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Popular Annual Financial Report
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017
PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER
TIMOTHY L. DEFOOR, CONTROLLER

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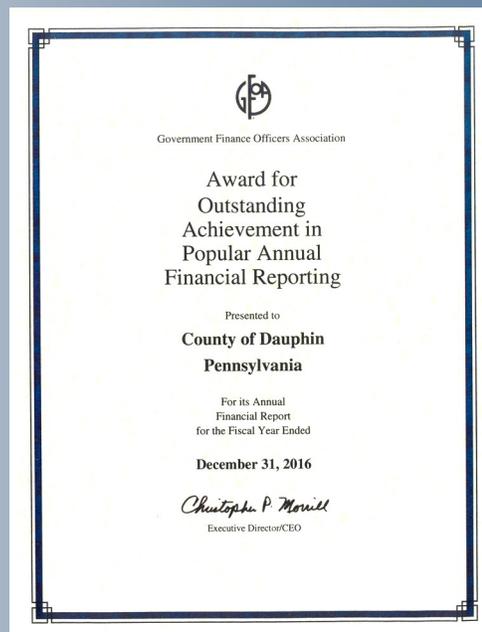
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Awards

Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR)

Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has given an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting to Dauphin County, Pennsylvania for its Popular Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. The Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government popular reports.

In order to receive an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, a government unit must publish a Popular Annual Financial Report, whose contents conform to program standards of creativity, presentation, understandability, and reader appeal.



An Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current report continues to conform to the Popular Annual Financial Reporting requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another Award.

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

Dauphin County comprehensive annual financial report for the year ended 2016 from which the information on pages 10-12 has been drawn, was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition for excellence in state and local government financial reporting.

In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR), whose contents conform to program standards. Such a CAFR must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current CAFR continues to conform to the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

A Message from the Controller

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the second Dauphin County Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). The PAFR is an informative overview of Dauphin County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), and is intended to allow the reader to easily understand the financial changes and financial position of Dauphin County. The PAFR includes demographic, economic and statistical information about Dauphin County, and highlights why Dauphin County is a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Since the PAFR provides a summary of only some of the information contained within the CAFR, this report does not comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Only the financial data for the general government is included in this report, and therefore, all of Dauphin County's discretely presented component units are excluded. If you would like to read the CAFR in its entirety, it is available on our website at www.dauphincounty.org, and at the Office of the Dauphin County Controller located in the Dauphin County Courthouse, 101 Market Street, Room 106, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

I would like to thank the citizens of this great County for electing me to serve as your Controller. As Controller, I am fully responsible for the checks and balances of County funds. It is my responsibility to ensure taxpayer dollars are spent efficiently, and in accordance with Pennsylvania County Code.

Since taking office in 2016, my goal for the Controller's office has been government transparency. In 2016, I created the Controller's office first ever Audit Division, which includes two Certified Fraud Examiners. In 2017, we successfully filed the first CAFR in Dauphin County history. The CAFR, in addition to being an independent audit, also provides statistical and historical data that makes the financial information easier to understand and analyze. Some benefits of a CAFR can include a better credit rating by rating agencies, and greater transparency. Also in 2017, we introduced the "Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline". If you have concerns about fraud, waste or abuse, I urge you to contact our Hotline at 717.780.3570. More information is located on the back cover of this report.

It is a great honor to work alongside the many Dauphin County employees who are doing the good work of the people with professionalism and integrity. I would like to thank the staff in the Controller's office who have worked tirelessly to accomplish these milestones for the citizens of Dauphin County. I can confidently say my office is constantly improving, and we are dedicated to accomplishing our goals of efficiency and transparency for you. I hope you find this report interesting, helpful and informative to the people who matter most, you the citizens of Dauphin County.

Sincerely,



Timothy L. DeFoor
Dauphin County Controller



Welcome to Dauphin County

Located in south-central Pennsylvania, Dauphin County is home to over 275,000 citizens. Its geographical location allows easy access to cities such as Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and to other eastern U.S. markets and the Boston-to-Richmond north-east corridor. Dauphin County is home to the Capital City of Harrisburg, the National Civil War Museum, and “The Sweetest Place On Earth®” otherwise known as “Chocolatetown, USA”, Hershey. For outdoor lovers, the Capital Area Greenbelt gives hikers and bikers a safe 20 mile trail along the scenic Susquehanna River to historic Fort Hunter. The exquisite variation in setting attracts residents and tourists of all type. This report provides an in-depth look at how our local economy is operating and the driving forces behind sustained growth. We hope this summary will exemplify why so many people are proud to call this area home and why millions visit every year.



A Rich Past & A Bright Future

View of Harrisburg from the Susquehanna River

Job Market

Economic stability and potential for growth have led to major expansions in businesses relocating to the Harrisburg area. The availability of public transportation services, low cost of living, and access to a talented workforce attracts growing businesses to move their services to south-central Pennsylvania.

JOB CREATION

WebFX, an internet marketing, web development, and web design agency purchased and renovated a 12,000 square-foot office building at 1711 North Front Street in Harrisburg, adjacent to its original location, to create a technology campus. Currently employing 175 people, the expansion created approximately 80 additional jobs. WebFX is among a growing number of tech firms investing in Harrisburg, encouraged by the city's revitalization efforts.



Pictured above: Webpage FX's modern work space (Courtesy of Webpage FX)

Hearth & Home Technologies, a major employer in the area and industry leader in manufacturing fireplaces, has decided to expand its operations in Halifax, creating more jobs for the residents of Dauphin County. The expansion is expected to create more than 51 jobs over the course of the next three years and retain its current 200 employees. The Dauphin County Department of Community and Economic Development has provided \$300,000 for funding and an additional \$102,000 in job creation tax credits.

