

**Durham County  
North Carolina**



# **Budget in Brief**

**Fiscal Year  
2011-2012**



*Providing fiscally responsible, quality services necessary  
to promote a healthy, safe, and vibrant community.*

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**DURHAM COUNTY**  
**FY 2011-12 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

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- The tax rate will remain at 74.59 cents/\$100 valuation. Property tax collection percentage increases to 98.55%, up 0.25% from FY 2010-11. This will generate \$200,278,388, of which \$17,344,147 supports debt service. The remaining property tax revenue supports General Fund activities.
- Debt service funding increases \$8.6 million; however, funding from other sources, the SWAP fund and the sale of county owned property limit the amount of property tax needed to support debt service.
- Sales taxes, including an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Durham, are estimated to increase 2.15% in FY 2011-12 from current year estimates due to a slowly growing economy. FY 2010-11 collections outpaced budget amounts due to lower reimbursements rather than strong economic growth. See the Revenue Highlights page for more detail.
- Various fee increases in these departments: EMS, Animal Control, Public Health and the Enterprise Fund.
- Net General Fund reduction of 10.70 FTEs for FY 2011-12.
- Addition of 1.00 Sewer Utility Fund FTE supported by revenues in that fund.
- Reinstated pay-for performance salary increases for employees for FY 2011-12.
- Continued suspension of the longevity program for FY 2011-12.
- The total cost of the County benefits plan fund increased 5% or \$816,867.
- Increase in the participation rate for the County contribution to the Local Government Employees Retirement System (LGERS) from 6.42% to 6.95% for local general class and from 6.41% to 7.04% for LEO class, approximately \$470,566.
- Increased Fund Balance appropriated from \$4.4 to \$5.1 million.
- \$3.95 million in Community Health Trust Fund annual lease revenues will be transferred to the General Fund to support health care related expenditures.
- Current expense funding to Durham Public Schools to increase 1.59%; no increase in capital outlay funding. Per pupil funding for FY 2011-12 is \$3,045.

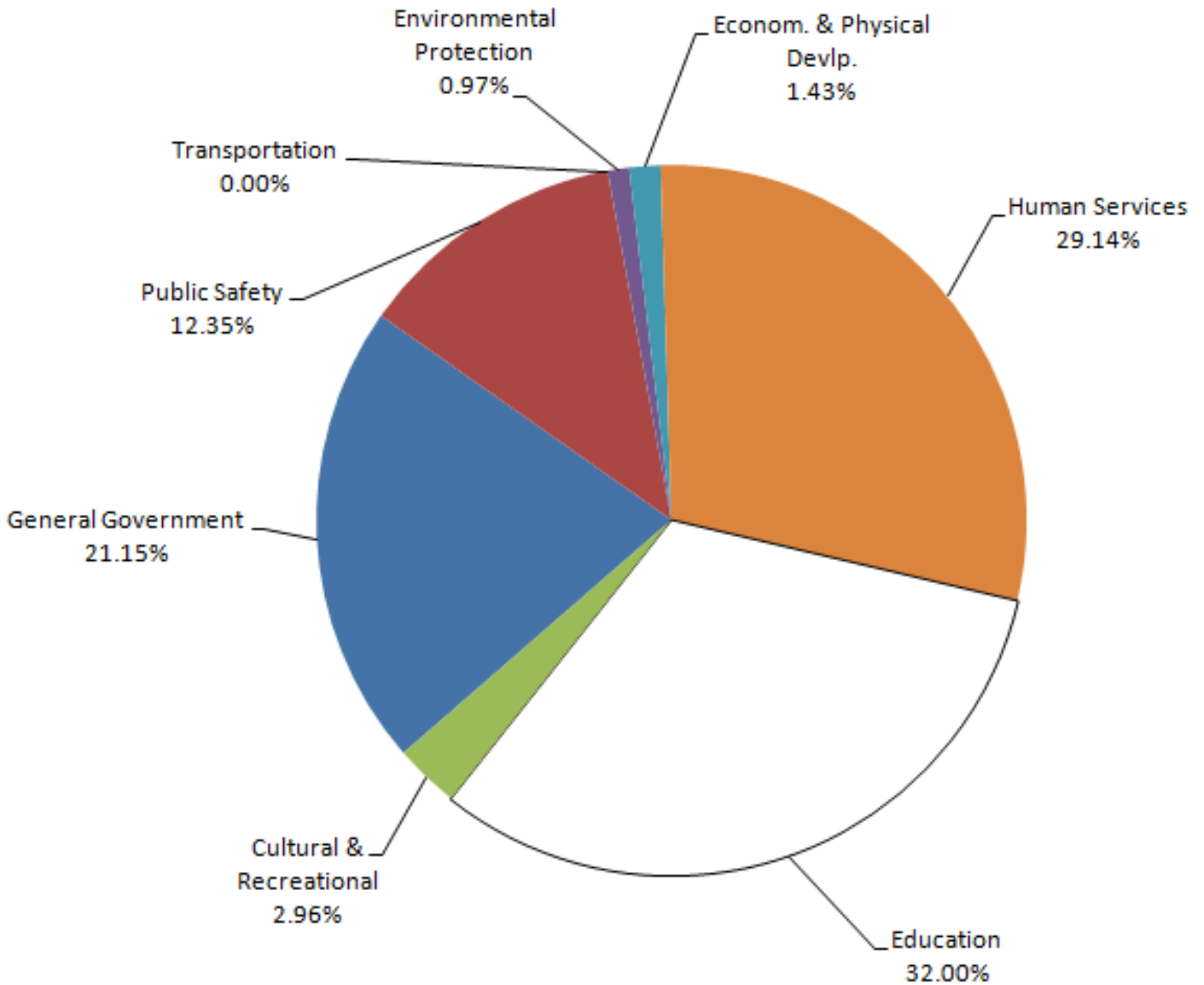
- The county will use \$1,017,500 of lottery funds to indirectly support teaching positions for FY 2011-12. This will be a one year agreement between the county and school system.
- Flat funding for Durham Technical Community College.
- Flat funding for the North Carolina Museum of Life and Science current expense funding.
- 54 nonprofit agencies applied for funding with requests totaling \$1,606,820; 42 agencies approved for funding in FY 2011-12 for a total of \$835,667.

