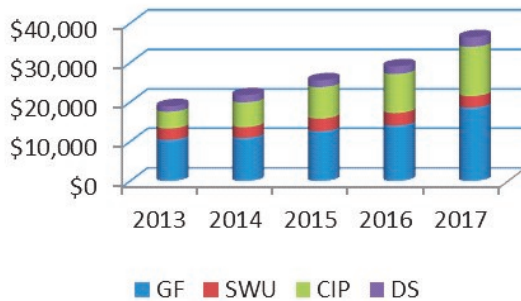


TOWN OF BLUFFTON BUDGET SUMMARY BY FUND

Governmental funds are used to account for all of a government's general activities. The Town of Bluffton adopted a FY 2017 Consolidated Budget of \$36,529,292 for our four major funds: General Fund, Stormwater Fund, Capital Improvements Program Fund, and the Debt Service Fund.

General Fund (GF)	\$ 18,698,885
Stormwater Fund (SWU)	\$ 2,901,495
CIP Fund (CIP)	\$ 12,492,115
Debt Service Fund (DS)	\$ 2,436,797

Consolidated Budget (000)



BLUFFTON TOWN GOVERNMENT

Our Vision . . .

Bluffton, the Heart of the Lowcountry, a Town that appreciates the past, focuses on today and is planning together for a greater future.

Our Mission . . .

We take care of our citizens, the town and each other by continuously making our community and organization better.

Our Strategic Focus Areas . . .

- ⇒ May River & Surrounding Rivers and Watersheds
- ⇒ Community Quality of Life
- ⇒ Economic Growth
- ⇒ Infrastructure
- ⇒ Fiscal Sustainability
- ⇒ Town Organization

Our Elected Officials . . .

Mayor—Lisa Sulka
 Mayor Pro Tempore—Larry Toomer
 Council Member—Fred Hamilton
 Council Member—Harry Lutz
 Council Member—Dan Wood

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Budget at a Glance

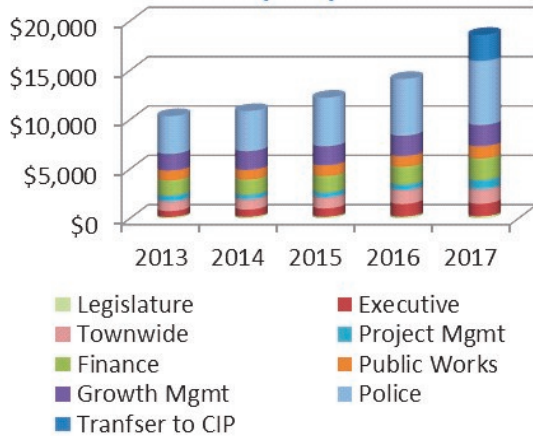
Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Budget
 for the Period
 July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

Budget Adopted: June 14, 2016

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General Fund Budget by Department (000)



General Fund

For Town of Bluffton General Operations

Our \$18,698,885 budget includes investing in our town's workforce, enhancing public safety and community policing, and adding a police canine unit.



The budget calls for monitoring of projects, funding economic development operations including the Don Ryan Center for Innovation and the Bluffton Public Development Corporation, additional parking in Old Town, a neighborhood assistance program as recommended by the Affordable Housing Committee Work Plan and a Town Beautification Work Plan.



Our Fiscal Year 2017 Budget is guided by the Town Mission and the Action Plans as adopted in the Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2017-2018. The Strategic Plan priority Focus Areas include the May River & Surrounding Rivers and Watersheds, Town Organization, Economic Growth, Fiscal Sustainability, Community Quality of Life, and Infrastructure.

The Town's adopted budget of \$36,529,292 includes a 2 mill reduction of Property Tax, the new millage rate is 42.35 mills, 39 mills for our General (operating) Fund and 3.35 mills for the Debt Service Fund.

This adopted spending budget focuses on our strategic plan priorities and pursuing our town vision. It retains the commitment for taking care of Our Bluffton, its environment, culture, heritage, history and quality of life. This is accomplished due to the increase in our revenues spurred by robust investment and growth in most neighborhoods, growth in locally owned businesses, and rebounding of the regional economy. During the budget process we were able to meet our stakeholder's needs and improve our core services and efficiencies through organizational restructuring.

Stormwater Fund

Our \$2,901,495 budget provides for the personnel, operations and capital funding for the protection of our May River projects, development of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program and other Stormwater activities.

Capital Improvement Fund

Our \$12,492,115 budget provides for continued improvements in the Buck Island/Simmonsville area, roadway projects, pathways, park improvements and land acquisition. It includes the investment in improvements to our Town facilities and workplace with a town hall renovation. It allocates for economic development at Buckwalter Place Commerce Park through a public/private partnership with SEDA South East Development Association. Projects are diversified throughout Bluffton neighborhoods.

Debt Service Fund

Our \$2,436,797 budget provides for payments due on the General Obligation Bond issued for the Law Enforcement Center built in 2010 and a 2014 Tax Increment Financing Bond issued for a current refunding of debt. Standard and Poor's Bond rating for the Town is AA+.

Budget Dashboard

Fund	FY 2016 Budget	FY 2017 Adopted	\$ Change	% Change
General Fund	\$14,139,330	\$18,698,885	\$4,559,555	32.25%
Stormwater Fund	3,175,870	2,901,495	(274,375)	-8.64%
Capital Improvements Program Fund	9,882,000	12,492,115	2,610,115	26.41%
Debt Service Fund	1,946,995	2,436,797	490,202	25.18%
Total Consolidated Budget	\$29,144,195	\$36,529,292	\$7,385,097	25.34%

The FY 2017 Consolidated Budget Dashboard with interactive tables can be accessed on the Town of Bluffton website:

<http://www.townofbluffton.sc.gov/Documents/budget.dashboard.pdf>