TOP 10 EMPLOYERS

1. State Government
2. Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
3. Hershey Entertainment & Resorts Company
4. The Hershey Company
5. UPMC Pinnacle Hospitals
6. Federal Government
7. PHEAA
8. Pennsylvania State University
9. United Parcel Service Inc.
10. Tyco Electronics Corporation

#14 Best Cities for People

Under the Age of 35 (2017-CNBC)

#43 Best Cities for STEM Jobs

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
(2017-WalletHub)

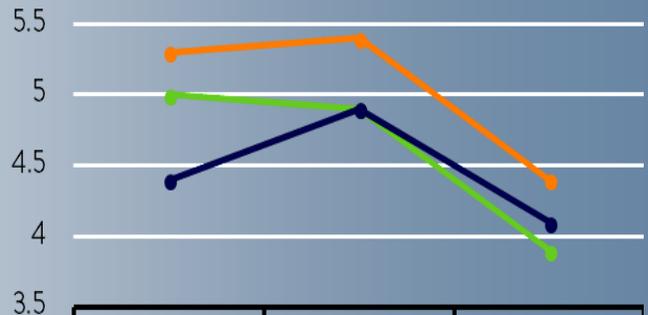
Dauphin County hosts many different industries with the top industries being health care, social services, retail, accommodation, food services, and public administration. The rankings reflect the prosperous job market in our area and continued growth. The abundant, diverse opportunities are encouraging signs in today's economy.

Life in Dauphin County

EMPLOYMENT

The unemployment rate in Dauphin County is currently 4.1% as of the end of 2017. This rate is lower than the state average and the County's lowest in the past three years. The chart to the right compares Dauphin County to the state and national averages.

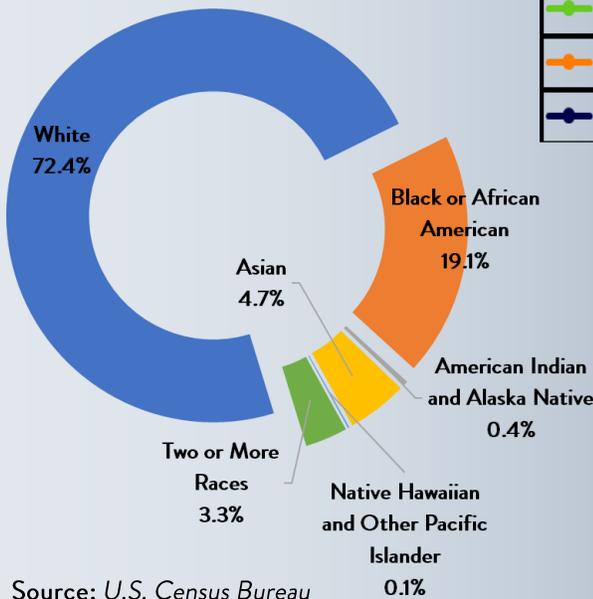
Unemployment Rate (%)



	2015	2016	2017
US	5	4.9	3.9
PA	5.3	5.4	4.4
Dauphin County	4.4	4.9	4.1

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Ethnic Diversity



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

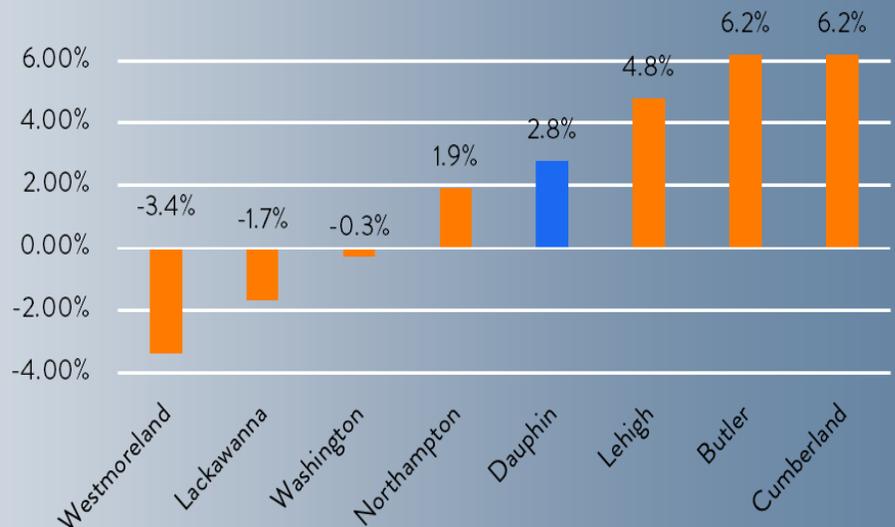
DIVERSITY

Dauphin County's population is composed of a mix of ethnic groups. The chart to the left shows a percentage breakdown of the ethnic diversity present within the County. Additionally, 9.2% of the County's population identifies as Hispanic or Latino.

POPULATION GROWTH

The County's population has increased 2.8% since 2010, which represents steady growth over time. The chart to the right compares population growth among several counties within Pennsylvania.

Population Change Since 2010 (%)



Source: Pennsylvania State Data Center

HOUSING

The housing market is favorable for prospective buyers looking to relocate to south-central Pennsylvania. There is a substantial mix of residential units available around the County.

#45 Best Places to Live-
 Greater Harrisburg Area
 (February 7, 2017-*U.S. News & World Report*)

Median Property Value

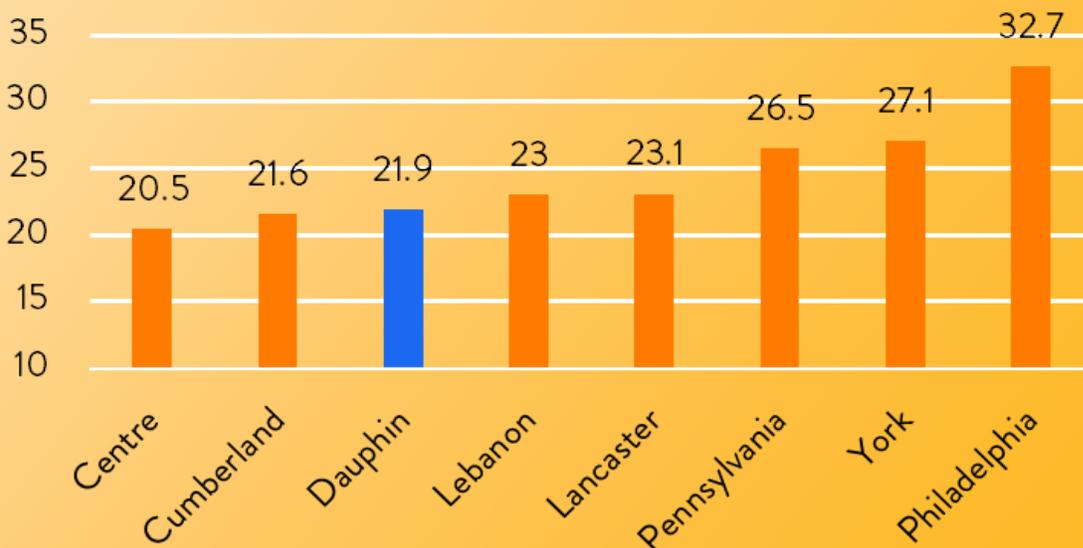


Source: Zillow Research

COMMUTING TO WORK

With an abundant amount of alternative transportation services and many workers living close to Dauphin County, there is a relatively low average commute time compared to other Pennsylvania counties.

