

2013 Executive Budget

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This Budget...



- Provides \$11 Million in Town and City budget relief (Safety Net)
- Solves Resource Recovery Agency (RRA) crisis
- Overhauls Economic Development
- Grows Tourism Economy

Delivers the first county-wide TAX CUT in over a decade

Difficult Choices



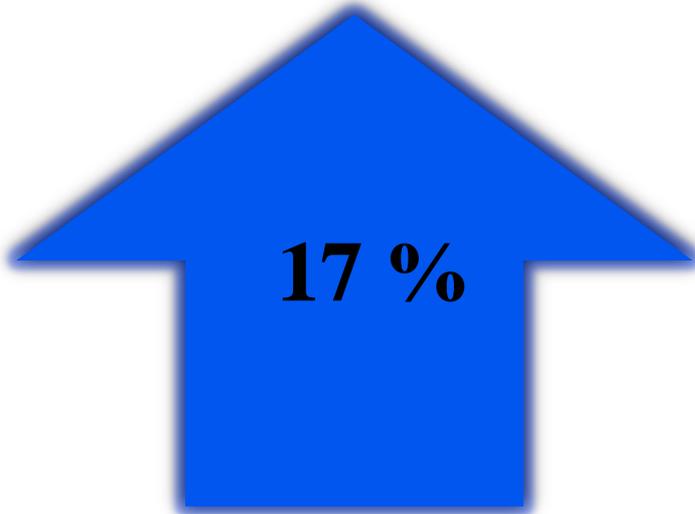
- Restructure mental health services
- Vehicle registration fee
- Cut County spending by \$3.6 Million

Two Facts Remain



1. The State Legislature has not shown a willingness to save New York counties from unfunded mandates.
2. To continue essential services and protect taxpayers, we have to be willing to implement fundamental change.

