

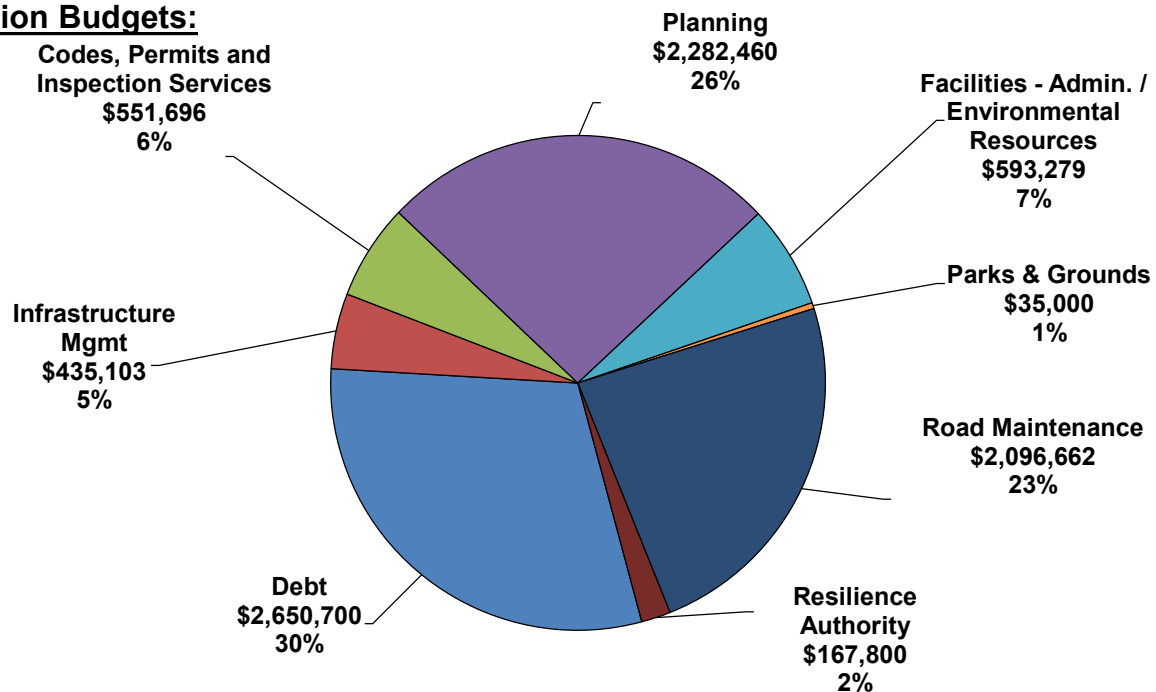
FISCAL YEAR 2026

Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund

The County's Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund is for the 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 nonprofits, 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 and accounts for the majority of the operating revenues. The Stormwater Remediation fee was increased to \$156 per improved property in FY2025. The FY2026 proposed budget includes funding for 19.1 full-time equivalent positions.

Total Operating Budget: \$8,812,700

Division Budgets:



	FY2025 Adopted	FY2026 Proposed	Variance	% Change
Revenues	\$8,246,900	\$8,502,400	\$255,500	3.1%
Expenditures	8,246,900	8,812,700	565,800	6.9%
Total Surplus / (Deficit)	\$0	(\$310,300)		