Average Commute Time to Work (Minutes)



Major Initiatives



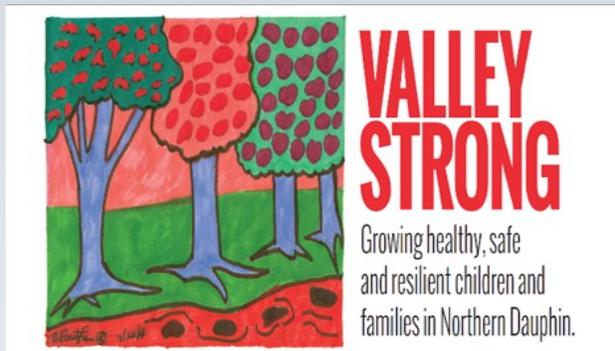
Pictured above: Demolition ceremony at old Millersburg Reamer and Tool Company building located in Millersburg Borough. This brownfield will be available for future redevelopment.

Brownfields Transformation Initiative

Dauphin County was one of four counties in the state to be awarded \$400,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to aid with assessing brownfields for redevelopment, which are blighted or underused industrial or commercial properties. The plan for the funds provided by the EPA is to identify which properties are most shovel-ready so developers can remediate the site before redevelopment can begin. This project will be financially supported with the help of the Dauphin County Land Bank Authority. The goal of this initiative is to provide information that will raise awareness in the developer community, which in turn will spark new economic development.

Pritzker's Children's Initiative

Dauphin County is one of eight counties across the country—and the only one in Pennsylvania—to receive a Pritzker Children's Initiative grant to develop innovative approaches to supporting families with infants and toddlers. The Pritzker Children's Initiative was designed to ensure that all at-risk infants and toddlers obtain access to high quality early childhood development opportunities, which increases their likelihood of success in later years.



Valley Strong

The Valley Strong initiative was created to promote healthy, safe and resilient children and families in northern Dauphin County in a variety of ways, including back-to-school donation drives for students in need, mentoring, canned food collections for the hungry, town hall meetings and drug and alcohol prevention services. More than 200 students were taken back-to-school shopping as a part of the Northern Dauphin County Human Services and the Dauphin County Commissioners "First Day, Fresh Impressions" program with donated gift cards by Walmart. The program provides an opportunity for community members and businesses to give back to their neighborhood.

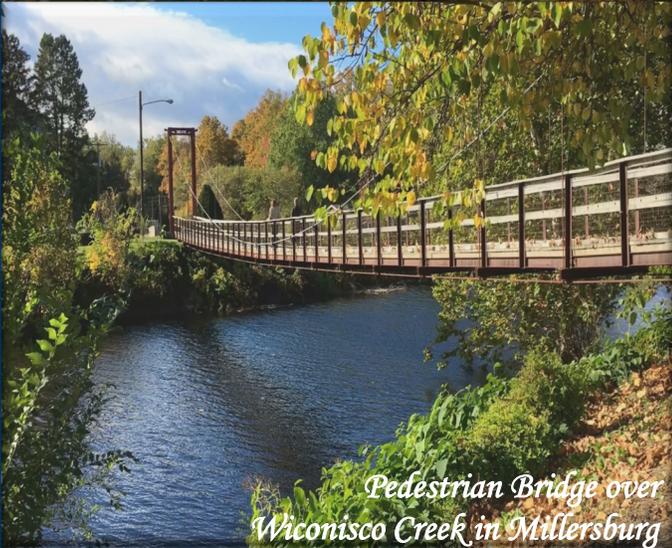
Sights Around Dauphin County



Downtown Hershey



Fort Hunter, Harrisburg



Pedestrian Bridge over Wiconisco Creek in Millersburg



Kayaking on the Susquehanna River

Introduction to Finances

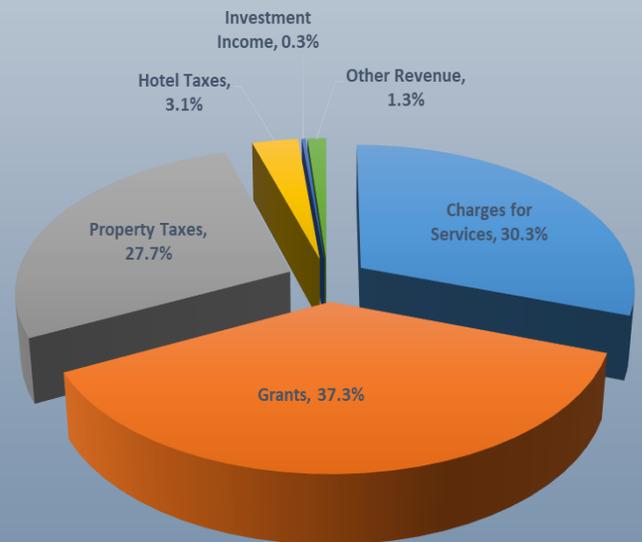
In an effort to maximize transparency, the following information represents our county's financial position and how our funds are allocated. We anticipate that you will gain a basic understanding of how your tax dollars are distributed and where our revenues and expenses come from. It's critical for taxpayers to become informed on how government funds are distributed and the services that rely on their taxes. Contained within the information are various graphics, which serve to highlight the County's current performance compared to historical data and neighboring counties. Comparison data, analyzing how our county compares to neighboring counties, is derived from 2016 Audited Financial Statements. We hope you find the following information informative and promising as a resident of Dauphin County.

