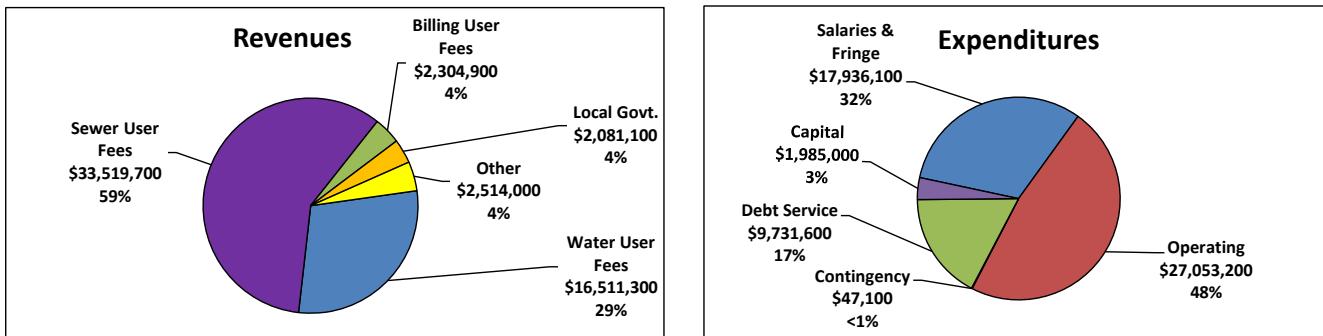


# ENTERPRISE FUNDS

## WATER & SEWER FUND

TOTAL FY25 PROPOSED BUDGET = \$56,931,000



FY24 Approved Budget \$54,744,500      FY25 Proposed Budget \$56,931,000      Change \$2,186,500 ; 4.0%

The County manages many public water and sewer systems, the largest of which is the Mattawoman Sewer Treatment Plant. The majority of the revenue is paid by customers through user fees for operating and the maintenance of the County's water supply and sewage systems. Fees are being increased to cover the cost of maintaining the County's Water and Sewer System. The FY25 proposed user fees rate will increase the average quarterly bill by 3.0%.

The proposed user fee rates for FY25 are:

### Water User Fee Rate per 1,000 gallons

Single Family Residential: 0 – 18,000 gallons	\$5.81
Single Family Residential: 18,001 – 24,000 gallons	\$11.62
Single Family Residential: over 24,001 gallons	\$17.43
Multi-Family / Commercial: Metered Usage	\$6.88

### Sewer User Fee Rate per 1,000 gallons

Single Family Residential: Usage capped @ 24,000 gallons	\$13.11
Multi-Family / Commercial: Metered Usage	\$13.11

**Customer account fee** per quarterly bill \$11.60

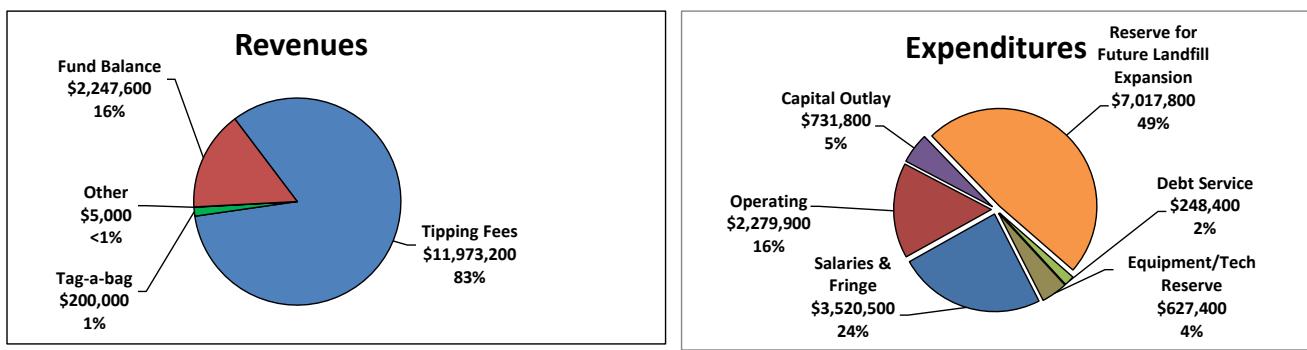
*NOTE: The average quarterly Water and Sewer bill assuming 137 gallons per day would increase from \$236 to \$243 based on this proposal.*

