

# **A Quick Guide to the FY 12-17 Recommended Community Investment Plan Department of Management and Budget**

## **Introduction**

The combined Recommended Operating and Capital Budget books contain a great deal of information. This Quick Guide is intended to serve as a summary of important information and changes as well as a tool for understanding and locating information in the budget books.

The Recommended Budget is the Department of Management and Budget's recommendation to the Commissioners of expenditures that are consistent with the Commissioners' goals and fundable within projected revenues. The Commissioners will make changes to Management and Budget's recommendation after considering agency appeals and public input.

Management and Budget will meet with the Commissioners again in April to develop the Commissioners' Proposed Budget. The Proposed Budget will be available for public review and comment in late April. The Public Hearing on the Budget will be held in early May and Budget adoption will occur in late May. The Recommended Budget and the Proposed Budget will be available on-line at <http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/budget>. Page numbers reference the FY 12-17 Community Investment Plan Budget book.

### **Revenues (9-23)**

- The Capital Fund revenues are budgeted at \$67.5M in FY 12, up from \$53.3M in FY 11. Despite this overall increase, the local funding is decreasing slightly from \$46.2M to \$45.4M.
- The growth of \$14.2M from FY 11 to FY 12 is based on the belief that the State will provide an increase in school construction funding and the federal government will provide an increase in bridge funding.
- Despite the increase in FY 12, it is still significantly below recent budgets such as FY 10 (\$93.1M), FY 09 (\$135M), and FY 08 (\$190M).
- The recent decreases in the Capital Fund budget were not unexpected. It is in part about accomplishing projects in prior years when revenue growth was stronger and also about making decisions in response to the current economic environment to not budget for certain projects.
- In prior years 3% of Real Property Tax revenue was being appropriated directly to the CIP for Agricultural Preservation. This appropriation is decreasing in FY 12 as we keep more of it in the Operating Budget to pay for Debt Service on Installment Purchase Agreements. This change is being made to maximize available funds. It is not due to a change in commitment to the program.

- 9.09% of Local Income Tax is appropriated directly to the CIP for school construction.
- The two largest sources of revenue are Bonds (\$21.8M) and State Interagency Committee (\$15.0M), which will be used to fund the Mt. Airy Middle School project.
- Impact Fees collections, which are used to fund school and park construction projects, are at their lowest level in years due to problems in the housing market.
- The entire \$0.5M State allocation of Highway User Revenue for FY 12 is directly appropriated to the CIP for road maintenance.

### **Public Schools (33-56)**

- Mt. Airy Middle School (47) – This \$29.8M project will address the need to provide additional middle school capacity in the southwestern portion of the County. This addition will increase capacity of the school from 500 to 750 students. Construction is planned to begin in FY 12. Funding of \$16.7M is recommended in FY 12.
- Charles Carroll Elementary Heat Plant Conversion (48) – This \$2.7M project will replace steam boilers, piping, and controls with a hot water boiler system. Funding of \$2.5M is recommended in FY 12.
- Freedom Elementary Heat Plant Conversion (49) – This \$2.9M project will replace steam boilers, piping and controls with a hot water boiler system. Funding of \$0.2M is recommended in FY 12.
- Freedom Elementary Roof Replacement (50) – This \$1.6M project will replace the insulation system, roof drains, and flashings. Funding of \$1.5M is recommended in FY 12.

### **Conservation and Open Space (57-68)**

- Agricultural Land Preservation (61-62) – Total funding for the Carroll County Agricultural Land Preservation program for FY 12–17 is \$43.3M and includes funding for easements, debt service to landowners participating in Installment Purchase Agreements, and Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) participation.
- Patapsco Road Watershed Project (64) – \$0.4M is planned in FY 12 to address flooding and run-off issues in the watershed of the West Branch of the Patapsco River.
- Rural Legacy (65) – Funding of \$1.0M for the Upper Patapsco and Little Pipe Creek rural legacy areas was awarded by the State in FY 11.
- Storm Water Facility Reconstruction (66) – \$5.2M is planned in FY 12–17 for the rehabilitation or reconstruction of existing county-owned storm water management facilities.
- Water Development (67) – The FY 12–17 CIP provides \$33.0M of funding for water source development and infrastructure. Water source development may include new groundwater wells, surface water intake and storage facilities, and the development of reservoirs beyond the six-year CIP.
- Watershed Assessment & Improvements (NPDES) (68) – \$15.6M is planned in the FY 12–17 CIP to map and assess the condition of the storm sewer systems,

implement watershed improvement projects, and mitigate at least 20% of impervious surface areas within Carroll County.

