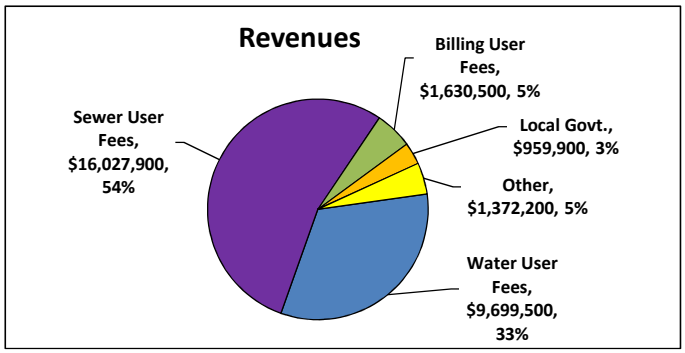
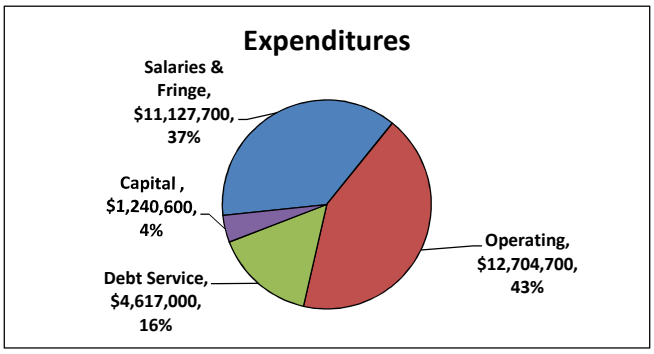
ENTERPRISE FUNDS

WATER & SEWER FUND

TOTAL FY16 APPROVED BUDGET = $29,690,000





FY15 Approved Budget $28,298,600 FY16 Approved Budget $29,690,000 Change $1,391,400 ; 4.9%

The County manages many public water and sewer systems, the largest of which is the Mattawoman Sewer Treatment Plant. The majority of the revenue is paid by customers through user fees for operating and the maintenance of the County's water supply and sewage systems. The FY 2016 user fees rate increased by 4.4% on the average residential water and sewer bill to fund five new positions, to fund additional part time help, and to fund an increase in contract services for additional maintenance.
The user fee rates for FY16 are:

Water User Fee Rate per 1,000 gallons

Single Family Residential: 0 – 18,000 gallons	$3.33
Single Family Residential : 18,001 – 24,000 gallons	$6.66
Single Family Residential : over 24,001 gallons	$9.99
Multi-Family / Commercial: Metered Usage	$4.18

Sewer User Fee Rate per 1,000 gallons

Single Family Residential: Usage capped @ 24,000 gallons	$7.13
Multi-Family / Commercial: Metered Usage	$7.13

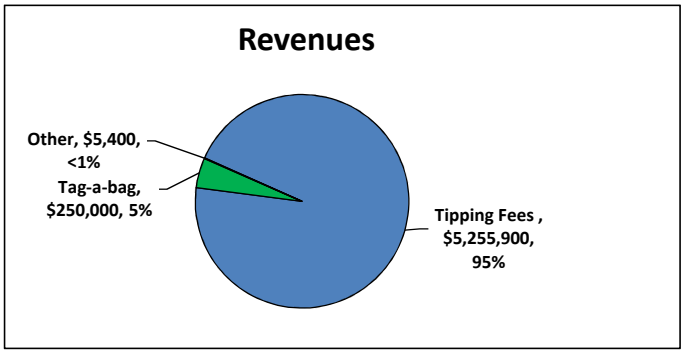
Customer account fee per quarterly bill $10.41

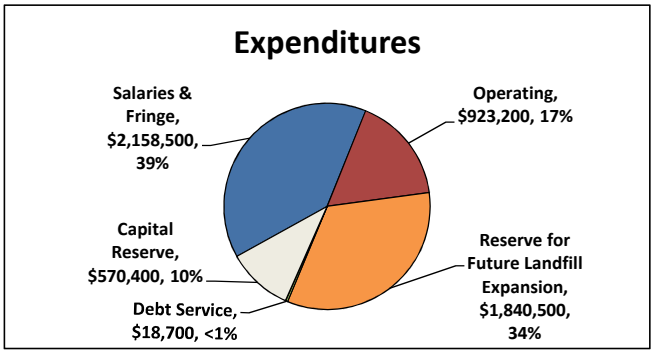
NOTE: The average quarterly Water and Sewer bill assuming 157 gallons per day would increase from $151 to $158.