<b>Tax Rates:</b>		
<b>Comparison of FY 2010-11 and FY 2011-12</b>		
	<b>FY 2010-11 Adopted</b>	<b>FY 2011-12 Adopted</b>
<b>Property Tax</b>	74.59	74.59
<i>Cents supporting General Fund</i>	<i>69.11</i>	<i>68.65</i>
<i>Cents supporting Debt Service</i>	<i>5.48</i>	<i>5.94</i>
<b>Fire Districts</b>	--	--
Bahama	0.0600	0.0600
Bethesda	0.0900	0.1000
Lebanon	0.1000	0.1000
Parkwood	0.1100	0.1100
Redwood	0.1075	0.1125
Eno	0.0599	0.0599
New Hope	0.0695	0.0895

Complete FY 2011-12 approved budget document available at:  
[http://www.durhamcountync.gov/departments/bdmg/Budgets/FY11-12/Adopted/FY\\_11-12\\_Adopted\\_Bud.html](http://www.durhamcountync.gov/departments/bdmg/Budgets/FY11-12/Adopted/FY_11-12_Adopted_Bud.html)

# General Fund Expenditures

Total General Fund Expenditures: \$358,568,344

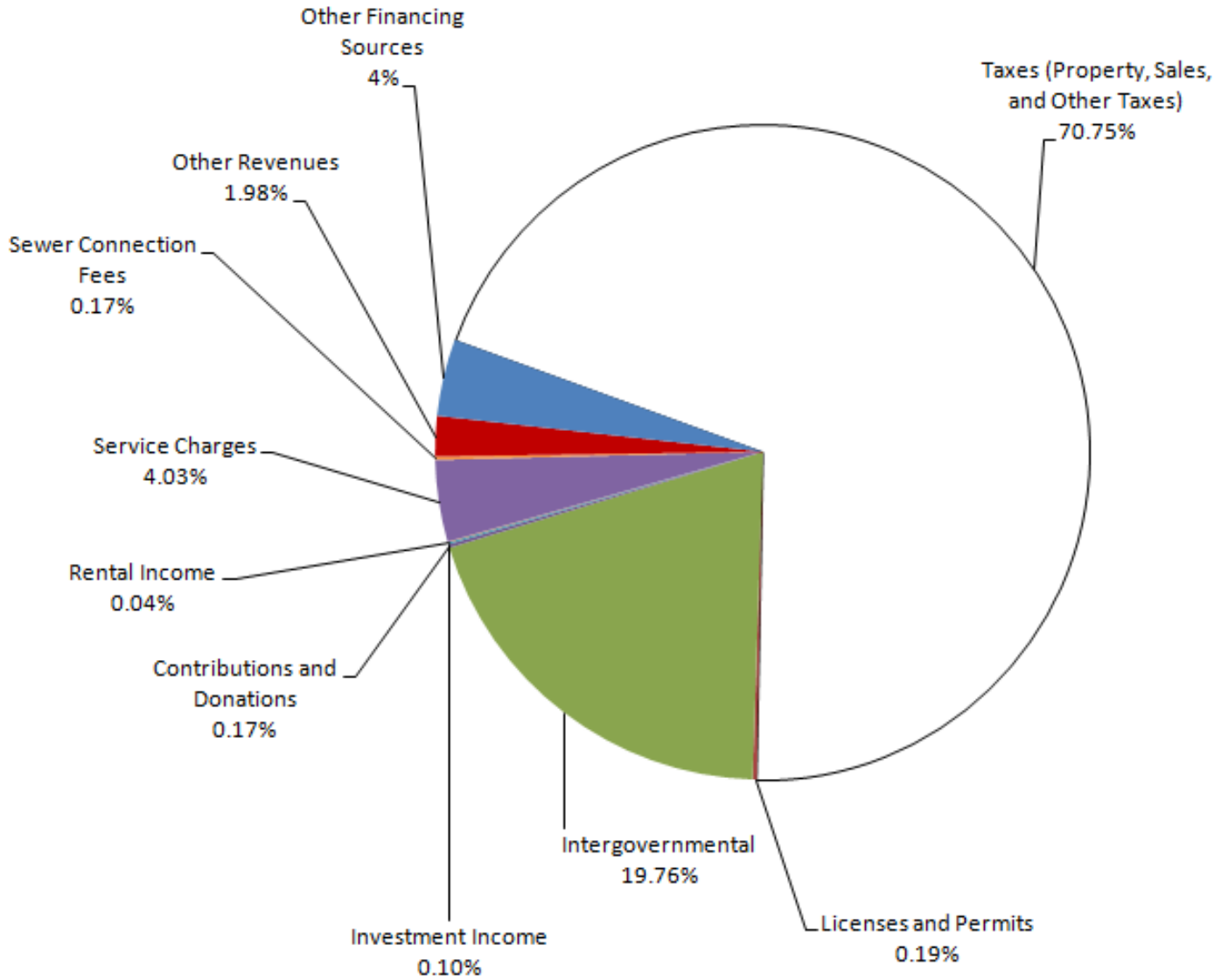


## General Fund Expenditure Summary

<b>General Government</b>	<b>\$75,844,671</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>
Board of County Commissioners	\$451,392		
County Administration	\$1,740,821		
Finance	\$2,015,831	<b>Environmental Protection</b>	<b>\$3,470,200</b>
Tax Administration	\$4,993,399	Solid Waste (General Services)	\$2,010,290
Legal	\$1,591,033	Environmental Engineering	\$1,396,700
Court Facilities	\$375,121	Forest Protection	\$63,210
Elections	\$1,552,941		
Register of Deeds	\$1,628,445		
General Services	\$9,062,192	<b>Economic/Physical Development</b>	<b>\$5,110,483</b>