The Impact of State Mandates



17 %



3.7 %

State Mandates
Pension
Public Welfare
Probation
Jail
Indigent Legal Services

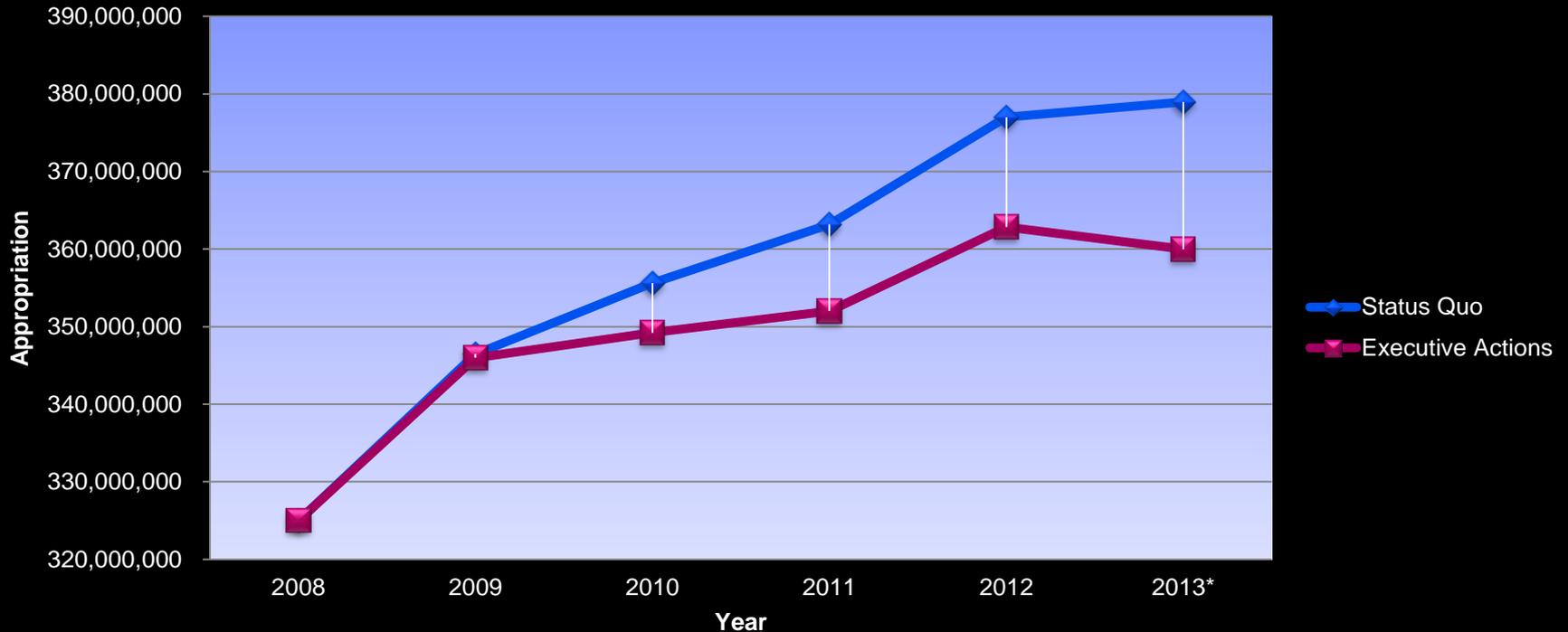
*2011-2013 Selected Mandates

All Other Services
Mental Health
Department of Public Works
Information Services
Finance
Purchasing

Without Action



What Would Have Been



66% Tax Increase Avoided

Safety Net

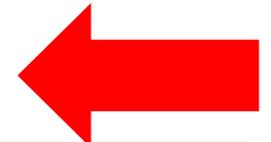


- The Towns and the City of Kingston budgets are under significant strain due to the Safety Net burden
- The 2013 Executive Budget proposes a three year County take over of Safety Net
- This action will deliver approximately \$11 Million dollars in budgetary relief to the City of Kingston and the Towns

Safety Net



PROPOSED 3-YEAR SAVINGS				
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>3-YR TOTAL</u>
DENNING	\$ 1,446	\$ 3,124	\$ 4,879	\$ 9,450
ESOPUS	\$ 85,361	\$ 184,380	\$ 287,920	\$ 557,661
GARDNER	\$ 10,891	\$ 23,524	\$ 36,734	\$ 71,148
HARDENBURGH	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
HURLEY	\$ 39,603	\$ 85,542	\$ 133,579	\$ 258,723
KINGSTON (town)	\$ 1,534	\$ 3,313	\$ 5,174	\$ 10,021
LLOYD	\$ 51,830	\$ 111,952	\$ 174,820	\$ 338,601
MARBLETOWN	\$ 15,992	\$ 34,543	\$ 53,942	\$ 104,477
MARLBORO	\$ 42,014	\$ 90,750	\$ 141,712	\$ 274,475
NEW PALTZ	\$ 45,381	\$ 98,023	\$ 153,069	\$ 296,473
OLIVE	\$ 17,029	\$ 36,783	\$ 57,439	\$ 111,251
PLATTEKILL	\$ 70,086	\$ 151,385	\$ 236,397	\$ 457,868
ROCHESTER	\$ 56,439	\$ 121,907	\$ 190,366	\$ 368,712
ROSENDALE	\$ 19,866	\$ 42,910	\$ 67,007	\$ 129,783
SAUGERTIES	\$ 127,925	\$ 276,319	\$ 431,489	\$ 835,734
SHANDAKEN	\$ 26,502	\$ 57,244	\$ 89,389	\$ 173,134
SHAWANGUNK	\$ 27,044	\$ 58,415	\$ 91,218	\$ 176,677
ULSTER	\$ 99,187	\$ 214,244	\$ 334,555	\$ 647,985
WAWARSING	\$ 238,996	\$ 516,231	\$ 806,126	\$ 1,561,352
WOODSTOCK	\$ 19,571	\$ 42,273	\$ 66,013	\$ 127,857
SUB-TOTAL TOWNS	\$ 996,695	\$ 2,152,861	\$ 3,361,825	\$ 6,511,382
KINGSTON (CITY)	\$ 675,005	\$ 1,458,011	\$ 2,276,773	\$ 4,409,789
TOTAL	\$ 1,671,700	\$ 3,610,872	\$ 5,638,599	\$ 10,921,171



Resource Recovery Agency (RRA)



- Ulster County is responsible for \$23 Million in past debt incurred by the RRA
- The County is responsible to pay the Net Service Fee, which was projected to be \$2.5 Million in 2013

