



FY23 COUNTY EXECUTIVE

RECOMMENDED OPERATING BUDGET

Climate Budget Briefing

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Successes

- Tax revenues out-performing estimates for FY21 and FY22, and FY23 tax revenues revised upward
- Fully funds the County's 10 percent reserve policy
- Applies Racial Equity and Climate Change Lenses that are reflected in decisions throughout the budget
- Record funding for climate change initiatives





Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change

- Record increases to programs to address climate change
- \$18.6 million in new funds for the Montgomery County Green Bank
- New \$1 million program to provide incentives for residential, multifamily, and commercial buildings to replace fossil fuel equipment and appliances with electric ones
- Over \$1 million to support the implementation of the Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS) program to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions in public and private multifamily and commercial buildings
- \$675,000 to implement greenhouse gas reduction and adaptation measures in low- and moderate-income housing
- \$810,000 in additional funding to improve the health of our urban forests
- \$300,000 for the Community Justice Academy for engagement with vulnerable and historically marginalized communities



Environmental Sustainability & Climate Change

- \$100,000 in incentives for individuals and businesses to electrify lawncare equipment
- Staffing to develop energy and green building codes and interface with the public about green building compliance, building electrification, and energy efficiency
- \$1.3 million in enhancements to the Water Quality Protection Fund budget for the Rainscapes program, stream restoration maintenance and inspection, a Senior Engineer position in the Office of Agriculture for soil conservation, among other enhancements
- New \$400,000 *Save-as-you-Throw* pilot program in Recycling and Resource Management to encourage residents to recycle more and generate less waste
- Broadscale climate communication campaigns, agrivoltaic technical assistance for agricultural land, and an Agricultural Business Development Specialist in the Office of Agriculture



Transportation and Transit

- Restores Ride On service and Call-N-Ride to pre-pandemic levels and maintains Bikeshare program
- Reduces regular fares on all Ride On routes by one half, bringing the cost of most Ride On trips to \$1.00
- \$1 million to add capital and operating grants programs for Transportation Services Nonprofit Organizations
- \$550,000 for transportation accessibility initiatives
- Aggressively moves forward with a transition to a zero-emissions County fleet by providing \$1.8 million to replace fossil fueled County vehicles with zero emission vehicles (this is in addition to the funding included in the capital budget to move to a zero-emissions bus fleet)
- Enhanced funding for installation and support for the County's electric vehicle charging infrastructure