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FY 2019 PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Town of Bluffton, SC, Est. 1825

FY19 Proposed Consolidated Municipal Budget Outline

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- FY19 Budget Review & Approval Process

FY19 Budget Goals



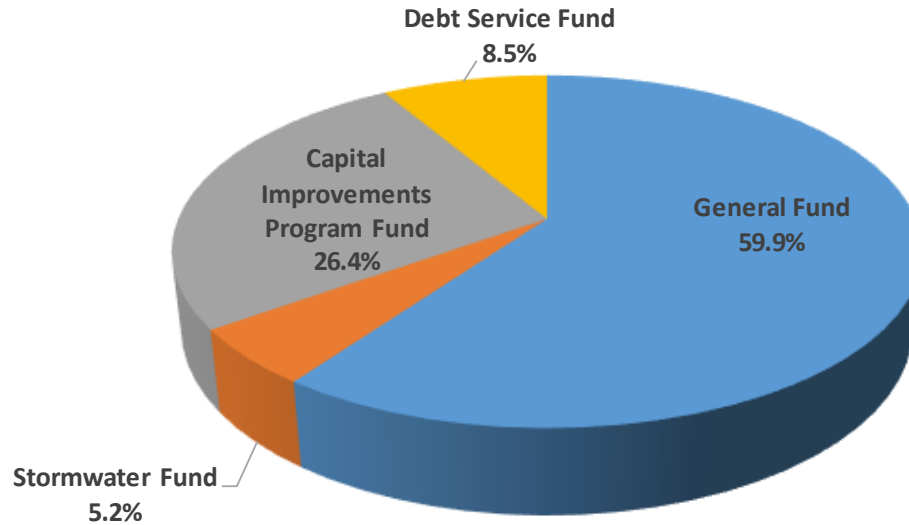
- Deliver Town Council Strategic Plan Priorities
- Improve Core Services and Existing Programs
- Invest in Civic Space, Town Facilities, and Environmental Initiatives
- Train and Support Town Employees
- Improve Staff Efficiencies
- Build a Resilient Bluffton Community

FY19 Proposed Municipal Budget Overview

Four Major Funds:

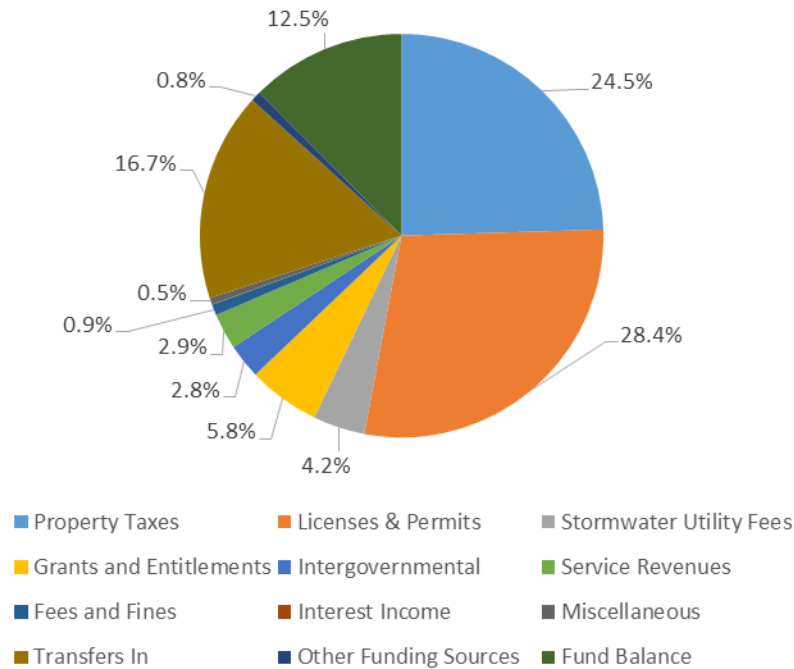
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- Debt Service Fund

FY19 Proposed Consolidated Budget



Fund	FY 2018 Original Budget	FY 2018 Revised Budget	FY 2018 Year-End Estimate	FY 2019 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
General Fund	\$19,937,075	\$20,862,971	\$19,662,691	\$20,116,576	(\$746,395)	-3.6%
Stormwater Fund	1,554,931	3,185,885	2,918,239	1,752,265	(1,433,620)	-45.0%
Capital Improvements Program Fund	12,991,240	17,073,920	12,345,515	8,844,153	(8,229,767)	-48.2%
Debt Service Fund	2,276,022	2,605,268	2,437,320	2,867,495	262,227	10.1%
	\$36,759,268	\$43,728,044	\$37,363,765	\$33,580,489	(\$10,147,555)	-23.2%

