



**Albemarle
County
Proposed
Financial
Plan
2008/09**

*Embracing our Value of
Stewardship*

March 5, 2008

Budget Highlights

- Funds commitments and obligations with reductions in other operational areas
- Focuses on delivery of essential services
- Incorporates reform and efficiency efforts
- Budget is built on a tax rate of 0.68, or 0.58 after 0.10 is shared with the City via revenue sharing

Budget Components

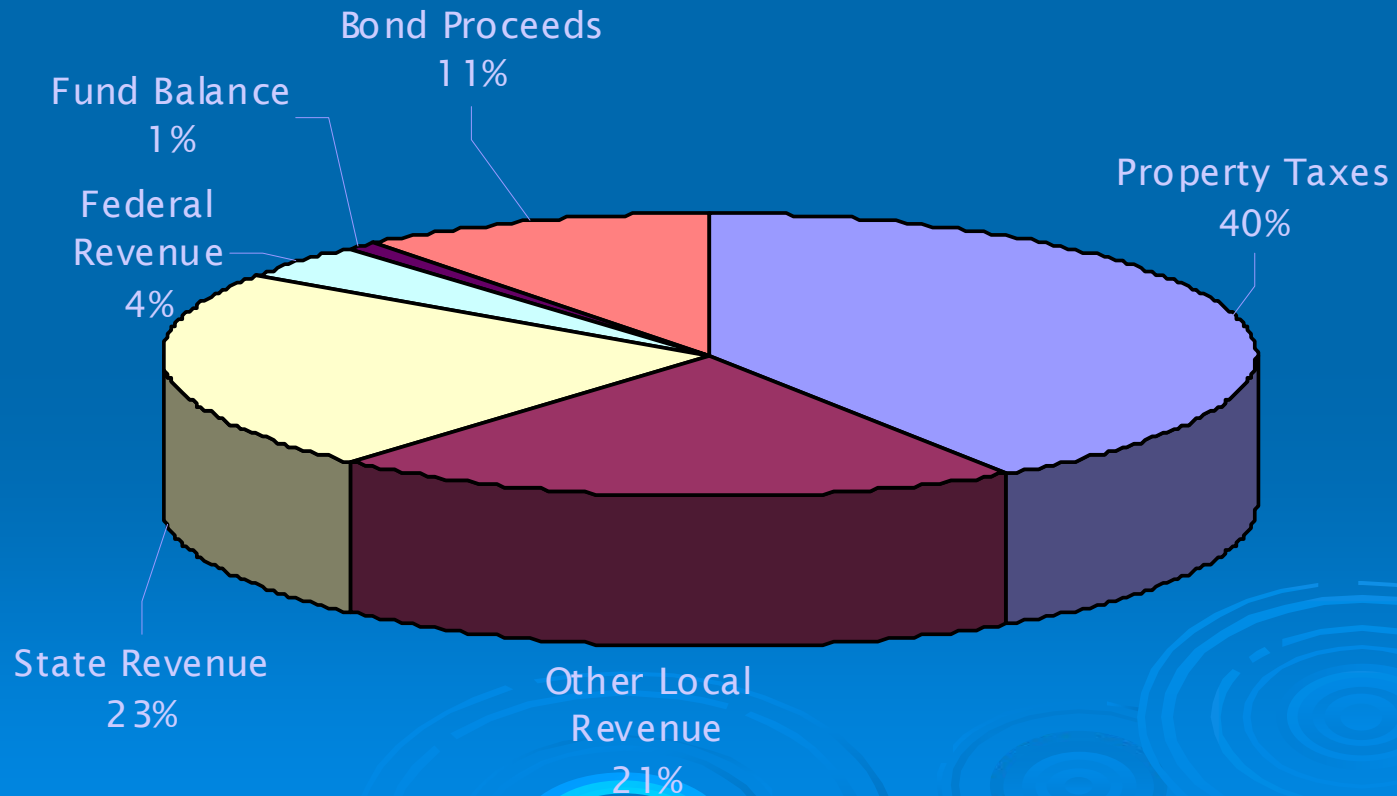
➤ Operating Budget	\$268.7 million
➤ Capital Budget	49.1 million
➤ Revenue sharing	13.6 million
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➤ Total budget	\$331.4 million

The total budget increases \$26 million over the FY 07/08 budget - \$20 million is in the capital budget.

