



TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD **ANNUAL** TOWN MEETING

TOWN MEETING:

Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 12:30pm

VOTING:

Tuesday, March 5, 2024, from 8am-7pm





ARTICLE 1

Shall the voters of the Town of Weathersfield accept the reports of the Town's officers for the period from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023?





ARTICLE 2

Shall the voters of the Town of Weathersfield, in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2664 and 22 V.S.A. §, authorize the Proctor Library Trustees to expend such grant monies, gifts, or bequests which may be received by the Proctor Library, in accordance of said grants, gifts, or bequests?





ARTICLE 3

Shall the voters of the Town of Weathersfield authorize the Select Board to borrow money, if necessary, to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes in accordance with the provisions of Title 24, Section 1786 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated?





ARTICLE 4

To transact any other business deemed proper when met.





ARTICLE 5

To elect all town officers as required by law.

Moderator/ Town – One Year

Town Clerk – Three Years

Town Treasurer – Three Years

Selectperson – Three Years

Selectperson – Two Years

Selectperson – Three Years/ 2 Year Rem.

Lister – Three Years

Lister Three Years/1 Year Rem.

Lister – Three Years/2 Years Rem.

Cemetery Commissioner – 5 Years

Trustee of Public Funds - 3 Years

Library Trustee – Three Years

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Library Trustee – Three Years

Moderator/School – One Year

School Director – Three Years

School Director – One Year

School Director – One Year





ARTICLE 8

Shall the voters of the Town of Weathersfield approve the expenditure of \$1,754,132 for the support and operation of the Town's General Fund? \$1,372,413 shall be raised by property taxation, allowing the Selectboard to set the appropriate tax rate.



GENERAL FUND PROPOSED BUDGET QUICK FACTS

1. Uses cumulative Fund Balance to reduce the property tax need in the General Fund by **\$40,000**.
1. Increases the General Fund Budget in total by **5.2%** OR **\$91,203** overall.
1. Does not include Special Article Appropriations (Articles 12-19) on the ballot. If these articles are approved, the FY24 General Fund Budget will increase by **\$21,033**.
1. Includes a **\$40,000** transfer to Fire Department Reserves from FY23 Fund Balance.
2. Shares Land Use Services with Windsor and Rockingham/Bellows Falls through an Intermunicipal Agreement, reducing cost and increasing services across all three (3) towns.
1. Includes the mandatory Childcare Contribution payroll tax, mandated by the State of Vermont, at a **0.33%/0.11%** employer/employee cost share.



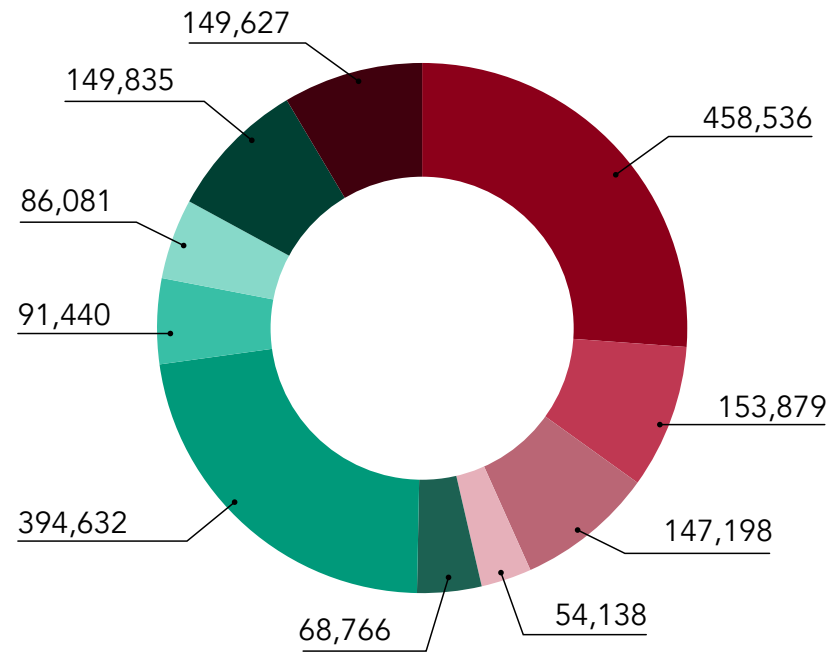
COMPARATIVE BUDGET - ALL FUNDS

OVERVIEW

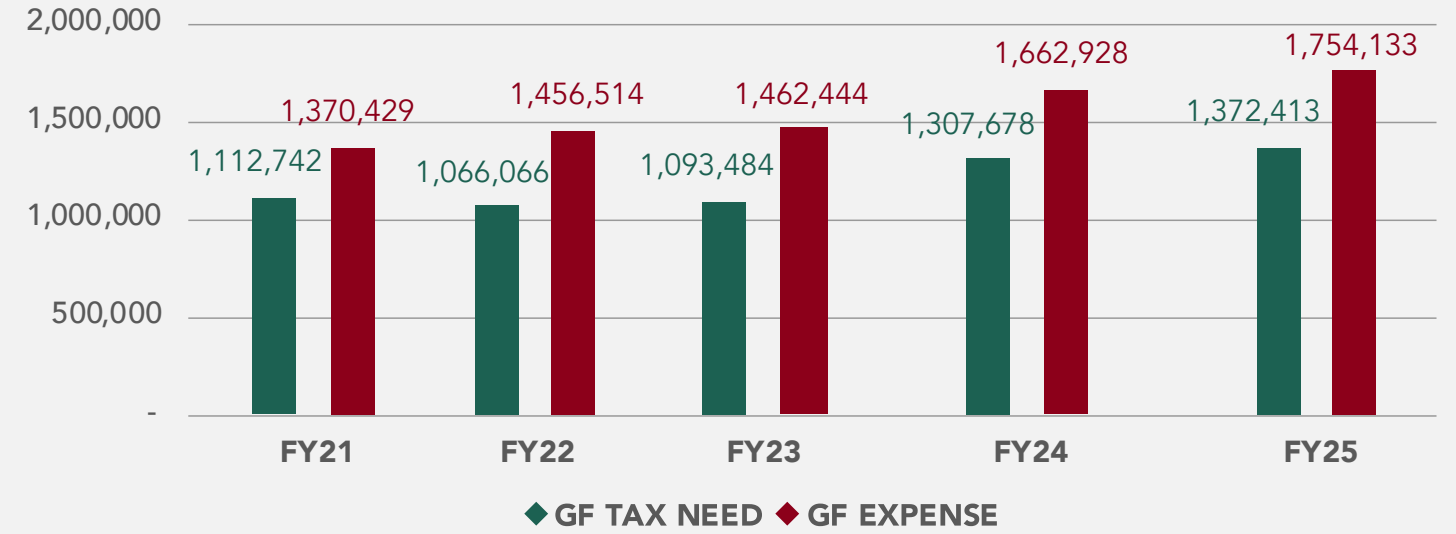
	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
General Fund Revenues	Audited Act.	Audited Act.	Budget	Approved	Proposed
GF Taxes	1,112,742	1,066,066	1,093,484	1,307,678	1,372,413
Admin	232,232	231,929	262,072	220,863	243,376
Finance	-	-	22,943	11,000	11,000
Town Clerk	48,738	50,557	46,695	46,265	45,845
Listers	15,770	15,780	15,000	15,000	15,000
Land Use	11,017	12,977	5,750	6,122	10,500
Police	18,996	34,113	16,000	16,000	16,000
AVFD	-	15,662	-	-	
WWVFD	-	2,000	-	-	
General Fire Services	-	-	-	40,000	40,000
Library	2,556	-	1,500	-	
Subtotal	1,442,050	1,429,084	1,463,444	1,662,928	1,754,132
General Fund Expenses					
Admin	436,407	458,858	452,805	468,475	458,536
Finance	77,921	91,088	114,009	115,387	153,879
Town Clerk	96,193	127,391	130,541	141,402	147,198
Listers	68,277	57,205	63,445	64,673	54,138
Land Use	55,105	32,939	47,960	51,066	68,766
Police	299,677	345,100	331,647	382,787	394,632
AVFA	62,123	64,905	67,698	73,886	91,440
WWVFD	66,563	69,210	69,899	76,806	86,081
Gen. Fire	91,041	96,055	53,064	147,989	149,835
Library	117,121	113,763	131,376	140,457	149,627
Subtotal	1,370,429	1,456,514	1,462,444	1,662,928	1,754,133