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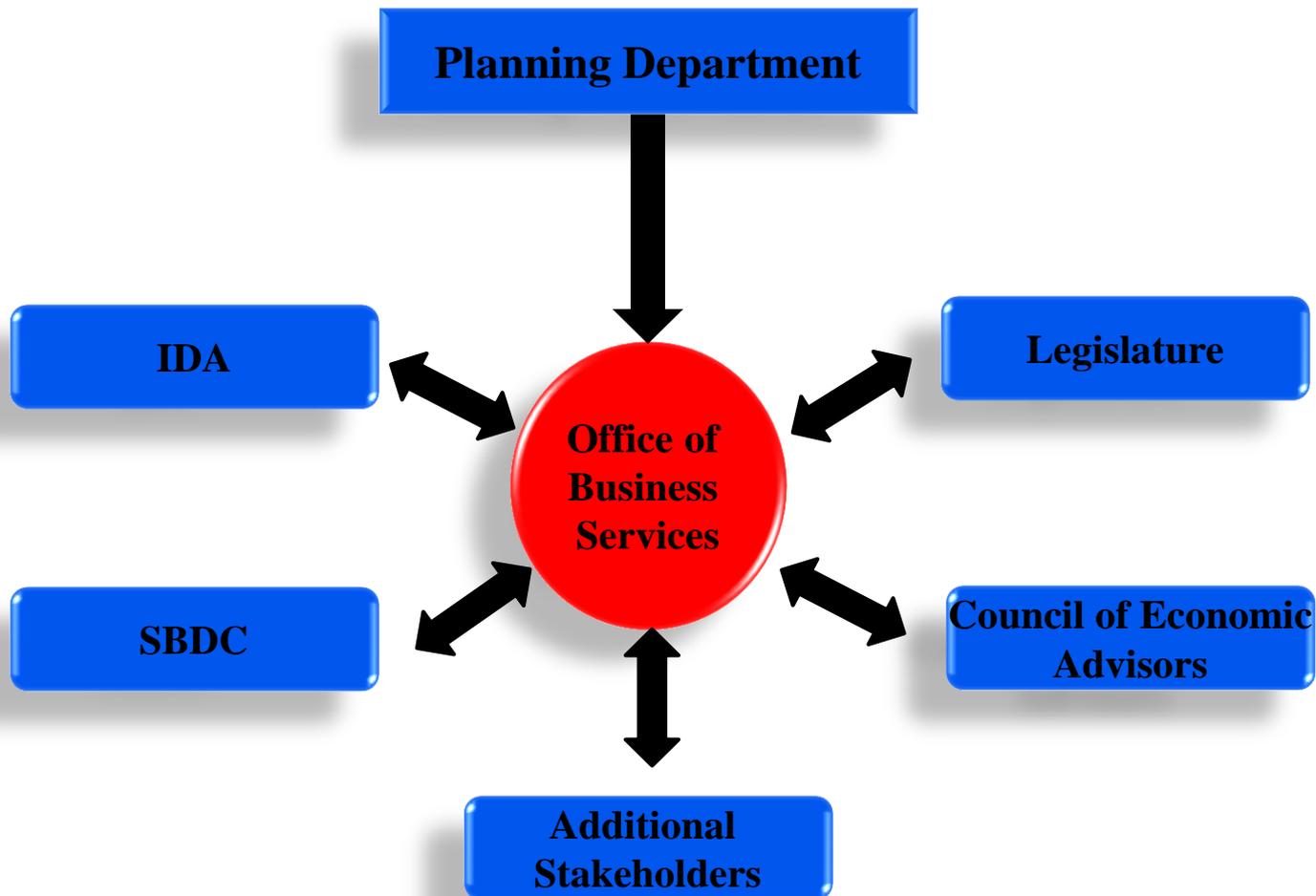
- To solve this systemic problem, this budget proposes a modified flow control law
- Eliminates the Net Service Fee
- Increases business opportunities for small local haulers

Economic Development



- The Ulster County Development Corporation/Industrial Development Agency model is broken
- New model will save over \$200,000 in taxpayer money
- Executive branch partners with Legislative Committee and the private sector to grow Ulster County's economy **together**

Office of Business Services



Economic Development Sectors



- Cutting edge advanced manufacturing industry
- Evolving \$500 Million agricultural industry
- Growing \$420 Million tourism industry

U & D Rail Line



Walkill Rail Trail



Ashokan Reservoir



Walkway Over the Hudson



Tax Cut



The 2013 Executive Budget
does **NOT** raise County
property taxes one cent

TAX CUT -0.16%

Consolidating & Restructuring



- Real Property into Finance
- Economic Development into Planning
- STOP DWI into Probation
- A major reorganization of Mental Health

Staffing



- The goal is to restructure County government into a more sustainable organization

