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Charlotte County FY26 & FY27 Proposed Budget

1st Public Hearing
September 4th, 2025



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Agenda

- Review of the Budget Process
- Review Tentative Millage Rates
- Budget Changes
 - MSBU Rates
 - Changes since July 24th Workshop
- Review of Ad Valorem Budgets
- Proposed FY25/26 – FY26/27 Total County-wide Budgets
- Review of Reserves
- Set Tentative Millage Rates

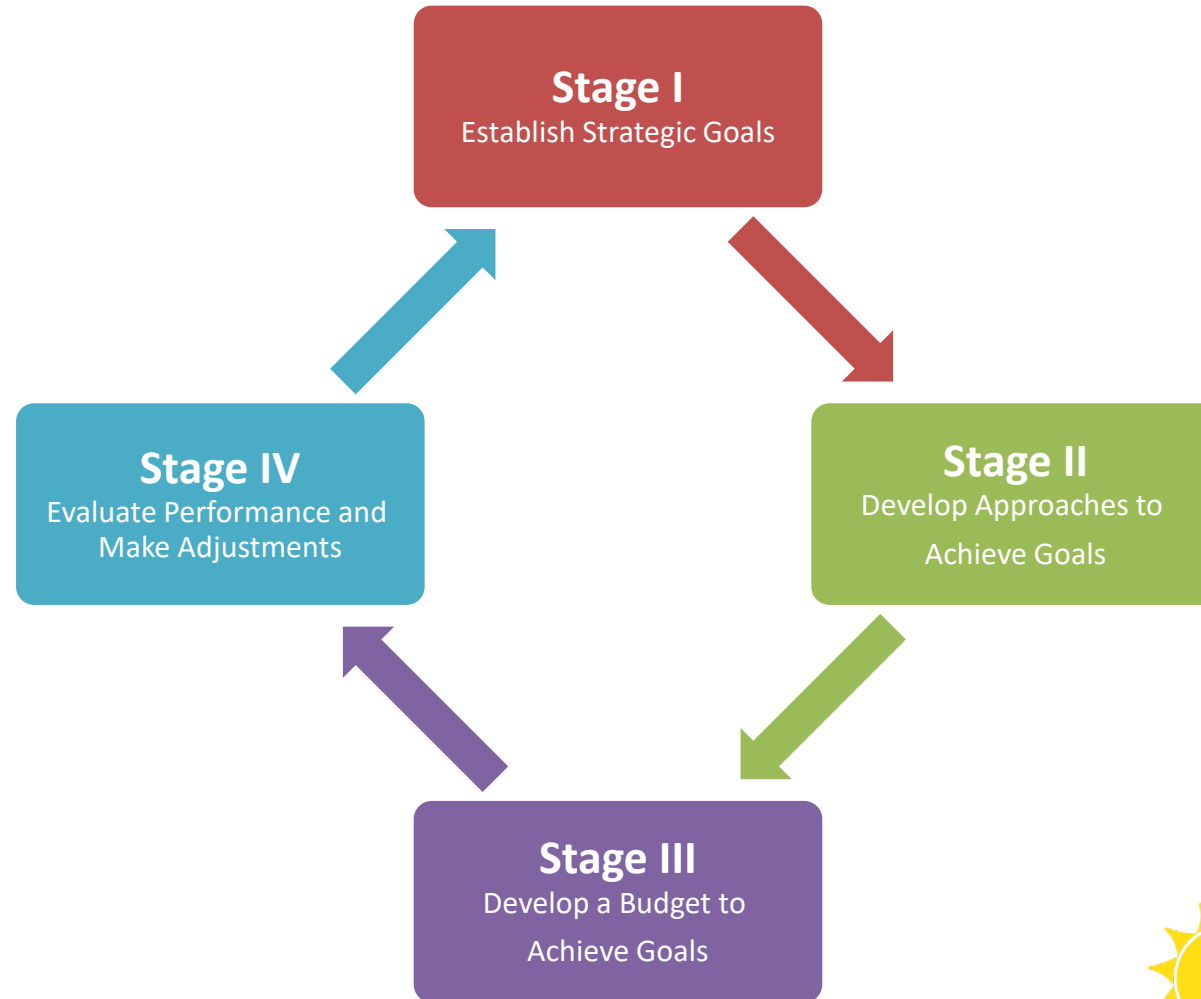


Review of FY25/26 & FY26/27 Budget Process



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Stages of the Budget Process



Calendar

December

Budget Process Introduction Workshop
Compiling results from Employee Survey and Citizens Survey

January

Prepare Strategic Review Packet for BCC: Citizen and Employee
Surveys, Next Big Things, Scenario Planning
Updating Financial Trends and Projections
Reviewing Organization and Community Plan

February

BCC Strategic Plan Workshop (BCC Retreat)
Board Workshop for Capital Projects
Departments to Update Performance Based Budget Information (PBB)
Department Budget Submission Due

March

Budget Process Update Workshop:

- Overview of Financial Trends
- Review of Policies
- Preliminary Projections
- Confirm Updated Bold Goals

Department meetings with Budget Director to review operations and programs, confirm requests and prepare for meeting with Admin

April

Departmental Budget meetings with Admin

May

BCC Strategic Focus Area Workshops:

- Review of operations, service levels, and cost by strategic focus area
- Review efforts to advance BCC Goals
- Update Revenue Picture

June

Internal balancing of budget

July

Presentation of Recommended Budget
MSBU Public Hearings

September

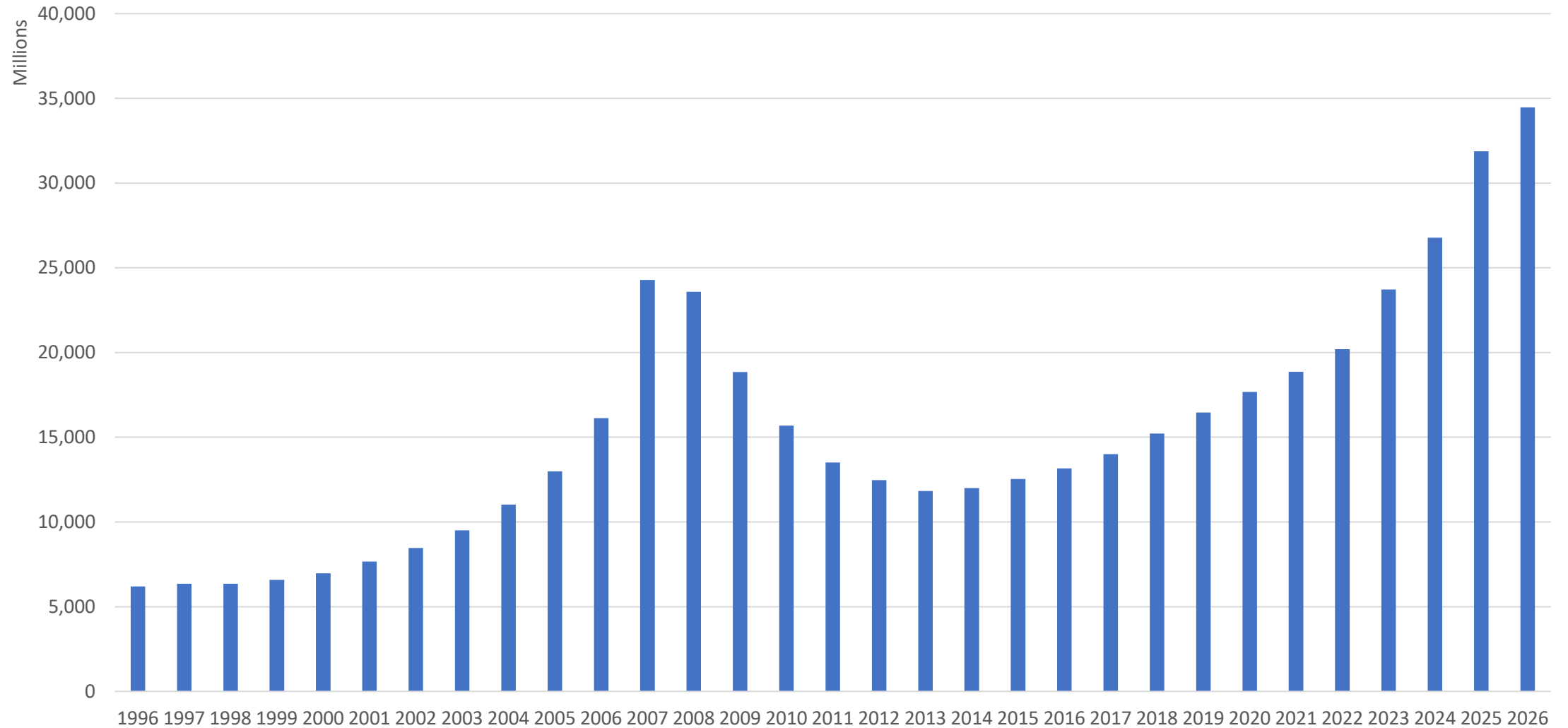
Public Hearings on Recommended 2025/26 – 2026/27 Budget
BCC adoption of 2025/26-2026/27 Budget
Public Hearing to adopt final FY2026 MSBU rates
BCC adoption of FY2026 Capital Improvement Program