A \$1 adjustment on fee generates approximately: \$53,552

FISCAL YEAR 2026

Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund

<u>Proposed Changes:</u>		Fee Rate Change
Revenues		
Revenues increased based on anticipated FY2026 activity	\$255,500	(\$4.77)
Debt Service		
Decrease to various principal and interest to cover existing debt	\$63,400	(\$1.18)
Personnel & Fringe		
Increase in Personnel & Fringe based on current staffing. Includes approved FY2025 salary increases	(\$156,611)	\$2.92
Contingency		
A contingency budget increase of \$48,789 for unplanned expense increases	(\$48,789)	\$0.91
<u>DPW</u>		
Operating Costs increase as follows:		
• \$50,000 increase for inlet inspections to cover annual rate increases	(\$50,000)	\$0.93
• \$55,00 for stormwater retention ponds upgrades and repairs	(\$55,000)	\$1.03
• \$23,000 for Contract services for Jameson Dam repairs	(\$23,000)	\$0.43
<u>PGM</u>		
• A \$151,000 increase to contract services to cover an Urban Tree Canopy assessment and plan	(\$151,300)	\$2.83
• \$105,200 Increase in consultant to support monitoring requirements per our stormwater permit	(\$105,200)	\$1.96
• \$83,000 increase for TMDL Evaluation for maintaining MS4 permit agreements and Updating TMDL plans.	(\$83,000)	\$1.55
• \$65,000 increase for COG Good House Keeping Phase II, which is a plan to manage storm runoff	(\$65,000)	\$1.21
• \$49,500 increase to mapping services to continue watershed mapping contracts	(\$49,500)	\$0.92
• \$12,500 increase to education for Chesapeake Bay Landscape Certification	(\$12,500)	\$0.23
• \$5,000 to printing to support mailers based on state-mandated best practices to notify property owners of upcoming stormwater inspections on their property	(\$5,000)	\$0.09
• A 1,700 increase to contract services to purchase new software that will track employee's progress on their assigned projects	(\$1,700)	\$0.03
• \$184,800 decrease to indirect cost due to allocation plan changes	\$184,800	(\$3.45)
• \$50,000 decrease to agency fundings due to the ending of the soil trading program	\$50,000	(\$0.93)

Resilience Authority

- An increase of \$57,500 to support the Resilience Authority (\$57,500) **\$1.07**

County Attorney

- A decrease to County Attorney's budget due to recent trends \$10,000 **(\$0.19)**

RPT

- An increase of \$5,000 for grounds keeping around county stormwater sites (\$5,000) **\$0.09**

Net change in revenues/expenditures (\$5,200) **\$0.10**

Total Baseline Deficit: (\$310,600) **\$5.80**

Total Deficit:	<u>(\$310,600)</u>	<u>\$5.80</u>
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Current Fee:	\$156
Fee Increase to cover Deficit:	\$6
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New Requests: **\$1,700**

FISCAL YEAR 2026

Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund

	FY2025	FY2026	\$ Change	%
<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Adopted</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>From FY2025</u>	<u>Change</u>
Stormwater Remediation Fee	\$8,248,500	\$8,354,100	\$105,600	1.3%
Miscellaneous	5,000	5,000	\$0	0.0%
Fee Credit	(6,600)	(6,700)	(100)	1.5%
Total Operating Revenues	\$8,246,900	\$8,352,400	\$105,500	1.3%
Fund Balance	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000	
Total Revenues	\$8,246,900	\$8,502,400	\$255,500	3.1%
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Salary & Fringe	\$2,067,800	\$2,224,411	\$156,611	7.6%
Operating	3,128,800	3,534,300	405,500	13.0%
Agency Funding	196,000	156,800	-39,200	-20.0%
Contingency	2,900	51,689	48,789	1682.4%
Debt Service	2,664,100	2,600,700	-63,400	-2.4%
Transfer out - Resilience Authority	110,300	167,800	57,500	52.1%
Capital Project Transfer	77,000	77,000	0	0.0%
Total Expenditures	\$8,246,900	\$8,812,700	\$565,800	6.9%
Surplus/Deficit	\$0	-\$310,300	-\$310,300	

