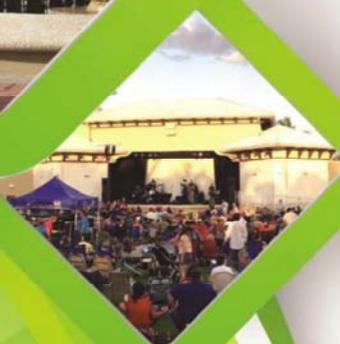


POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT



**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**



THE VILLAGE OF
WELLINGTON
FLORIDA



WELLINGTON, FLORIDA

The GFOA established the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting program to encourage governments to prepare popular annual financial reports (PAFR) specifically designed to meet the needs of interested parties who may be unable to easily comprehend traditional financial statements. Popular annual reports can play an important role in making financial information accessible to residents and other stakeholders who may be challenged by more detailed traditional financial reports.

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports for the years ended 2014 and 2015, from which the information in this report has been drawn, has been applied for (2015) or was awarded (2014) the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition for excellence in state and local government financial reporting.

In order to be awarded the Certificate of Achievement, a government unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report, whose contents conform to program standards. Such CAFR must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principals and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our CAFR continues to conform to the Certificate of Achievement program requirements and we are submitting our CAFR for the 2015 fiscal year to the GFOA.

For more detailed financial information the Capital Plan, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and Annual Operating Budget as well as this financial summary are available as separate documents at www.wellingtonfl.gov.

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Vision

**A Great Hometown
Great Neighborhoods
Great Schools
Great Parks**

Mission

**To provide high quality
services that create economic,
environmental
and social sustainability
for residents**

Goals

**Neighborhood Renaissance
Economic Development
Respecting the Environment
Responsive Government
Protecting Our Investment**

**A GREAT HOMETOWN****Council**

Bob Margolis, Mayor
John Greene, Vice Mayor
Matt Willhite, Councilman
Anne Gerwig, Councilwoman
John T. McGovern, Councilman

Manager
Paul Schofield**To the Council and the Residents of Wellington:**

It is my privilege to present our fifth Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) regarding Wellington's financial and administrative operations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. This document summarizes information originally presented in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and provides an understandable, easy to read document that reflects our commitment to financial transparency.

Each year provides the opportunity to align the current economic and community needs with the dollars available. The objective is to align time, people, and the dollars needed to support our Strategic Fundamentals.

As we look to the future, the focus will be on customer service delivery and economic development due to both legislative and economic considerations. Capital planning is one of the key areas that require choices to be made. Capital planning includes maintaining infrastructure systems and investing in transitional neighborhoods. The following are our 5 Fundamentals:

Neighborhood Renaissance—creating and encouraging renewal, prosperity and stabilization of property values and keeping residents engaged.

Economic Development—promoting business education and enhancing the standard of living.

Protecting Our Investment—focusing on maintaining and improving long-term resources, while enhancing safety and addressing emergency needs.

Responsive Government—ensuring local government is responsive to the public and pursuing policies that are accountable to stakeholders.

Respecting the Environment—developing processes which aim to provide affordable, clean, energy-saving alternatives for today's residents and businesses.

Wellington recognizes that different approaches to meet community goals and needs must be undertaken if the Village is to remain a sustainable community. These differing approaches often times require resources and thus require decisions to be made. While not always easy decisions, the decisions are made by our elected officials with input from the community and from Village staff to carry out the vision of Wellington as a **Great Hometown**.

Sincerely,

Paul Schofield, Village Manager

Wellington, Florida is located in South Florida and Western Palm Beach County and is situated twelve miles west of the Atlantic Ocean, southeast of Lake Okeechobee. Palm Beach County is bordered on the south by Broward County, on the west by Hendry County and to the north by Martin County. In 1951, C. Oliver Wellington, a successful accountant in New York, followed the recommendations of Arthur William “Bink” Glisson and purchased several tracts of South Florida land as investment property. Mr. Wellington then hired Bink Glisson to oversee the property that was soon to become known as the Flying Cow (Charles Oliver Wellington) Ranch.



Because the land was frequently water-logged, in 1953 the State of Florida created the Acme Improvement District to provide drainage for flood control and to make the land suitable for agricultural purposes. Parcels of land were either sold or leased to farmers for a period of time. There once were over 2,000 acres of strawberry fields in the area, laying claim to the world’s largest patch of strawberries. In addition, it was discovered that citrus groves thrived in this area.

The Village of Wellington Charter was established on May 11, 1995. Incorporation became effective on December 31, 1995 and operations commenced on March 28, 1996. The Village now provides municipal services previously provided by Palm Beach County (with the exception of fire rescue and library facilities) and the Acme District has become a dependent district of Wellington.



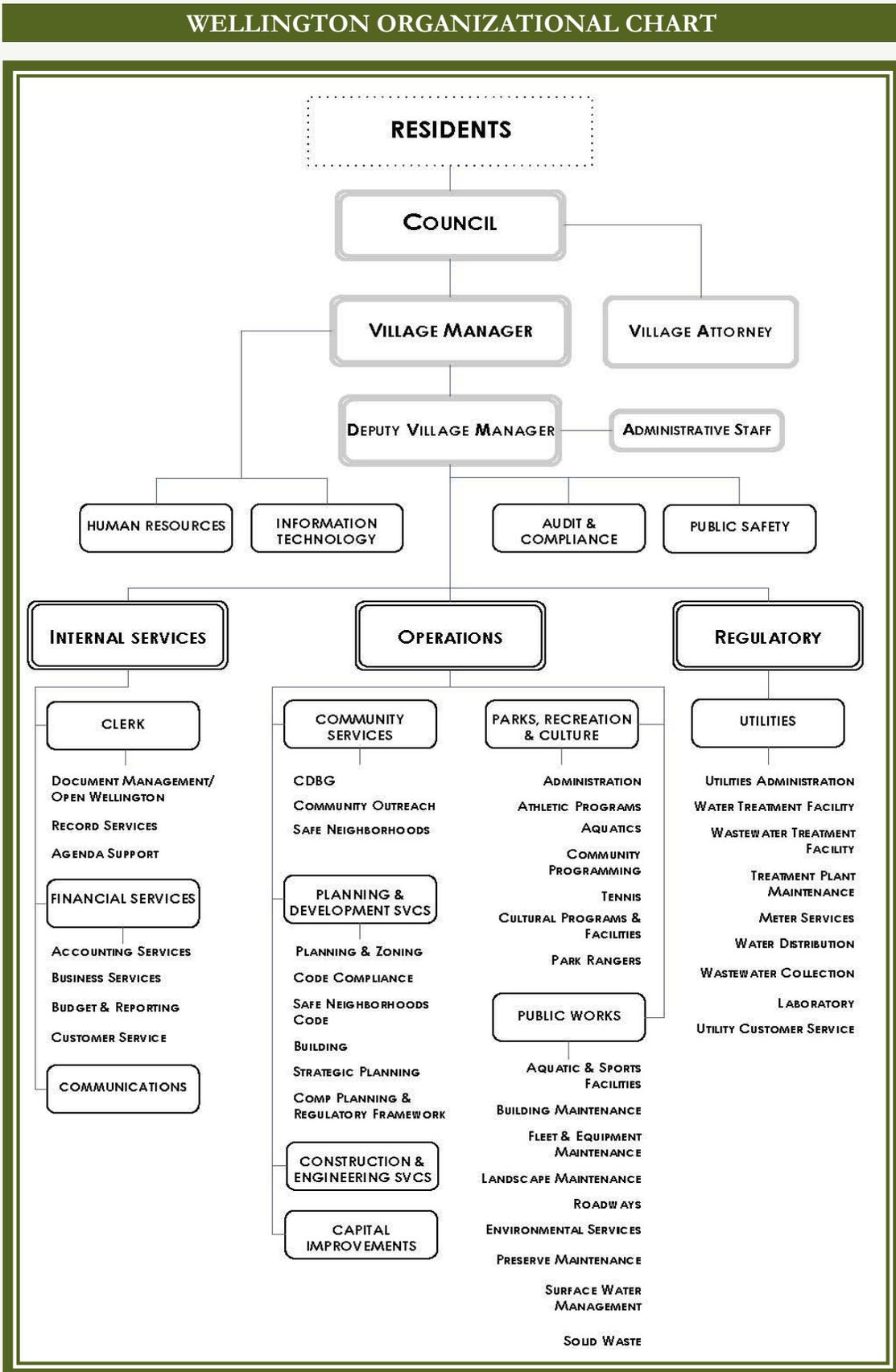
Wellington provides a wide variety of community services including general government; planning, zoning and building; public safety, including police protection; public works (construction and maintenance of roads, rights of way and other infrastructure; street lighting; and storm water drainage); culture and recreation (parks maintenance, recreational activities, cultural events and related facilities); water and sewer utilities; and solid waste collection and recycling.