Proposed FY25 General Fund Budget

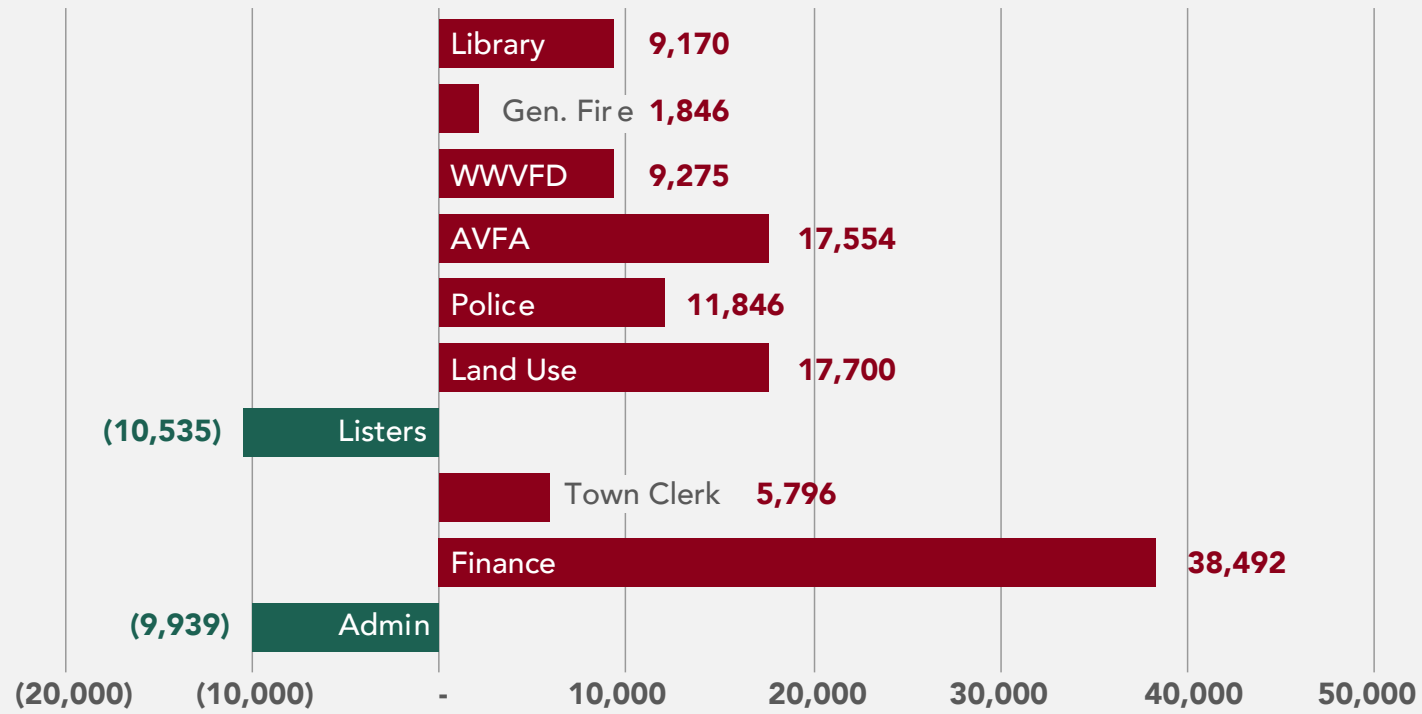
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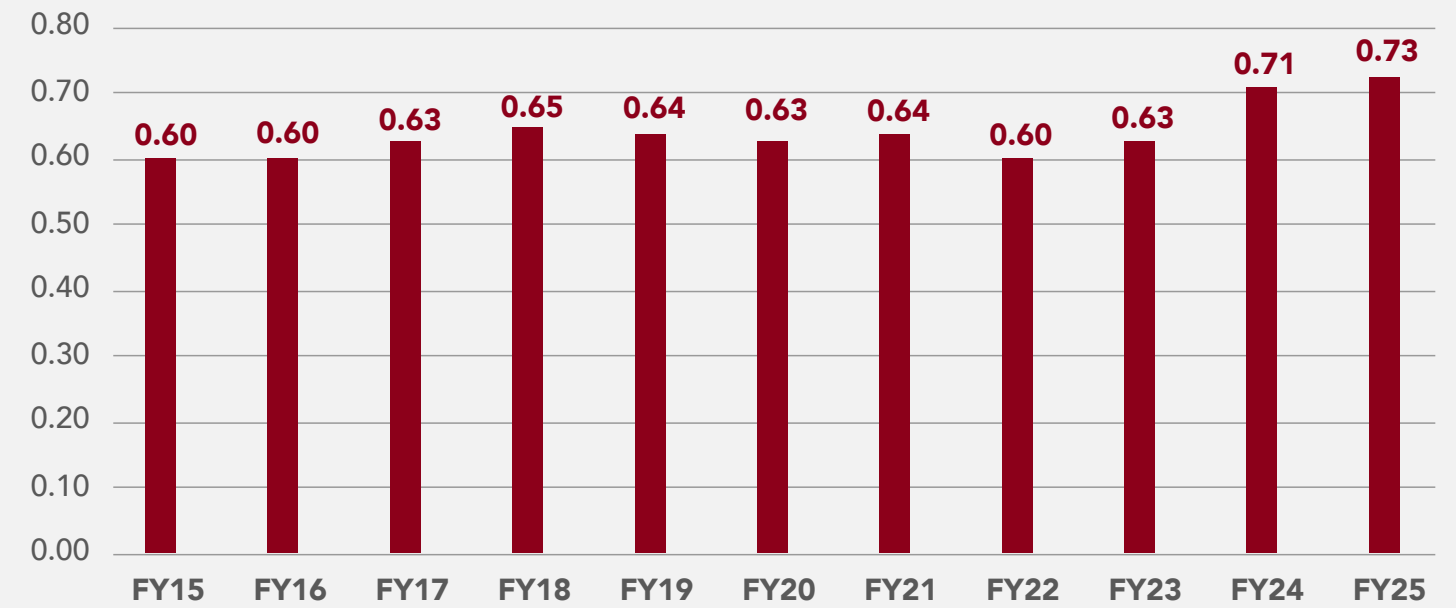
General Fund Tax Need/ Expense 5 Year Overview