Use of FY2026 Fund Balance

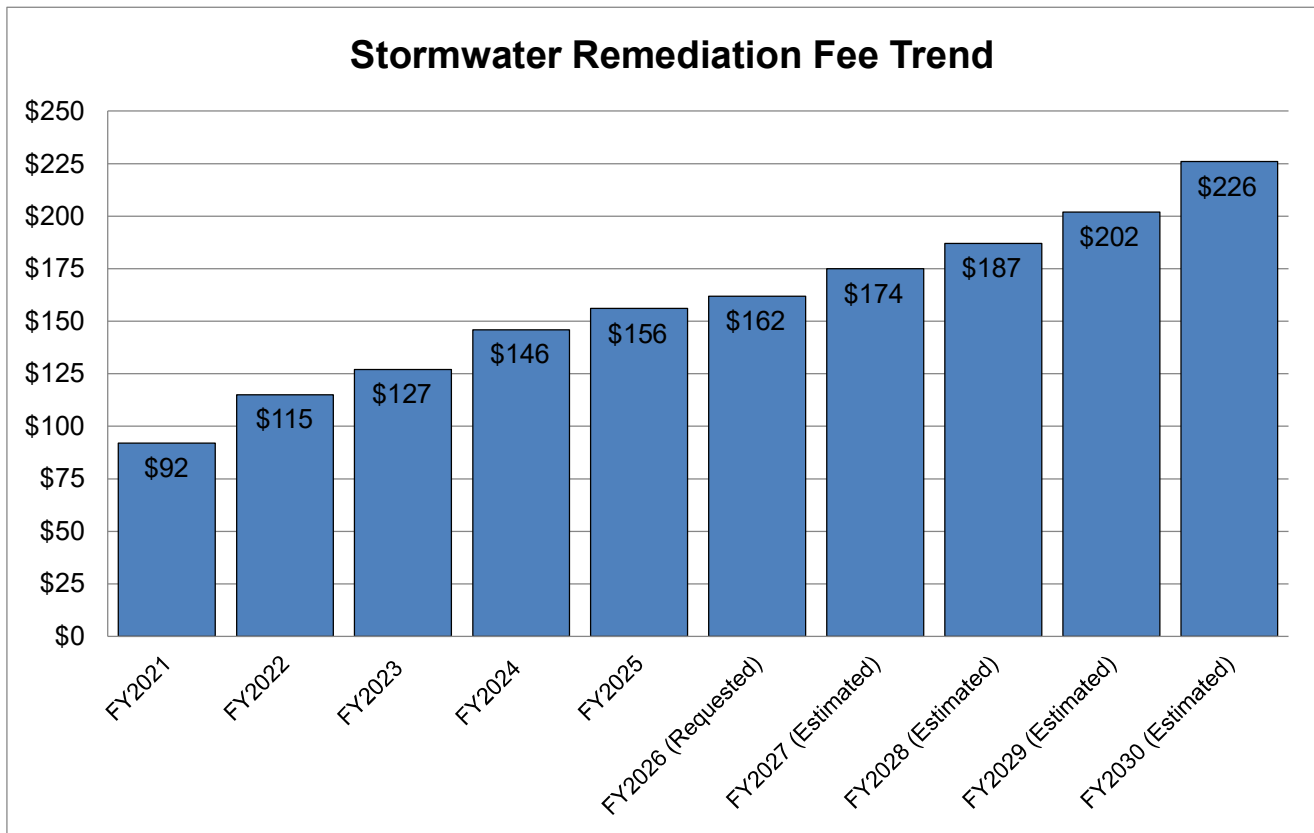
Urban Tree Canopy Assessment and Plan \$150,000

- Determine and recommend the appropriate tree species that will survive variations in temperature and precipitation in future years as hardiness zones migrate, as well as species planting combinations, and road salt tolerance, promoting urban survivability.

Total: \$150,000

FISCAL YEAR 2026

Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund



NOTE: At FY2025 Adoption, FAS was forecasting a \$8 rate increase would be needed for FY2026.

Watershed Protection & Restoration Fund

FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET

Fund Description

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Expenditures

	ACTUALS	PRIOR ADOPTED	REQUESTED	PROPOSED		
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2026	\$ Change from FY2025	% Change from FY2025
Expenditures						
Personal Services	\$1,340,845	\$1,605,700	\$1,726,047	\$1,726,047	\$120,347	7%
Fringe Benefits	\$335,233	\$462,100	\$529,993	\$529,993	\$67,893	15%
Supplies	\$9,509	\$30,800	\$33,000	\$33,000	\$2,200	7%
Other Services & Chrgs	\$2,577,072	\$3,098,000	\$3,501,300	\$3,501,300	\$403,300	13%
Agency Funding	\$128,288	\$196,000	\$156,800	\$156,800	-\$39,200	-20%
Operating Contingency	\$0	\$2,900	\$31,936	\$20,060	\$17,160	592%
Transfers Out	\$105,000	\$187,300	\$244,800	\$244,800	\$57,500	31%
Depreciation Expense	\$886,040	\$0	–	–	\$0	–
Capital Projects	-\$1,354,031	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	–
Debt Service	\$1,163,155	\$2,664,100	\$2,600,700	\$2,600,700	-\$63,400	-2%
EXPENDITURES TOTAL	\$5,191,110	\$8,246,900	\$8,824,576	\$8,812,700	\$565,800	7%

