



Dear Taxpayer,

The Washington County Board of Supervisors is providing this informational sheet to show where your County tax dollars go (this only applies to the County tax portion of your 2012 tax bill).

The County's 2012 tax levy of \$28,505,716 funds 36.577% of the total County budget. The balance comes from operating revenue, State & Federal aid, fees, fund balance allocation and sales tax. The County has posted a worksheet on-line showing an allocation by category within the 2012 budget along with a brief explanation of each line item (www.co.washington.ny.us).

State and Federal mandates greatly affect the County's budget, in fact, \$78.55 of each \$100 of the County's tax levy goes to fund State & Federal mandated programs.

Social Services programs are administered by the County, however, the programs are set by State and Federal guidelines which Washington County must adhere to. These programs and the cost to administer them represents \$11.21 of each \$100 in County taxes. The County is seeing the funding for these programs declining which shifts the costs to the local taxpayer.

The largest single mandated program Washington County must pay for is Medicaid.

- \$23.07 of every \$100 of County taxes goes to fund the local cost of Medicaid. New York has the most expensive Medicaid program in the nation.
- New York's Medicaid costs are higher than the next two States combined (California and Texas).
- New York is one of five States that mandates County governments pay a portion of the State cost of Medicaid.
- In 2012, Washington County must pay the New York State Health Department \$216,700 per week for Medicaid, an annual total of \$11,268,435.
- By State law, Washington County's share of Medicaid will increase by \$277,660 each year.

The State legislature mandates numerous programs that the County must provide including employee retirement, service for handicapped children, probation, jail, highway, public defender, district attorney, and a share of higher education costs for two-year college, to name a few. These costs represent 44.47% of each \$100 in the County tax levy.

The County-operated nursing home (Pleasant Valley) has a \$1,917,921 loss in the 2012 budget which is being funded 100% by Pleasant Valley's fund balance.

Sales tax funds 21.02% of the total 2012 General Fund showing how important buying local is to Washington County.

If you have any questions regarding this flyer, you may contact the Washington County Board of Supervisors at 383 Broadway, Fort Edward, NY 12828 or email supervisors@co.washington.ny.us.



WHERE YOUR 2012 WASHINGTON COUNTY TAX DOLLAR GOES

Expenses in County Budget Net of Direct & Indirect Revenues	PER EACH \$100 OF COUNTY TAXES		
	MANDATED TAX \$	NON-MANDATED TAX \$	TOTAL TAX \$
Medicaid	23.07	-	23.07
Jail	11.88	-	11.88
All Social Services Programs & Administration	11.21	-	11.21
Highway	10.82	-	10.82
Sheriff	1.20	5.85	7.05
Public Health	2.60	1.74	4.34
Buildings & Grounds	-	3.30	3.30
Handicapped Children's Services	2.96	-	2.96
ACC Higher Education (2 year college)	2.69	-	2.69
Emergency Services 911 Center	2.53	-	2.53
Information Technology	-	2.00	2.00
Retiree Health Insurance	-	2.00	2.00
Probation	1.88	-	1.88
District Attorney	1.26	-	1.26
Public Defender	1.20	-	1.20
County Attorney	0.64	0.37	1.01
Legislative Board	0.88	-	0.88
Youth Bureau & Alternative Sentencing	-	0.80	0.80
Board of Elections	0.75	-	0.75
Solid Waste - Transfer Stations	-	0.72	0.72
Unallocable Insurance	-	0.72	0.72
County Administration	0.18	0.53	0.71
Real Property	0.62	-	0.62
Debt	-	0.56	0.56
Cooperative Extension	-	0.51	0.51
Clerk of the Board	0.50	-	0.50
Code Enforcement	-	0.45	0.45
Publicity	-	0.42	0.42
DPW Administration	0.37	-	0.37
Civil Service	0.37	-	0.37
Veterans' Affairs	0.19	0.17	0.36
Mental Health Services	0.32	-	0.32
Planning	-	0.29	0.29
Soil & Water	-	0.29	0.29
Medical Examiners	0.22	-	0.22
Fire Investigators	-	0.16	0.16
Weights & Measures	0.15	-	0.15
Economic Opportunity	-	0.12	0.12
Taxes and Assessments	-	0.09	0.09
Huletts Park	-	0.07	0.07
Lauderdale Park	-	0.07	0.07
Traffic Safety Board	-	0.07	0.07
Grand Jury	0.05	-	0.05
Judgement & Claims	-	0.05	0.05
Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	-	0.03	0.03
Historian	-	0.03	0.03
County Officer Dues	-	0.02	0.02
Various Not for Profits	-	0.02	0.02
Justice & Constables	0.01	-	0.01
Total	78.55	21.45	100.00