This serves as a summary of county financial statements and information; for supplementary information and notes to the financial statements refer to the 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which can be found online at www.dauphincounty.org or obtained at the Office of the Dauphin County Controller located at 101 Market Street, Room 106, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

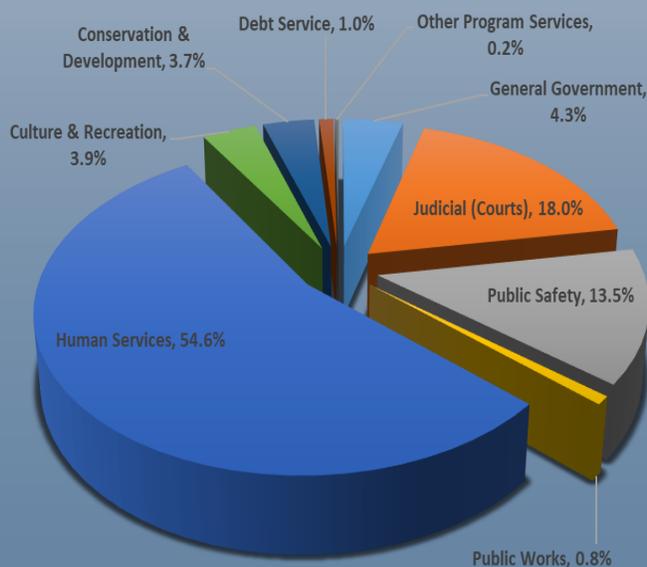
Revenues

As of December 31, 2017, the County's revenues totaled \$376,589,285, an increase of \$4,946,155 from the previous fiscal year. Beginning in 2016 the County imposed a \$5.00 fee on non-exempt vehicle registrations, creating a new revenue source. This fee yielded \$1,222,360 in 2017 for transportation projects.

Where the Money Comes From



Where the Money Goes



Expenditures

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, the County expended \$371,162,698 million, an increase of \$10,023,327 from the previous year. The increase in Human Services expenses was due in large part to an increase in grant funding received and expensed by Children & Youth Services.

Revenues & Expenses

Statement of Net Activities

This statement of net activities shows the difference between the County's revenues and expenses on a full accrual basis. Accrual basis means that revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred. Net position represents the difference between revenues and expenses; a positive net position is promising, illustrating a surplus.

Revenues:	2016	2017	Change %
Charges for Services	\$ 105,826,838	\$ 114,224,322	7.9
Grants	143,393,800	140,465,382	(2.0)
Real Estate Taxes	103,874,126	104,379,322	0.5
Hotel Taxes	11,359,510	11,717,786	3.2
In Lieu of Taxes	2,184,946	2,157,821	(1.2)
*Other Revenues	5,003,910	3,644,652	(27.2)
Total Revenues	371,643,130	376,589,285	1.3
* Other Revenues includes: investment income, asset disposal, & miscellaneous as shown in the Dauphin County CAFR YE 2017 on page 30			
Expenses:			
General Government	\$ 14,774,792	\$ 15,881,489	7.5
Judicial	65,788,271	66,831,997	1.6
Public Safety	50,216,428	50,114,628	(0.2)
Public Works	2,889,252	3,080,970	6.6
Human Services	192,761,231	202,552,975	5.1
Cultural & Recreation	13,946,060	14,334,994	2.8
Conservation & Development	15,806,592	13,610,471	(13.9)
Interest on Long Term Debt	4,002,741	3,834,082	(4.2)
Other Programs	954,004	921,092	(3.4)
Total Expenditures	361,139,371	371,162,698	2.8
Change in Net Position:	\$ 10,503,759	\$ 5,426,587	

(See Page 30 of the Dauphin County CAFR YE 2017 for the full Statement of Activities)

Statement of Net Position

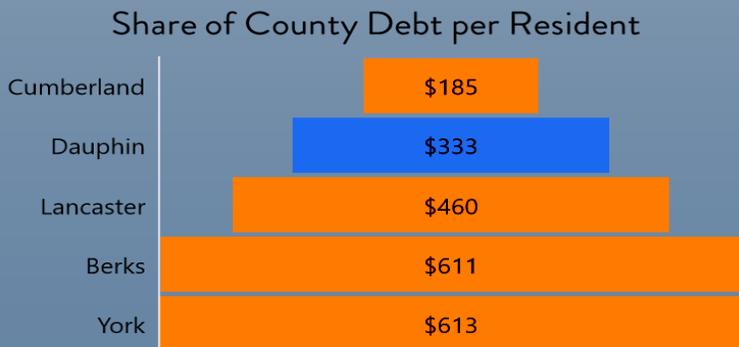
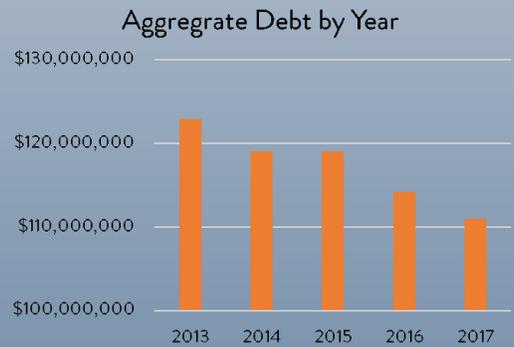
This summary represents the County’s financial position by taking the total resources at year-end versus amount owed at year-end. It includes both governmental and business-type activities. These amounts are recorded on a full accrual basis (see page 10 for explanation).

	2016	2017	Change %
Assets:			
Capital Assets	\$ 113,694,268	\$ 114,671,958	0.9
Current and other assets	113,803,300	121,224,709	6.5
Total Assets	227,497,568	235,896,667	3.7
Deferred Outflows of Resources:			
Total Deferred Outflow of Resources	14,431,792	2,635,367	(81.7)
Liabilities:			
Long-Term Liabilities	157,983,017	136,713,800	(13.5)
Other Liabilities	24,939,648	27,155,200	8.9
Total Liabilities	182,922,665	163,869,000	(10.4)
Deferred Inflow of Resources:			
Total Deferred Inflow of Resources	834,419	11,064,171	1,226.0
Net Position:			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	21,837,360	27,845,230	27.5
Restricted	23,112,169	24,737,862	7.0
Unrestricted	13,222,747	11,015,771	(16.7)
Total Net Position	58,172,276	63,598,863	9.3

(See Page 29 of the Dauphin County CAFR YE 2017 for the full Statement of Net Position)

DECLINING DEBT OBLIGATIONS

Counties utilize bonds to borrow money but are obligated to pay back in the future. The County is currently experiencing a decline in the amount of money it owes.