Millage Rates



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Assessed Valuation



Property Valuations

	FY24/25 Tentative	FY24/25 Final	FY25/26 Tentative	Variance	
County-wide	31,872,398,227	31,939,910,605	34,462,245,686	2,522,335,081	7.90%
Environmentally Sensitive Land Program	32,147,167,747	32,216,413,891	34,744,080,334	2,527,666,443	7.85%
Greater Charlotte Street Lighting District	23,400,875,959	23,349,951,659	25,215,969,067	1,866,017,408	7.99%
Charlotte Public Safety Unit	27,046,198,203	27,078,591,340	29,480,591,883	2,402,000,543	8.87%
Don Pedro/Knight Island Street/Drainage	560,967,286	560,527,353	533,329,556	(27,197,797)	-4.85%
Manasota Key Street & Drainage Unit	841,703,870	839,857,300	702,765,090	(137,092,210)	-16.32%
Stump Pass Dredging Unit	10,717,064,614	10,707,063,690	11,287,364,994	580,301,304	5.42%
Sandhill Municipal Service Taxing Unit	294,896,901	295,554,019	324,959,471	29,405,452	9.95%

Neighboring Counties

Valuation Increase

	\$ Variance	% Variance
Charlotte County	2,522,335,081	7.90%
Manatee County	4,962,714,782	7.09%
Lee County	11,281,289,791	8.10%
Sarasota County	6,090,187,848	5.86%
Collier County	12,695,877,693	8.34%
DeSoto County	713,356	3.52%

Ad Valorem Revenues

as Presented July 24th, 2025

	Tentative FY24/25	Final FY24/25	Tentative FY25/26	Variance	Variance %
County-wide	192,888,567	193,297,145	208,562,065	15,264,920	7.90%
BCC Functions	70,571,864	70,721,350	76,306,304	5,584,954	
Sheriff Operations	81,985,370	82,159,032	88,647,235	6,488,203	
Capital Projects Fund	40,331,333	40,416,763	43,608,526	3,191,763	
Environmentally Sensitive Land Program	6,429,434	6,443,283	6,948,816	505,533	7.85%
Greater Charlotte Street Lighting District	5,950,843	5,937,893	6,412,421	474,528	7.99%
Charlotte Public Safety Unit	58,011,391	58,080,871	63,232,922	5,152,052	8.87%
Don Pedro/Knight Island Street/Drainage	808,354	807,720	768,528	(39,193)	-4.85%
Manasota Key Street & Drainage Unit	656,361	654,921	548,016	(106,905)	-16.32%
Stump Pass Dredging Unit	2,119,835	2,117,857	2,232,641	114,784	5.42%
Sandhill Municipal Service Taxing Unit	208,256	208,720	229,486	20,766	9.95%
	267,073,040	267,548,410	288,934,895	21,386,485	8.01%

Tentative Millage Rates

as of July 24th, 2025

	Keep Revenue the same as 2024/25 (Published Roll-back Rate)		Keep Millage Rate the same as 2024/25		Increase Millage Rate (Comm. Services Positions)		Maximum Roll-back Millage (Based on Save our Homes)	
County-wide	5.8133	193,297,145	6.0519	208,562,065	6.2350	214,871,191	8.6171	296,963,583
General Fund	2.0135	70,721,350	2.2142	76,306,304	2.3973	82,615,430	3.1527	108,649,642
Sheriff Operations	2.5469	82,159,032	2.5723	88,647,235	2.5723	88,647,235	3.6626	126,221,422
Capital Projects Fund	1.2529	40,416,763	1.2654	43,608,526	1.2654	43,608,526	1.8018	62,092,519
Environmentally Sensitive Land Program	0.2000	6,443,283	0.2000	6,948,816	0.2000	6,948,816	0.2000	6,948,816
Greater Charlotte Street Lighting District	0.2420	5,937,893	0.2543	6,412,421	0.2543	6,412,421	0.3018	7,611,188
Charlotte Public Safety Unit	2.0476	58,080,871	2.1449	63,232,922	2.1449	63,232,922	2.4470	72,137,534
Don Pedro/Knight Island Street/Drainage	1.4616	807,720	1.4410	768,528	1.4410	768,528	3.0775	1,641,306
Manasota Key Street & Drainage Unit	0.7721	654,921	0.7798	548,016	0.7798	548,016	1.0381	729,519
Stump Pass Dredging Unit	0.1884	2,117,857	0.1978	2,232,641	0.1978	2,232,641	0.3114	3,514,998
Sandhill Municipal Service Taxing Unit	0.6388	208,720	0.7062	229,486	0.7062	229,486	1.2147	394,738
Total Revenue:	11.3638	267,548,410	11.7759	288,934,895	11.9590	295,244,021	17.2075	389,941,683

History of Millage Rates

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
County-wide	6.3007	6.3007	6.3007	6.3007	6.3007	6.3007	6.3007	6.1687	6.1687	6.0519	6.0394
General Fund	2.0707	2.0707	2.0707	2.0707	2.0707	2.1614	2.1614	2.1614	2.1614	2.2142	2.2142
Sheriff Operations	2.8739	2.8739	2.8739	2.8739	2.8739	2.8739	2.8739	2.7419	2.7419	2.5723	2.5723
Capital Projects Fund	1.2654	1.2654	1.2654	1.2654	1.2654	1.2654	1.2654	1.2654	1.2654	1.2654	1.2529
Health Unit	0.0907	0.0907	0.0907	0.0907	0.0907	0	0	0	0	0	0
Environmentally Sensitive Land Program	0.2000	0.2000	0.2000	0.2000	0.2000	0.2000	0.2000	0.2000	0.2000	0.2000	0.2000
Greater Charlotte Street Lighting District	0.3250	0.3250	0.3250	0.3250	0.3250	0.3250	0.3250	0.2925	0.2925	0.2543	0.1907
Charlotte Public Safety Unit	2.5855	2.5855	2.5855	2.5855	2.5855	2.5855	2.5855	2.4232	2.4232	2.1449	2.1449
Don Pedro/Knight Island Street/Drainage	1.8012	1.8012	1.4410	1.4410	1.4410	1.4410	1.4410	1.4410	1.4410	1.4410	1.4410
Manasota Key Street & Drainage Unit	0.7798	0.7798	0.7798	0.7798	0.7798	0.7798	0.7798	0.7798	0.7798	0.7798	0.7798
Stump Pass Dredging Unit	0.1978	0.1978	0.1978	0.1978	0.1978	0.1978	0.1978	0.1978	0.1978	0.1978	0.1978
Sandhill Municipal Service Taxing Unit	0.7062	0.7062	0.7062	0.7062	0.7062	0.7062	0.7062	0.7062	0.7062	0.7062	0.7062
Total Revenue:	12.8962	12.8962	12.5360	12.5360	12.5360	12.5360	12.5360	12.2092	12.2092	11.7759	11.6998