FY19 Consolidated Revenues



Where the Money Comes From

	FY 2018 Adopted Budget	FY 2018 Revised Budget	FY 2019 Proposed Budget	% Change
Property Taxes	\$ 6,970,597	\$ 6,970,597	\$ 8,232,170	18.1%
Licenses & Permits	8,237,900	8,868,385	9,554,640	7.7%
Stormwater Utility Fees	1,344,080	1,344,080	1,400,000	4.2%
Grants and Entitlements	1,549,120	1,367,731	1,935,788	41.5%
Intergovernmental	775,006	1,160,335	936,006	-19.3%
Service Revenues	1,211,000	911,000	966,100	6.0%
Fees and Fines	315,000	315,000	290,000	-7.9%
Interest Income	9,560	8,975	10,425	16.2%
Miscellaneous	138,635	138,410	180,000	30.0%
Transfers In	8,773,954	12,756,721	5,618,230	-56.0%
Other Funding Sources	-	-	274,215	100.0%
Fund Balance	7,434,416	9,886,810	4,182,915	-57.7%
	<u>\$36,759,268</u>	<u>\$43,728,044</u>	<u>\$ 33,580,489</u>	<u>-23.2%</u>

The Town uses a combination of Property Taxes, License and Permit Fees, Stormwater Utility Fees, Grants, Special Revenue Funds and Service Revenues to support the ongoing business operations of the Town.

FY19 Consolidated Budget Highlights

- ✓ Property tax rollback millage from *40.35* to *38.50*
- ✓ Once every 5th year, Counties in SC appraise real property to true up the market values of all parcels in the jurisdiction. Reassessment is not intended to raise taxes, but to distribute them more fairly. The Town saw an overall increase in market values therefore a “rollback” of the millage was necessary to keep property taxes consistent.
- ✓ Amendments to the Master Fee Schedule for
 - ✓ Business License Fees
 - ✓ Residential Permit Plan Review Fee
 - ✓ Contract Police Services Fee
- ✓ Exceeds essential levels of fund balance reserves for a healthy financial position
- ✓ Aa1 Bond Rating – Moody’s

Estimated Value of a Mill

Estimated Assessed Value - FY 2019 \$217,473,686

Mill Value \$217,473

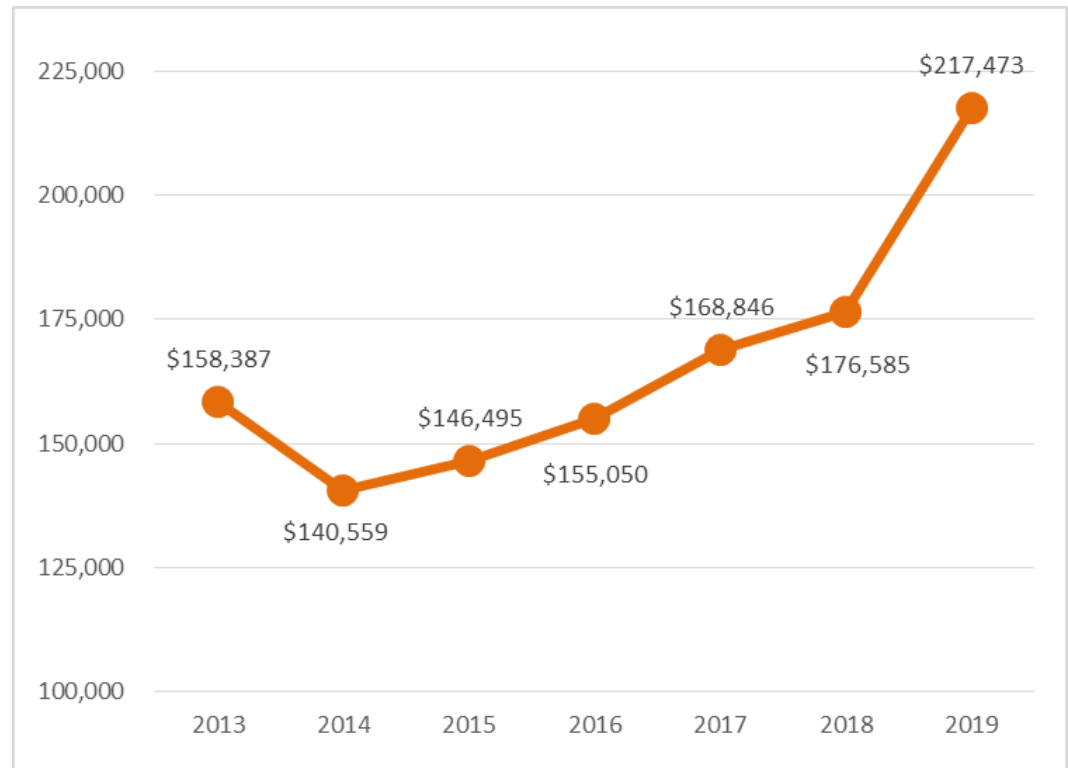
Town of Bluffton FY19 Total Millage Rate 38.50