WELLINGTON AT A GLANCE

Date Operational as Municipality	March 28, 1996
Form of Government	Council/Manager
Area	45.25 Square Miles
Total Fiscal Year 2015 Budget	\$76.95 Million
Taxable Property Valuation	\$6.31 Billion

WELLINGTON DEMOGRAPHICS

Population		SERVICE STATISTICS	
2013	58,108	Utilities (active accounts)	
2015	59,860	Active Accounts	
2019 (projected)	61,683	Water	20,169
Resident Statistics		Sewer	18,721
Median Age	40.6	Solid Waste Collection Accounts	
Average Household Size	3.01	Curbside	20,661
Median Income	\$77,233	Containerized	2,357
Median Home Value	\$286,700	Surface Water Management	
Racial Composition		Acreage of Lakes	553
Caucasian & Other Races	81.0%	Miles of canals	88
African American	14.0%	Operating Pump Stations	8
Asian	5.0%	Streets & Sidewalks (miles maintained)	
Land Usage (sq. miles)		Paved Lanes	378
Residential	24.52	Unpaved Lanes	53
Commercial	3.87	Bike/Pedestrian Paths	214
Industrial	0.18	Sidewalks	183
Mixed Use/Open Space/STA	13.50	Bridle Paths	106
Community Facilities	0.73	Park Facilities	
Major Roads	1.28	Neighborhood Parks	19
Major Water	3.18	Community Parks	10
Economic Environment		Landscape Area Maintained (acres)	
Wellington Business Licenses		Roadways	109
2010	2,512	Facilities	42
2011	2,545	Parks	248
2012	2,640	Canals & Swales	360
2013	2,536	Public Safety	
2014	2,657	Police Protection	
Bond Ratings		Sworn Police Officers	63
Moody's	Aa3	Civilian Employees	5
Fitch	AA+	Crossing Guards (PT Civilian)	69
Per Capita Governmental Debt		Total	137
	\$91	Fire Rescue	
		Suppression Units	9
		Early Response Stabilization Units	4
		Fire Stations	4
		Employees	71

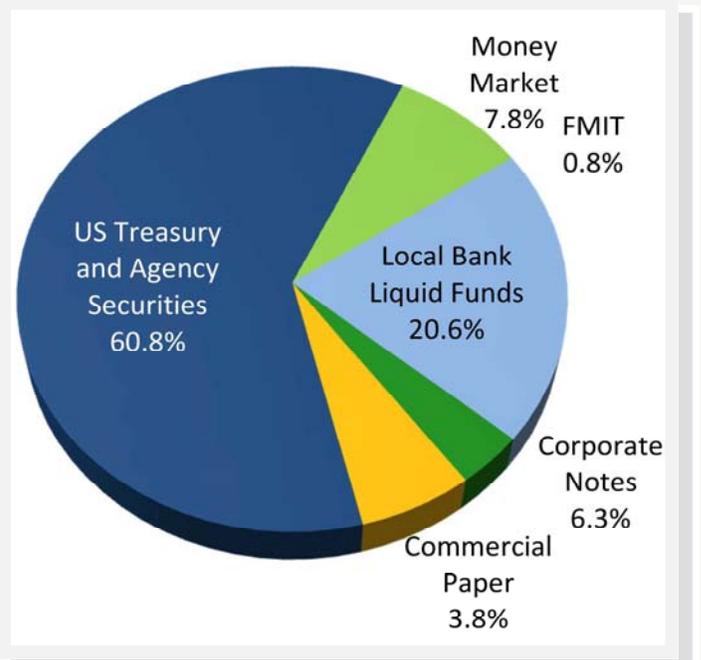


CASH AND INVESTMENTS

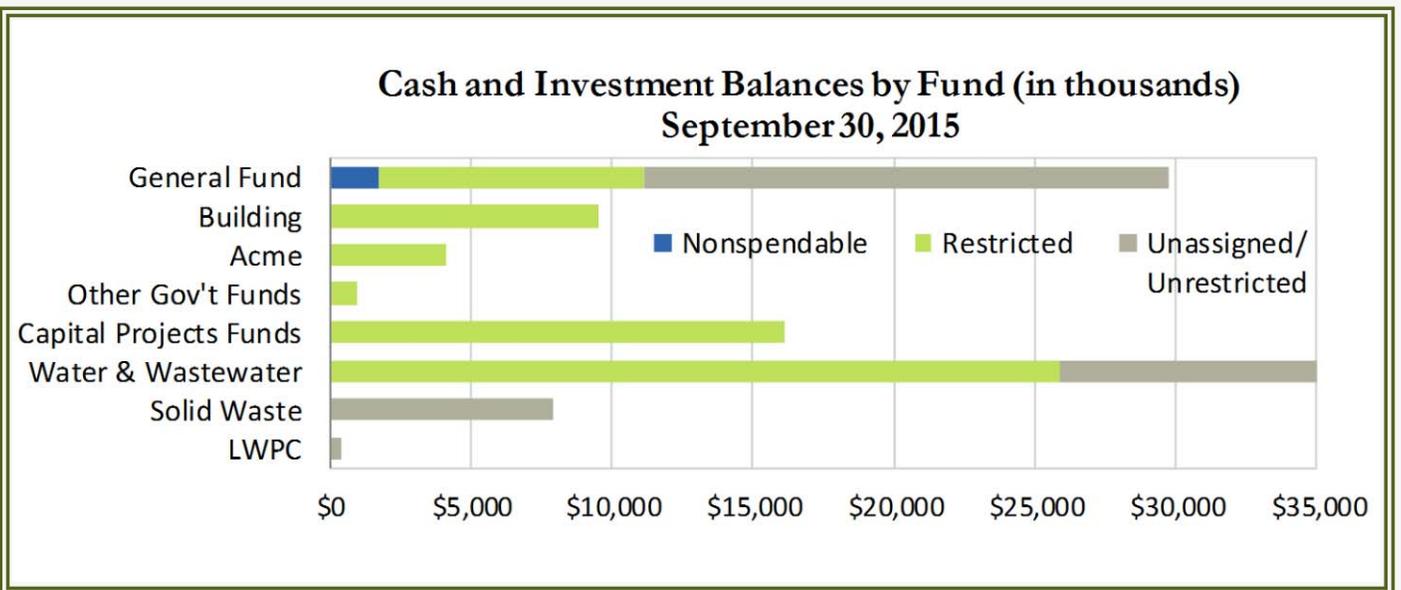
The investment management policy stresses safety, liquidity, and investment yields. To ensure the protection of the public's assets, investments have the highest possible credit rating. The portfolio consists of securities that maximize return on investments while structured to provide sufficient liquidity to pay current obligations and future capital project spending.