FY26 Tentative Millage Rates

	Tentative Millage Rates As of July 24th, 2025	Tentative Millage Rate Amendments
County-wide	6.0519	
General Fund	2.2142	
Sheriff Operations	2.5723	
Capital Projects Fund	1.2654	1.2529
Environmentally Sensitive Land Program	0.2000	
Greater Charlotte Street Lighting District	0.2543	0.1907
Charlotte Public Safety Unit	2.1449	
Don Pedro/Knight Island Street/Drainage	1.4410	
Manasota Key Street & Drainage Unit	0.7798	
Stump Pass Dredging Unit	0.1978	
Sandhill Municipal Service Taxing Unit	0.7062	
Total Revenue:	11.7759	

Revised Ad Valorem Revenues

	Tentative FY24/25	Final FY24/25	Tentative FY25/26	Variance	Variance %
County-wide	192,888,567	193,297,145	208,131,287	14,834,142	7.67%
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	267,073,040	267,548,409	286,900,381	19,351,971	7.25%

Valuation Impact on Homestead Tax Bill

(Charlotte County Millage Only)

			Reduced Millage Rate
	2025	2026	2026
Valuation	Tax Bill	Tax Bill	Tax Bill
\$100,000	432.56	451.40	447.43
\$200,000	1,297.67	1,341.60	1,329.79
\$300,000	2,162.78	2,231.79	2,212.16
\$400,000	3,027.89	3,121.99	3,094.53

Note: \$50,722 Homestead Exemption assumed



How Your Tax Dollar is Spent

FY25/26

West Coast Inland
Navigation
0.26%

Southwest Florida
Water Mgmt District
1.21%

Constitutional
Budgets
4.49%

Greater Charlotte
Lighting
1.26%



Environmentally Sensitive
Lands
1.33%

Charlotte County School Board
41.68%

Sheriff
31.28%
20.25% Law Enforcement
8.19% Corrections
1.35% Court Services
1.49% Dispatch Center

Charlotte Countywide
18.49%
11.27% Infrastructure
5.68% Public Services
0.74% Economic and Community Development
0.80% Efficient and Effective Government

Budget Changes



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MSBU Adjustments

Summary of Adjustments

MSBU	July Public Hearing FY26 Rate (TRIM)	Adjusted FY26 Rate	Max Rate
Cook and Brown Street Unit	\$53.00	\$31.00	\$53.00
Gardens of Gulf Cove Street and Drainage	\$591.00	\$543.00	\$591.00

Changes made since July 24th

Summary of Adjustments

MSBU Rates	(4,090,862)
Lighting District Millage	(1,523,549)
Capital Projects Millage	(409,239)
CRA/TIF Payment	5,674
Board CIP Action	60,000
Tourism Interfund Transfer	125,000
Total Adjustments	(5,832,976)

Review of Ad Valorem



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Ad Valorem Long Range Projection

Variables & Uncertainties

- Land Acquisition
- Affordable Housing
- Hurricane Costs
- Community Services Levels of Service
- Federal Uncertainties - FEMA
- State Uncertainties - Property Tax Reform

General Fund



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General Fund Long Range Projection

Assumptions

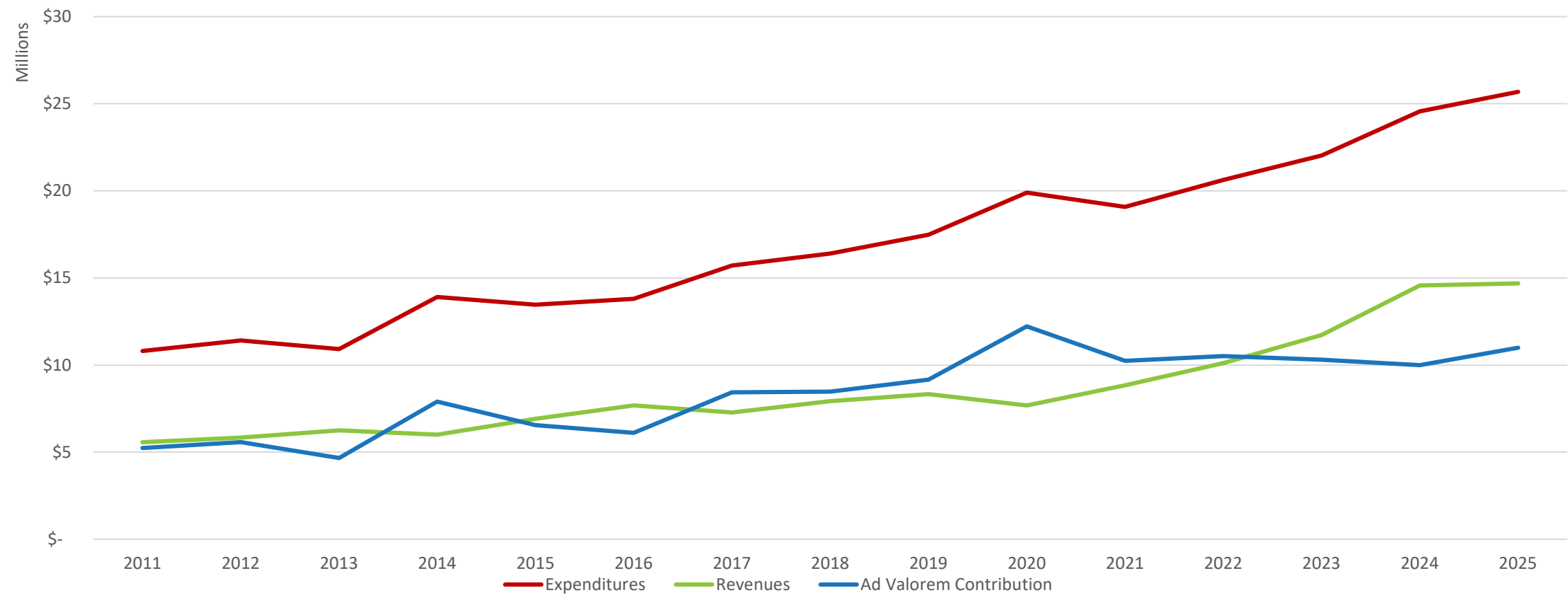
- Ad Valorem increase of 10% for FY27; 6.5% for Future Years
- State Share Revenue Stabilized
- Charlotte Harbor CRA FY28
- Infrastructure & Service Delivery Positions
- Reduced Transfers from Constitutional Offices

General Fund

Five Year Financial Plan – Revenue/Expenditures (Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Projected	Adopted	Proposed	Planned
	FY22/23	FY23/24	FY24/25	Budget	Budget	Budget
				FY24/25	FY25/26	FY26/27
Operating Revenues						
Ad Valorem Taxes	47,303	53,178	62,085	64,818	69,774	76,751
State Shared Revenues	30,648	30,551	31,180	30,050	29,446	30,905
Franchise Fees-FPL	13,926	13,677	14,032	12,500	14,397	14,771
Charges for Services	14,695	16,063	16,432	13,367	14,868	14,964
Less 5%-FS 129.01(2)(B)				-6,799	-6,805	-7,240
Other Revenues & Fees	11,551	15,248	15,949	6,527	10,206	10,011
Central Service Charges	20,041	23,995	25,555	23,415	27,215	28,985
Transfers In	24,511	21,212	13,212	8,366	12,416	11,672
Total Revenues	162,674	173,923	178,445	152,243	171,517	180,818
Expenditures						
Personal Services	41,480	42,518	50,595	51,949	58,092	61,540
Fringe Benefits	20,239	21,862	21,539	27,686	29,231	30,694
Operating Expenses	40,295	46,231	41,967	41,823	53,384	55,320
Capital Outlay	2,878	1,450	2,015	1,980	4,939	3,530
Grants and Aids	4,828	5,797	4,493	3,325	3,543	3,549
Constitutional Offices	22,151	19,887	21,279	22,491	22,927	22,978
Transfers	12,641	20,682	21,716	18,493	17,028	17,185
Total Expenditures	144,512	158,427	163,604	167,748	189,144	194,798
Use of Reserves	-18,162	-15,496	-14,841	15,504	17,627	13,979