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.charlescountymd.gov/services/public-works-utilities>  
<https://www.charlescountymd.gov/services/water-and-sewer-billing>

## LANDFILL FUND

TOTAL FY25 PROPOSED BUDGET = \$14,425,800



FY24 Approved Budget \$13,973,200      FY25 Proposed Budget \$14,425,800      Change \$452,600 ; 3.2%

A tipping fee per ton for commercial and residential refuse is collected to cover the cost of operating the current landfill, future landfill cell expansion, and post closure costs. The tipping fee is increasing from \$91 per ton to \$101 per ton for FY25. The Open Top Roll-Off Container fee will increase from \$115 per ton to \$125 per ton/\$15 minimum fee. The increase in the fee is to cover cost of operating and maintaining the Landfill which includes purchasing needed equipment. This fee is the primary revenue source for the Landfill operation. Citizens also have the option of paying a flat rate tipping fee of \$5 for cars or \$15 for pick-up trucks. To promote recycling, there is a flat rate fee of \$10 per load for cars with mixed loads, and \$20 per load for trucks without trailers mixed load. For vehicles with trailer weigh in the fee is increasing from \$91 per ton/\$15 minimum fee to \$101 per ton/\$15 minimum fee, and for mixed loads the fee will increase from \$115 per ton/\$15 minimum fee to \$125 per ton/\$15 minimum fee. New for FY25, a new proposed fee of \$125 per ton/minimum fee of \$15 will be established for loads of shingles and roofing materials.

Citizens may also purchase Tag-A-Bag tickets for \$2.25. Bagged trash is accepted at the landfill on Billingsley Road and at the recycling centers in the County (Gilbert Run, Pisgah, or Breeze Farm). The landfill is located on a 16 acre site and is estimated to last until 2027.

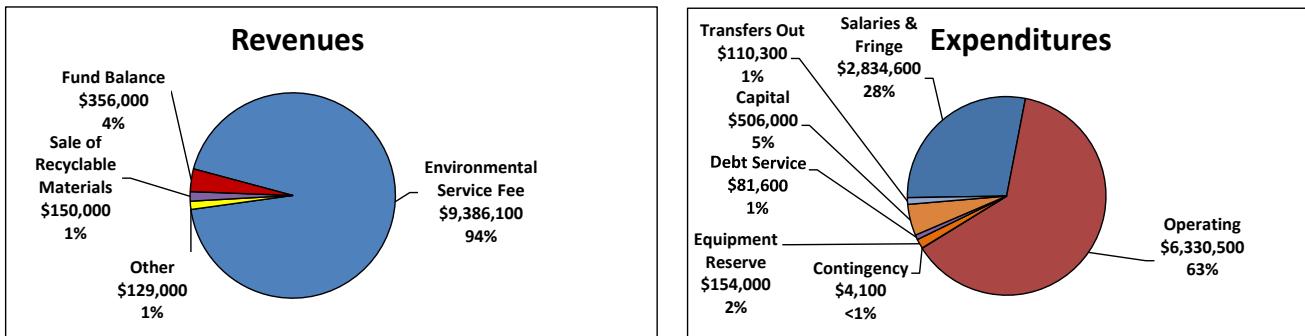
For more information, please visit:

<https://www.charlescountymd.gov/services/environmental-resources/landfill>

# ENTERPRISE FUNDS

## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE FUND

TOTAL FY25 PROPOSED BUDGET = \$10,021,100



FY24 Approved Budget      \$9,286,400      FY25 Proposed Budget      \$10,021,100      Change      \$734,700 ; 7.9%

Recycling and environmental programs are paid with revenues generated primarily by a Environmental Service Fee (ESF), which is charged annually to each improved property within the County. The fee is established annually based on the estimated cost of various programs divided by the number of improved properties. The towns of Indian Head and La Plata have their own recycling program and pay a reduced ESF fee. The proposed fee increase is mainly to cover Curbside Collection costs based on the house count increase, increase in contract services for litter control, new and replacement equipment to support operations at various recycling centers and facilities, and two new positions for Public Works. The funds also supports the costs associated with the popular Septic Pump Out Reimbursement and Riser Reimbursement programs. The proposed budget changes the annual ESF fee from \$153 to \$166 per improved property for property owners outside of Indian Head and La Plata. The adopted annual fee for properties located within these municipalities is increasing from \$27 per improved property to \$29 per improved property.

