### Warehouse/Storage Building

\$1,404,000

This project constructs an outside warehouse and storage building at Fire Station 3. The Fire Department currently stores multiple trailers, response vehicles, and equipment outside where it is unprotected from weather and unsecured from possible theft and vandalism. Multiple vehicles, equipment, and stored supplies currently housed at Fire Station 1 and the Fire Department Administration Building may also be stored in this new warehouse and storage building.

### Fire Department Administration Building

\$650,000

The current Fire Department Administration Building occupies an old Apex Emergency Medical Services station with 2,400 square feet of office space for 14 full-time employees, 2 limited-service employees, and Wake County EMS staff. This building is scheduled to be demolished during the NC 55 construction project in the coming years. This would use property at Fire Station 3 to address the space needs for offices, meetings, training, parking, and storage. The recent Space Needs Study recommended a 10,000 square foot facility.



Mechanical  
Upgrades &  
Replacements  
\$525,000



Police Dept.  
Roof  
Replacement  
\$385,000



Fire Alarm Panel  
& Equipment  
Replacement  
\$140,000

# Other General Fund CIP

## Public Safety

### Engine (Pumper) - Replacement

\$1,250,000

This project replaces Unit 189, a fire engine pumper, following the replacement schedule for engines, ladders, and rescues at the 15-year timeframe. This fire engine is 14 years old with over 121,000 miles.



### Radio Replacement

\$500,000

This project replaces all mobile and portable radios for Public Safety. Current radios will begin to go end-of-life, and repair costs will exceed device costs. This replacement schedule allows radio replacement as their warranties expire.

## Environmental Services

### Field Response Truck - Replacement

\$206,000

This project replaces a pickup truck that will be 17 years old with over 50,000 miles at time of replacement. This project is required because the existing truck crane is unsafe, and its welder and air compressors are broken.



### Rear Loader - Addition

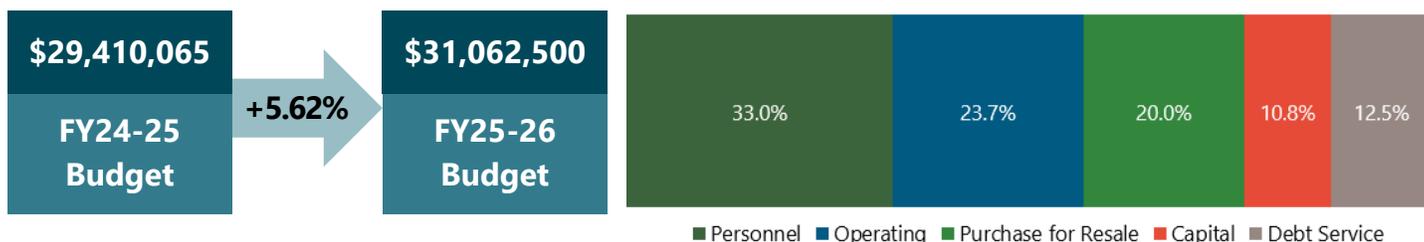
\$220,000

This project adds a rear loader to the Town's solid waste fleet. This truck can conduct small pile collection, which is currently manually collected with F-450 dump trucks without compaction. Additionally, this truck can reduce chipper usage that would increase safety and reduce noise.

# Water & Sewer Fund

The Water & Sewer Fund is an enterprise fund that operates like a business. Customers pay fees for water consumption and sewer usage to cover the cost of water treatment/distribution and wastewater collection/treatment. Customers pay charges for service made up of a base rate to cover fixed costs and a demand rate per 1,000 gallons to cover variable costs. Customers beyond Town limits pay double these rates. Water and sewer accounts are expected to increase by 4%, and their charges for service will account for 91.1% of the Water & Sewer Funds revenue in FY25-26.