For more information, please visit:
www.charlescountymd.gov/pw/utilities/mattawoman-office-utilities

LANDFILL FUND

TOTAL FY16 APPROVED BUDGET = $5,511,300





FY15 Approved Budget $5,520,800 FY16 Approved Budget $5,511,300 Change ($9,500) ; -0.2%

A tipping fee per ton for commercial and residential refuse is collected to cover the cost of operating the current landfill, future landfill cell expansion, and post closure costs. The tipping fee remains at $70 per ton for FY16. This fee is the primary revenue source for the Landfill operation. Citizens have the option of paying a flat rate tipping fee of $10 for cars or $15 for pick-up trucks.

Citizens may also purchase Tag-A-Bag tickets for $2.00. Bagged trash is accepted at the landfill on Billingsley Road and at the recycling centers in the County (Gilbert Run, Pisgah, or Breeze Farm). The landfill is located on a 16 acre site and is estimated to be 49% filled as of June 30, 2015. Current estimates indicate the landfill will last until 2032.

For more information, please visit:
www.charlescountymd.gov/pw/landfill/landfill-operations

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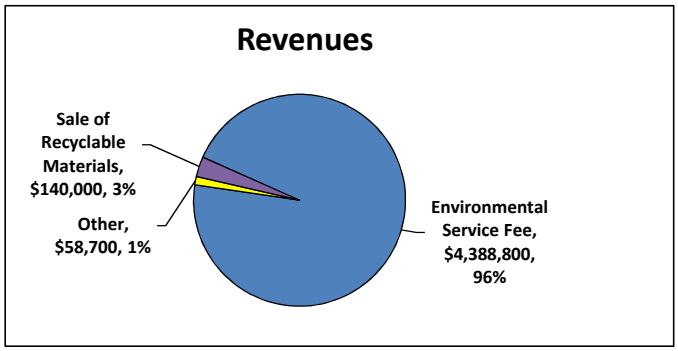
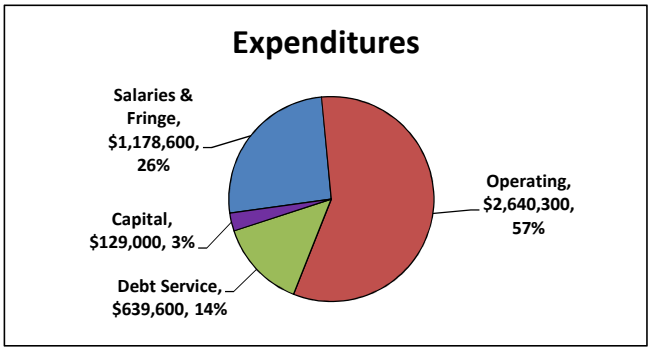
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE FUND

TOTAL FY16 APPROVED BUDGET = $4,587,500





FY15 Approved Budget **$4,300,400** **FY16 Approved Budget** **$4,587,500** **Change** **$287,100** **; 6.7%**