MINIMAL DEBT LOAD

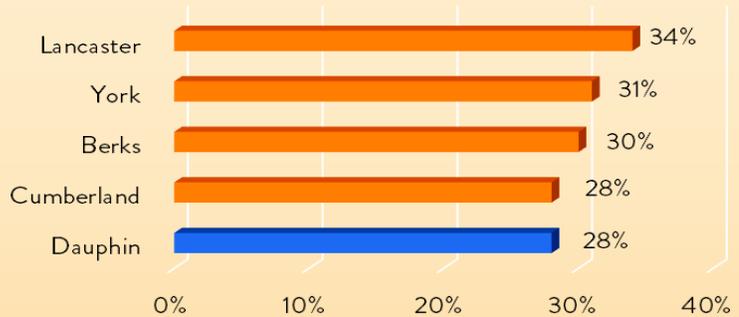
The chart to the left depicts the debt load placed on each resident within the County. General obligation debt includes bonds issued by municipalities that pledge repayment from their tax revenues. The County’s average debt load compares favorably against neighboring counties.

Evaluating County Funding

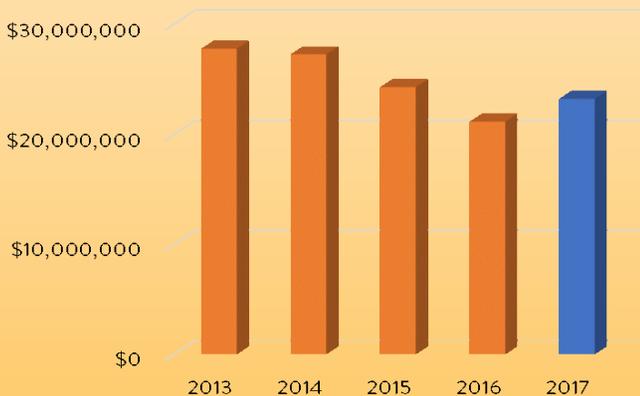
LOW RELIANCE ON TAX DOLLARS

Real estate/property taxes raised by the County make up a relatively small portion of total revenue (28%). Dauphin County has various sources of revenue in addition to real estate taxes.

County Taxes Portion of Total Revenue



Unrestricted Fund Balance



FUND BALANCE

The General Fund is the County's primary operating fund. The unrestricted portion of the fund balance acts as disposable income available in case of emergencies. The Government Finance Officers Association recommends governments maintain a general fund unrestricted fund balance of at least two months of expenditures. In 2017, the unrestricted fund balance was \$23,194,418, which did not meet this recommendation.

Who receives your tax dollar?

Local School District: (62¢)

Dauphin County Library: (1¢)

County: (22¢)

Municipal: (15¢)



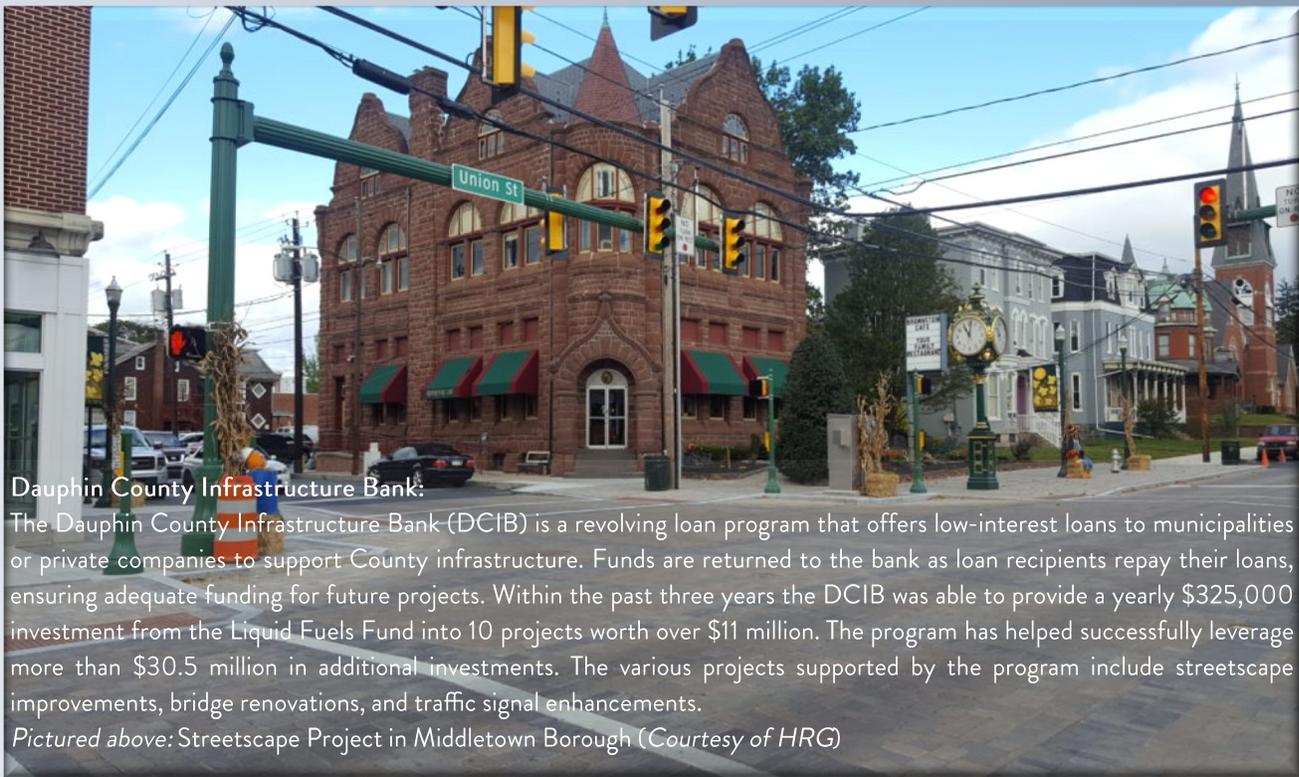
See Above: The chart illustrates an average distribution of property tax dollars to county and municipal services.