FY24-FY25 Budget Changes per Dept.



General Fund Taxes FY15-FY25



TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD RESERVE FUNDS as of 6/30/23

FUND	Est.	6/30/22	FY23	FY23	FY23	FY23	FY23	Current	DEPT	Fund
RESERVE FUNDS		Balance	Interest	Transfers	Other Rev	TTL Rev	Expenses	Balance		Total
Fund 11 - General										
Conservation	2005	\$1,769.36	\$8.08		\$35.71	\$43.79		\$1,813.15	105	
Rabies Control	2003	\$4,847.91	\$21.71	\$349.00		\$370.71		\$5,218.62	103	
Aid to Residents in Need	2009	\$4,589.68	\$14.39	\$1,500.00	\$170.00	\$1,684.39	\$3,285.32	\$2,988.75	302	
Rainy Day	2013	\$120,696.76	\$540.49			\$540.49		\$121,237.25	101	\$131,257.77
Fund 15 - Special Revenue										
Land & Vital Records Preservation	2003	\$28,058.66	\$129.59	\$4,342.00		\$4,471.59	\$3,823.05	\$28,707.20	103	
Property Reappraisal	2003	\$269,494.49	\$1,235.15	\$15,808.00		\$17,043.15		\$286,537.64	104	\$315,244.84
Fund 21 - Solid Waste										
Solid Waste Management	2003	\$73,576.56	\$329.48			\$329.48		\$73,906.04	101	\$73,906.04
Fund 41 - Capital Reserve										
Highway Equipment Acquisition	2003	\$154,963.61	\$833.35	\$33,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$53,833.35	\$5,508.60	\$203,288.36	400	R
Highway Capital Maint & Improvements	2008	\$88,453.79	\$396.67		\$400.00	\$796.67		\$89,250.46	405	R
Fire Apparatus Acquisition	2003	\$131,954.29	\$590.91			\$590.91		\$132,545.20	410	C
Town Office Capital Improvements	2007	\$20,375.68	\$91.24			\$91.24		\$20,466.92	415	C
Veterans Memorial	2005	\$6,398.81	\$26.65			\$26.65	\$446.67	\$5,978.79	420	C
Parks and Recreation	2005	\$24,176.57	\$98.68	\$1,195.12		\$1,293.80	\$2,365.00	\$23,105.37	425	C
Center Grove Preservation	2006	\$5,537.80	\$24.80			\$24.80		\$5,562.60	430	C
Voting Equipment	2003	\$3,044.57	\$13.63			\$13.63		\$3,058.20	435	C
Municipal Records (computerization)	2011	\$17,755.78	\$79.51	\$2,244.00		\$2,323.51		\$20,079.29	440	R
Vault Usage	2003	\$72,195.81	\$326.22	\$3,591.55		\$3,917.77	\$3,500.90	\$72,612.68	445	C
Covered Bridge Repair (Salmond)	1994	\$964.75	\$4.32			\$4.32		\$969.07	450	C
Proctor Library Capital Improvement	2005	\$3,931.04	\$17.60			\$17.60		\$3,948.64	455	C
Police Cruiser Purchase	2003	\$26,250.13	\$110.56	\$10,000.00		\$10,110.56	\$15,000.00	\$21,360.69	460	C
Firefighting Equipment and Gear	2006	\$32,155.92	\$126.73			\$126.73	\$3,599.93	\$28,682.72	465	C
Fire Protection Water Supply Construction	2007	\$12,966.04	\$58.06			\$58.06		\$13,024.10	470	C
Martin Mem. Hall Cap Maint & Improvement	2007	\$47,062.23	\$210.76			\$210.76		\$47,272.99	475	C
1879 Perk Schlhse Cap Maint & Improvement	2015	\$14,600.80	\$65.51		\$100.00	\$165.51		\$14,766.31	480	C
Martin Memorial Reserve	??	\$0.00				\$0.00		\$0.00		
Upper Falls Covered Bridge Restoration	2003	\$0.00	\$49.86		\$35,640.00	\$35,689.86		\$35,689.86		\$741,662.25
		\$1,165,821.04	\$5,403.95	\$72,029.67	\$56,345.71	\$133,779.33	\$37,529.47	\$1,262,070.90		\$1,262,070.90
	\$3,125.06					\$133,779.33		\$1,262,070.90		

TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD RESERVE FUNDS as of 6/30/23

BOOK BALANCES	Balance	FUND 11	FUND 15	FUND 21	FUND 41	BANK RECON		
Custody Account	\$1,030,585.64	\$139,940.88	\$333,279.34	\$73,710.31	\$483,655.11	Book Balance	\$1,030,585.64	
Due From (To) Town	\$14,580.26	-\$8,683.11	-\$18,034.50	-\$70,709.27	\$112,007.14	Unposted Int.	\$0.00	
Loans to Town	\$216,905.00			\$70,905.00	\$146,000.00			
Pending GF cash transfer	\$0.00					Adj. Book Bal.	\$1,030,585.64	
Posting Variance	\$0.00					Bank Balance	\$1,030,585.64	
Total	\$1,262,070.90	\$131,257.77	\$315,244.84	\$73,906.04	\$741,662.25	Variance	\$0.00	\$0.00





ARTICLE 9

Shall the voters of the Town of Weathersfield approve the expenditure of \$1,188,569 for the support and operation of the Town's Highway Fund? \$987,690 shall be raised by property taxation, allowing the Selectboard to set the appropriate tax rate.