Revenues and Funding Sources

	ACTUALS	PRIOR ADOPTED	REQUESTED	PROPOSED		
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2026	\$ Change from FY2025	% Change from FY2025
Operating Revenues						
Service Charges	\$7,601,372	\$8,243,900	\$8,349,400	\$8,349,400	\$105,500	1%
Other	\$14,538	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0%
OPERATING REVENUES TOTAL	\$7,615,910	\$8,246,900	\$8,352,400	\$8,352,400	\$105,500	1%
Other Funding Sources						
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	–
OTHER FUNDING SOURCES TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	–
Total Revenues and Funding Sources	\$7,615,910	\$8,246,900	\$8,502,400	\$8,502,400	–	–

Positions by Department

Department	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
Planning & Growth Management	11.69	11.8	12.3	15.3	15.3
Public Works	1.2	1.9	2.5	3.84	3.84
	12.89	13.7	14.8	19.14	19.14

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(\$ in thousands)

FY2026-FY2030 OPERATING PLAN

	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	<u>FY 2028</u>	<u>FY 2029</u>	<u>FY 2030</u>
Revenues					
Operating Revenues	\$8,502.4	\$8,456.8	\$8,561.2	\$8,665.7	\$8,770.2
Revenues	\$8,502.4	\$8,456.8	\$8,561.2	\$8,665.7	\$8,770.2
Expenses					
Operating Expenses	\$6,162.0	\$6,615.9	\$7,008.7	\$7,430.4	\$7,875.8
Debt Service	2,650.7	2,815.1	3,221.8	3,776.4	4,805.6
Expenses	\$8,812.7	\$9,431.0	\$10,230.5	\$11,206.8	\$12,681.4
Surplus\Deficit:	(\$310.3)	(\$974.2)	(\$1,669.3)	(\$2,541.1)	(\$3,911.2)
Estimated Annual Fee Adjustment:	\$6	\$12	\$13	\$15	\$24
Stormwater Remediation Fee:	\$162	\$174	\$187	\$202	\$226
% rate change		7.4%	7.5%	8.0%	11.9%

* FY2025 budget at adoption assumed a \$8 rate increase would be needed in FY2026.

FY2026-FY2030 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	<u>FY 2028</u>	<u>FY 2029</u>	<u>FY 2030</u>	Total '26-'30
Capital Costs:						
NPDES Retrofit Projects	\$0	\$2,106	\$3,131	\$4,206	\$4,931	14,374
Gilbert Run Watershed Dam Repairs	3,862	0	0	0	0	3,862
Full Delivery of Water Quality Improvements	0	1,506	0	0	0	1,506
Total	\$3,862	\$3,612	\$3,131	\$4,206	\$4,931	\$19,742
Finance Sources						
Bonds	\$3,785	\$3,535	\$3,054	\$4,129	\$4,854	\$19,357
Operating Transfer	77	77	77	77	77	385
Total	\$3,862	\$3,612	\$3,131	\$4,206	\$4,931	\$19,742

Proposed Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund FY26-FY30 Capital Improvement Plan

Proposal	Project Number	Prior Approp.	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	5 yr Total	Beyond FY2030 Expenses	Total Project	26-'29 % Chg.
8050008124 - Gilbert Run Watershed Dam Repairs Phase 2	8050008124	\$9,349,000	\$3,862,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,862,000	\$0	\$13,211,000	Added
8070008069 - Floodplain Analysis Studies	8070008069	473,610	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	473,610	-100%
8070008125 - Full Delivery of Water Qlty Improv	8070008125	2,094,000	-	1,506,000	-	-	-	1,506,000	-	3,600,000	230%
8073000000 - Forest Cons. Watershed Prgm Parent	8073000000	1,005,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,005,000	-100%
8401000000 - Various NPDES Retrofit Proj(Parent)	8401000000	49,721,250	-	2,106,000	3,131,000	4,206,000	4,931,000	14,374,000	5,656,000	69,751,250	-35%
Total		\$62,642,860	\$3,862,000	\$3,612,000	\$3,131,000	\$4,206,000	\$4,931,000	\$19,742,000	\$5,656,000	\$88,040,860	



Gilbert Run Watershed Dam Repairs Phase 2

FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET

Project Description

Maintenance and Operation Agreement between County Commissioners of Charles County and the Gilbert Run Watershed Association in 2002 transfers responsibility from the association to the county to operate and maintain the Gilbert Run Watershed Dams - Trinity, Jameson, and Wheatley Dams. Repairs to these dams are necessary per Maryland Department of Environment inspections and COMAR 26.17.04.