The operating budget increase is 2.1%

Total Revenues

FY 08/09 TOTAL BUDGET
RECOMMENDED REVENUES
\$331,442,514

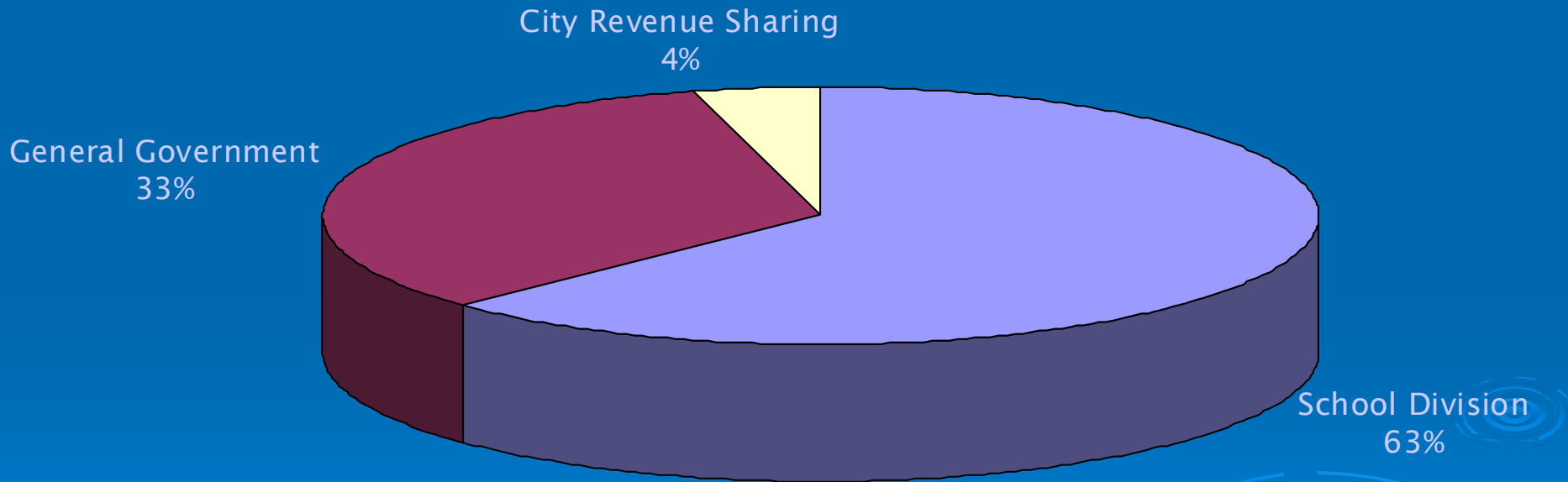


Revenue Highlights

- Tax rate – 68 cents
- General property taxes, which include real estate and personal property taxes, down 0.1%
- Combined revenues from state and federal funding down 2.8% for local government operations
- Revenues reflect \$1 million in funds from Emergency Medical Service (EMS) revenue recovery program

