

Mission Moment

Whitpain Township

Mission

The mission of Whitpain Township Government is to efficiently, responsibly, and creatively provide the essential services that build value, enhance quality of life, and protect the health, safety, and rights for all who live in, work in, and enjoy Whitpain.



Vision

Whitpain Township is a community that embraces the future while cherishing our heritage. We will continue to be recognized for our diversity, fiscal responsibility, and leadership in resource conservation. We shall never waver in our commitment to ensuring public safety and enhancing the quality of life of all of our fellow citizens.

Values

- ✓ **Integrity** - We follow moral and ethical principles as we conduct our work. We are consistent in our deeds, methods, and expectations.
- ✓ **Stewardship** - We value our natural, financial, and human resources and are diligent in protecting, preserving, and enhancing Whitpain Township.
- ✓ **Responsiveness** - We respond quickly but thoughtfully to individuals, situations, and events.
- ✓ **Respect** - We treat everyone with respect. Our actions and words will demonstrate consideration and appreciation of others.
- ✓ **Partnership** - We establish transparent, long-term relationships that are based on clarity, trust, shared goals, and open communication with organizations that are committed to improving Whitpain Township.

Budget Highlights

- ▶ Balanced Budget
- ▶ No Tax Increase
- ▶ No sewer rate increase
- ▶ With reallocation of a portion of Debt Service Millage, the General Fund, Capital Reserve projects, and Open Space Projects are funded and Desirable Fund Balances maintained
- ▶ Residents pay the 5th lowest combined millage rates in Montgomery County and the tax climate for businesses remains favorable.
- ▶ 2018 Capital Reserve and Open Space Budgets include \$1.1M for Walkability and Trail Projects, and \$2.1M for Water Quality and Flood Control.



Strategic Planning Summary

➤ Major Projects & Upcoming Issues

➤ Traffic congestion mitigation with emphasis on Rt. 202 Widening Project

- Concerns Related to Construction
 - Safety
 - Traffic Congestion
 - Business Interruption
 - Emergency Response
 - Post Construction Land Use

Ways to
Mitigate Issues

- ✓ Planning
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Coordination
- ✓ Reevaluation & Adjustments



➤ Sewer system and infrastructure assessment and development of long-range plan

➤ Enhancing walkability and bikeability

➤ Open Space Preservation

➤ Development beyond Whitpain's boundaries



Financial Picture

- ▶ 2018 & 2019 General Fund, Capital Reserve, and Open Space Fund – Budget proposal adequately funded without tax increase
- ▶ With Debt Service Millage Reallocation and reevaluation of capital projects adequately funded to 2021
- ▶ Moody's re-affirmed Aaa Rating – October 11, 2017



Tax Rates

► Millage

- General Fund
- Fire Tax
- Fire Hydrant
- Debt Service

Existing

2.02

0.40

0.05

0.73

3.20 mills

New

2.39

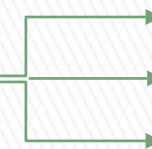
0.40

0.05

0.36

3.20 mills

0.37



General Fund

→ 2.02

Capital

→ 0.22

Open Space

→ 0.15

► Impact

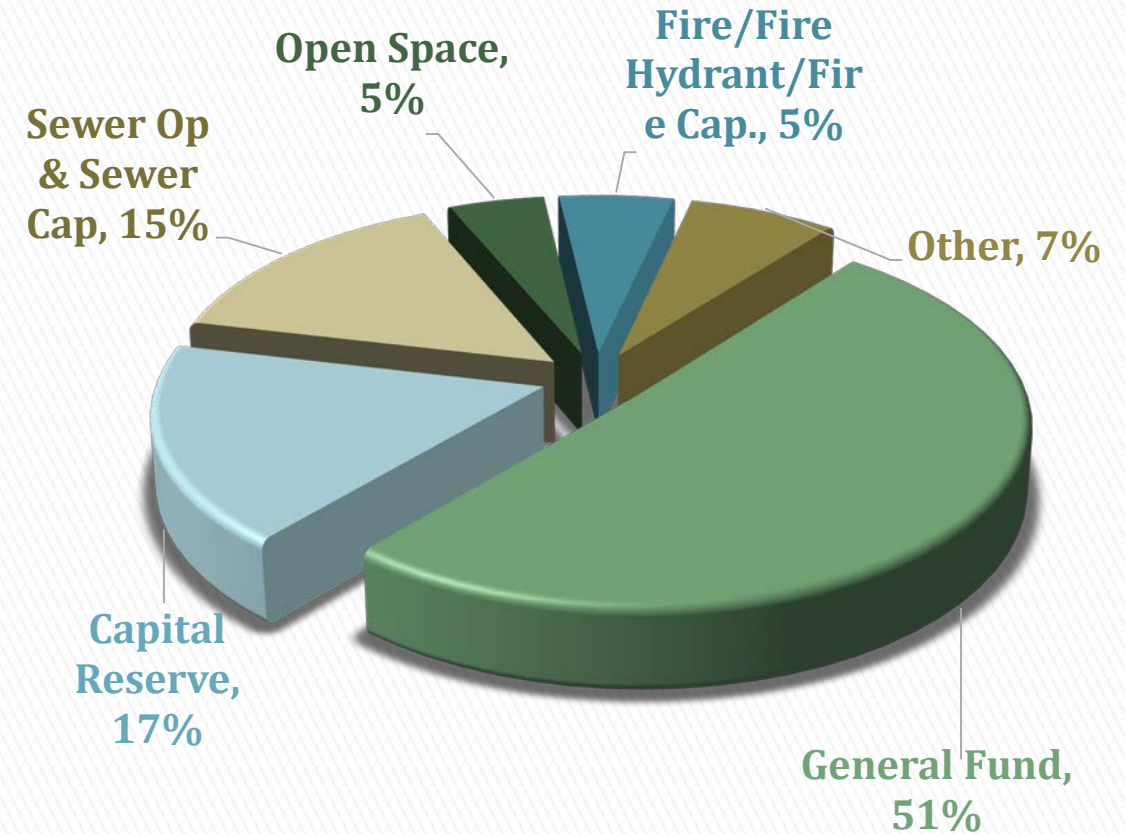
- Average residential assessment ~ \$227,000
- Average Township tax bill = \$726 (**\$60.50 per month**)
- No tax increase proposed
- Comparison
 - Total millage rate is the 5th lowest in Montgomery County
 - No business privilege or mercantile tax



BUDGET Facts

- ▶ 5 Year Budgeting Utilized for all Funds
- ▶ Total budget across all funds = \$28.9M
- ▶ No tax increase since 2010 and no sewer rate increase in 10 years

Total Expenses Across All Funds



2018 Annual Budget Appropriations

General Fund	\$	14,679,925
Fire Tax Fund		785,046
Fire Hydrant Fund		164,000
Manor House		95,043
Sewer Operating Fund		3,364,789
Fee in Lieu of Stormwater Mgt. Fund		25,000
Traffic Improvement Fund		565,000
Debt Service Fund		776,850
Capital Reserve Fund		5,033,525
Open Space Fund		1,368,700
Fire Capital		600,000
Stormwater Outfall Fund		10,500
Highway Aid Fund		582,000
Sewer Fund-Capital Improvements		<u>910,500</u>
Total	\$	<u>28,960,878</u>