Emergency Medical Services



2011-2024: Actuals
2025: Projection

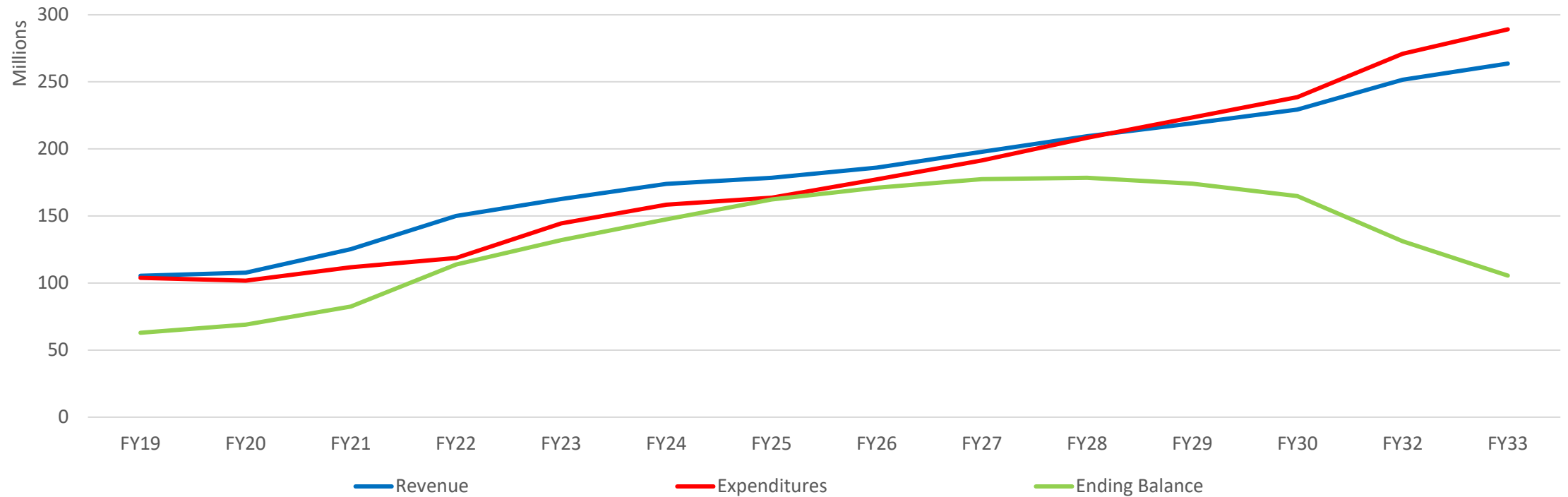


Emergency Medical Services

	2025 Adopted Budget	2026 Proposed Budget	Variance
Total Revenue	\$10,509,550	\$12,722,096	
Total Expenditures	<u>(\$26,141,514)</u>	<u>(\$31,015,632)</u>	
Net Impact (Shortfall)	(\$15,631,964)	(\$18,293,536)	
Ad Valorem Contribution	\$15,631,964	\$18,293,536	\$2,661,572