FY19 General Fund Millage Rate 35.30

FY19 General Obligation Debt Service Millage Rate 3.20

Millage Value

The Town is expected to see an increase in Millage Value due to increased market value and growth in real property for FY 19



FY19 Consolidated Budget Highlights

- ✓ Business License Revenues of \$1.75m DIRECTLY Support Business Initiatives
 - ✓ Don Ryan Center for Innovation Operations \$386,045
 - ✓ Bluffton Police Department Operations \$429,645
 - ✓ Business License Operations \$135,000
 - ✓ Street Signs and Parks Maintenance \$35,500
 - ✓ General Fund Transfer to CIP \$763,810

FY19 Consolidated Budget Highlights

- ✓ Affordable Housing Committee Work Plan Implementation
- ✓ Beautification Committee Work Plan Implementation
- ✓ May River Watershed Action Plan and MS4 Program Implementation
- ✓ Capital Projects Diversified Throughout Bluffton Neighborhoods

FY19 Proposed Municipal Budget Overview

Four Major Funds:

- General Fund
- Stormwater Fund
- Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Fund
- Debt Service Fund

FY19 General Fund Highlights

- ✓ 4 New FTEs
 - ✓ Human Resources Department: Coordinator
 - ✓ Growth Management Department: Principal Planner
 - ✓ Police Department: 2 Police Officers, depending grant award
- ✓ Employee Merit Increase – up to 3%
- ✓ State Insurance Health Premiums and Retirement Benefit Cost Increases
- ✓ Supports existing Community Policing, Planning and Community Development, Economic Development, Beautification, and Other Programs
- ✓ \$1.4M Transfer to CIP Fund
- ✓ Meets 15% Emergency Reserve Fund Balance – Town Council Budget Policy
- ✓ Meets 25% Unassigned Reserve Fund Balance Level – Town Council Budget Policy

FY19 General Fund Highlights

✓ Capital Outlay for Equipment and Vehicles

✓ Public Works Department:

- ✓ Track Loader
- ✓ Stand Up Blower
- ✓ Replacement Truck

✓ Police Department:

- ✓ 3 Replacement Vehicles
- ✓ Replacement Truck
- ✓ 2 Police Vehicles, Pending Grant Award (Grant Funded)

✓ Information Technology Department:

- ✓ 3rd Phase of Network Infrastructure Replacement, part of IT Strategic Plan
- ✓ L3 Server and Back-Up Replacement, In-Car and Body Camera Storage
- ✓ Council Chamber and Conference Room Audio/Visual Enhancements, part of Town Hall Renovation

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- General Fund
- **Stormwater Fund**
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FY19 Stormwater Fund Highlights

- ✓ Employee Merit Increase – up to 3%
- ✓ State Insurance Health Premiums and Retirement Benefit Cost Increases
- ✓ Supports Watershed Management Division and MS4 Program
- ✓ Supports Drainage & Ditch Maintenance for Town performed, routine drainage maintenance work
- ✓ Supports development review including the Certificates of Construction Compliance
- ✓ Supports May River Watershed Action Plan assessment, update and implementation

FY19 Stormwater Fund Highlights

- ✓ Capital Outlay for Equipment
 - ✓ Envirosight Quickview Air HD Pole Camera
 - ✓ Quick Sweep Hydraulic Broom
 - ✓ GPS Rover Replacement
- ✓ Capital Improvements Program Support
 - ✓ May River Watershed Action Plan Implementation
 - ✓ Buck Island-Simmons ville Sewer Phase 5
 - ✓ Town Facility Improvements
 - ✓ Historic District Sewer Extension Phase 1 and 2