Requested By: DPW

Planning Commission Comments: Maintenance or upgrade of existing facilities, Consistent (Rating #2)

Location: Gilbert Run

Commissioner District: 1

Goals and Objectives

Expenditures

EXPENSE BUDGET						5-YEAR TOTAL FY26-FY30	APPROP. THRU
	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030		FY2025
Expense Budget							
Contingency	\$800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$800,000	\$433,100
Inspections	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$200,000
Administration	\$8,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,000	\$9,000
A&E	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$429,500
Construction	\$2,100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,100,000	\$7,550,000
Miscellaneous	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000
FAS Administration	\$24,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$24,000	\$16,000
Land and ROW	\$600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$600,000	\$200,000
Construction DPW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$84,000
PH I A&E	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$127,400
EXPENSE BUDGET TOTAL	\$3,862,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,862,000	\$9,349,000
Financing Sources	\$3,862,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,862,000	\$9,349,000

	BEYOND	TOTAL PROJECT
	FY2031	
Expense Budget		
Contingency	\$0	\$1,233,100
Inspections	\$0	\$230,000
Administration	\$0	\$17,000
A&E	\$0	\$429,500
Construction	\$0	\$9,650,000
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$600,000
FAS Administration	\$0	\$40,000
Land and ROW	\$0	\$800,000
Construction DPW	\$0	\$84,000
PH I A&E	\$0	\$127,400
EXPENSE BUDGET TOTAL	\$0	\$13,211,000
Financing Sources	\$0	\$13,211,000

Revenues and Funding Sources

REVENUE BUDGET						5-YEAR TOTAL FY26-FY30	APPROP. THRU FY25
	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030		FY2025
Revenues							
Inter_Governmental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,484,000
Bond Proceeds	\$3,862,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,862,000	\$7,865,000
REVENUES TOTAL	\$3,862,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,862,000	\$9,349,000

	BEYOND	TOTAL PROJECT
	FY2031	
Revenues		
Inter_Governmental	\$0	\$1,484,000
Bond Proceeds	\$0	\$11,727,000
REVENUES TOTAL	\$0	\$13,211,000



Full Delivery of Water Quality Improvements

FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET

Project Description

Project for delivery of completed projects that restore untreated impervious surfaces by construction of water quality facilities, stream restoration, or alternative best management practices as required by the County's NPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit. The first round was awarded in FY2024. Additional funding is requested for a second round in FY2026.

Requested By: PGM

Planning Commission Comments: Project is consistent with Comprehensive Plan (Rating #1) - **PRIORITY**

Location: Various

Commissioner District: All

Goals and Objectives

Expenditures

EXPENSE BUDGET						5-YEAR TOTAL FY26-FY30	APPROP. THRU
	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030		FY2025
Expense Budget							
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$125,000
Construction	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,900,000
FAS Administration	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,000	\$19,000
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$33,970
Fringe	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,030
EXPENSE BUDGET TOTAL	\$0	\$1,506,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,506,000	\$2,094,000
Financing Sources	\$0	\$1,506,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,506,000	\$2,094,000

	BEYOND	TOTAL PROJECT
	FY2031	
Expense Budget		
Administration	\$0	\$125,000
Construction	\$0	\$3,400,000
FAS Administration	\$0	\$25,000
Personnel	\$0	\$33,970
Fringe	\$0	\$16,030
EXPENSE BUDGET TOTAL	\$0	\$3,600,000
Financing Sources	\$0	\$3,600,000

Revenues and Funding Sources

REVENUE BUDGET						5-YEAR TOTAL FY26-FY30	APPROP. THRU FY25
	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030		FY2025
Revenues							
Bond Proceeds	\$0	\$1,506,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,506,000	\$2,094,000
REVENUES TOTAL	\$0	\$1,506,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,506,000	\$2,094,000