Wellington is authorized to invest in obligations of the US Treasury, its agencies and instrumentalities, repurchase agreements, certificates of deposit, Florida PRIME, SEC registered money market funds with the highest credit quality ratings, and mutual funds that restrict its investments to obligations of the US government.

Cash and investments of each fund, except certain investments in the debt service and enterprise funds, are accounted for in pooled cash and investment accounts with each fund maintaining its proportionate equity in the pooled accounts. The use of pooled cash and investment accounts enables Wellington to invest idle cash for short periods of time, thereby maximizing earnings potential.



Investment	Amount
US Treasury & Agency Securities	\$ 71,125,259
Commercial Paper	4,392,201
Corporate Notes	7,356,209
FMIT	876,870
Money Market	9,114,818
Local Bank Liquid Funds	24,036,191
Total	\$ 116,901,548



PROPERTY TAXES AND TAXABLE VALUE

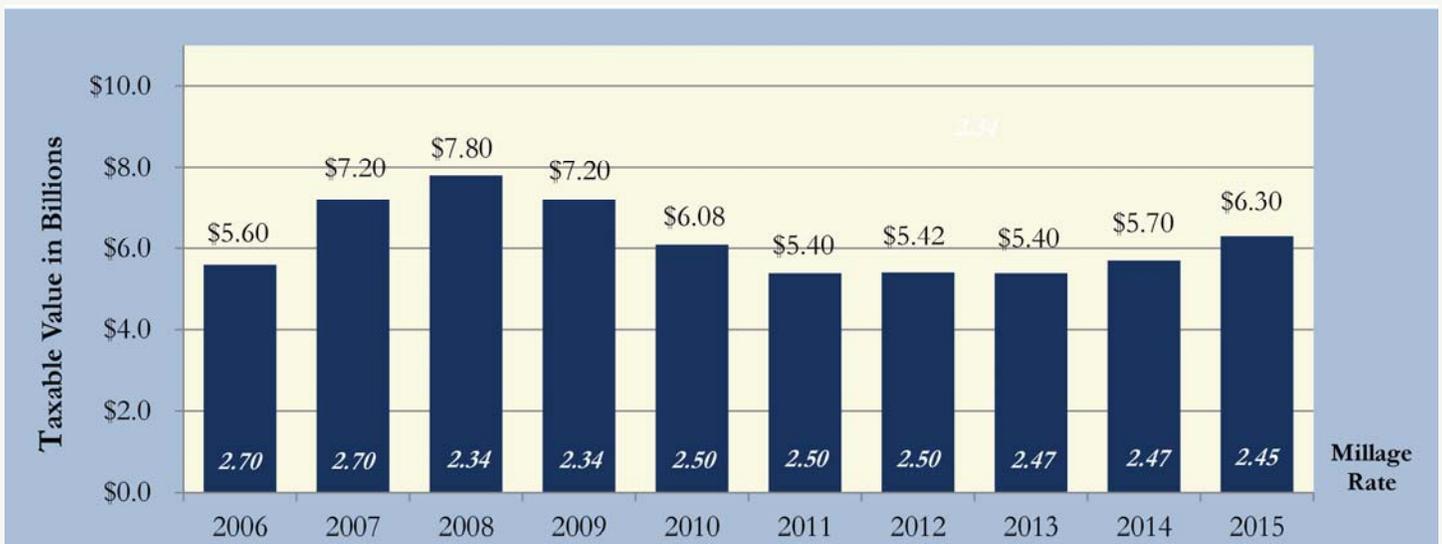
Wellington is a full-service municipality providing general government; planning, zoning, and building; public safety; public works; culture and recreation; water and sewer utilities and solid waste collection and recycling.

Ad Valorem taxes are based “according to value” of property and used to support the general fund. Wellington has limited number of revenue options and the dilemma is how to provide the highest quality of services within the imposed fiscal constraints.

Wellington balanced the FY 2015 budget with a millage rate of 2.45 mills. The tax structure is based on optimizing municipal financing mechanisms with the objective of minimizing residents’ total tax burden. Wellington continues with one of the lowest ad valorem rates for a full-service municipality in Palm Beach County.

As shown in the chart below, the taxable value has declined \$1.5 billion or 18% since its peak in 2008.

PROPERTY TAXABLE VALUES—LAST 10 YEARS



AD VALOREM HIGHLIGHTS

2007—Legislature imposed tax caps, thus limiting millage rate increases. These caps reduced taxes, resulting in reductions in ad valorem tax revenue beginning in 2008

2008—Amendment One allowed for an additional \$25,000 homestead exemption

2015—Economic downturn has reduced property values over 18% since 2008

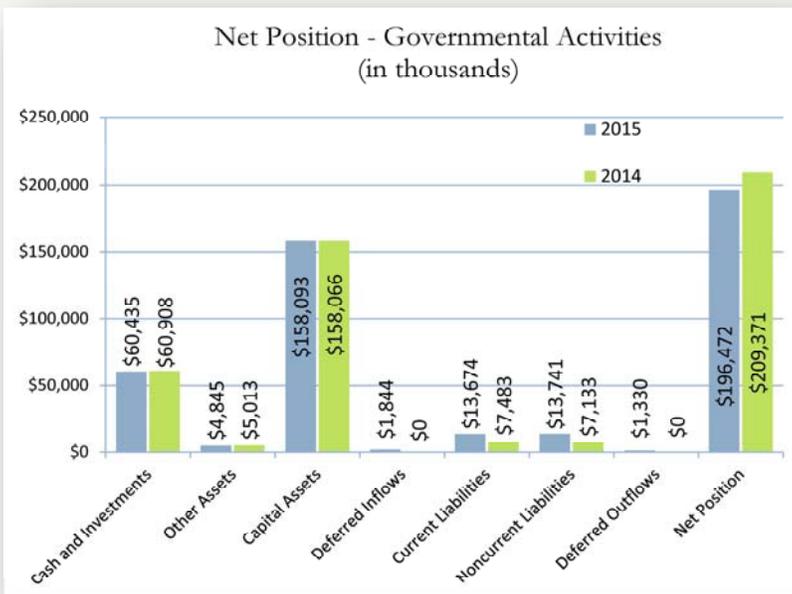
GOVERNMENT-WIDE BALANCE SHEET

Wellington’s balance sheet presents information on all assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net position. Increases or decreases in net position over time may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating. Total net position increased \$514,481 from the prior year and is comprised of three categories:

Net Investment in Capital Assets- The value of all capital assets associated with their purchase or construction. Net Investment in Capital Assets amounts to \$272 million.

Restricted Net Position - Assets having an external restriction placed on them. Examples are unspent bond proceeds, gas tax and impact fees. Restricted Net Position amounts to \$34.5 million.

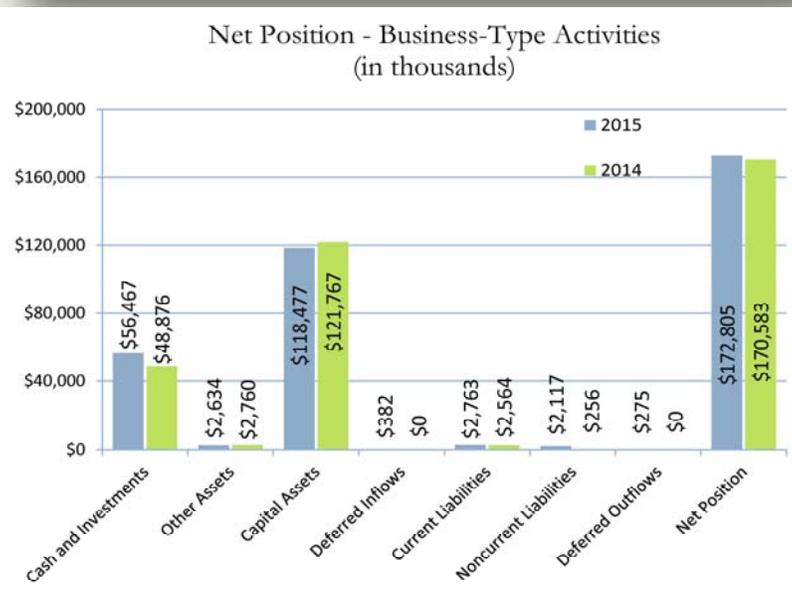
Unrestricted Net Position - The resources that are available to finance on-going operations and amount to \$62.5 million.