Community & Economic Development

GAMING GRANTS SPARK DEVELOPMENT

In 2017, over \$5.6 million was awarded to Dauphin County from the Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course. A portion of Hollywood Casino revenue goes towards grants supporting municipal projects including community pools, fire stations, infrastructure improvements, and parks. Distributed through the Dauphin County Gaming Advisory Board, these proceeds were used to implement 49 municipal projects spread throughout the County. In many cases, the projects financed by the grants may never have been accomplished without the grants. Through the allocation of grant funds to important projects, tax increases were avoided thereby avoiding having to pass the cost onto taxpayers. The grants are very successful, expecting to leverage an additional \$24.5 million in investments. See *Below*: A list of projects supported through grant funding.

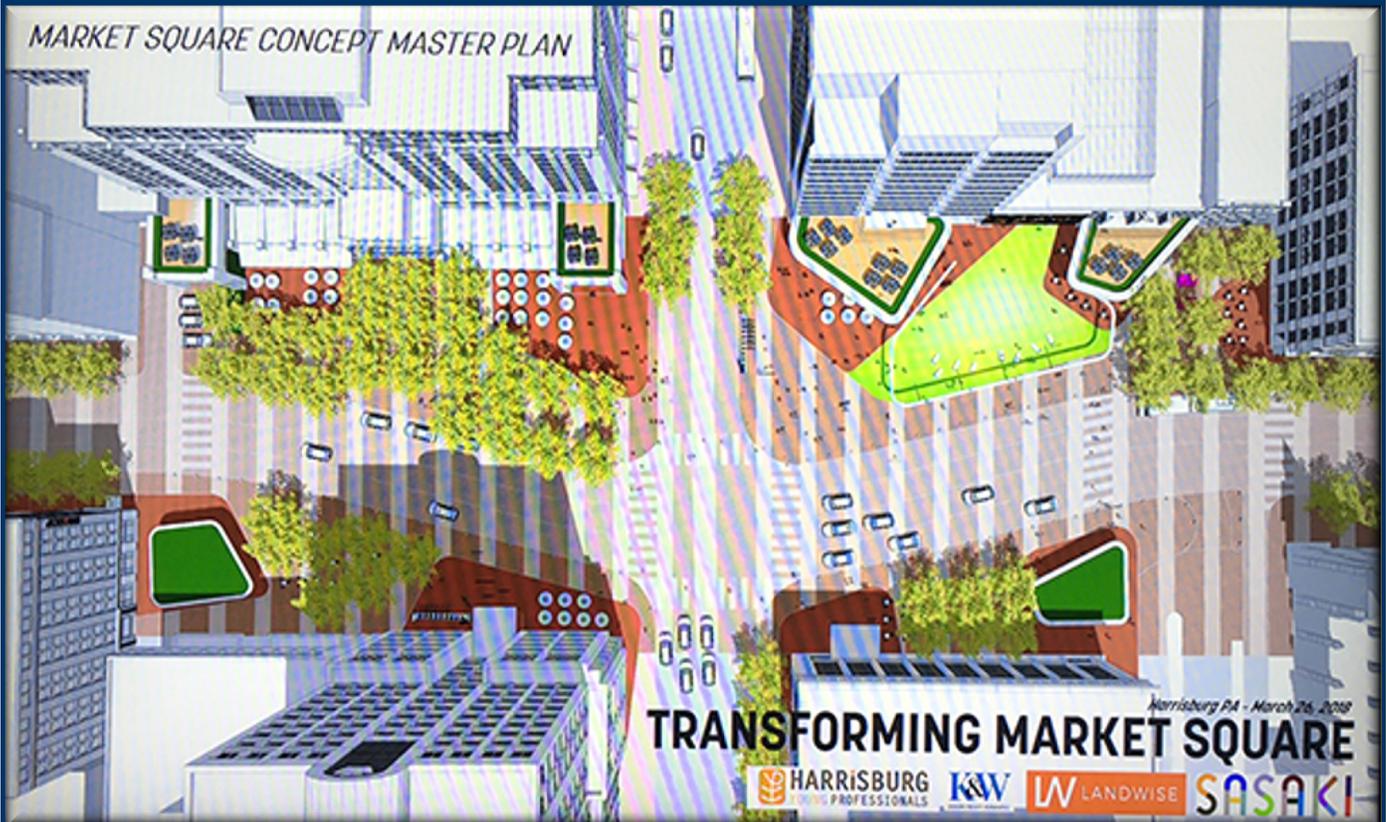
Detweiler Park located in Middle Paxton Township: \$350,000
South Hanover Township municipal and fire complex: \$250,000
City of Harrisburg Fire Station #1 & #2 improvements: \$250,000
East Hanover Township debt service for Public Works building: \$750,000
Swatara Creek Road bridge replacement in Londonderry Township: \$163,000
Possibility Place Playground Project located in Lower Paxton Township: \$175,000



Dauphin County Infrastructure Bank:

The Dauphin County Infrastructure Bank (DCIB) is a revolving loan program that offers low-interest loans to municipalities or private companies to support County infrastructure. Funds are returned to the bank as loan recipients repay their loans, ensuring adequate funding for future projects. Within the past three years the DCIB was able to provide a yearly \$325,000 investment from the Liquid Fuels Fund into 10 projects worth over \$11 million. The program has helped successfully leverage more than \$30.5 million in additional investments. The various projects supported by the program include streetscape improvements, bridge renovations, and traffic signal enhancements.

Pictured above: Streetscape Project in Middletown Borough (Courtesy of HRG)



Market Square Project: Local professionals and businesses are increasingly engaged in revitalizing the City of Harrisburg. The Harrisburg Young Professionals, a group of young, active, civic-minded professionals in Harrisburg, have developed the Market Square Master Plan to redesign the area into a family-friendly place to go. The preliminary plan envisions a modernized Market Square in which green spaces and public areas replace buses, parked cars and acres of hardscape. The project is currently progressing into the implementation stage, although completion may be years away with the need to raise funds and relocate the bus transfer station. *Pictured Above:* An artist's rendering (aerial view) of a redesigned Market Square in Harrisburg. (Courtesy of THE BURG)

Salvation Army New Headquarters



Pictured above: Salvation Army celebrates a major expansion in Harrisburg, following a \$100,000 grant from gaming board.