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FY19 Capital Improvement Program Projects

Ongoing major projects including:

May River Watershed Action Plan Implementation
Buckwalter Place Multi-County Commerce Park
Buck Island/Simmons ville Public Sewer Phase 5
Historic District Lighting, Signage, Parking & Streetscape Enhancements
Watershed Management Facility Improvements
Buck Island/Simmons ville Neighborhood Sidewalks & Lighting
Oyster Factory Park
Don Ryan Center for Innovation Upfit
Sewer Connections
Calhoun Street Regional Dock
68 Boundary Street Park
184 Bluffton Road Parking Improvements/Housing
Wright Family Park
Garvin-Garvey House Interpretive Signage
Town Hall Renovation

FY19 Capital Improvement Program Projects

New 2019 major projects including:

Squire Pope Carriage House Preservation

Boundary Street Lighting

Historic District Sewer Extension Phase 1

Historic District Sewer Extension Phase 2

Community Safety Camera Phase 4

Law Enforcement Center Facility Improvements

Public Works Facility Improvements

Rotary Community Center Facility Improvements

FY19 Proposed Capital Improvements Program Fund Budget

CURRENT PROJECT LIST					FUNDING SOURCES FOR FY2019 BUDGET												
Projects	Total Project Forecast	Prior Years' Expenditures	FY 2018 Estimated Expenditures	FY 2019 Proposed Budget	Hospitality Tax	Local Accom Tax	SWU	CIP MIDF	Grants	TIF Transfers	CIP Fund Balance	General Fund Fund Balance	MCIP FILOT	Utility Tax Credits	Other	TBD	
Land Acquisition	5,873,086	2,837,953	535,133	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500,000	
May River Watershed Action Plan Implementation	371,760	9,554	31,000	331,206	-	-	111,106	-	220,100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Buckwater Place Multi-County Commerce Park	1,900,000	625,932	508,319	765,689	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	660,206	105,483	-	-	
Calhoun Street Streetscape	3,233,724	152,690	44,586	50,000	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Buck Island - Simmonsville Sewer Phase 5	1,940,960	122,295	427,065	1,391,600	-	-	202,850	384,215	520,000	166,700	117,835	-	-	-	-	-	
Historic District Lighting, Signage, Parking & Streetscape Enhancements	515,000	80,237	101,535	333,228	233,228	-	-	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Town Hall Renovation	4,697,593	222,733	3,005,244	1,469,616	50,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,419,016	-	-	-	-	
Watershed Management Facility Improvements	74,500	-	47,500	27,000	-	-	27,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Buck Island - Simmonsville Neighborhood Sidewalks & Lighting	1,050,000	20,914	119,086	240,460	-	-	-	-	-	240,460	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Oyster Factory Park	1,885,528	8,453	310,695	20,000	-	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Don Ryan Center for Innovation Uplift	209,240	9,732	10,000	189,508	-	-	-	-	50,268	-	-	-	-	-	139,240	-	
Sewer Connections	1,317,324	33,572	33,752	250,000	-	-	-	-	250,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Calhoun Street Regional Dock	750,000	-	547,591	202,409	202,409	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
68 Boundary Street Park	884,105	-	200,000	684,105	684,105	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
184 Bluffton Road Park and Parking Improvements	618,524	-	80,000	488,524	488,524	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Wright Family Park	1,191,742	-	50,000	1,141,742	360,592	100,000	-	128,000	500,000	53,150	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Squire Pope Carriage House Preservation	705,000	-	-	80,000	-	50,000	-	-	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Boundary Street Lighting	183,500	-	-	183,500	-	-	-	25,000	-	158,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Historic District Sewer Extension Phase 1	586,750	-	-	111,750	-	-	99,750	-	-	12,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Historic District Sewer Extension Phase 2	342,750	-	-	67,750	-	-	57,750	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Community Safety Cameras Phase 4	93,676	-	-	93,676	-	-	-	93,676	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Law Enforcement Center Facility Improvements	200,400	-	23,000	72,400	-	-	-	72,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Public Works Facility Improvements	91,800	-	-	51,400	-	-	-	51,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Rotary Community Center Facility Improvements	63,000	-	-	20,000	-	-	-	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Garvin-Garvey House Interpretive Signage	91,701	-	13,111	78,590	10,590	38,000	-	-	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Grand Total	\$ 42,639,382	\$ 9,614,917	\$ 12,345,515	\$ 8,844,153	\$ 2,080,048	\$ 208,000	\$ 498,456	\$ 874,691	\$ 1,600,368	\$ 640,810	\$ 117,835	\$ 1,419,016	\$ 660,206	\$ 105,483	\$ 139,240	\$ 500,000	