Information Technology	\$4,297,274		
Human Resources	\$1,476,383		
Budget and Management Services	\$478,009	<b>Human Services</b>	<b>\$104,489,227</b>
Veterans Services	\$100,222	Public Health	\$19,472,515
GIS	\$437,613	The Durham Center (Mental Health)	\$31,829,666
SAP Shared Services	\$1,077,611	Social Services	\$51,746,341
Non-Departmental	\$1,499,748	Non-Profit Human Services Agencies	\$1,440,705
Transfer to Capital Finance Plan Fund	\$27,952,128		
Transfer to Benefits Plan Fund	\$15,114,508		
		<b>Education</b>	<b>\$114,740,156</b>
		Durham Public Schools	
<b>Public Safety</b>	<b>\$44,297,922</b>	Current Expense	\$108,736,952
Sheriff's Office	\$26,755,139	Capital Outlay	\$1,370,000
Emergency Communications	\$982,840	Durham Technical Community College	
Fire Marshal	\$2,732,607	Current Expense	\$4,103,747
Medical Examiner	\$100,000	Capital Outlay	\$426,171
Criminal Justice Resource Center	\$2,602,465	Non-Profit Education Agencies	\$103,286
Animal Control (General Services)	\$1,469,376		
VFD - Paramedic Services	\$1,549,955		
Youth Home	\$1,045,410	<b>Cultural &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>\$10,603,185</b>
Emergency Medical Services	\$6,987,958	Library	\$8,897,569
Non-Profit Public Safety Agencies	\$72,172	Other Cultural and Recreational	\$1,705,616
		<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$358,568,344</b>