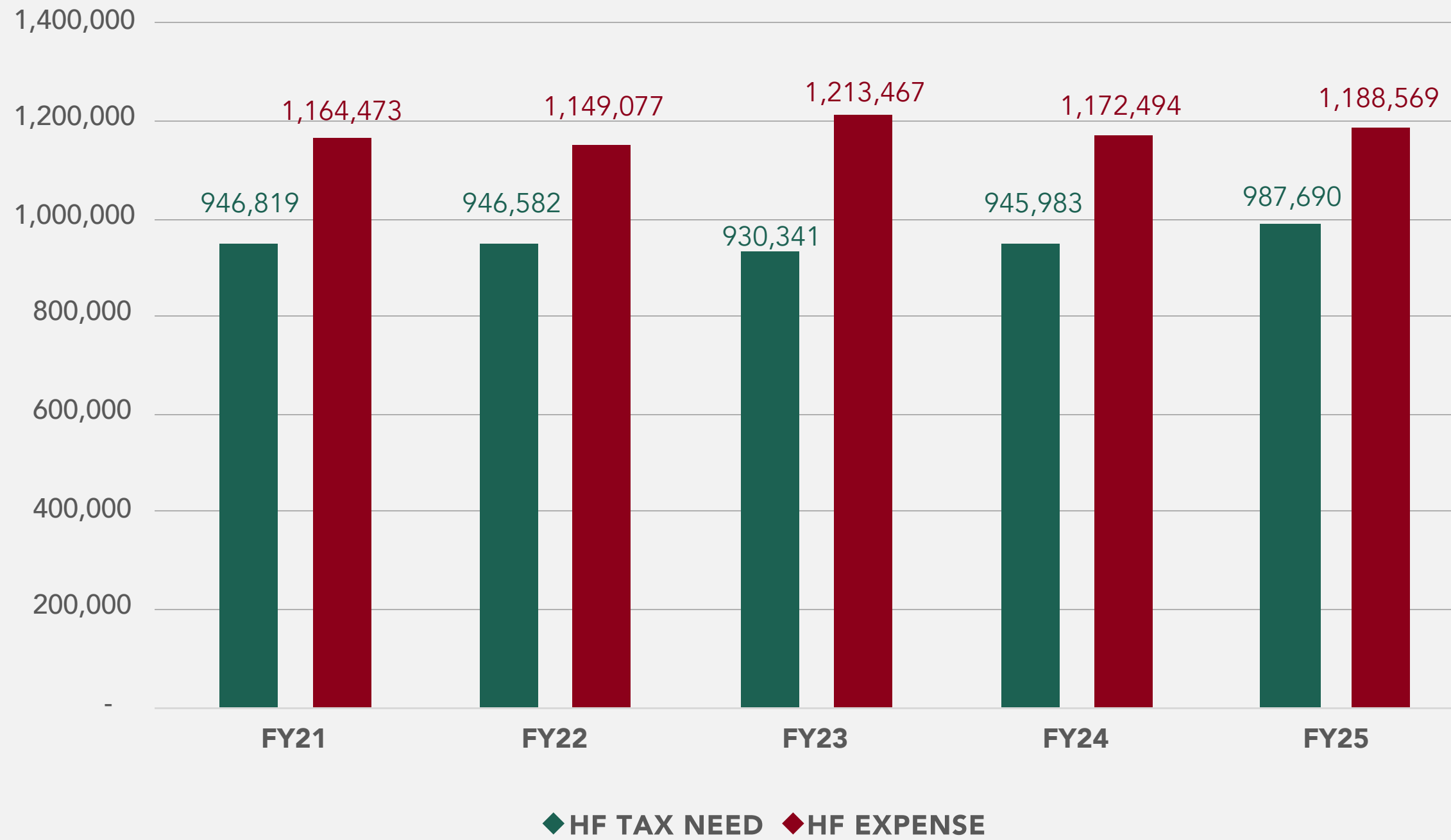


FY25 PROPOSED HIGHWAY FUND BUDGET QUICK FACTS

- Uses Cumulative Fund Balance to reduce the property tax need in the Highway Fund by **\$20,000**
- Increases the budget by **\$16,075** or **1.35%**
- Also includes the CCC payroll tax at a **0.33%/0.11%** Employer/Employee cost share.
- Contains a full Highway team, with no personnel changes between FY24 & FY25.
- Reduces workers compensation by **\$10,433**
- Adds **\$5,000** to gravel/road material
- Contributes **\$50,000** to paving, **\$10,000** to paving repairs, and **\$16,500** for summer mowing.
- Fully funds all debt payments and operational costs