Charles County has achieved a 40% waste diversion rate. By the end of FY2024, approximately 51,200 households will be served by curbside collection of recyclable materials. The residential recycling program also consists of four Recycling Centers, and three 24-Hour Used Motor Oil and Antifreeze Collection Sites. The permanent centers are located at Gilbert Run Park in Dentsville, Breeze Farm in Cobb Island, the Landfill in Waldorf, and the old Landfill in Pisgah.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.charlescountymd.gov/services/environmental-resources/curbside-recycling>

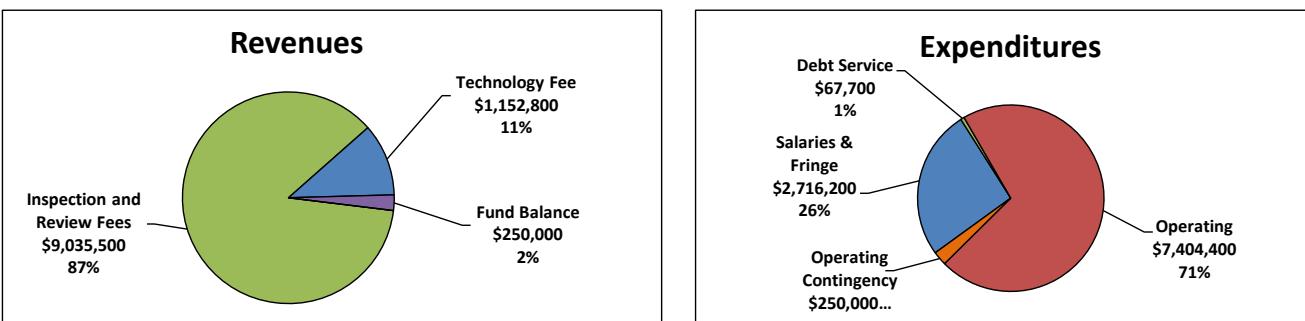
<https://www.charlescountymd.gov/services/environmental-resources/litter-control>

<https://www.charlescountymd.gov/services/environmental-resources/recycling-centers-drop-off-facilities>

<https://www.charlescountymd.gov/government/planning-and-growth-management/septic-system-reimbursement-programs>

## INSPECTION & REVIEW FUND

TOTAL FY25 PROPOSED BUDGET = \$10,438,300



FY24 Approved Budget      \$9,628,100      FY25 Proposed Budget      \$10,438,300      Change      \$810,200 ; 8.4%

The County manages building inspections and developer plan reviews through the use of an enterprise fund. The recession in the early 1990's depressed the construction industry and left the County with high overhead costs. To allow for greater flexibility regarding the expansion and contraction of the building & renovation activities within the County this operation was privatized and is managed partly with outside contractors. Operating revenues for this fund are generated primarily by service charges such as: environmental site review fees, site plan reviews, main inspection, design reviews, inspection reviews, road inspections, grading inspection, water & sewer inspections, technology fee, and storm drain & storm water inspections. The FY2025 proposed budget assumes fees are adjusted to recoup the cost of providing the service. Changes to existing fees, as well as proposed new fees are listed in the FY2025 Proposed Fees and Charges (see link below). Included in the budget is funding to support two new Engineer I positions to support development review.

For more information, please visit:

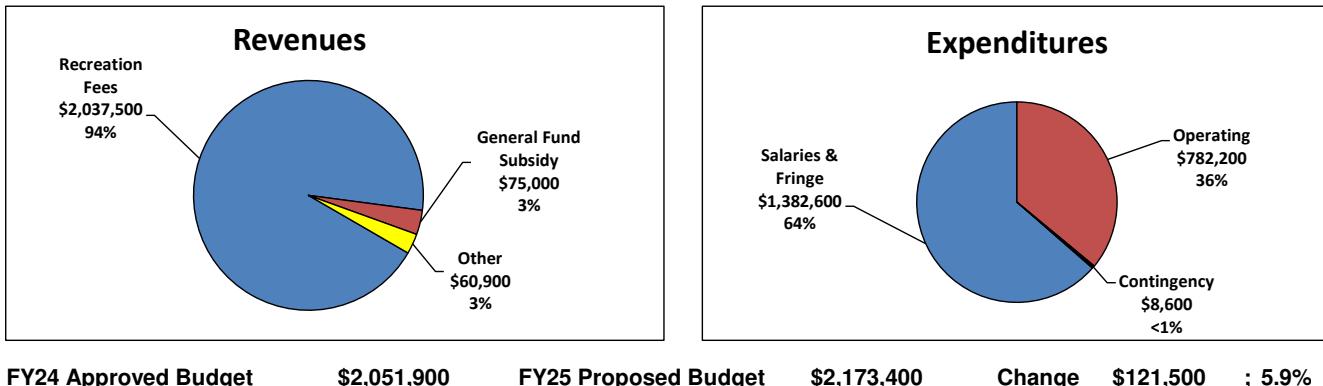
<https://www.charlescountymd.gov/government/planning-and-growth-management>

[FY2025 Proposed Fees and Charges](https://www.charlescountymd.gov/government/planning-and-growth-management/fy2025-proposed-fees-and-charges)

# ENTERPRISE FUNDS

## RECREATION FUND

TOTAL FY25 PROPOSED BUDGET = \$2,173,400



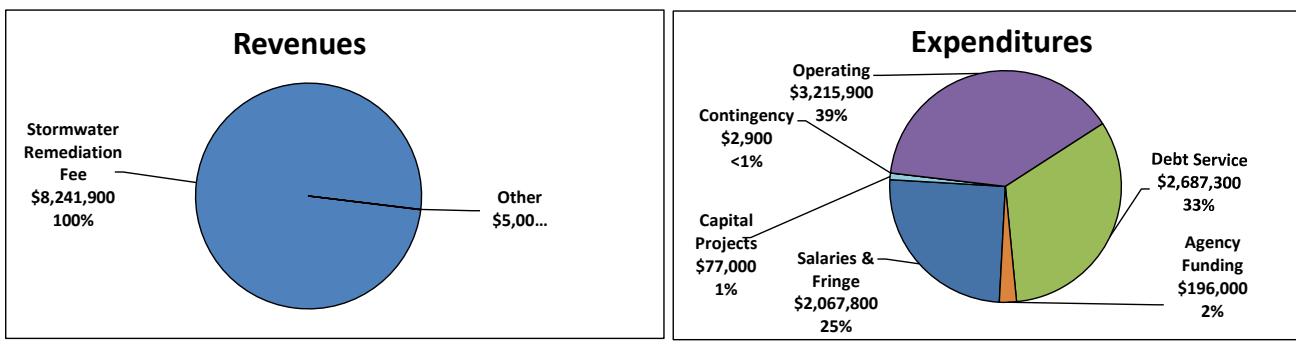
This fund is used to manage the recreational and leisure time activities for County residents including: recreational classes, special events, indoor sports leagues for youth and adult, drop-in programs, special population programs which includes support of the Special Olympics, swim lessons, summer sports camps, and trips and tours. Additionally, the Recreation fund accounts for the operation of the Elite Gymnastics & program related costs at the Waldorf Senior & Recreational Center. The FY2025 budget includes additional contract services for sports and class programs to support increase participation.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.charlescountyparks.com/home-recparks>

## WATERSHED PROTECTION & RESTORATION FUND

TOTAL FY25 PROPOSED BUDGET = \$8,246,900



The County's Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund is for implementation of local stormwater management plans and practices, and stream and wetland restoration activities. The fund covers related planning, mapping, monitoring, inspections, enforcement, operations and maintenance, public education and outreach, grants to non-profits, administrative costs, and debt service payments to cover the cost of capital improvements. Revenues to the fund are generated primarily by the Stormwater Remediation Fee, which is charged annually to each improved property within the County. The FY2025 adopted budget includes an annual fee increase from \$146 to \$156 per improved property. Properties within the Town of La Plata and Town of Indian Head will not be charged the County fee, since the Towns have their own stormwater permit. The adopted fee increase is to cover additional contract services to meet permit requirements and new positions for Planning & Growth Management and Public Works to comply with Stormwater regulations.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.charlescountymd.gov/government/planning-and-growth-management/stormwater-management/watershed-protection-and-restoration-fund>