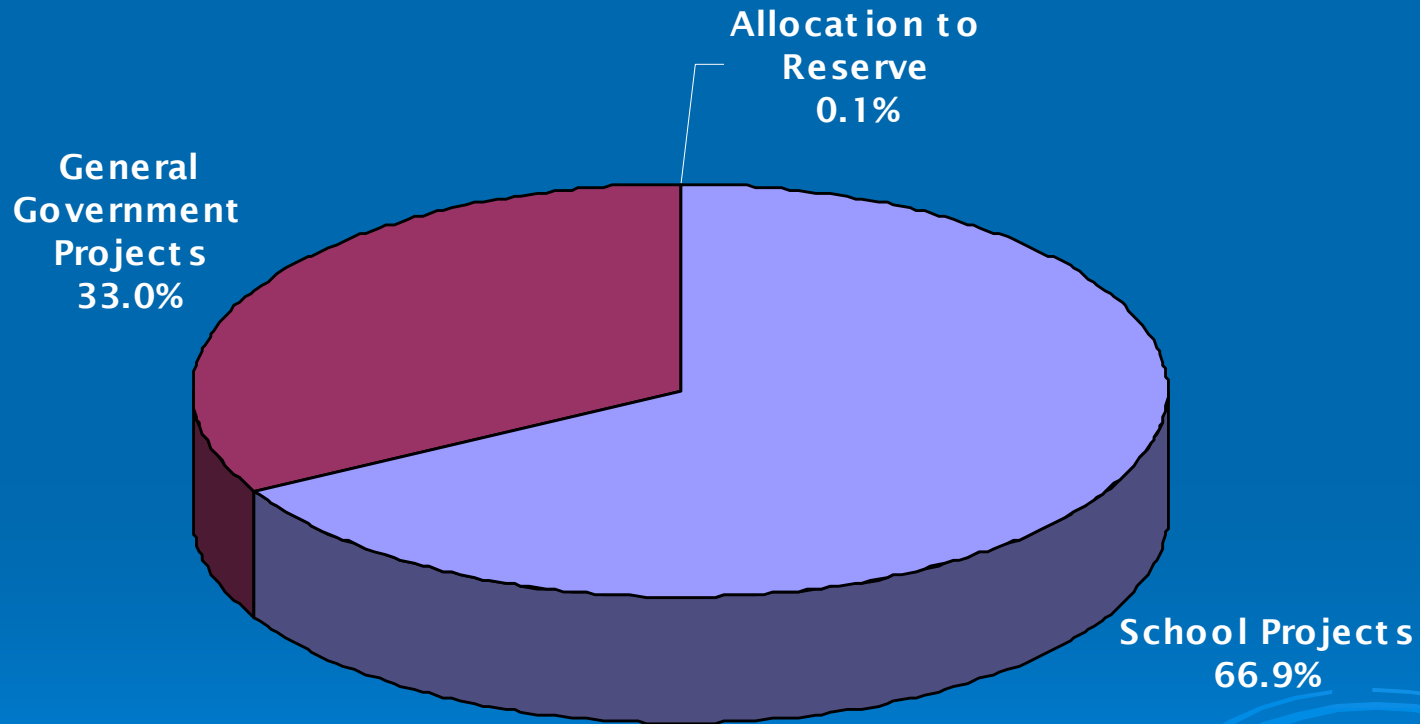
Expenditures - Total

FY 08/09 TOTAL BUDGET
RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURES
\$331,442,514



Expenditures - Capital

FY 08/09 RECOMMENDED CAPITAL BUDGET
\$49,131,000



What Drives our Expenditures?

- School Division Funding Agreement
- Increases in obligated expenditures
 - School debt service
 - Regional jail
 - Revenue Sharing
- Increased local share of Social Services expenditures
- Priority public safety improvements
 - Firefighters for Pantops Fire Station
 - Police Officers
- Market salary increase of 3.35%

Selected Financial Trends

- In the past five years – FY 03/04 – FY 08/09 – increase of 43% in operational expenditures
- School enrollment increased 2% total
- County population increased 6% (no data for most recent year)
- CPI increased 13% from 2003 - 2007

Tax Impacts

	2003	2008
Home Value	250,000	384,529
Tax Rate	0.76	0.68
Tax on Home	1,900	2,615

- Tax rate declined from \$0.76 to \$0.68
- Tax burden increased 38%, or an annual average of 7%

Growth in our Budget

- Mandates over which we have no discretion
 - Revenue sharing increased \$5.9 million, or 77%
 - Regional Jail costs increased \$1.6 million, or 88%
 - Local CSA costs increased \$0.9 million, or 48%
 - Ivy Landfill remediation increased \$0.5 million, or 108%

Growth in our Budget

- Strategic Priorities which reflect Board and Community expectations
 - **Public safety** - \$12.7 million, or 73% increase in operating expenses during this time
 - *Police - \$4.6 million, or 57%, increase*
 - *Fire/Rescue - \$5.4 million, or 156%, increase*
 - **Public transit** - \$443,621 or 189% increase
 - **Tax relief** for the elderly and disabled - \$517,238 or a 320% increase

Growth in our Budget

➤ Capital Projects (03/04 – 08/09)

- School projects \$90.7 million
- Transportation \$19.1 million
- Vol. Fire & EMS Apparatus \$9.6 million
- Juvenile Court renovations \$8.8 million
- ACE program \$7.4 million
- Crozet library (partial) \$4.5 million
- Stormwater management \$3.3 million
- YMCA recreational facility \$2.0 million

Getting the Work Done

➤ Local Government Staffing

- Increased from 6.03 positions per 1000 in 03/04 to 6.71 in 07/08
- Of the 103 new positions funded during that time
 - 62 were added to Public Safety
 - 9 to Social Services
 - 18 to Public Works/Community Development
- Albemarle's per capita spending on public safety is significantly below the average for all Virginia counties

Efficient Use of Tax Dollars

- Albemarle's tax rate, when adjusted for revenue sharing, is among the lowest of the 20 most populated Virginia counties
- Albemarle is below the average for all Virginia counties in every category of per capita spending except Community Development
- Albemarle is the smallest county in the country to have achieved and maintained a Aaa bond rating

Savings and Efficiencies

- Continuation of 13 frozen positions from the current fiscal year
- A 1 cent reduction in the transfer of general fund revenues to support capital program
- Comprehensive Program and Service Review resulting in operational savings and efficiencies including:
 - 4 eliminated/reorganized positions (equivalent of 3.5 FTEs)
 - Computer replacement cycle
 - Vehicle replacements
 - Other savings

Stay Involved in the Dialogue

- **March 10 - 19** Board Work Sessions
- **April 2** Public Hearings on Board's FY 09 Budget and Tax Rate
- **April 9** Board Adopts FY 09 Budget, sets Tax Rate

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