### **Public Works (69-92)**

- Overlays (79) – Funding of \$31.8M is provided in FY 12 - 17 for major County road overlays. Eight roads will be addressed through funding provided in FY 12.
- Shepherds Mill over Little Pipe Creek (90) – Funding of \$3.7M is planned in FY 12 for bridge replacement. The project qualifies for Federal aid funding which will cover eighty percent of the engineering, inspection, and construction costs.
- White Rock Road over Piney Run (92) – In FY 12 funding of \$0.8M is planned for bridge replacement. The project qualifies for Federal aid funding which will cover eighty percent of the engineering, inspection, and construction costs.

### **Culture and Recreation (93-104)**

- Landon C. Burns Connector Trail Development (98) – Funding of \$70K is planned in FY 12 to develop a macadam trail extending from an existing sidewalk at Bishop Street to Landon C. Burns Park. Funding sources include State-funded Program Open Space dollars and Impact Fees.
- Westminster Community Park (103) – Funding of \$2.1M is planned in FY 13 - 15 for the design, engineering, and construction of a 32-acre parcel into a new active park. This project qualifies for Program Open Space funding from the State which will cover eighty percent of the total cost of the project and the remainder will be financed through Impact Fees.
- Westminster Community Trail Development (104) – This project is to establish a macadam trail connecting Bennett Cerf Park to the existing sidewalks at Hahn Road, including a pre-engineered bridge crossing the existing stream. Funding will be Program Open Space dollars and Impact Fees.

### **General Government (105-117)**

- Carroll County 911 Radio System (109) – Funding of \$25.7M is planned in 13–14. Included in this project is funding to extend the life of the existing analog radio system until a transition to digital can be accomplished. This conversion to a digital system is planned to begin in FY 13.
- County Phone System Replacement (111) – Funding of \$0.9M is planned in FY 12 to replace the county government phone system, originally installed in 1998, with a new Voice over Internet Protocol system (VOIP). Emerging technologies and the County's changing needs will be evaluated before the selection of the new system.
- Library – Mount Airy Branch Improvements (115) – This project will renovate the Mount Airy branch of the Public Library, including a replacement of the roof, an overlay to the existing parking lot, as well as customer service improvements to the interior. Total funding is \$0.5M with fifty percent of the project covered by Maryland Library Development grants.
- Voting Machines – New Optical Scan (117) – Funding of \$0.3M is planned in FY 15–17 for the State mandated new voting system. The Governor's budget for FY 12 does not include funding for the anticipated purchase of new voting machines

but it does not completely eliminate all possibility of moving forward with the new system.

**Utilities Enterprise Fund (135-157)**

- Freedom District – Relief Sewer No. 2 (139) – This project provides \$0.6M in planned funding in FY 15 – 16 to replace the existing eight-inch sewer main with a sixteen-inch main to the Carroll Highlands Pump Station.
- Freedom District – Relief Sewer #10 (Sykesville Interceptor) (141) – This project provides \$0.3M in planned funding for the upgrade and repair of the 12-inch sewer main that runs parallel to the railroad tracks and the South Branch Patapsco River.
- Freedom Wastewater Treatment Plant ENR (142) – This project provides \$8.5M to enhance the FWWTP to meet Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) effluent limits as required by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). Maryland Environmental Services (MES) operates, maintains, and currently holds the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES) issued by the MDE.
- North Pump Station Wet Well & Pump Rehabilitation (147) – This project provides \$1.2M for renovations and upgrades to the North Pumping Station.
- West Hampstead Collector Sewer Main Upgrade/Repair (157) – This project provides \$0.6M in planned funding for the upgrade, repair, and/or replacement of the clay sewer mains serving several areas on the west side of the Town of Hampstead.