## Water & Sewer Expenditures



## Water & Sewer Rates

### Water Rates

<b>Base Charge</b>	<b>Volume Rate</b>
\$6.49	\$4.78 - \$7.42
+ \$0.25 increase from FY 25	*Per 1,000 Gallons + 4% increase from FY25

### Sewer Rates

<b>Base Charge</b>	<b>Volume Rate</b>
\$12.10	\$8.38
+ \$0.47 increase from FY 25	*Per 1,000 Gallons + 4% increase from FY25

These rates are informed by the Town’s rate model to ensure each utility is not operating at a significant deficit or surplus. Although a household using 5,000 gallons of water and sewer a month will see a \$3.22 monthly bill increase, Apex’s rates are consistently in the lowest quartile when compared to peer municipalities. The FY25-26 budget includes a new Assistant Operations & Maintenance Manager, Utilities Engineer, Utility Technician, and a Utility Field Supervisor for the Water & Sewer Fund.



# Water & Sewer Fund Capital Improvement Plan

## UV System Replacement

\$1,500,000

This project replaces the 1998 ultraviolet disinfectant system at the Apex Water Reclamation Facility. The existing system is reaching the end of its useful life, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to find replacement parts. The new system uses low-pressure high-output lamp technology, which is more energy efficient than the existing system.



## Little Beaver Creek Gravity Sewer Extension

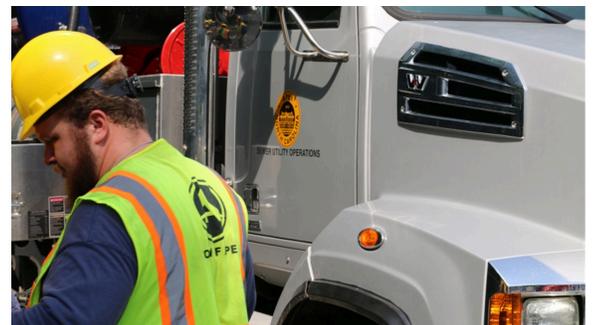
\$1,090,000

Due to recent sewer extensions along Little Beaver Creek, the existing pump station at the Friendship Elementary School site may be taken offline. Then, a gravity sewer is needed to extend from the Friendship Elementary School site to the existing Little Beaver Creek outfall. Abandoning this pump station reduces maintenance and eventual upgrade costs, reduces overall risk to the sewer system, and reduces noise and odors from the site.

## Dump Truck - Replacement

\$235,000

This project replaces a dump truck, which was purchased in 2002 and has been exposed to salt over several winters. The existing vehicle has not been used in the past year because it failed a safety inspection due to rust on its chassis, fuel tanks, and running gear.



## Other Major Water & Sewer Projects



**Sewer**

**Abbington Gravity  
Sewer Extension**

\$220,000

**Apex Elementary Gravity  
Sewer Extension**

\$50,000

**Howell Road Water  
Line**

\$270,000

**Water Quality  
Conservation Program**

\$120,000

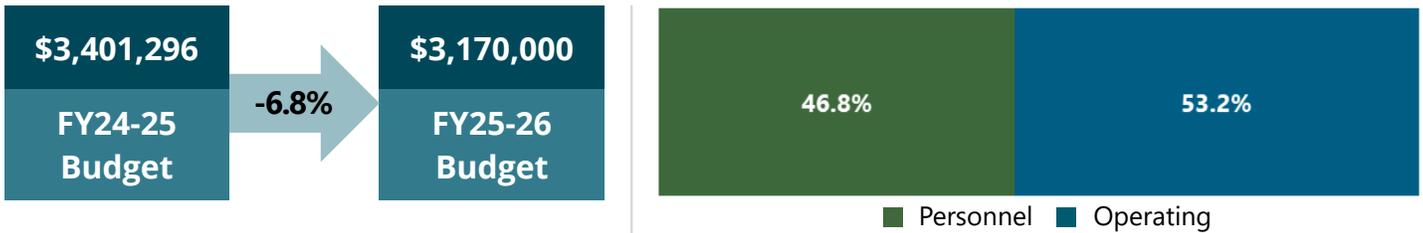


**Water**

# Stormwater Fund

The Stormwater Fund is an enterprise fund that separated from the Water and Sewer Fund in FY23-24. The fund is designed to operate like a business and its revenues entirely cover its expenditures with most revenue (91.48%) coming from fees based on a property's total impervious area. FY25-26 fees for Stormwater are remaining the same as FY24-25. The aim of the fund is to reduce erosion and runoff pollution and improve water quality by covering the operating cost of the Town's stormwater management program and stormwater system maintenance.