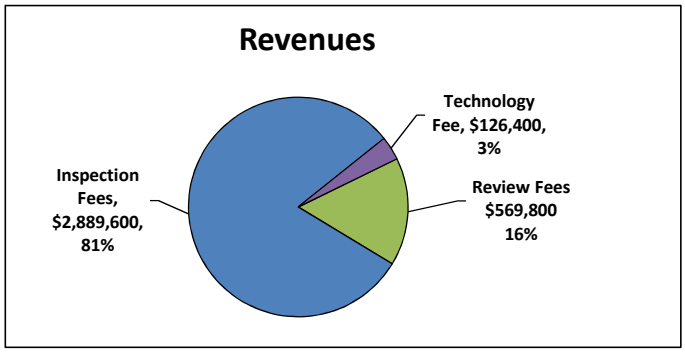
Recycling and environmental programs are paid with revenues generated primarily by a **$88 Environmental Service Fee (ESF)**, which is charged annually to each improved property within the County and accounts for 96% of revenues generated in this fund. The fee is established annually based on the estimated cost of various programs divided by the number of improved properties. The towns of Indian Head and La Plata have their own recycling program and pay a reduced ESF fee of $16.

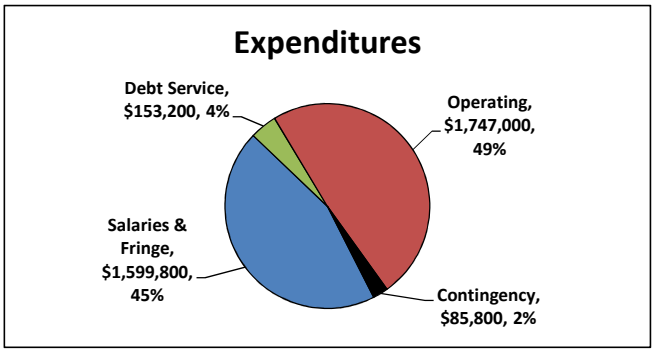
Charles County has achieved a 54% waste diversion rate. By the end of FY16, approximately 45,000 households will be served by curbside collection of recyclable materials. The residential recycling program also consists of four Recycling Centers, one 24-Hour Recycling Drop-off Site, and eight 24-Hour Used Motor Oil and Antifreeze Collection Sites. The permanent centers are located at Gilbert Run Park in Dentsville, Breeze Farm in Cobb Island, the Landfill in Waldorf, and the old Landfill in Pisgah. The 24-Hour Recycling Drop-off Site is located in Benedict at the Benedict Volunteer Fire Department.

For more information, please visit:
www.charlescountymd.gov/pw/environmental/environmental-resources
www.charlescountymd.gov/pw/litter/litter-control

INSPECTION & REVIEW FUND

TOTAL FY16 APPROVED BUDGET = $3,585,800





FY15 Approved Budget **$3,415,200** **FY16 Approved Budget** **$3,585,800** **Change** **$170,600** **; 5.0%**

The County manages building inspections and developer plan reviews through the use of an enterprise fund. The recession in the early 1990's depressed the construction industry and left the County with high overhead costs. To allow for greater flexibility regarding the expansion and contraction of the building & renovation activities within the County this operation was privatized and is managed partly with outside contractors. Operating revenues for this fund are generated primarily by service charges such as: environmental site review fees, site plan reviews, main inspection, design reviews, inspection reviews, road inspections, grading inspection, water & sewer inspections, and storm drain & storm water inspections. Fees were adjusted to cover the cost of providing these services.

For more information, please visit:
www.charlescountymd.gov/pgm/cpis/codes-perimits-inspection-services

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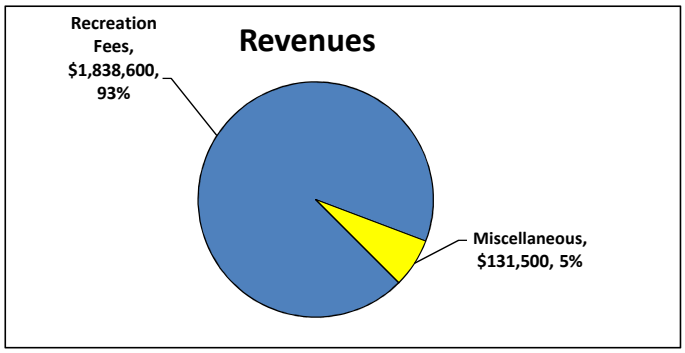
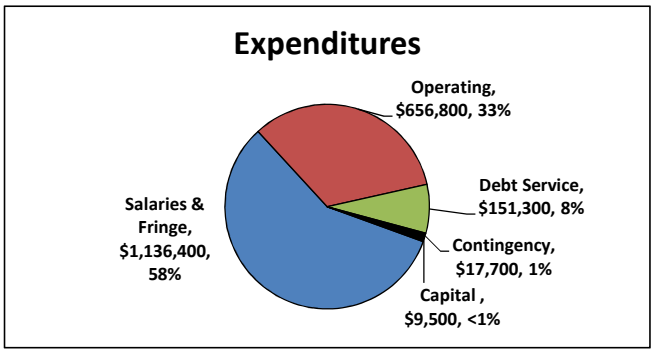
RECREATION FUND

