

County Sanitary Engineers Association of Ohio



Legislative Update
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What's new? Key issues affecting counties

- Property taxes, property taxes, property taxes
 - Inside millage limitations
 - School district 20-mill floor reform
 - County budget commission authority
- Federal SNAP reforms increasing costs to counties



State operating budget: issues of county interest

- Areas of county interest:
 - Indigent defense funding
 - Next Gen 9-1-1 fee increase
 - Local owner-occupied credits and homestead exemption
 - Child care funding
 - Housing and economic development support

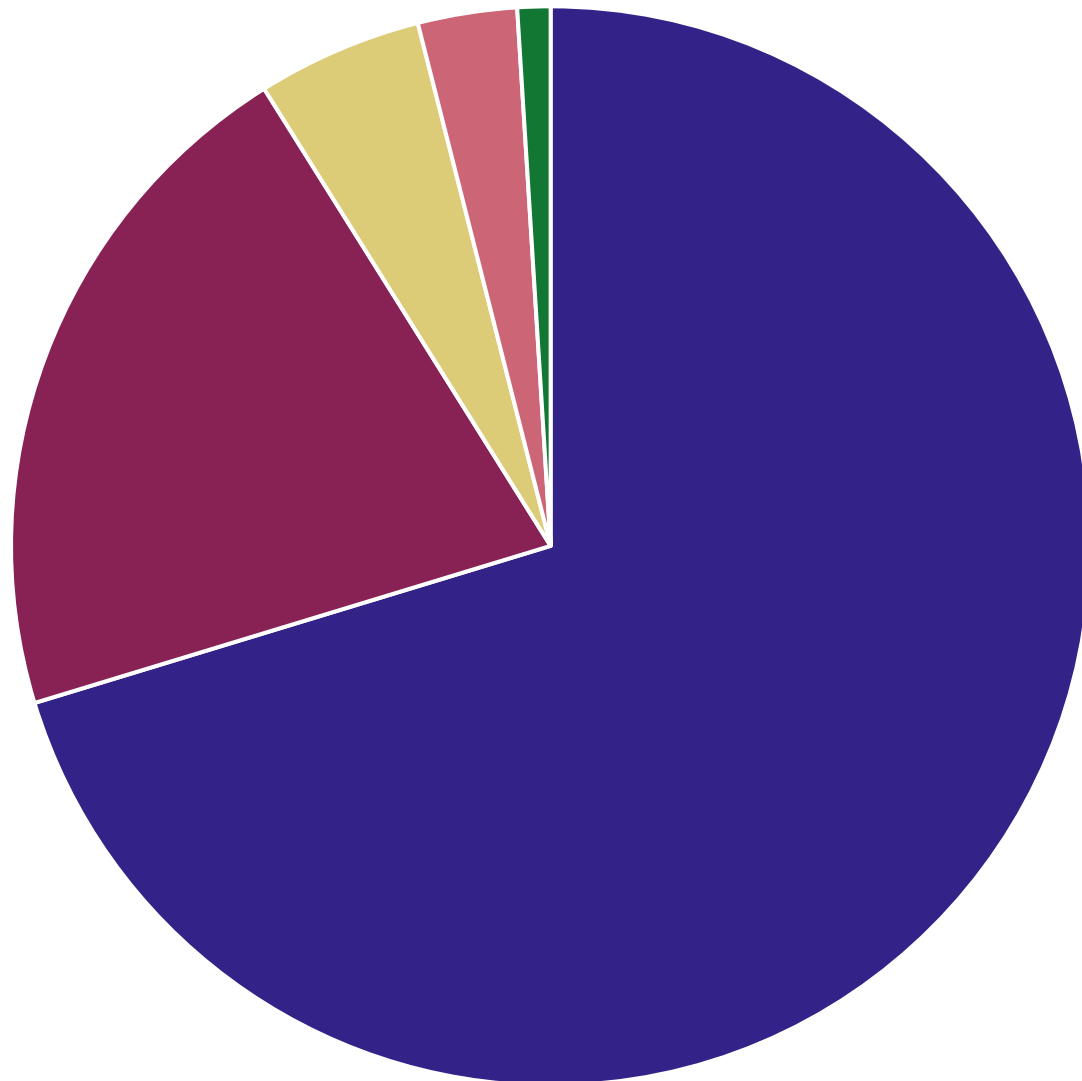


What's on the horizon? Property Tax






- Potential constitutional amendment to abolish real property tax
- Total real property tax collections ~ \$22 billion annually
- County share ~ \$3.93 billion annually



Where Does County Property Tax Revenue Go?



\$3.93 Billion, Total

-  Human Services – \$2.80 billion (71%)
-  General Fund – \$807.24 million (21%)
-  Other Purposes – \$182.76 million (5%)
-  Safety – \$99.49 Million (3%)
-  Capital and Debt – \$47.08 million (1%)



Sanitary Engineering Update

- House Bill 92/Senate Bill 118
 - Applies only to municipalities
 - Originally put significantly limited municipal on utility lien authority
 - New version:
 - Prohibits shutoffs to a tenant or landlord for nonpayment by a former tenant
 - Specifically allows withdraw and expenditure of security deposit
 - Ensures municipality can shut off services to tenants in arrears 30 or more days



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- House Bill 139
 - Original bill:
 - Required annual inspection and testing of fire hydrants and service main piping
 - Includes annual flow test
 - Potential significant cost impacts for public water systems
 - New version:
 - Requires public water systems to adopt fire hydrant maintenance plan within one year of bill's effective date
 - Significantly more flexibility



Thank you!

- Any Questions?