Governmental activities are those primarily supported by tax dollars and decreased net position by \$3.6 million from the prior year.

Key elements to this decrease include:

- ◆ Net Investment in Capital Assets increased \$872,000
- ◆ Restricted Net Position decreased \$3.2 million.
- ◆ Unrestricted Net Position decreased \$1.3 million due to FY 2015 operations. An additional decrease of \$9.3 million in net position is due to the implementation of GASB 68 related to pension expenditures.



Business-type activities offer goods and services for sale (Utilities, etc.) and are intended to be self supporting through the charges for those goods and services. These activities increased net position by \$4.1 million from the prior year and key elements to the increase include:

- ◆ Net Investment in Capital Assets decreased \$3.3 million
- ◆ Restricted Net Position increased \$3.4 million
- ◆ Unrestricted Net Position increased \$4.2 million. A decrease of \$1.9 million was also recorded due to the implementation of GASB 68 related to pension expenses.

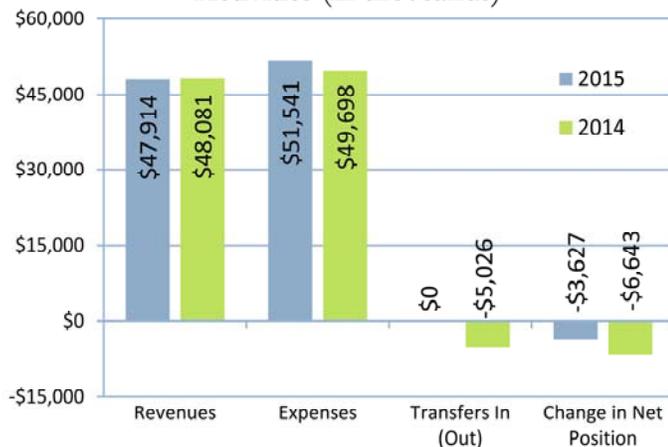
GOVERNMENT-WIDE INCOME STATEMENT

The following government-wide Statement of Activities and related graphs present the revenues, expenses and changes in net position for the past two years. Total revenues decreased \$1.4 million while total expenses increased by \$8.5 million

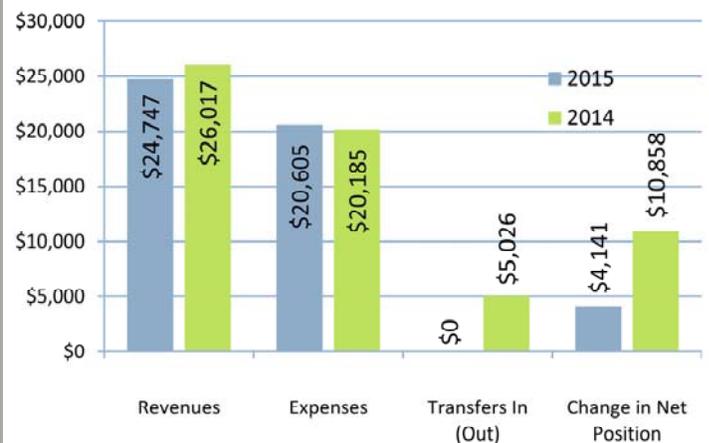
WELLINGTON'S CHANGE IN NET POSITION

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES		TOTAL	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
REVENUES						
Program Revenues	\$ 15,473,341	\$ 15,628,394	\$ 23,589,412	\$ 25,212,382	\$ 39,062,753	\$ 40,840,776
General Revenues	32,440,348	32,452,159	1,157,185	805,067	33,597,533	33,257,226
Total Revenues	47,913,689	48,080,553	24,746,597	26,017,449	72,660,286	74,098,002
EXPENSES						
General Government	\$ 10,524,872	\$ 7,338,431	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,524,872	\$ 7,338,431
Public Safety	12,310,405	12,965,396	-	-	12,310,405	12,965,396
Physical Environment	16,659,816	16,736,938	-	-	16,659,816	16,736,938
Economic Environment	1,442,528	921,133	-	-	1,442,528	921,133
Transportation	3,437,755	3,520,865	-	-	3,437,755	3,520,865
Culture and Recreation	6,875,636	7,979,653	-	-	6,875,636	7,979,653
Water and Wastewater	-	-	16,385,833	16,068,650	16,385,833	16,068,650
Solid Waste	-	-	3,688,614	3,667,826	3,688,614	3,667,826
Lake Wellington Prof. Centre	-	-	530,807	448,951	530,807	-
Other	289,539	235,607	-	-	289,539	235,607
Total Expenses	51,540,551	49,698,023	20,605,254	20,185,427	72,145,805	69,434,499
Transfers In (Out)	-	(5,025,676)	-	5,025,676	-	-
NET POSITION						
Changes in Net Position	(3,626,862)	(6,643,146)	4,141,343	10,857,698	514,481	4,663,503
Beginning Net Position - restated	200,099,167	216,013,690	168,663,574	159,725,057	368,762,741	375,738,747
Ending Net Position	\$ 196,472,305	\$ 209,370,544	\$ 172,804,917	\$ 170,582,755	\$ 369,277,222	\$ 380,402,250

Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities (in thousands)



Change in Net Position - Business-Type

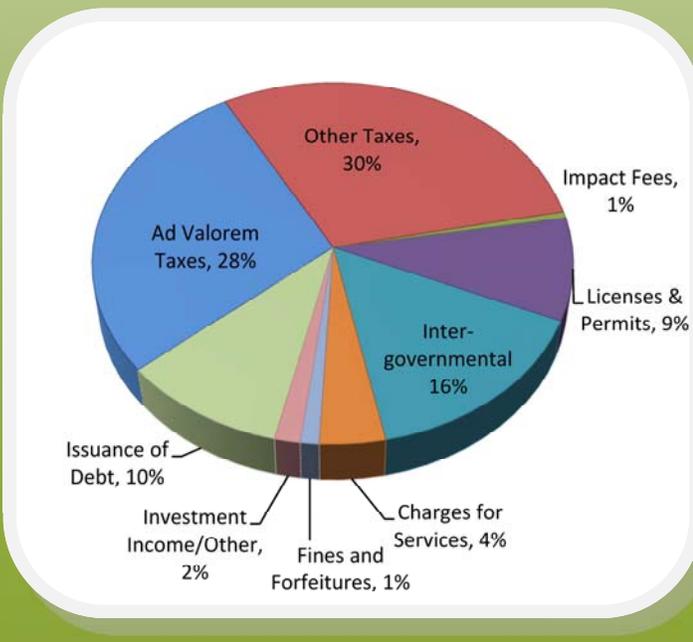


GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM...
(IN THOUSANDS)

	2015	2014	2013
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 14,818	\$ 13,690	\$ 12,816
Other Taxes*	16,307	15,530	15,018
Impact Fees	303	879	786
Licenses & Permits	4,819	4,593	7,607
Intergovernmental	8,092	8,254	7,108
Charges for Services	2,139	2,067	2,156
Fines and Forfeitures	616	595	660
Invest. Income/Other	834	1,938	2,171
Issuance of Debt	5,445	0	0
Total Revenues	\$ 53,373	\$ 47,546	\$ 48,322