## Stormwater Expenditures



## Stormwater Rates

Residential Stormwater Rates		
No Change		
Tier	Square Feet	Rate
1	<400	\$0.00
2	400-1,500	\$1.50
2	1,501-3,000	\$5.00
3	3,001-4,000	\$7.50
4	4,001-5,400	\$10.00
5	>5,400	\$5.00 per ERU*
	Non-Residential	\$5.00 per ERU*

\*Equivalent Residential Units (ERU) = Total Impervious Surface Area / 2,700 SqFt



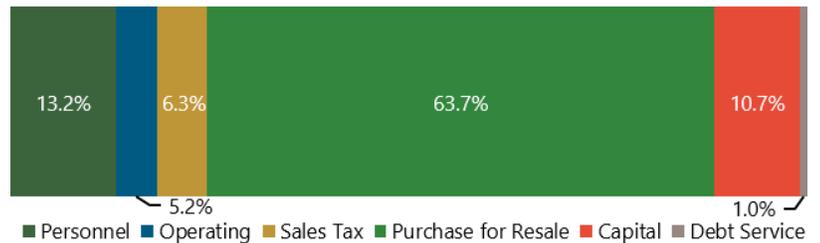
### Stormwater Expenditure Highlights

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**Condition Assessment Repairs**  
 \$480,000
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**Seagroves Farm Dam Repair**  
 \$100,000
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**Phase 3 Condition Assessment**  
 \$400,000

# Electric Fund

The Electric Fund is an enterprise fund that operates like a business. Electric customers pay charges for service (\$28.00 base rate) to cover fixed costs and an energy or demand rate (11.78¢ per kilowatt hour) to cover variable costs. Compared to FY24-25, the base rate increased by \$1.50, and the demand rate increased by 4%. Despite a \$6.68 monthly increase for the average household using 1,150 kWh, Apex's electric rates remain more affordable than other local electric distributors. Customer charges for service account for 87.8% of the Electric Fund's FY25-26 revenue assuming 4% customer growth.

## Electric Expenditures



Base Charge	Energy Rate
<b>\$28 base</b> + \$1.50 increase from FY 25	<b>11.78¢ kWh</b> + 4% increase from FY25

## Electric Rates

The rate increase is driven by higher costs across all expenditure categories except operating. The rise in expenditures is primarily due to increased costs for purchased power, as well as higher personnel expenses, sales tax, and capital costs. The FY25-26 budget also accounts for the impact of inflation. In addition to growing demand and energy rate increases from the North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency (NCEMPA), the budget includes an extra \$2.4 million related to three riders. These riders represent additional charges stemming from true-up agreements in the power purchase agreement between NCEMPA and Duke Energy Progress.

## Electric CIP Highlights



East Williams Substation  
\$50,000



System Expansion  
\$4,325,000



Green Level Substation  
\$2,000,000



## Other Funds

<p><b>Capital Reserve Funds</b></p>	 <p><b>Transportation</b> \$1,440,000 Total</p>	 <p><b>Water &amp; Sewer</b> \$5,000,000 Total</p>	 <p><b>Recreation</b> \$2,000,000 Total</p>
<p><b>Debt Funds</b></p>	 <p><b>General</b> \$14,367,300 Total</p>	 <p><b>Water &amp; Sewer</b> \$3,876,000 Total</p>	 <p><b>Electric</b> \$609,700 Total</p>
<p><b>Other Funds</b></p>	 <p><b>Affordable Housing Fund</b> \$2,101,500 Total</p>	 <p><b>Health &amp; Dental Fund</b> \$10,828,100 Total</p>	 <p><b>Cemetery Fund</b> \$210,000 Total</p>
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## Final Thoughts

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