	BEYOND	TOTAL PROJECT
	FY2031	
Revenues		
Bond Proceeds	\$0	\$3,600,000
REVENUES TOTAL	\$0	\$3,600,000



NPDES Retrofit Projects (Parent)

FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET

Project Description

This project is to implement the county's Municipal Stormwater Restoration Plans for achieving stormwater waste load allocations assigned to impaired waterways. The pace of project implementation is determined by the county's NPDES municipal stormwater permit requirement to restore a percentage of the county's impervious surface that has not already been restored to the maximum extent practicable. Projects are primarily identified by watershed assessments, then evaluated and ranked for implementation. Project types include new or upgraded stormwater management facilities, green stormwater infrastructure, regenerative stream conveyance, stream restoration, shoreline management, septic practices, tree planting and other restoration practices per Maryland's Accounting for Stormwater Wasteload Allocations and Impervious Acres Treated Guidance for NPDES Stormwater Permits. A "Parent Project" is a project that is established as a placeholder for work to be done at various locations throughout the county. As locations and costs estimates are determined, individual projects will be set up for tracking purposes. Funding will be transferred out from the parent project to these individual projects as needed.

Requested By: DPW

Planning Commission Comments: Project is consistent with Comprehensive Plan (Rating #1) - **PRIORITY**

Location: Various locations

Commissioner District: Varies

Goals and Objectives

Expenditures

	EXPENSE BUDGET					5-YEAR TOTAL FY26-FY30	APPROP. THRU
	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030		FY2025
Expense Budget							
Contingency	\$0	\$100,000	\$175,000	\$250,000	\$300,000	\$825,000	\$3,065,590
Inspections	\$0	\$200,000	\$225,000	\$250,000	\$275,000	\$950,000	\$474,180
Administration	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,597,270
A&E	\$0	\$200,000	\$325,000	\$500,000	\$600,000	\$1,625,000	\$4,042,130
Construction	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,750,000	\$2,500,000	\$3,000,000	\$8,250,000	\$32,475,270
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$400,000	\$983,480
FAS Administration	\$0	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$24,000	\$2,070
Land and ROW	\$0	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$700,000	\$6,681,260
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$271,840
Fringe	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$128,160
EXPENSE BUDGET TOTAL	\$0	\$2,106,000	\$3,131,000	\$4,206,000	\$4,931,000	\$14,374,000	\$49,721,250
Financing Sources	\$0	\$2,106,000	\$3,131,000	\$4,206,000	\$4,931,000	\$14,374,000	\$49,721,250

	BEYOND	TOTAL PROJECT
	FY2031	
Expense Budget		
Contingency	\$350,000	\$4,240,590
Inspections	\$300,000	\$1,724,180
Administration	\$400,000	\$3,597,270
A&E	\$700,000	\$6,367,130
Construction	\$3,500,000	\$44,225,270
Miscellaneous	\$100,000	\$1,483,480
FAS Administration	\$6,000	\$32,070
Land and ROW	\$300,000	\$7,681,260
Personnel	\$0	\$271,840
Fringe	\$0	\$128,160
EXPENSE BUDGET TOTAL	\$5,656,000	\$69,751,250
Financing Sources	\$5,656,000	\$69,751,250

Revenues and Funding Sources

	REVENUE BUDGET					5-YEAR TOTAL FY26-FY30	APPROP. THRU FY25
	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030		FY2025
Revenues							
Bond Proceeds	\$0	\$2,029,000	\$3,054,000	\$4,129,000	\$4,854,000	\$14,066,000	\$49,324,500
Transfers	\$0	\$77,000	\$77,000	\$77,000	\$77,000	\$308,000	\$396,750
REVENUES TOTAL	\$0	\$2,106,000	\$3,131,000	\$4,206,000	\$4,931,000	\$14,374,000	\$49,721,250

	BEYOND	TOTAL PROJECT
	FY2031	
Revenues		
Bond Proceeds	\$5,579,000	\$68,969,500
Transfers	\$77,000	\$781,750
REVENUES TOTAL	\$5,656,000	\$69,751,250