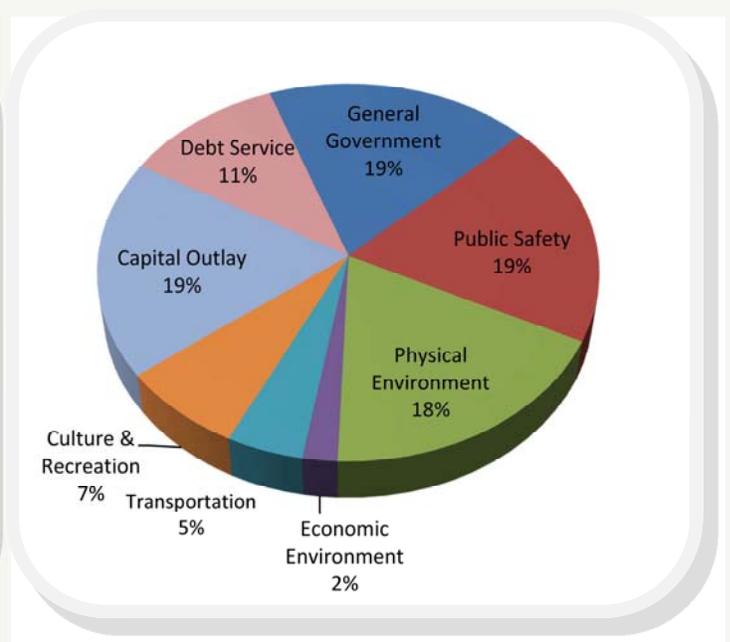
REVENUE SOURCES—FY 2015



WHERE THE MONEY GOES...
(IN THOUSANDS)

	2015	2014	2013
General Government	\$ 11,144	\$ 11,177	\$ 10,860
Public Safety	11,427	11,383	10,766
Physical Environment	10,922	9,785	9,588
Economic Environment	1,229	1,001	699
Transportation	2,709	1,647	1,528
Culture & Recreation	4,425	4,257	3,319
Capital Outlay	11,081	6,382	11,955
Debt Service	6,209	1,209	1,214
Total Expenditures	\$ 59,146	\$ 46,841	\$ 49,929

GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES—FY 2015



*Other taxes include franchise and communication taxes as well as special assessments.

Basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on near-term inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Governmental fund information helps to determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance programs and services.

Governmental Revenues—include proceeds from the sale of capital assets but exclude certain deferred revenues.

Governmental Expenditures—include capital outlays for the acquisition of new assets, expenditures for debt issuance costs and the repayment of principal on long-term debt, but exclude transfers, deferred expenditures and annual depreciation and amortization charges.

BUSINESS-TYPE FUNDS

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM...

(IN THOUSANDS)

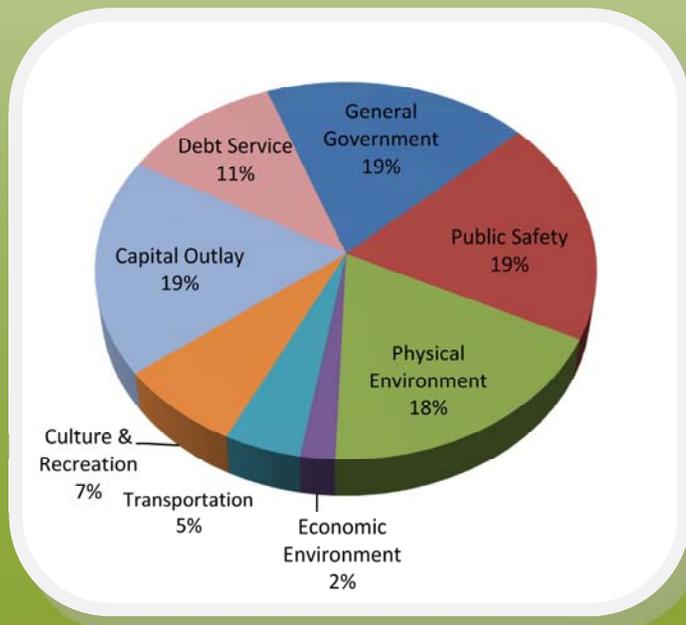
	2015	2014	2013
Charges for Services	\$ 19,105	\$ 19,003	\$ 17,716
Intergovernmental	44	59	106
Special Assessments	3,537	3,453	3,413
Franchise Fees	258	250	220
Capital Contributions	612	2,398	2,352
Miscellaneous	874	853	280
Total Revenues	\$ 24,430	\$ 26,016	\$ 24,087

WHERE THE MONEY GOES...

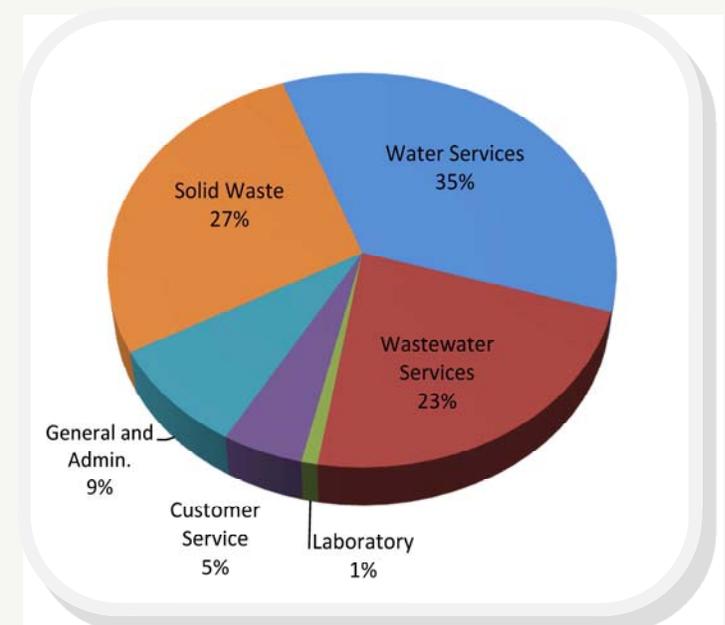
(IN THOUSANDS)

	2015	2014	2013
Water Services	\$ 4,460	\$ 4,446	\$ 4,135
Wastewater Services	2,889	2,710	2,694
Laboratory	120	119	113
Customer Service	601	556	423
Administration	1,093	1,181	856
Solid Waste	3,477	3,431	3,331
Depreciation	6,188	6,187	6,066
Total Expenses	\$ 18,828	\$ 18,630	\$ 17,618

REVENUE SOURCES—FY 2015



BUSINESS-TYPE SERVICES—FY 2015



Enterprise funds are business like activities operated similar to private enterprises in that the costs of providing services are recovered mainly through user charges. Wellington has three enterprise funds reported under the full accrual basis of accounting as follows:

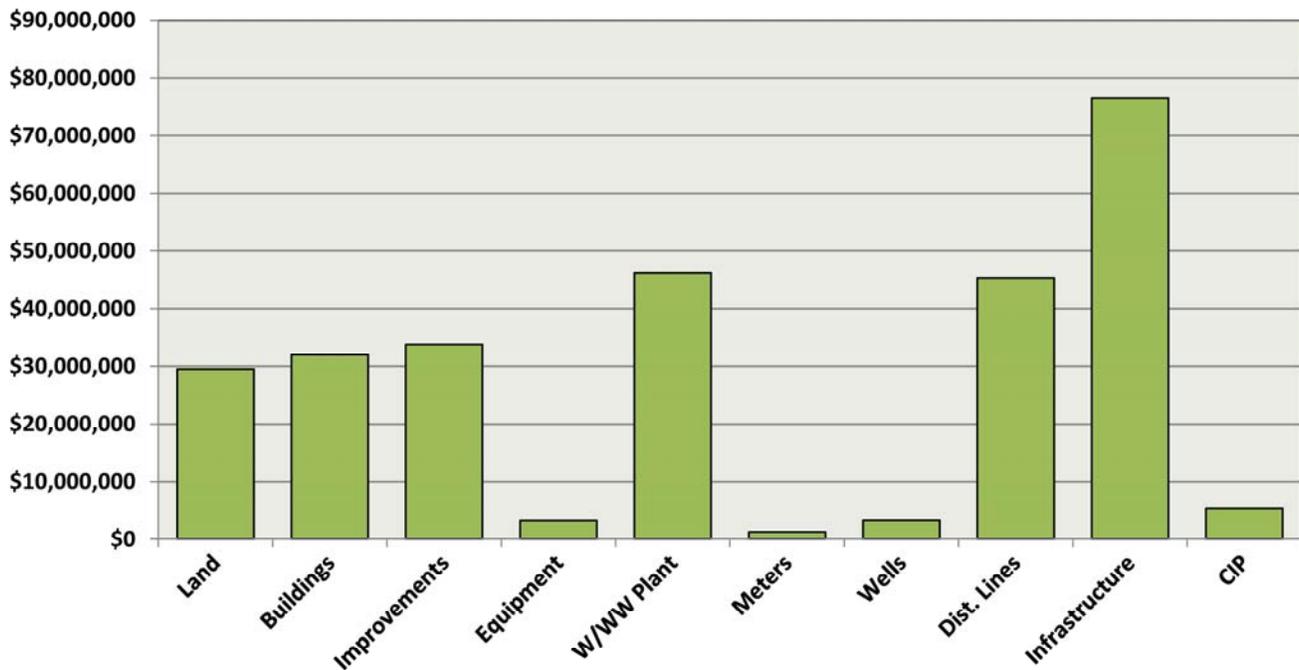
Water and Wastewater Fund—Revenues are generated by usage and various user charges. The usage fees are invested in constructing, maintaining, and rehabilitating its infrastructure to ensure services are delivered in a safe and cost effective manner.

Solid Waste Fund—Revenues for this fund are primarily collected through non-ad valorem special assessments.

Lake Wellington Professional Centre—Revenues for this fund are collected through office space leases.

CAPITAL ASSETS

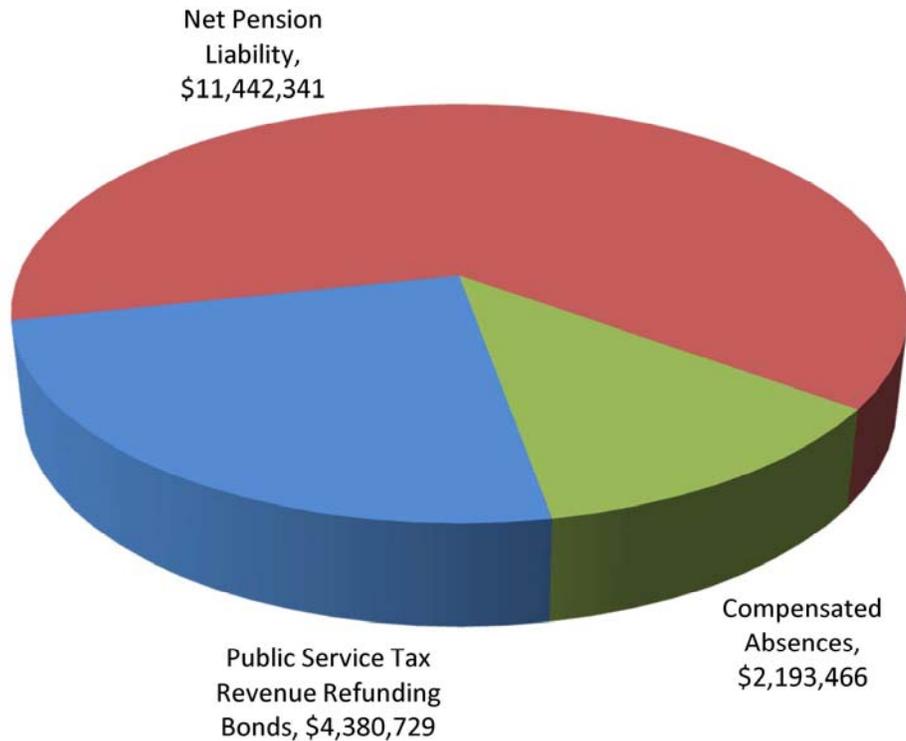
CAPITAL ASSETS BY CATEGORY			
Description	Governmental	Business-Type	Total Assets
Land	\$ 19,930,666	9,579,678	29,510,344
Buildings	24,323,125	7,681,540	32,004,665
Improvements	31,625,356	2,199,331	33,824,687
Equipment	1,737,010	1,524,565	3,261,575
Water/Wastewater Plant	-	46,231,034	46,231,034
Meters	-	1,273,077	1,273,077
Wells	-	3,318,946	3,318,946
Distribution Lines	-	45,369,558	45,369,558
Infrastructure	76,437,177	-	76,437,177
Construction in Progress	<u>4,040,367</u>	<u>1,299,723</u>	<u>5,340,090</u>
Total Assets	\$ 158,093,701	\$ 118,477,452	\$ 276,571,153



Wellington's investment in capital assets as of September 30, 2015 is \$276.5 million (net of accumulated depreciation). Major projects completed during the 2015 fiscal year include:

- ◆ Tennis Center Relocation
- ◆ C-23 Canal Multiuse Path and Bridle Trail

LONG-TERM DEBT



Wellington has a strong bond rating by Fitch of AA+ and in 2010 Moody's upgraded its bond rating to AA3. At the end of fiscal year 2015 there was \$18 million in debt obligations. The following is a list of outstanding debt on September 30, 2015:

- ◆ Public Service Tax Refunding Bonds, 2014—To reduce interest rates, \$5,445,000 of bonds was issued to refund the 2005 bond issue. The amount outstanding at year end is \$4,380,729
- ◆ Compensated Absences—Wellington had \$2,193,466 in compensated absence obligations at year end. Employee are granted compensated absence pay for annual leave in varying amounts based on length of service.
- ◆ Net Pension Liability—Beginning in FY 2015 the Village is required to report its share of the Florida Retirement System; a multi-employer, cost-sharing pension plan administered by the State of Florida. The amount of net pension liability recorded at year end was \$11,442,341.