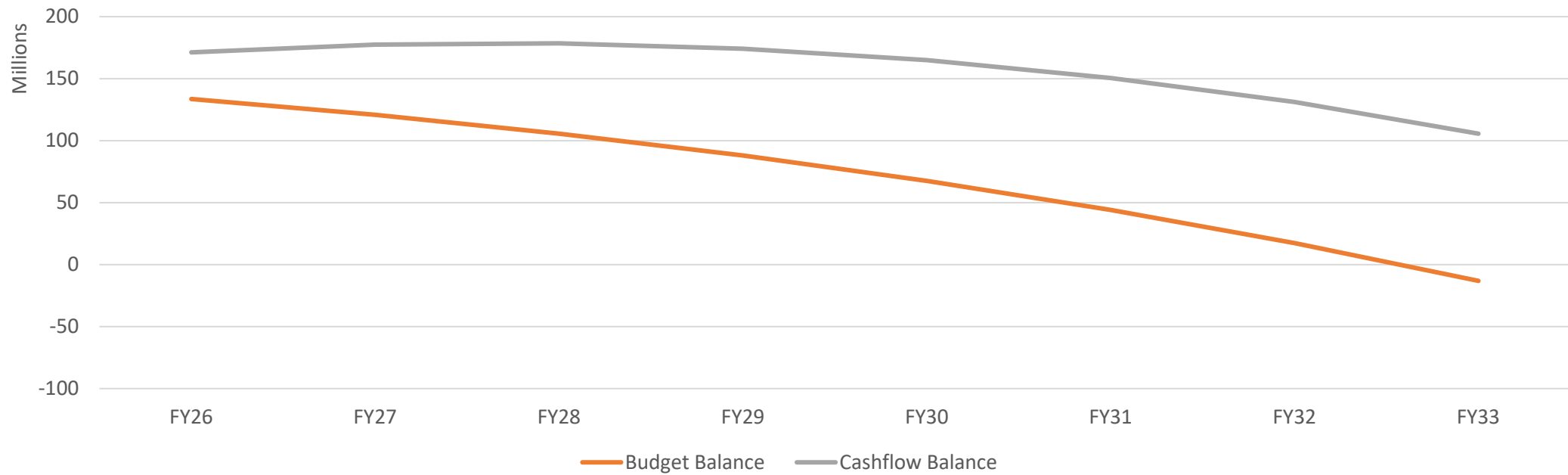
General Fund

Revenues vs Expenditures Updated Projection



General Fund

Budget vs Cashflow

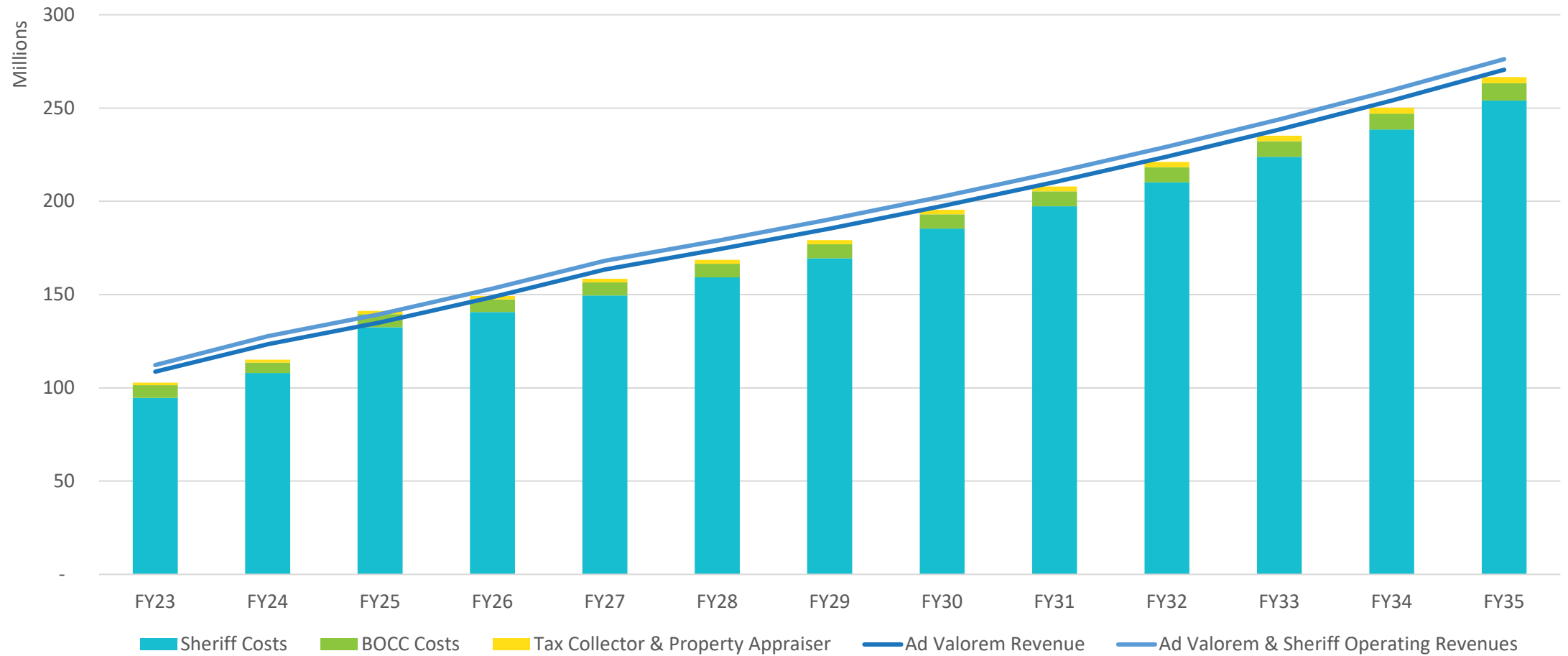


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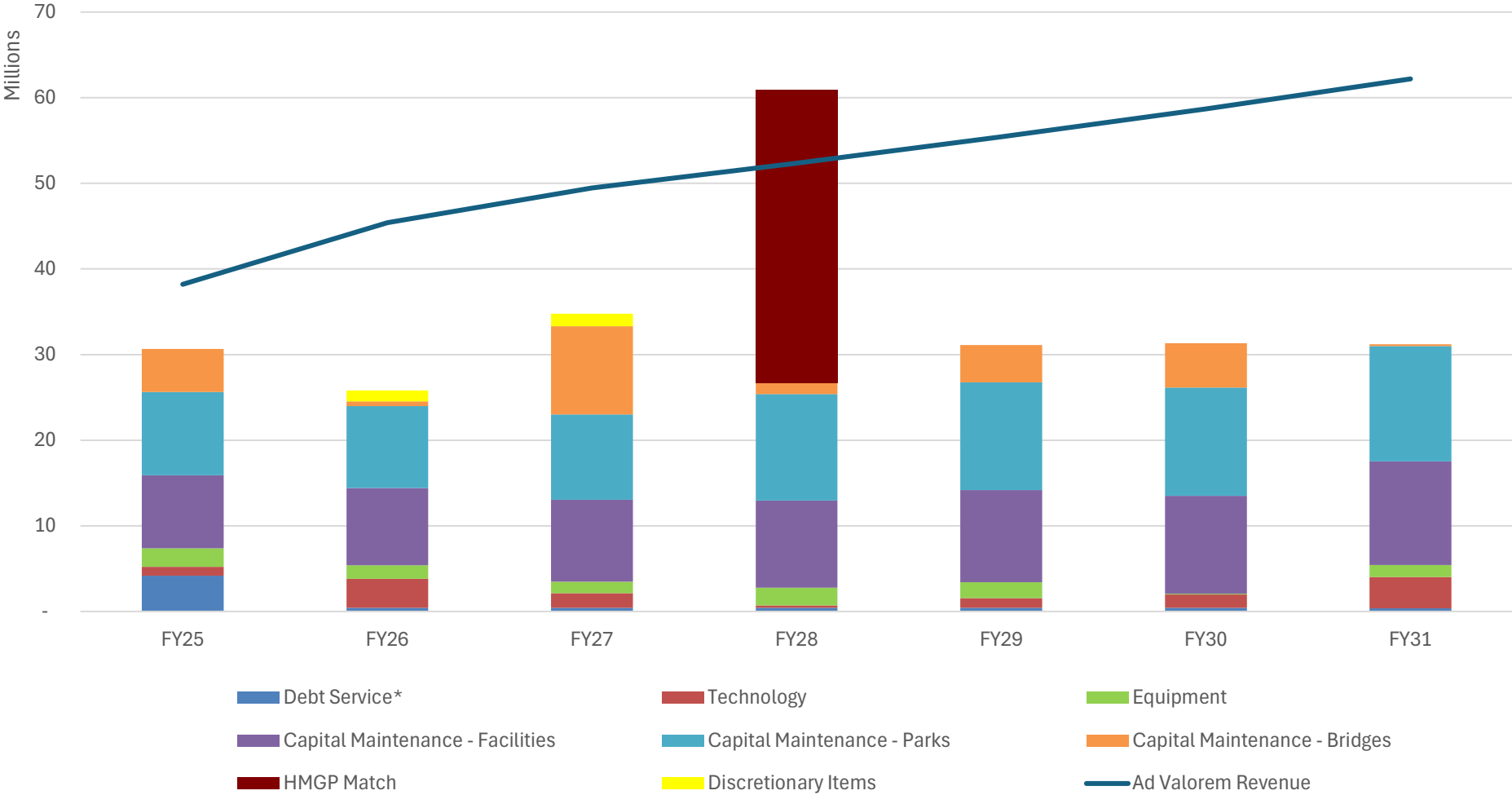
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Law Enforcement Fund Projection



Capital Projects Fund

Capital Projects Fund Projection



General Government

(Thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	Total
Surplus from All Other	6,446	16,568	24,797	26,129	17,256	32,542	123,738
Shortfall from HMGP	-	-	(12,868)	-	-	-	(12,868)
Shortfall after Sales Tax	-	(15,021)	(100,392)	(86,068)	(17,518)	(2,638)	(198,094)
Total Surplus / Shortfall	6,446	1,547	(88,463)	(59,939)	(262)	29,904	(87,224)

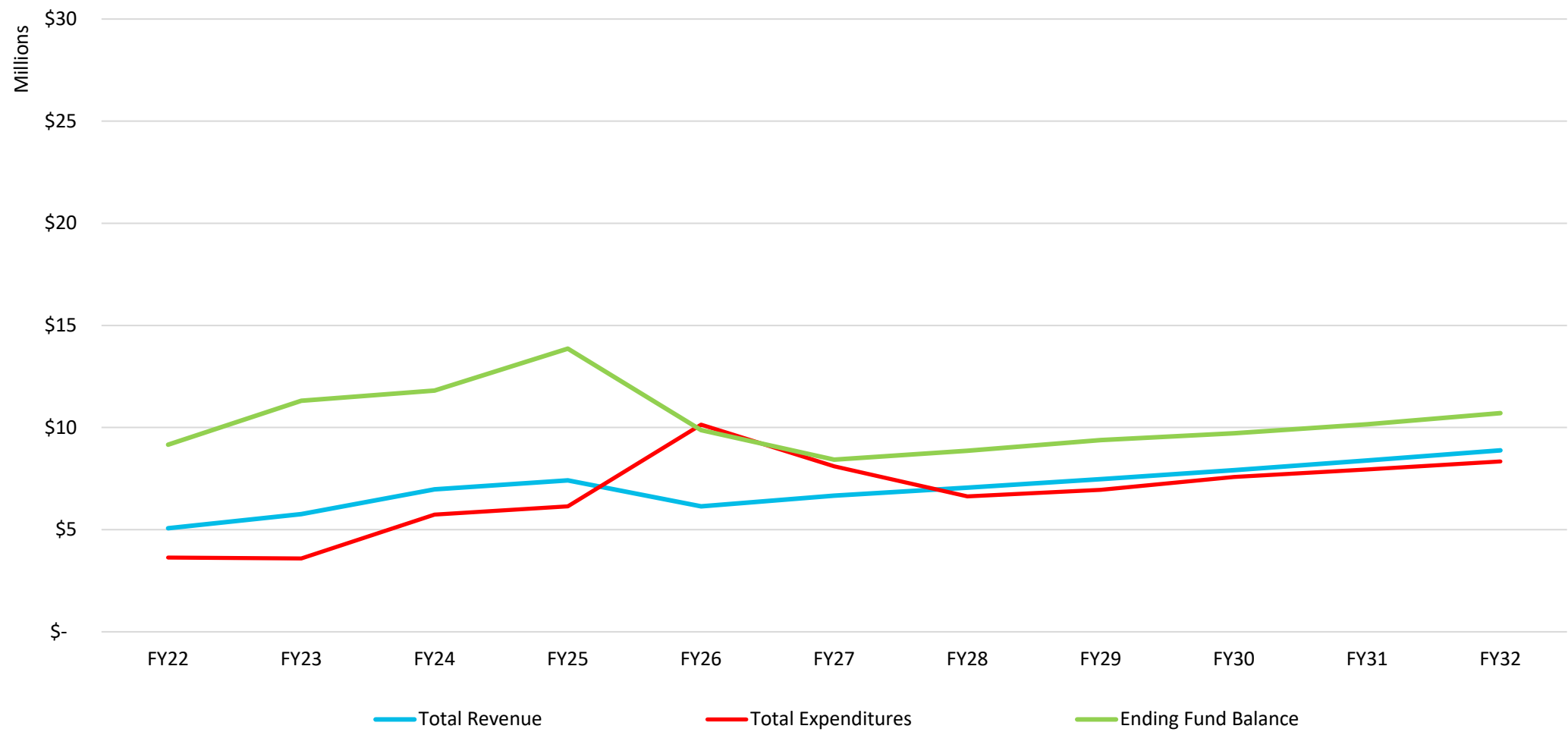
Greater Charlotte Street Lighting District