\$8,844,153

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FY19 Debt Service Highlights

Description of Debt	Funding Source	FY 19 Debt Outstanding	Fiscal Year 2019		
			Principal	Interest	Total P & I
GO Bonds	Property Tax	\$5,415,000	\$240,000	\$298,695	\$538,695
TIF Special Revenue Bonds	TIF District Property Taxes	\$6,734,888	\$767,826	\$163,855	\$931,681
Total		\$12,149,888	\$1,007,826	\$462,550	\$1,470,376

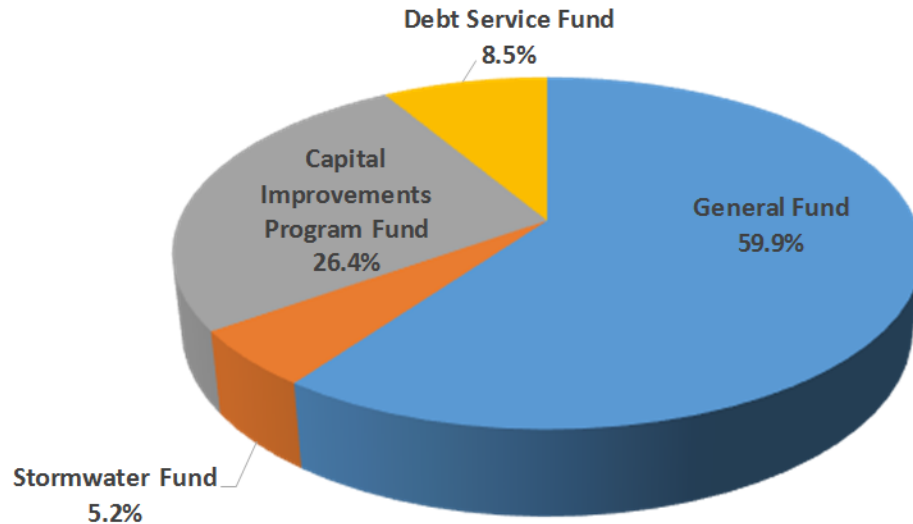
General Obligation Bonds

- On July 8, 2010 the Town issued \$6.5 million General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010 A Taxable Build America Bonds backed by the full faith and credit of the Town for the **Law Enforcement Center**
- The repayment term on the bonds is 25 years and the total debt service millage is set at 3.2 mills for FY 2019 (reassessment calculated for neutral revenue position.)
- The Town maintains a bond rating of Aa1 from Moody's and received a AA+ from Standard and Poor's rating agencies.
- Term ending 2035**

TIF Special Revenue Bonds

- In December of 2005 and January of 2006 the Town issued \$10 million and \$4 million tax increment financing bonds respectively for the purpose of financing redevelopment project costs **including but not limited to Bluffton Parkway, Hampton Parkway, May River Streetscape Phase 1, Buck Island and Old Town Sewer Projects.**
- These bonds have been refinanced twice consolidating them into one issuance with the most recent occurring in December of 2014
- Revenues for these payments are derived from property taxes collected within the tax increment district (R614) at 50% of the increased assessed value (increment) over the life of the bonds.
- Term ending 2026**

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1. **May 8th, 2018** Town Council Meeting @ 6pm - First Reading, FY2019 Proposed Consolidated Municipal Budget
2. **May 16th, 2018** Town Council Budget Workshop @ 6pm
 - General Fund
 - Debt Service Fund
 - Stormwater Utility Fee Fund
3. **May 21st, 2018** Town Council Budget Workshop @ 6pm
 - Capital Improvements Program Fund
4. **June 13th, 2018** Town Council Meeting @ 6pm - Public Hearing and Second and Final Reading

FY19 Budget Review & Approval Process

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Suggested Motion

Move to approve FY 2019 Proposed Consolidated Municipal Budget on second and final reading.