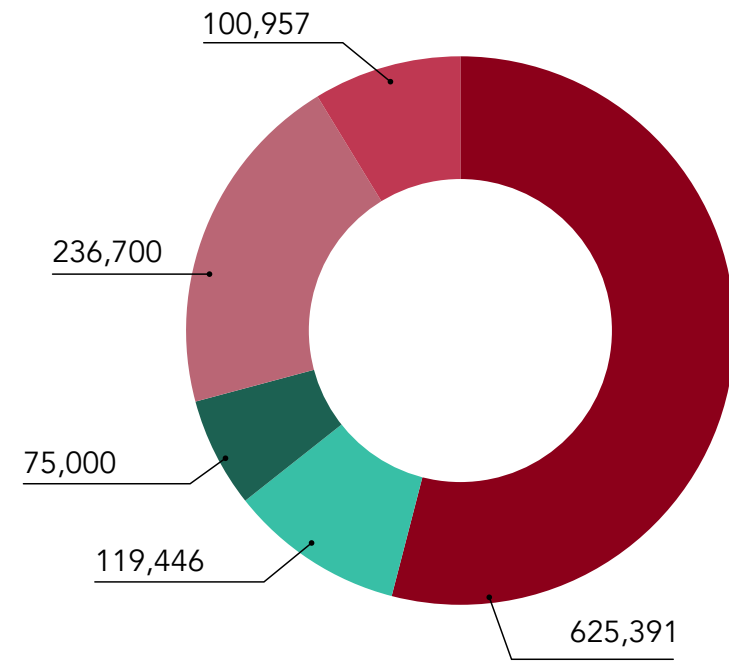


Highway Fund Tax Need/Expense 5- Year Overview



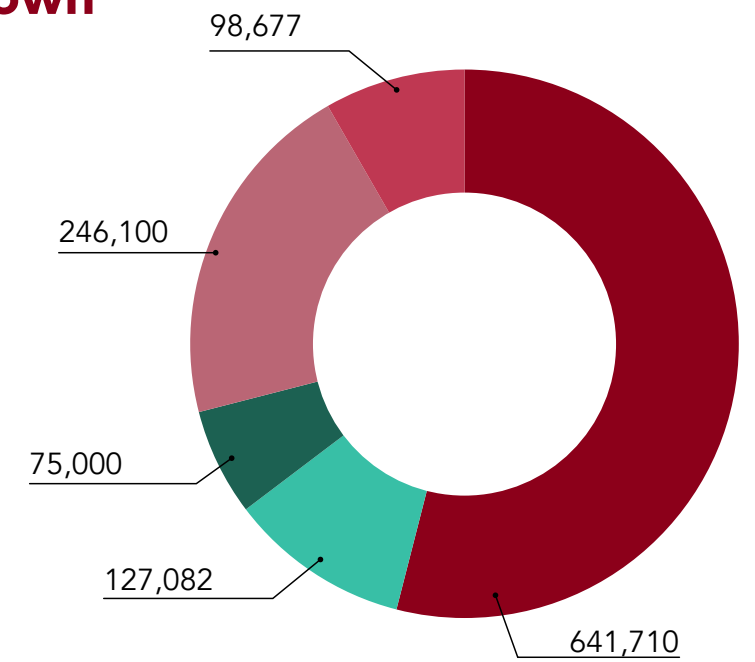
FY24 Highway Fund Breakdown

- ◆ Personnel
- ◆ Debt Service
- ◆ Road Maintenance
- ◆ Maint., Repairs, Supplies
- ◆ Operations



FY25 Highway Fund Breakdown

- ◆ Personnel
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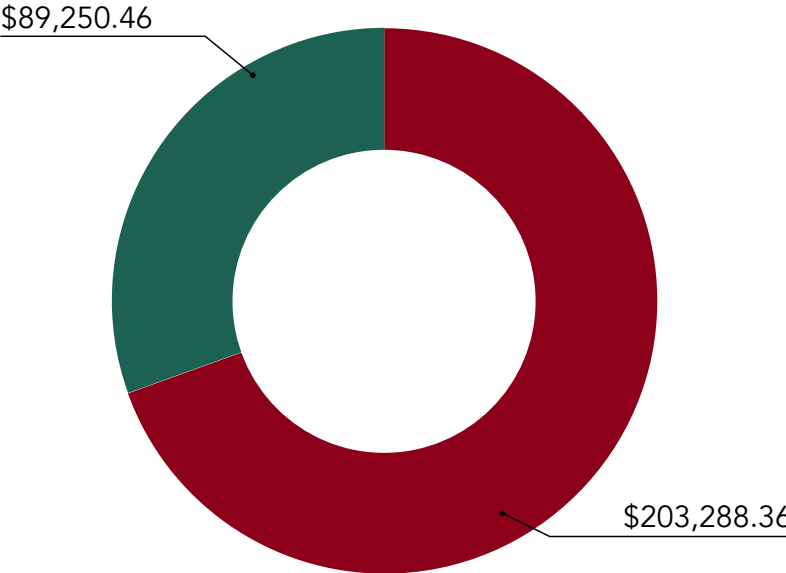


HIGHWAY FUND RESERVES

- Highway Equipment Acquisition: **\$203,288.36**
- Highway Capital Maintenance & Improvements: **\$89,250.46**

Highway Fund Reserves

- ◆ Highway Equipment Acquisition
- ◆ Highway Capital Maintenance & Improvements



TOWN OF WEATHERSFIELD LONG TERM DEBT SCHEDULE

Type	Purpose	Amount	First	Last	Term	Int.	First	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30
			Payment	Payment		Rate	FY												
Capital Improvements	Fire Truck	\$229,000	5/17/18	5/17/22	5 years	2.50%	FY18	\$45,800	\$45,800	\$45,800	\$45,800								
Interest								\$4,580	\$3,402	\$2,290	\$1,145								
Capital Improvements	Snow Plow Truck	\$156,520	1/17/19	1/17/23	5 year	2.75%	FY19	\$31,304	\$31,304	\$31,304	\$31,304	\$31,304							
Interest								\$4,305	\$3,424	\$2,583	\$1,722	\$861							
CAT Financial - Grader	Grader lease							\$33,988	\$33,989										
Paving Loan	Wea Cntr Road	\$190,000	10/1/20	10/1/24	5 years	2.75%	FY21			\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000					
Interest										\$5,225	\$4,180	\$3,135	\$2,090	\$1,045					
Capital Improvements	Dump Truck	\$123,020	10/23/21	10/23/27	7 years	2.50%	FY22				\$17,575	\$17,575	\$17,575	\$17,575	\$17,575	\$17,575	\$17,570		
Interest											\$3,076	\$2,637	\$2,198	\$1,759	\$1,320	\$881	\$439		
Capital Improvements	Grader	\$115,000	12/9/21	12/9/27	7 years	2.50%	FY22				\$16,429	\$16,429	\$16,429	\$16,429	\$16,429	\$16,429	\$16,426		
Interest											\$2,875	\$2,465	\$2,054	\$1,643	\$1,232	\$822	\$411		
Capital Improvements	Highway Truck	\$70,000	10/1/23	10/1/27	5 years	2.75%	FY24						\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000		
Interest													\$1,925	\$1,540	\$1,155	\$770	\$385		
Capital Improvements	Trash Compactor	\$70,905	11/1/23	11/1/29	7 years	3.00%	FY24						\$10,130	\$10,130	\$10,130	\$10,130	\$10,130	\$10,130	\$10,130
Interest													\$2,127	\$1,823	\$1,519	\$1,215	\$911	\$607	\$304
Capital Improvements	Fire Truck	\$270,000	1/17/24	1/17/30	7 years	4.00%	FY24						\$38,570	\$38,570	\$38,570	\$38,570	\$38,570	\$38,570	\$38,580
Interest													\$10,800	\$9,257	\$7,714	\$6,171	\$4,628	\$3,085	\$1,542
Capital Principal								\$111,092	\$111,093	\$115,104	\$149,108	\$103,308	\$134,704	\$134,704	\$96,704	\$96,704	\$96,696	\$48,700	\$48,710
Capital Interest								\$8,885	\$6,826	\$10,098	\$12,998	\$9,098	\$21,194	\$17,067	\$12,940	\$9,859	\$6,774	\$3,692	\$1,846
TOTAL								\$119,977	\$117,919	\$125,202	\$162,106	\$112,406	\$155,898	\$151,771	\$109,644	\$106,563	\$103,470	\$52,392	\$50,556
VERIFY								\$119,977	\$117,919	\$125,202	\$162,106	\$112,406	\$155,898	\$151,771	\$109,644	\$106,563	\$103,470	\$52,392	\$50,556