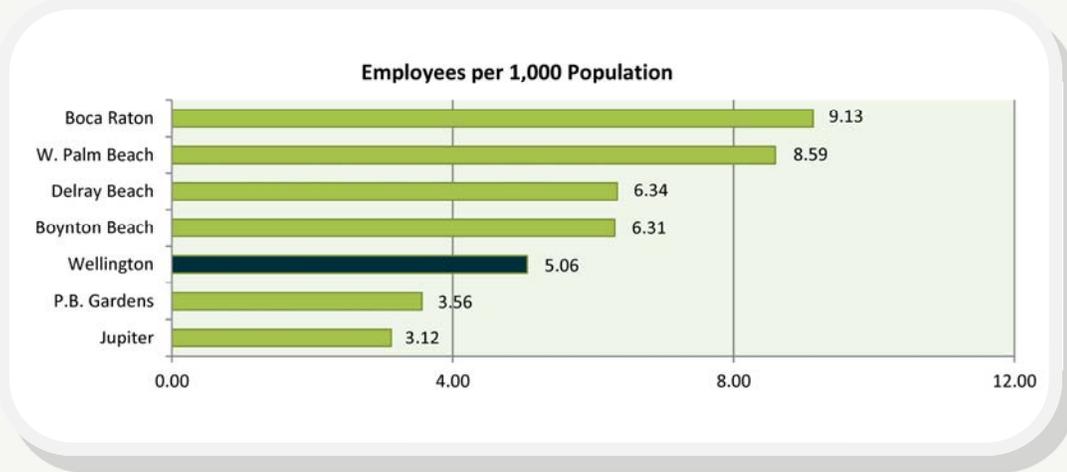
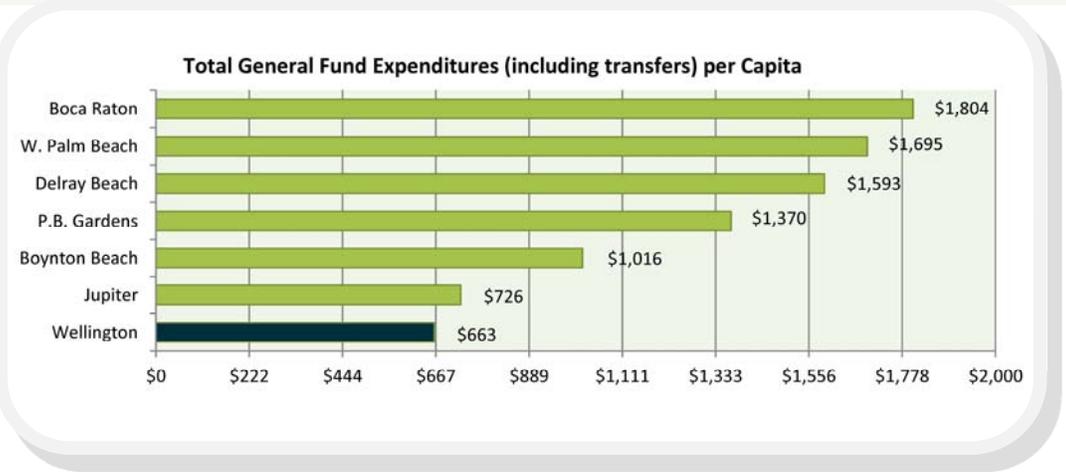
TOP SEVEN CITY COMPARISON

The following charts compare tax revenues, expenditures and employees to the population for Wellington and six similar cities in Palm Beach County using data from the 2015 fiscal year. Wellington has the lowest per capita ad valorem revenue and expenditure rates, and one of the lowest employee count per 1,000 population ratio.



The adjacent chart illustrates the amount of ad valorem taxes revenue per capita collected by each city. Wellington has the lowest per capita rates of similar cities in Palm Beach County.

The chart to the right displays the general fund expenses per capita. These expenditures are usually funded by taxes, impact fees and state revenue sharing. Wellington has the lowest per capita expenditure rates of similar cities.

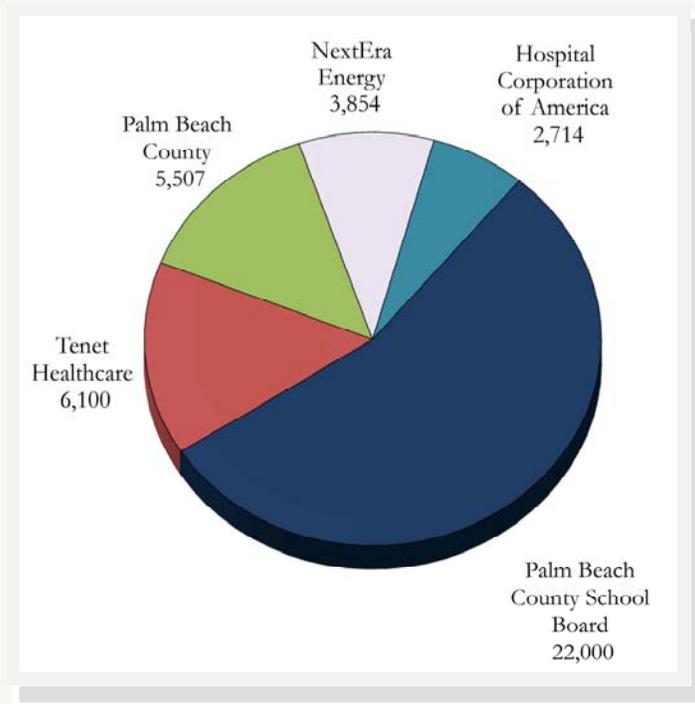


The chart to the left shows the number of employees per 1,000 population of each city. Wellington has one of the lowest number of employees per 1,000 residents of similar cities in Palm Beach County.

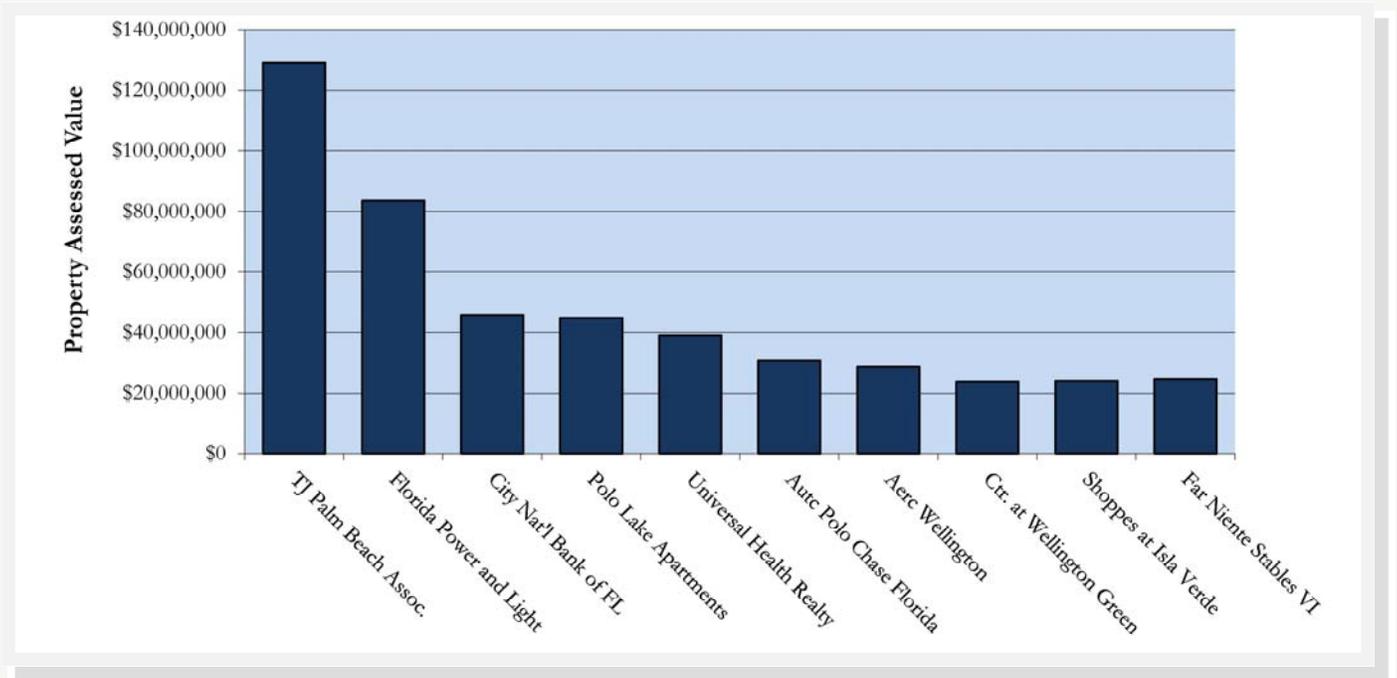
OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The charts below illustrate Wellington’s principal property taxpayers and Palm Beach County’s principal Employers for the 2015 fiscal year.

PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS—PALM BEACH COUNTY



WELLINGTON PRINCIPAL TAXPAYERS



MAJOR INITIATIVES

Wellington’s five fundamentals are the long-term financial and operational goals that provide the basis for annual departmental business plans which become the budget and capital improvement plan. Each fundamental has corresponding strategic initiatives for projects and programs and key measures, all of which position Wellington for the future. Below is each fundamental and specific programs designed to achieve Wellington’s Vision for the 2015 fiscal year.

- ◆ ***Neighborhood Renaissance***—creating and encouraging renewal, prosperity and stabilization of property values and keeping residents engaged.
 - ◇ Safe Neighborhoods Program
 - ◇ Community Development Block Grant
 - ◇ Residential Renaissance Overlay Zoning District

- ◆ ***Economic Development***—promoting business education, and enhancing the standard of living.
 - ◇ Town Center Development
 - ◇ Equestrian Community Investment

- ◆ ***Respecting the Environment***—developing processes which aim to provide affordable, clean, energy-saving alternatives for today’s residences and businesses; continually looking for ways to improve operations to have a minimal environmental impact and by seeking continuous improvement in our environmental management efforts, all with the goal of reducing Wellington’s ecological footprint and environmental impact.
 - ◇ Wi-Fi Expansion
 - ◇ Green Programs
 - ◇ Equine Waste and Environmental Program

- ◆ ***Responsive Government***—ensuring local government is responsive to the public and pursuing policies that are accountable to stakeholders.
 - ◇ E-Services
 - ◇ Emergency Management Plan

- ◆ ***Protecting Our Investment***—focusing on maintaining and improving long-term resources, while enhancing safety and addressing emergency needs.
 - ◇ Drainage and Flood Control Improvement Programs
 - ◇ Road and Pathways Maintenance Program
 - ◇ Utility Infrastructure Maintenance and Expansion Program
 - ◇ Parks and Greenspace Programs



NEIGHBORHOOD RENAISSANCE

Safe Neighborhoods—The safe neighborhoods mission is to identify social and economic factors that contribute to neighborhood decline and to prepare a set of strategies that will (1) develop a community based movement that restores a safe family neighborhood orientation; (2) engage residents in their neighborhoods; and (3) encourage investments in appearance and the long-term maintenance of neighborhood values.



The objectives of this initiatives are as follows:

- ◆ Maintain communication between Wellington, organizations, residents, and neighborhoods and create positive perceptions of neighborhoods
- ◆ Work with community oriented policing to implement an action plan and use police data to analyze trends.
- ◆ Support the development of infrastructure and neighborhood improvements including road closures, road paving, fencing, sidewalks and lighting
- ◆ Develop partnerships including Citizens Volunteer Organization; crime watch groups; county non-profit organizations; homeowners associations; religious organizations; and chambers of commerce
- ◆ Improve neighborhood beautification through clean-up events organized by non-profit groups, residents, and organizations.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Town Center Development—At the heart of Midtown in Wellington's Town Center, a 23-acre site predominantly anchors Wellington's Main Street. Town Center is home to:

- ◆ A Gold LEED-certified City Hall
- ◆ Patriot Memorial featuring a steel beam from the World Trade Center,
- ◆ Scott's Place—a barrier-free playground for children of all physical abilities,
- ◆ Aquatics Complex
- ◆ Amphitheater that can accommodate up to 1,500 people for concerts and regular community events,
- ◆ Community Center—Currently under construction with a completion date in June 2016.

Equestrian Community—The equestrian community is an integral part of the economic demographic and physical infrastructure of Wellington, adding to its unique lifestyle and ambience. Over the years Wellington has made a substantial investment in the special infrastructure requirements to encourage and support these interests including: unique legislative protection for the industry; the Equestrian Preservation Area; an optional comprehensive plan element; an equestrian overlay zoning district, a riding trail master plan and numerous water quality improvements. The economic impact of the industry is substantial.



RESPECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Wi-Fi Expansion—Under the Wi-Fi expansion project, Wi-Fi radios have been added to lift stations to enable facilitated communications and telemetry systems are expanded within the surface water management system. Wireless cameras in parks and at heavily used intersections have been installed to improve public safety.

Green Programs—Staff strives to identify opportunities to improve energy efficiency and environmental sustainability through its Go Green Program. Initiatives include participation in the Cash for Cans project, LEED certification of new buildings and maintaining a 75% green cleaning product purchase ratio. Additionally, Wellington receives funds annually from the Solid Waste Authority’s recycling sales sharing program to encourage recycling within the Village.

Equine Waste and Environmental Program—Wellington is committed to improve the Best Management Practice designed to further enhance flood attenuation, improve water quality and provide additional storage of surface water. The program’s goal is to further reduce nutrient concentrations and other pollutants that potentially may enter the regional storm water systems. This goal is consistent with, and complimentary to, other State and Federal efforts to improve water quality in South Florida and the Florida Everglades.



RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT

E-Services—Wellington is striving to be the most user friendly government in the United States. To this end, we are working to make as much information and as many resources as possible available electronically. We have added the Open Wellington and OpenGov financial portals, the Browse Aloud website reading feature, and have made the directory of services information searchable. In progress are upgrades to the citizen contact center, easy-to-use maps, and transitioning all of our forms to electronic submittal forms.



Emergency Management—Wellington’s emergency management plan follows the Incident Command System (ICS), which is the fundamental component of the National Incident Management System. Staff completed a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan to provide for preparation, response, recovery and continuity of service for disaster conditions resulting from a hurricane or other emergencies that threaten the lives and property of Wellington residents. The plan provides for and organized the preparatory and protective measures to be taken to minimize or prevent personal injury and property damage while continuing to provide the highest level of service to residents and employees during the recovery phases. The plan also includes a Continuity of Operations element to ensure services are restored as safely and as quickly as possible.

PROTECTING OUR INVESTMENT

Utilities—Approximately \$39 million in improvements is underway or scheduled over the next five years for the repair, replacement, ongoing maintenance and expansion of Wellington’s potable water system and Wellington’s wastewater facilities. Improvements include refurbishment of existing lift stations, replacement of force mains throughout the Village, connecting raw water wells and improving water storage and re-pump facilities. These programs are designed to improve and repair the aging water and wastewater systems to meet public safety needs.



Drainage and Flood Control Improvement—

Wellington owns and maintains its vast storm water drainage system with state-of-the-art infrastructure to ensure the community water levels are carefully controlled. This infrastructure includes canals, pump stations, water control structures, pipes, culverts and swales. A long-term and annual maintenance program to rehabilitate and improve the drainage system is in place that includes upgrading pump stations and control structures to make them all Wi-Fi and improve control over water levels.

Road and Pathways Maintenance—Includes such things as roadway resurfacing, sidewalk and shoulder repairs, maintenance of right-of-ways, signage and street lighting. Wellington maintains 378 lane miles of paved and 53 lane miles of unpaved roads. A pavement resurfacing program exists to address all roads in a three-year rotation period. Annual assessments are performed to determine road and pathway conditions and maintenance is scheduled to comply with the Village’s current policy to maintain 80% of roads at “good” or better conditions.





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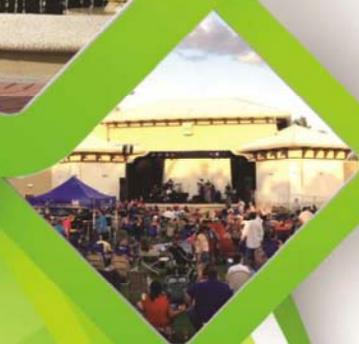
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