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Lighting District

Millage Scenario Updated Projection



Total County-Wide Budget



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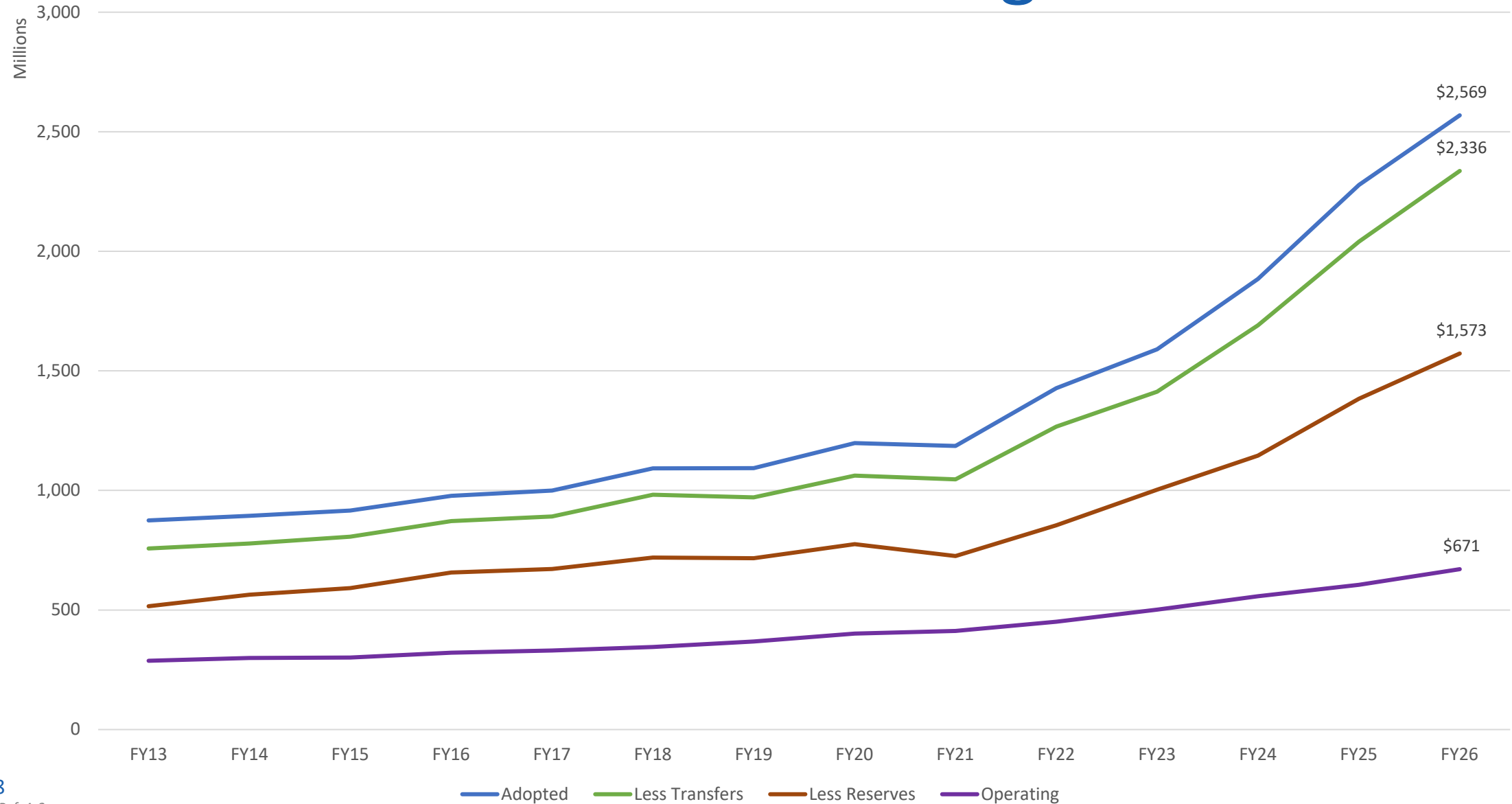
Proposed 2025/26 & 2026/27

Total County-wide Budget

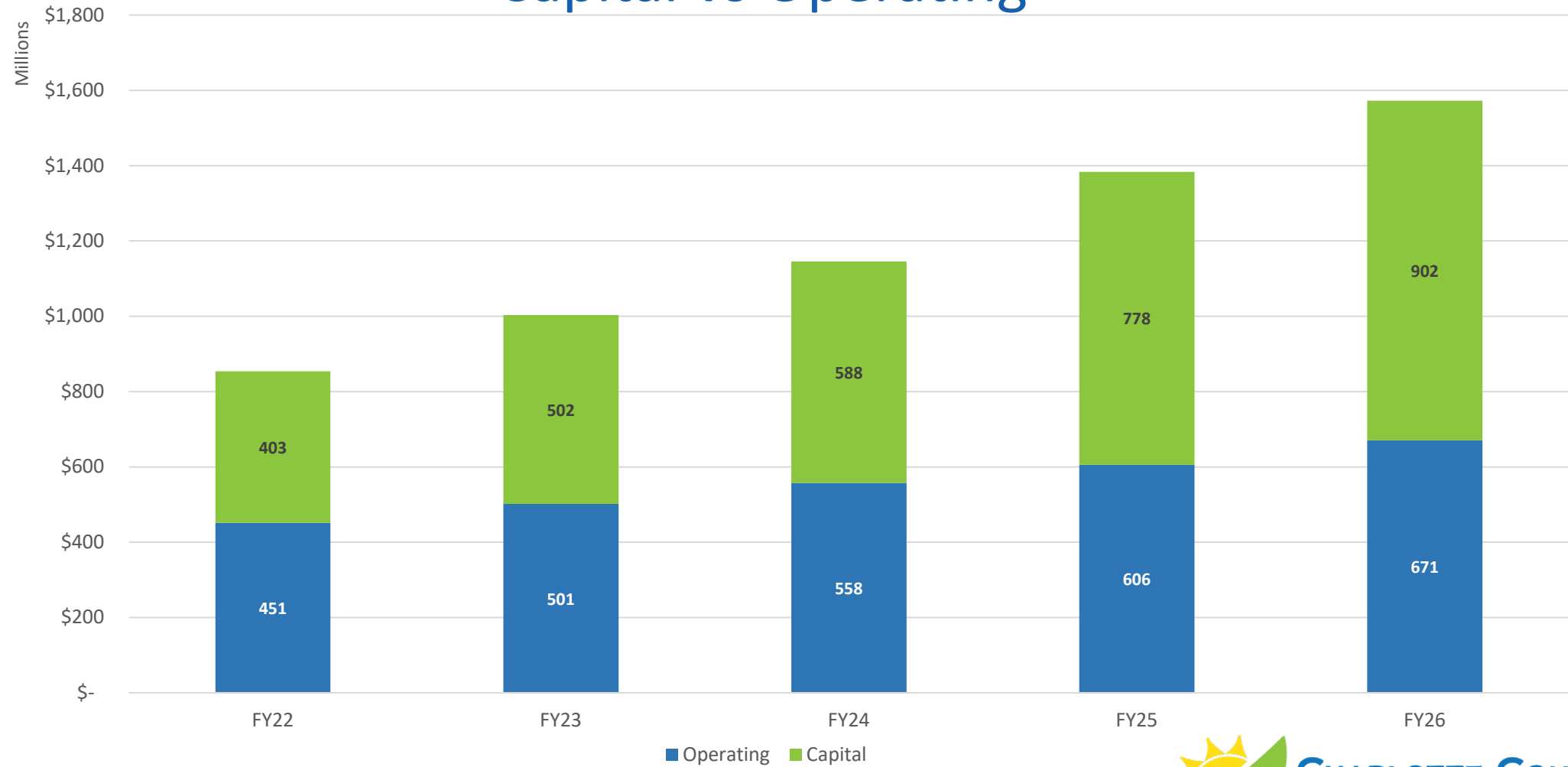
FY24/25	Adopted Budget	1,383,279,524
FY25/26	Proposed Budget	1,572,618,566
FY26/27	Planned Budget	1,436,872,076