ARTICLE 10

Shall the voters of the Town of Weathersfield approve the expenditure of \$378,314 for the support and operation of the Town's Solid Waste Management Facility? These monies shall be raised by non-tax revenues.

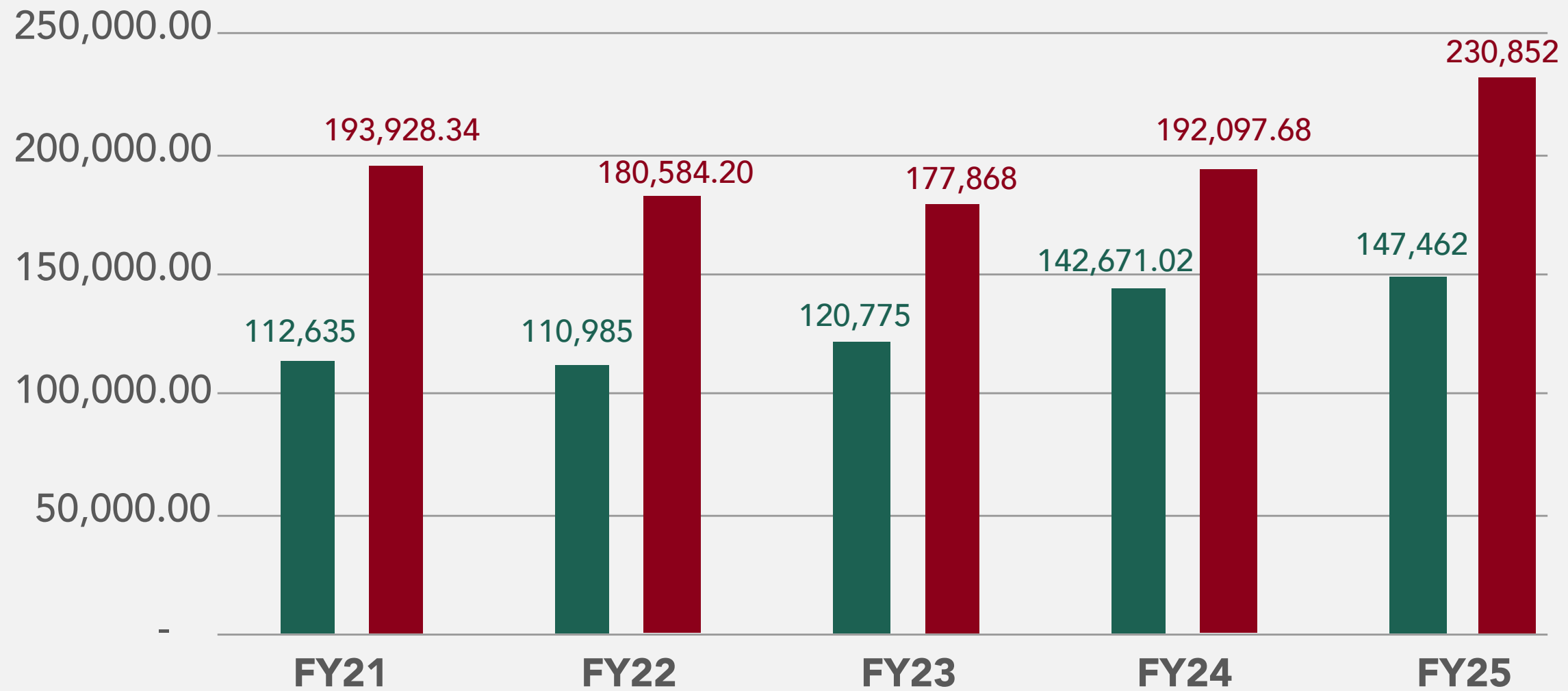


FY25 SOLID WASTE PROPOSED BUDGET QUICK FACTS

- Fixed expenses are increasing by **\$4,791** or **3%**.
- Variable expenses are increasing by **\$38,754** or **17%**.
- Total proposed budget is increasing by **12%** or **\$43,545** overall.
- We continue to share our Transfer Station with Reading & West Windsor through an Intermunicipal Agreement, which includes a Fair and Equal Payment structure through an Allocation Formula based on # of parcels.
- The cost of recycling continues to increase. In FY24 we budgeted **\$33,090**. In FY25, we're proposing **\$69,942**. This is the largest contributor to punch ticket increases.