- Since taking office Executive staffing levels are down over 20%

- Staffing levels are down 213 positions since 2009. The 2013 budget continues this difficult but necessary process with:
 - 18 Separation Incentives
 - 44 Vacancies
 - 28 Layoffs

Vehicle Registration



- A nominal surcharge of \$5 per year on passenger vehicles under 3,500lbs and \$10 for vehicles over 3,500lbs to support County infrastructure
- The majority of counties (36) already have this surcharge in place

Major Non-Mandated Areas



- SUNY Ulster (UCCC)
- Golden Hill Health Care Center (GHHCC)
- Department of Public Works (DPW)
- Mental Health Department
- Sheriff's Road Patrol

Public Safety

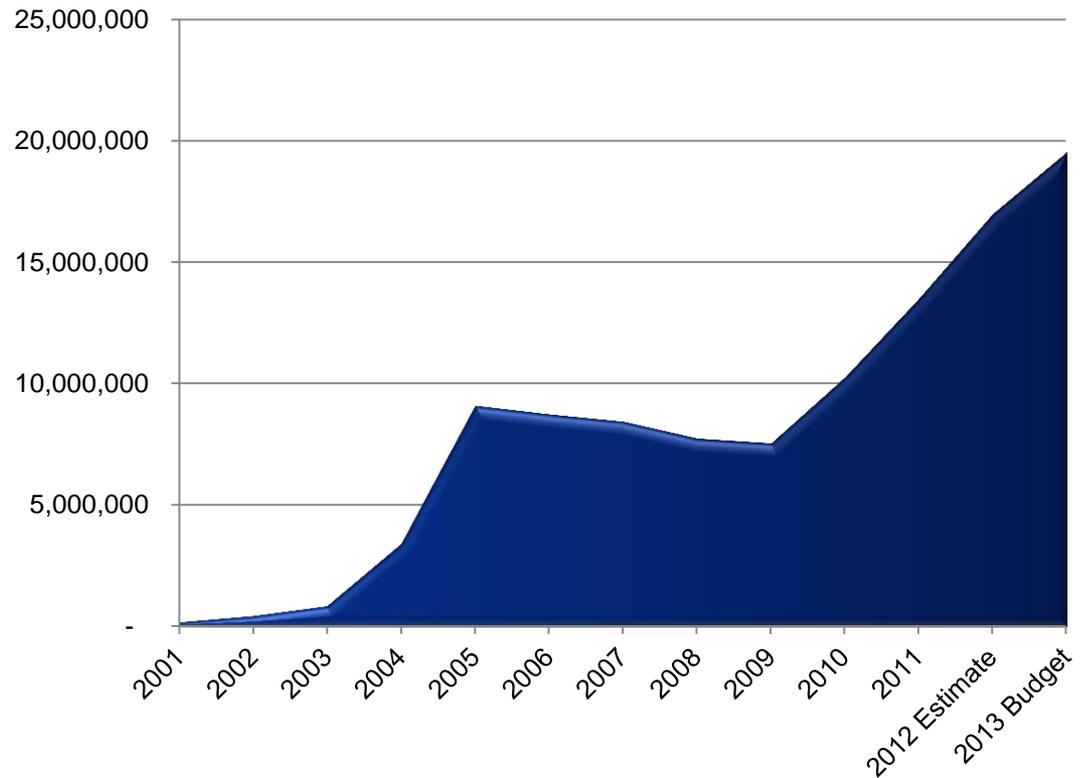


- The Sheriff's Road Patrol plays a critical role in Ulster County and the 2013 Executive Budget continues to support this program
- The 2013 Executive Budget affirms the commitment to public safety through an additional Corrections Officer and Assistant District Attorney
- In an effort to further protect law enforcement funding, we will be consolidating our "STOP DWI" efforts into the Probation Department

County Pension Costs



- The County pension contribution rose to \$19.5 Million in 2013
- Pension costs are up 4,323% since 2002



Challenges



- Pension costs continue to skyrocket
- The percentage of aid the State provides continues to be reduced
- Mandates continue to make up more than 70% of the Ulster County budget
- The PBA settlement may cost Ulster County taxpayers Millions