Note: These figures reflect the budget minus interfund transfers and reserves.

Net Amended Budgets



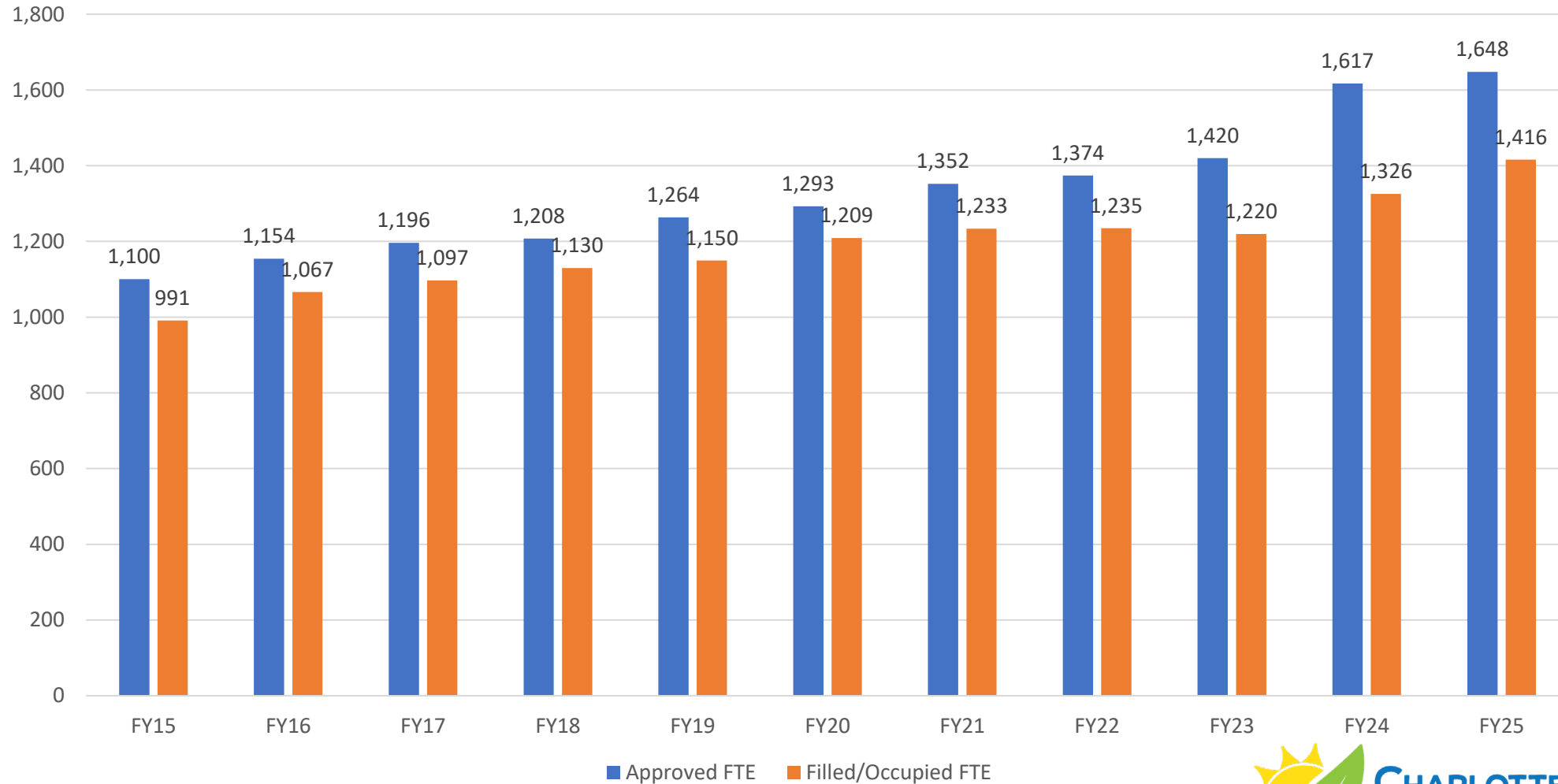
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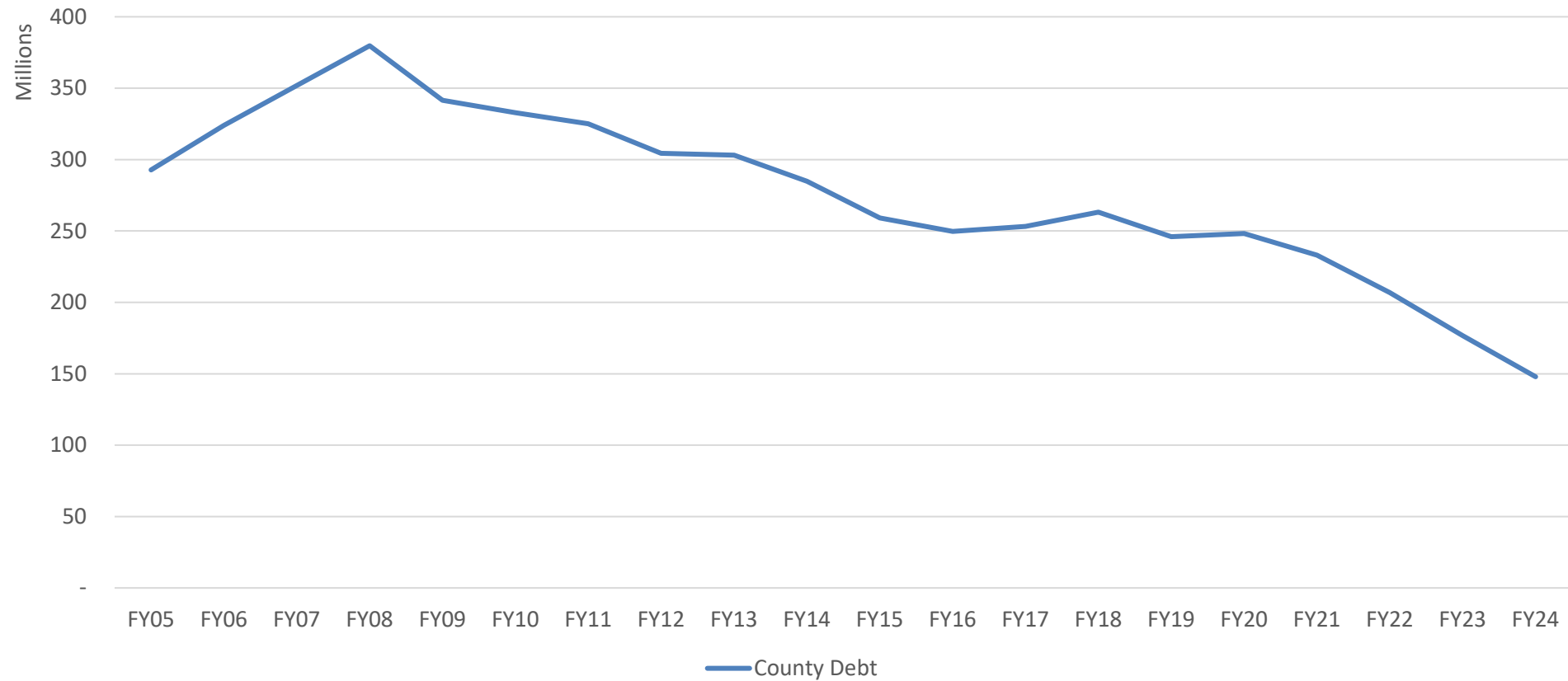
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BCC Countywide FTE Counts