Pictured below: County Commissioners and local officials cut the ribbon on the newly constructed Duke Street Bridge.



Duke Street Bridge Replacement Project

Transportation Services

With a growing population and expanding workforce, Dauphin County has made significant advancements in making transportation accessible and accommodating to its citizens, business people and tourists. Numerous transportation systems are conveniently located within county borders for direct access to regional centers. Bus services, biking, air travel, and train are conveniently located for traveling in and out of Dauphin County.

BUS

Capital Area Transit (CAT): The CAT bus system provides reliable service from areas across the County to make commuting to work easier and most likely cheaper. The various routes travel to and from Harrisburg from areas outside the city and neighboring counties as well. Citizens age 65 years and older are eligible for this service at no cost. Apart from the fixed route service, CAT operates a Share-A-Ride program designed for seniors for transportation to select destinations for appointments, shopping, hospital visits, etc. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of these services.

BIKE

Capital Area Greenbelt: This extensive bike trail connects areas around Harrisburg and provides citizens of all ages the opportunity to get some exercise or simply enjoy the outdoors. Numerous improvements are expected to make the trails safer for bikers.



Pictured above: Capital Area Greenbelt Association groundbreaking for \$7.5 million in improvements along the 20 mile trail



Pictured above: Unveiling of Harrisburg Bike Share

Harrisburg Bike Share:

Traveling through Harrisburg has never been easier! A cost-effective, eco-friendly, and time-efficient way to get around town. Bikes can be rented from different locations within the city and are useful for exploring the city or simply getting to work. This new program expects both residents and visitors alike to take advantage of this great opportunity.

AIR TRAVEL

Harrisburg International Airport (MDT): Situated in Middletown, Harrisburg International Airport provides reliable service to many tourist destinations and connects to larger airport hubs. The airport offers non-stop service to major metropolitan areas such as Denver, Chicago, Orlando, Toronto, Atlanta, and Washington D.C. As a centralized location for numerous industries, many business travelers rely on this service.

CONVENIENT TRAVEL

Harrisburg International Airport is the 3rd largest airport in Pennsylvania, offering non-stop service to 15 destinations.

TRAIN



Amtrak®: The Amtrak® Train transports passengers to numerous major metropolitan areas such as Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and New York. The HAR (Harrisburg) and MID (Middletown) stations are located in Dauphin County. The Middletown station is in the planning stages of being moved to a new location with direct access to Harrisburg International Airport and Penn State Harrisburg.

*Pictured above: Rendering of proposed train station
(Courtesy of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation)*

Tourism & Entertainment

Dauphin County prides itself in welcoming visitors and offering family-friendly entertainment throughout the year. The County's strategic location and diverse mix of attractions draws a large base of tourists each year. In 2016, there was an estimated \$2.4 billion of travel spending, ranking the Hershey Harrisburg region as the 4th largest tourist destination in Pennsylvania. Tourism is a significant industry in the region, supporting 28,000 jobs with \$1.3 billion in wages, and generating \$258 million in state and local taxes.

HARRISBURG



Pennsylvania Farm Show: The largest indoor agricultural expo in the nation has welcomed visitors from across the country to explore Pennsylvania's vast agricultural history and celebrate one of the state's most thriving industries. The annual week-long celebration occurs in early January and showcases numerous exhibits, food vendors, and interactive displays. The PA Dairymen's Association award-winning milkshakes are annually a favorite.

Great American Outdoor Show: Hosted annually in February at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, the Great American Outdoor Show is the world's largest outdoor show that celebrates hunting, fishing, and outdoor traditions treasured by millions of Americans and their families.



Kipona Festival: Hosted in Riverfront Park in Harrisburg, The Kipona Festival is the largest Central Pennsylvania Labor Day Festival with over 40 vendors, 3 live music stages, and over 30 bands. Featured attractions this year include a mobile escape room presented by Harrisburg Escape Rooms, a showing of the movie *Coco* presented by Midtown Cinema, and a dramatic, illuminated tightwire walk across the Susquehanna River presented by Mystery Circus Acts, LLC.

HERSHEY

Hersheypark: One of the premier amusement parks on the East Coast with 14 thrilling roller coasters and over 70 rides and attractions for all ages to enjoy. 2017 marked the opening of the Hershey Triple Tower, the first choose-your-thrill triple tower in the United States.



Hersheypark Stadium: Hershey is also known for showcasing world-class entertainment and has hosted a wide range of artists and bands such as Maroon 5, One Direction, Ariana Grande, Journey, Florida Georgia Line and Guns N' Roses.

Hershey Gardens: Open year 'round! The new Milton & Catherine Hershey Conservatory features hundreds of tropical butterflies and horticultural displays in the indoor Butterfly Atrium. Hershey Gardens is filled with 23 acres of magnificent themed gardens, colorful seasonal displays, more than 3,500 rose bushes and a whimsical Children's Garden.

For more information on local attractions, visit:

www.visithersheyharrisburg.org/



Parks & Recreation

The Dauphin County Parks and Recreation Department owns and operates eight parks spread throughout the County, hosts four major music festivals, and offers many community events, including the County's free Sunset Movie and Music Series. Highlighted below is Detweiler Park, Dauphin County's newest park.

PREMIER HIKING DESTINATION

A portion of the historic Appalachian Trail runs through Dauphin County.

PARK FEATURE

Detweiler Park:

2017 marked the opening of Detweiler Park, the largest public park in the County spanning 411 acres and hosting over seven miles of walking trails. Since opening its gates last summer, more than 15,000 people have visited the park. Dauphin County Parks & Recreation (DCPR) is looking for community input on how to enhance the park (picnic areas, restrooms, more trails). Check out the Parks & Recreation page on our website for more info.