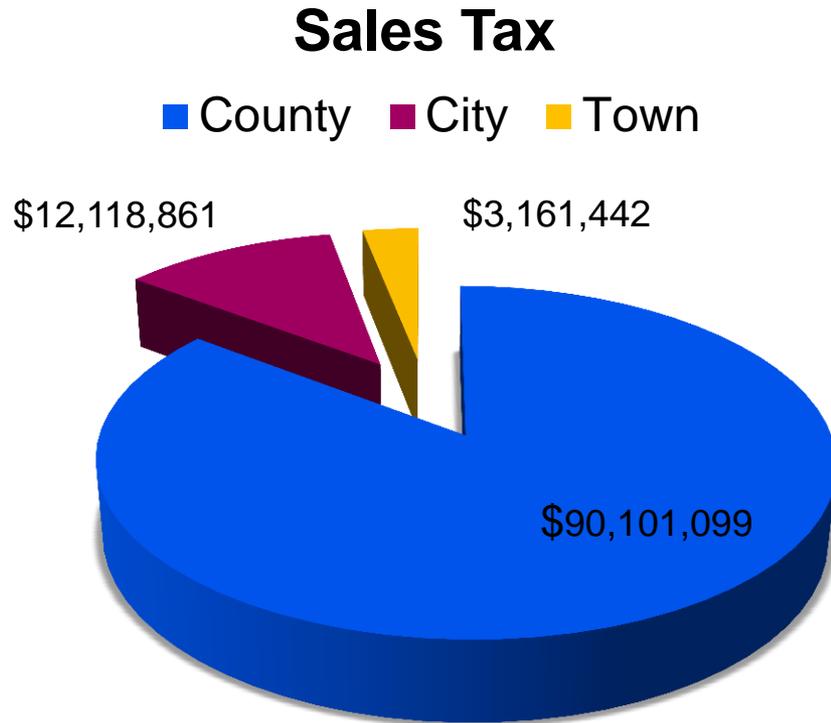
Tax Cap



- The Ulster County property tax cap for 2013 is \$80,735,216 a potential increase of: \$1,082,322 or 1.37%

**NO PROPERTY TAX INCREASE
IS BUDGETED FOR 2013!**

Sales Tax



- Sales tax trends are indicating slight continued growth
- 2013 sales tax is projected to be \$90.1 Million, an increase of 2.5% from the 2012 estimate

Fund Balance



- To protect property taxpayers, \$10 Million has been appropriated from the \$24.8 Million 2012 General Fund balance leaving 5% or \$14.8 Million
- This is \$850,000 less than last year's General Fund appropriation

Property Tax Levy



2012 Property Tax Levy	\$ 78,860,389
2013 Proposed Tax Levy Change	<u>- \$ 129,981</u>
2013 Proposed Tax Levy	\$ 78,730,408

Property Tax Levy

-0.16%

Three Key Principles



1. Protecting Taxpayers
2. Bringing straight forward solutions to longstanding problems
3. Ensuring essential services remain available for people in need

The County Executive's Budget



Provides...

- Property tax cut
- \$11 Million in budget relief to Towns and City of Kingston through the takeover of Safety Net
- A major reform that overhauls Economic Development

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Provides...

- A responsible solution to the RRA crisis
- A difficult but thoughtful reorganization of Mental Health services
- For the continuation of the Sheriff's Road Patrol

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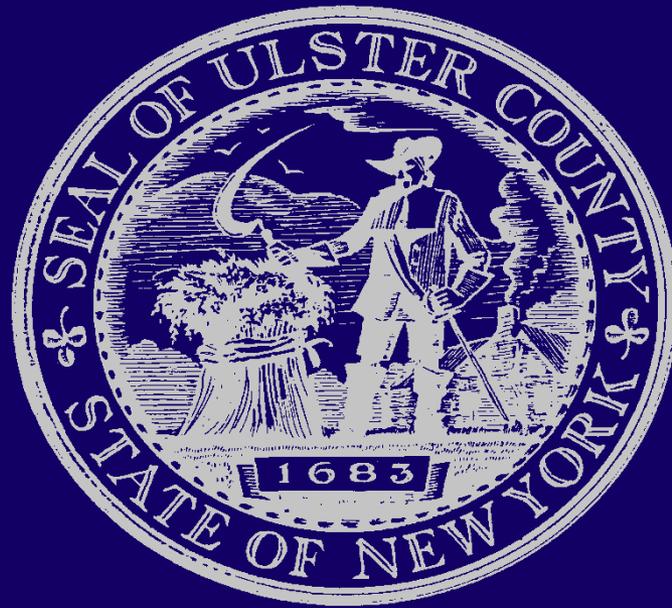
- A \$3.6 Million spending reduction
- Level funding for contract agencies
- An innovative vision to help grow the tourism economy with dramatically expanded rail trail availability

Rosendale Pool



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