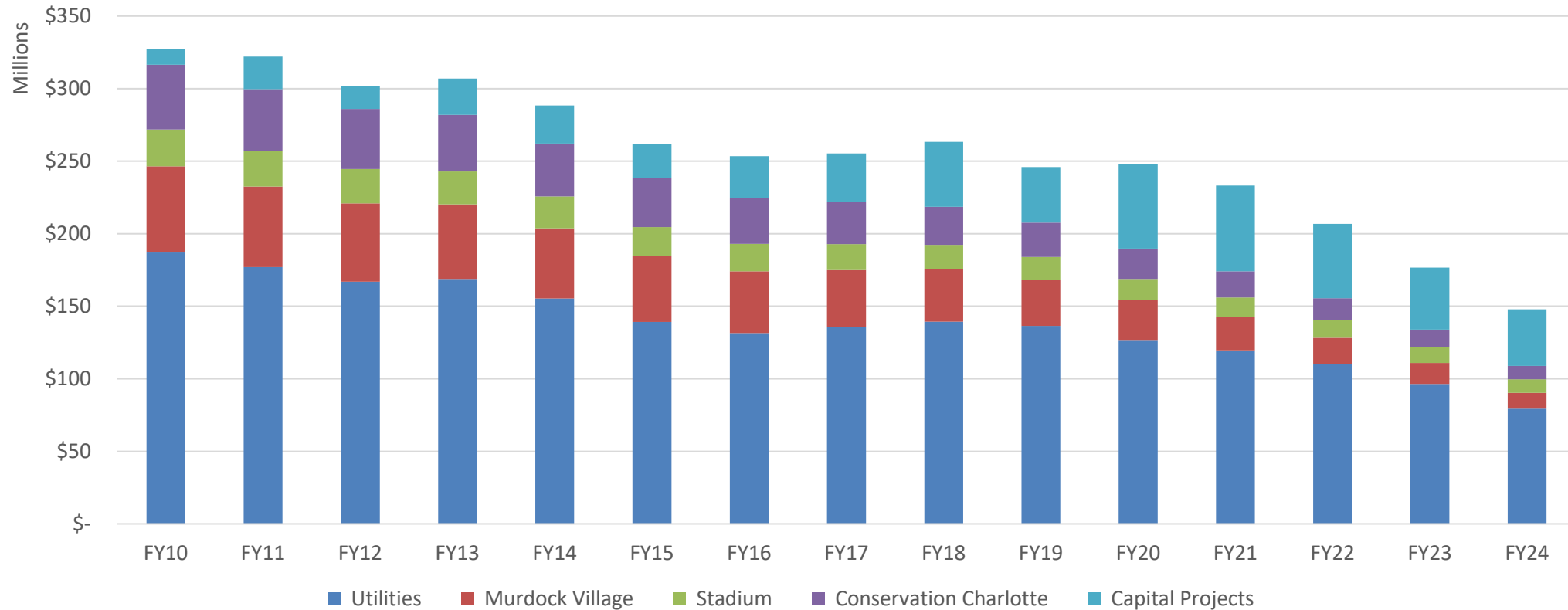
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Charlotte County 20 Year Debt Position



Charlotte County Debt Breakdown



Reserves



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Ad Valorem Reserves

	<u>Total Reserves</u>	% of Budget	Target
Contingency	31,698,311	5.03%	5% - 10%
Cash Carry Forward	33,380,863	5.29%	5% - 10%
Fiscal Stabilization *	45,204,972	14.00%	>15%
Disaster Retention	<u>25,000,000</u>	3.97%	?
Total:	135,284,146		

* Percentage of General Fund Only.

Reserves

	Contingency	Cash Carry Forward	Fiscal Stabilization	Future Capital	Restricted	Total
Ad Valorem	31,698,311	33,380,863	45,204,972		25,000,000	135,284,146
Transportation Trust	2,713,122	6,791,542				9,504,664
Building Construction Services		5,099,564		15,000,000		20,099,564
MSBU/TU	37,850,000	30,392,079		89,257,163	3,427,074	160,926,316
Fire Rescue Unit	1,879,636	4,692,990				6,572,626
Capital Projects				135,470,120		135,470,120
Utilities	100,009,849		2,481,182	26,439,431	1,394,038	130,324,500
Landfill	28,533,610			11,235,875	12,359,604	a 52,129,089
All Other*	32,612,427	3,927,568	4,678,732	54,180,313	17,770,541	113,169,581
Hurricane	(94,935,377)					(94,935,377)
	140,361,578	84,284,606	52,364,886	331,582,902	59,951,257	668,545,229

a Restricted for future landfill closure

* All Other consists of:

Internal Service Funds such as Self Insurance and Vehicle Revolving Fund

Special Revenue Funds such as Tourism Development and Boater Revolving Fund



Cashflow

Named Storm	Expenses Paid	Reimbursement Received	Variance
Ian	197,720,489	103,656,963	(94,063,526)
Debby	722,051	76,158	(645,894)
Idalia	759,520		(759,520)
Helene	3,359,647		(3,359,647)
Milton	23,731,396	9,520,465	(14,210,930)
Totals	226,293,103	113,253,586	(113,039,517)
General Fund Transfers to date:			18,104,140
Net Variance:			(94,935,377)

Projected County Share

County Share (FEMA projects)	21,114,238
County Share (USDA projects)	6,713,305
Waterways	1,133,602
FHWA Road repairs	2,548,629
Public Works revenue loss	3,800,761
Infrastructure - non reimbursable	1,766,721
Insurance Deductibles (not mitigation)	1,712,296
Temp offices	638,535
Cemeteries	185,000
Professional services on non-qualifying projects	2,382,448
Emergency measures - non reimbursable	1,192,601
Total	43,188,136

Board Direction

Adopt Tentative Millage Rates



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Greater Charlotte Street Lighting District	0.2420	5,937,893	0.2543	6,412,421	0.3018	7,611,188	0.1907	4,808,685
Charlotte Public Safety Unit	2.0476	58,080,871	2.1449	63,232,922	2.4470	72,137,534	2.1449	63,232,922
Don Pedro/Knight Island Street/Drainage	1.4616	807,720	1.4410	768,528	3.0775	1,641,306	1.4410	768,528
Manasota Key Street & Drainage Unit	0.7721	654,921	0.7798	548,016	1.0381	729,519	0.7798	548,016
Stump Pass Dredging Unit	0.1884	2,117,857	0.1978	2,232,641	0.3114	3,514,998	0.1978	2,232,641
Sandhill Municipal Service Taxing Unit	0.6388	208,720	0.7062	229,486	1.2147	394,738	0.7062	229,486
Total Revenue:	11.3638	267,548,410	11.7759	288,934,895	17.2075	389,941,683	11.6998	286,900,381

Adopt Tentative Rates & Budgets

**Non-MSBU Rates are Tentative until final Public Hearing
Millage rates can be reduced – but not raised**

Sections

- I. County-Wide Funds
- II. Voted Debt Service
- III. MSTU's (Municipal Service Taxing Units)
- IV. Other Funds
 - Special Revenue Funds (non – MSBU)
 - Enterprise Funds
 - Special Revenue Funds (MSBU)