*Detweiler Park,
Middle Paxton Township*



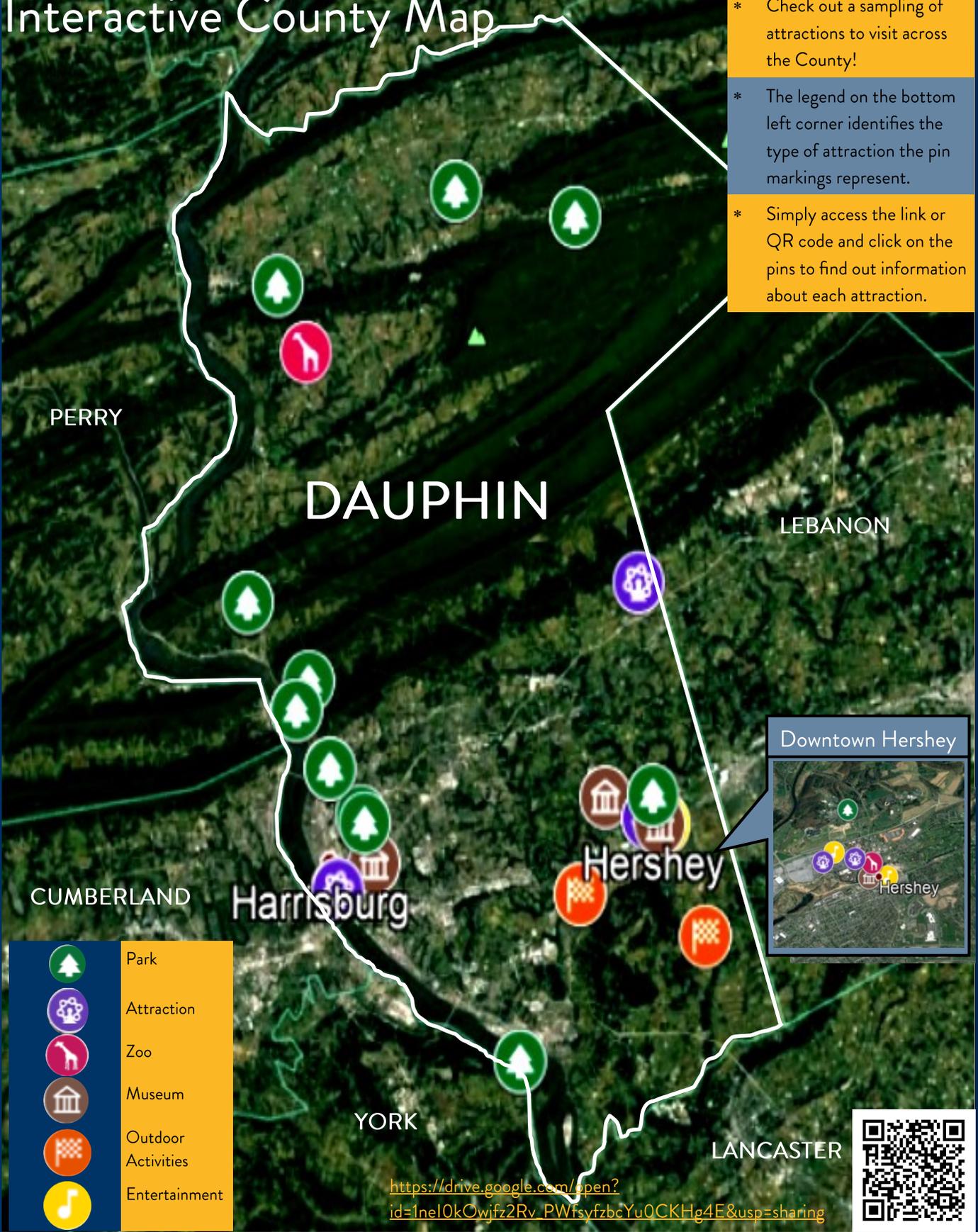
Lykens Glen Park, Lykens



*Henninger Farm Covered Bridge,
Washington Township*

Interactive County Map

- * Check out a sampling of attractions to visit across the County!
- * The legend on the bottom left corner identifies the type of attraction the pin markings represent.
- * Simply access the link or QR code and click on the pins to find out information about each attraction.



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A Year in Review

HIGHLIGHTS

NO PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Dauphin County Commissioners passed the 2018 budget that leaves property taxes unchanged for the 13th consecutive year. Few other municipalities can claim to keep property taxes steady for an extended period of time. The county portion of the property tax stands at 6.876 mills.

What is the millage rate?

Millage rates are used to determine the taxable value of your property. This represents the amount per \$1,000 of property value that is used in the local property tax calculation. There are county millage rates and millage rates specific to municipalities.

GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXCELLENCE- INFRASTRUCTURE BANK

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf recognized municipalities and local government officials for their dedication and commitment to strengthen their communities and better serve their residents. The County was awarded for The Dauphin County Infrastructure Bank initiative, which assists local governments in launching important infrastructure and development projects.

CHALLENGES

GROWING HEROIN & OPIOID EPIDEMIC

The heroin and opioid epidemic is an ongoing nationwide problem. In 2017, there were 102 reported overdose deaths in Dauphin County, a 20% increase from 2016. The County spent \$19.6 million in 2017 on addiction treatment and prevention programs. 2017 marked the unveiling of Dauphin County HOPE, an online resource designed to provide information, educational tools, and support services to those struggling with addiction.

Dauphin County HOPE:

<http://dauphincountyhope.org/>



NEW STANDARDS FOR VOTING SYSTEMS

In February 2018, the PA Department of State issued new standards for the certification of voting systems. The new standards highlight the need for the voting systems in each of the counties to be secure, and provide a voter verifiable paper trail. Dauphin County has had the same voting system in place since 1985. Dauphin County's voting system includes paper verification, and is not able to be connected to the internet, nor does it have USB port access. The County's voting system does not meet the new standards, and will need to be replaced no later than April 2020. The Dauphin County Bureau of Elections and Voter Registration estimates the cost to County taxpayers to be \$8-10 million. The Commonwealth has identified \$13.5 million from Congress for election security that may be available to counties across the state.

Meet Our Elected Officials

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Chairman



Mike Pries
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Secretary

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Fraud, Waste, & Abuse Hotline 717-780-3570

Did You Know?

Tips are the largest source of fraud detection, representing approximately 40% of sources used to detect fraud.
(2018-ACFE Report to the Nations)

What does fraud look like?

- False reporting of hours worked
- Misrepresentation of tax dollars
- Fraudulent reporting of medical, disability, or workers compensation claim
- Violations of the county's gift and gratuity policy
- Suspected theft or misuse of county equipment, property, or cash
- Submission of illegitimate vendor invoices
- Misrepresentation of expense or travel reimbursements
- Spending in excess of what is reasonable and necessary
- Violations of the county's purchasing policy