WAUKESHA COUNTY PLANNING PROCESSES

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

To plan for the future, Waukesha County continues to engage in a strategic planning process, which focuses on long-term planning and the desire to be a mission driven organization continuously improving its services and operations.

The County develops five-year capital projects and debt financing plans. In addition, a five-year operating budget plan is developed, which incorporates key assumptions, significant strategic budget initiatives, and budget drivers.

The County has processes to identify and plan for recurring operational needs for the following: Building and Grounds Maintenance, Vehicle and Equipment Replacements, and Technology and Transportation infrastructures.

BUDGET BOOK REFERENCE

The County's strategic plan is referenced throughout the budget document as part of each department's strategic outcomes and objectives. These outcomes and objectives are directly linked to Waukesha County's Mission Statement.

The County's capital operational equipment replacement facilities, grounds and parks maintenance plans are part of the operating budget document. The specific page references for these plans are included in the table of contents and in the budget index.

The specific plans and processes used in the development and management of the county budget are listed in the summary chart below.

Further detail on the county budget and operations can be obtained from the Waukesha County web site at **www.waukeshacounty.gov**

PLAN	TYPE OF PLANNING PROCESS	DESCRIPTION OF PROCESS	BUDGET IMPACTS
Strategic Planning	Long range (3 to 10 years) with objectives established for the budget year.	The County Executive Office develops department plans with review and coordination.	Allows for the reallocation of resources to predetermined strategic goals and objectives.
Capital Projects Plan	Five-year plan that includes project listing by plan year.	County Executive submits plan for County Board approval by resolution with possible County Board amendments.	Provides a predictable funding level from year to year to allow for the planning of debt service requirements, operating costs of new facilities, and infrastructure improvements. (Section VII, Capital Projects and Operational Impacts)
Operating Budget Forecast	Operating plan to facilitate financial planning.	DOA Budget Division staff work together with department staff to determine key forecast assumptions to project major revenue sources and expenditures.	Provides for budget stability, planning and direction for future resource allocation.

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Technology Projects Review Process	Multi-year (3 years) technology review process.	Department submits projects for review by Technology Review & Steering Committees. Criteria are established to set priorities and make recommendations for funding.	Provides for thorough technology review, considers best practices, and cost/benefit criteria. Ranks projects to meet budget priorities over the three-year planning period.
End User Technology Fund (Internal service fund)	Multi-year plan to replace computers and network infrastructure. Provides for IT support, maintenance, help desk support, web administration, and Records Management.	The DOA Information Systems (Computers) and Records Management (Copiers) maintains computer support, inventories and approves IT equipment replacements and computer support based on criteria reflective of the cost drivers.	Allows for the funding of IT equipment replacements, maintenance, service utilization, help desk support, network infrastructure, and web administration annually. Replacement decisions consider changing software technology, economic issues, maintenance costs, and downtime. This is based on IT utilization of IT resources.
Building Maintenance	Five-year plan by facility and maintenance activity or project.	The Public Works Department prioritizes department requests for projects along with known required maintenance.	Provides a stable annual level of expenditures to insure continued maintenance of county facilities. (Public Works Section, Five-Year Building Improvement Plan)
Parks Maintenance	Three-year plan to address County grounds, park facilities, parking lots, roadways, and paths.	The Parks and Land Use Department schedule identifies ground maintenance for park facilities projects according to priorities and funding level.	Provides for a stable annual level of expenditures to insure the continued maintenance of county grounds. (Parks, Environment, Education and Land Use Section, Three-Year Maintenance Plan)
Vehicle/Equip. Replacement (Internal service fund)	Five-year plan to replace most vehicles and contractor type equipment.	A Vehicle Replacement Advisory Committee reviews and approves replacement criteria.	Allows for the funding of the replacement of vehicles or equipment annually at an established base level. This ensures that the condition of the fleet is at an optimal level, which reduces fleet maintenance and costs of service. (Public Works Section, Five-Year Vehicle/Equipment Replacement Plan)
Highway Improvements Program - Culvert Replacement - Repaving Plan - Bridge Replacement -Signal/Safety Improvements	Internal ten-year plan to maintain and improve the County trunk highway system that integrates with the five-year Capital Plan.	Public Works staff develops an internal highway improvement program based on Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC)'s Highway Jurisdictional Plan with priorities and criteria. - Replace 15-20 culverts annually. - Resurface approx. 15 to 20 mi. of CTH using pavement mgmt. system with pavement index goal of >70%. - Install new traffic signals.	Long term planning for highway infrastructure needs, which mitigates future on-going maintenance costs, addresses highway safety issues, and extends the life of highways and bridges. Therefore, delays the need for their reconstruction.