# General Fund Revenues

Total General Fund Revenue: \$358,568,344



Property Taxes	\$202,478,388
Sales and Other Taxes	\$47,650,087
Licenses and Permits	\$695,200
Intergovernmental	\$70,863,654
Contributions and Donations	\$620,340
Investment Income	\$350,000
Rental Income	\$133,200
Service Charges	\$14,449,589
Sewer Connection Fees	\$610,000
Other Revenues	\$7,097,164
Other Financing Sources	\$13,620,722

**TOTAL REVENUES \$358,568,344**

**FY 2012-2021 Capital Improvement Plan  
Projects Summary**

The County maintains a 10-year Capital Improvement plan (CIP), which is fully updated every two years. The last major update of the plan was approved in June 2011 for fiscal years 2012-21. The plan itself provides a blueprint which the County uses to meet the growing facility needs of the schools, libraries, museum, court system, public safety, human service agencies, and open space. The CIP also provides a financial overview of the financing options for the existing capital projects as well as those not yet implemented capital projects projected in the

A copy of the FY 2012-2021 Capital Improvement Plan is available at [www.durhamcountync.gov](http://www.durhamcountync.gov).

<b>Project</b>	<b>Prior Years</b>	<b>2012-2021</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
New Justice Center	\$63,517,091	\$55,629,364	\$119,146,455
Judicial Building Renovation	\$3,116,361	\$16,084,750	\$19,201,111
Administration Building Refurbishment	\$1,825,000	\$5,321,143	\$7,146,143
Main Street Parking Deck	\$0	\$1,493,209	\$1,493,209
County Facility Light Replacement	\$0	\$1,423,803	\$1,423,803
Enterprise Wide Software Replacement	\$2,500,000	\$5,935,000	\$8,435,000
Countywide IT Hardware Replacement	\$4,338,640	\$20,552,360	\$24,891,000
Telecommunications System Upgrade	\$475,000	\$1,456,000	\$1,931,000
IT - Data Center	\$0	\$1,216,000	\$1,216,000
IT - Fiber Backbone	\$304,000	\$477,000	\$781,000
IT - Major Laserfisher Upgrade	\$0	\$600,000	\$600,000
IT - Network Communication Services	\$0	\$590,000	\$590,000
EMS Station #1 Bay Expansion	\$890,000	\$1,173,499	\$2,063,499
EMS-Station #3	\$0	\$2,052,500	\$2,052,500
Sheriff-Detention Center Annex	\$706,090	\$55,000,000	\$55,706,090
Sheriff-Technology Upgrade	\$0	\$1,798,700	\$1,798,700
Open Space Land Acquisition	\$850,000	\$4,800,000	\$5,650,000
New Hope Creek - Hollow Rock	\$1,614,000	\$410,000	\$2,024,000
Utility Performance Contract	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Human Services Complex	\$89,946,642	\$0	\$89,946,642
Durham Public Schools	\$215,648,205	\$0	\$215,648,205
NCMLS - Classroom & Exhibit Refurb.	\$0	\$1,169,546	\$1,169,546
NCMLS - Deferred Maintenance	\$0	\$5,478,254	\$5,478,254
Main Library Renovations	\$800,000	\$16,574,365	\$17,374,365
Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements	\$231,783	\$11,589,000	\$11,820,783
Collection System Rehabilitation	\$2,400,000	\$5,500,000	\$7,900,000
Reused Waste Water Facility	\$5,300,000	\$2,600,000	\$7,900,000
Sludge Energy Recovery & Solar Drying	\$0	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$394,462,812</b>	<b>\$238,924,494</b>	<b>\$633,387,306</b>

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