Solid Waste Revenues 5-Year Overview

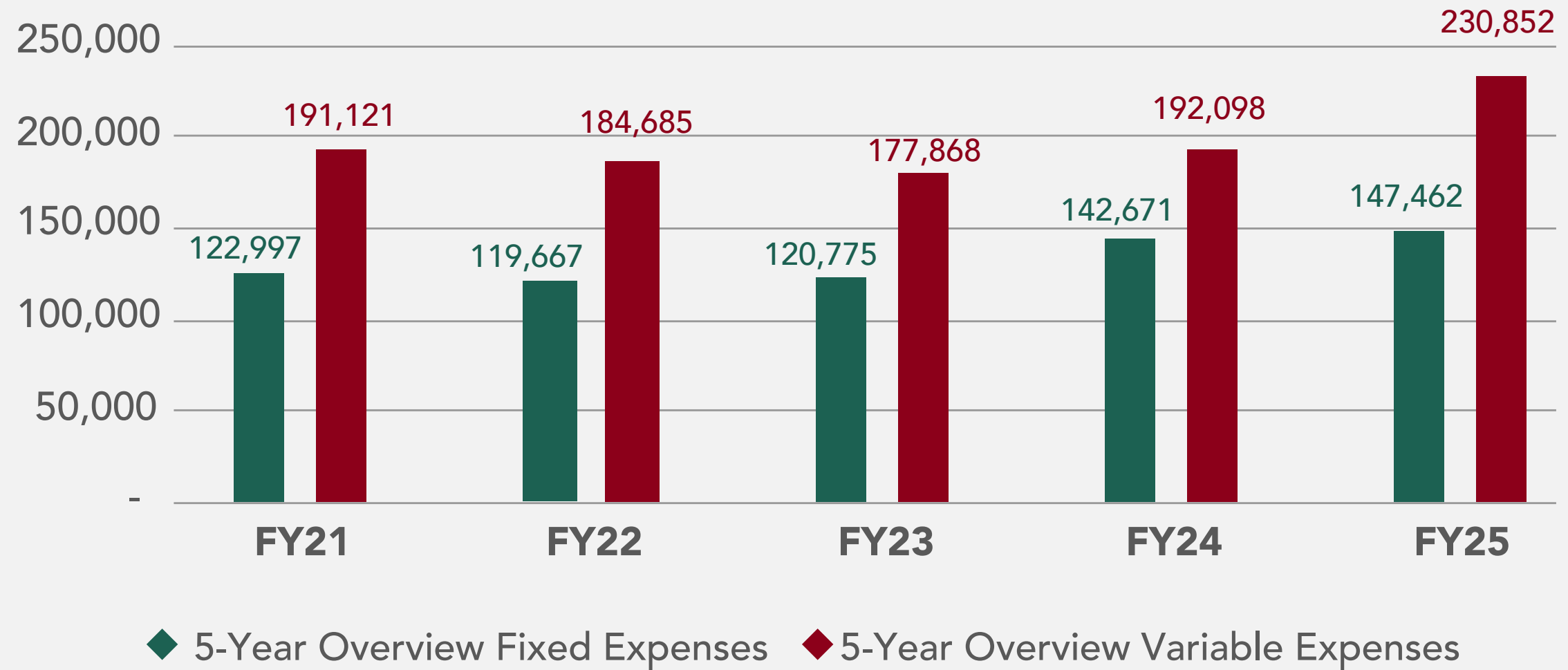


◆ 5-Year Overview Permit Sticker Revenue

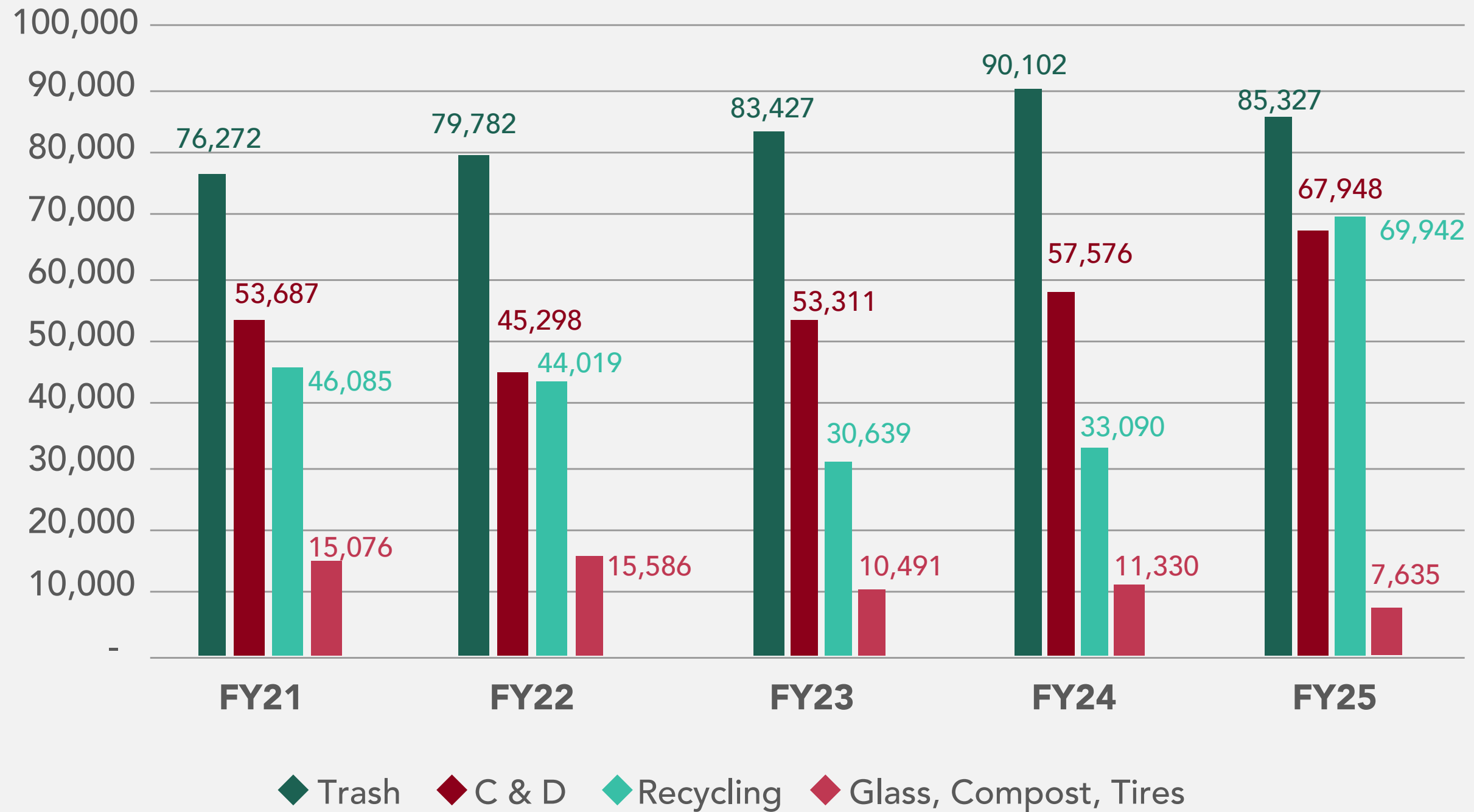
◆ 5-Year Overview Punch Ticket Revenue



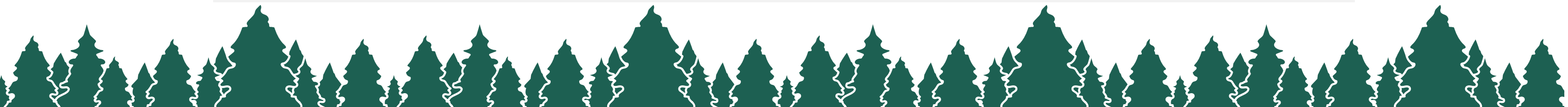
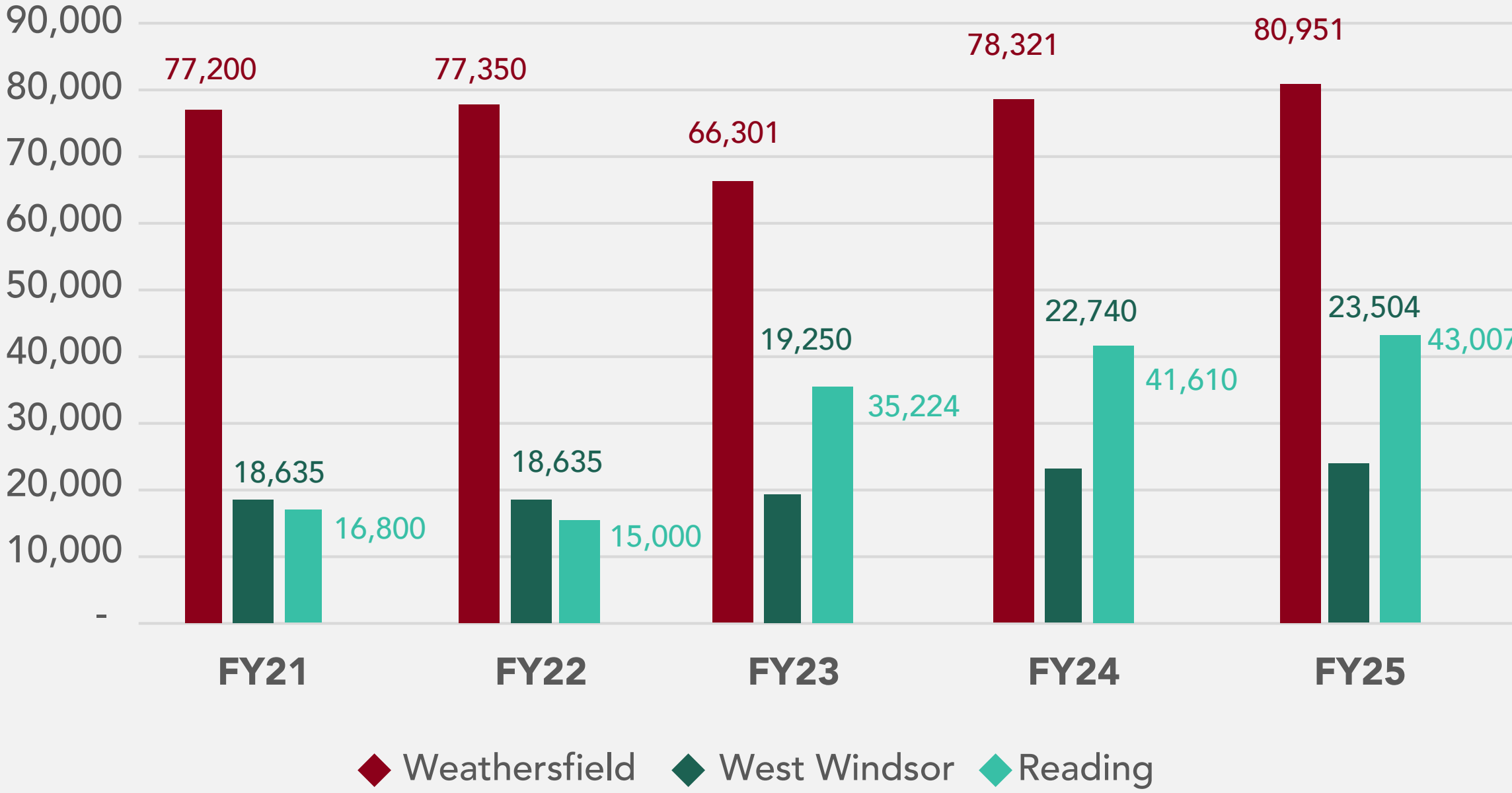
Solid Waste Expenses 5-Year Overview



Variable Expenses 5-Year Overview



Solid Waste Fee Assessments by Town 5-Year Overview





ARTICLE 11

Shall the Voters of the Town of Weathersfield authorize the Selectboard to borrow up to \$150,000 for a term not to exceed 7 years for the replacement of the 2009 backhoe? [Not in Budget]





ARTICLE 12

Shall the voters of the Town of Weathersfield appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support the activities of Friends of the Meeting House? (a 501 c3 non-profit)? [Not in Budget]





ARTICLE 13

Shall the voters of the Town of Weathersfield appropriate the sum of \$2,683 to support the activities of Health Care & Rehabilitative Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS) (a 501 c3 non-profit)? [Not in Budget]





ARTICLE 14

Shall the voters of the Town of Weathersfield appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to support the activities of Senior Solutions – Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont (a 501 c3 non-profit)? [Not in Budget]





ARTICLE 15

Shall the voters of the Town of Weathersfield appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to support the activities of Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) (a 501 c3 non-profit)? [Not in Budget]





Vermont Association
for the Blind and
Visually Impaired

ARTICLE 16

Shall the voters of the Town of Weathersfield appropriate the sum of \$750 to support the activities of Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) (a 501 c3 non-profit)? [Not in Budget]





ARTICLE 17

Shall the voters of the Town of Weathersfield appropriate the sum of \$12,100 to support the activities of the Visiting Nurses and Hospice of VT and NH (a 501 c3 non-profit)? [Not in Budget]





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ARTICLE 18

Shall the voters of the Town of Weathersfield appropriate the sum of \$500 to support the activities of W.I.S.E (a 501 c3 non-profit)? [Not in Budget]





ARTICLE 19

Shall the voters of the Town of Weathersfield appropriate the sum of \$500 to support the activities of Vermont Family Network (a 501 c3 non-profit)? [Not in Budget]





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