TOTAL FY16 APPROVED BUDGET = $1,971,700





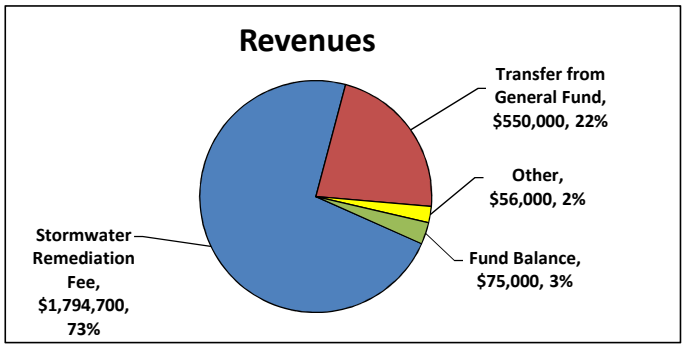
FY15 Approved Budget **$2,743,900** **FY16 Approved Budget** **$1,971,700** **Change** **($772,200)** **; -28.1%**

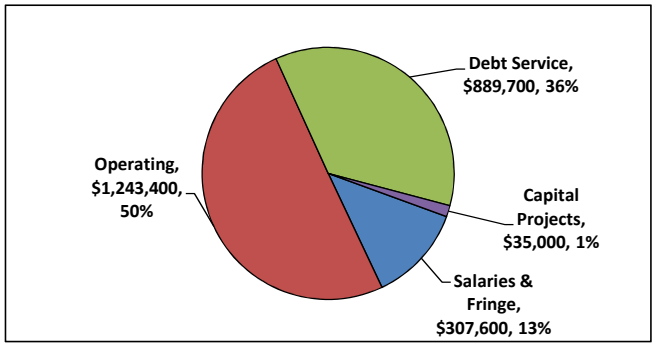
This fund is used to manage the recreational and leisure time activities for County residents including: recreational classes, special events, indoor sports leagues for youth and adult, drop-in programs, special population programs which includes support of the Special Olympics, summer aquatics and swim lessons, summer sports camps, trips and tours, and amusement park discount ticket sales. Additionally, the Recreation fund accounts for the operation of the Elite Gymnastics & Recreation Center. For FY 2016, golf course operations will be transferred to the General Fund.

For more information, please visit:
www.charlescountymd.gov/cs/recreation/recreation

WATERSHED PROTECTION & RESTORATION FUND

TOTAL FY16 APPROVED BUDGET = $2,475,700





FY15 Approved Budget **$2,168,800** **FY16 Approved Budget** **$2,475,700** **Change** **$306,900** **; 14.2%**

The County's Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund is for implementation of local stormwater management plans and practices, and stream and wetland restoration activities. The fund covers related planning, mapping, monitoring, inspections, enforcement, operations and maintenance, public education and outreach, grants to non-profits, administrative costs, and debt service payments to cover the cost of capital improvements. Revenues to the fund are generated primarily by the Stormwater Remediation Fee, which is charged annually to each improved property within the County and accounts for 73% of revenues. The $35 fee is established annually based on the estimated cost of various programs divided by the number of improved properties. Properties within the Town of La Plata are not charged the fee, since the Town has a stormwater fee for similar purposes.

For more information, please visit:
www.charlescountymd.gov/pgm/planning/npdes-municipal-separate-storm-sewer-system-permit