

# Borough of Wharton



## 2009 Comparative Budget

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## **BUDGET PREPARATION**

The Mayor and Council directed the Finance Committee and the Administrator/Chief Financial Officer to prepare the current year's budget. Each department and or board heads were involved in the planning and preparation of their respective budgets.

The budget is traditionally introduced in February or March. The 2009 budget has been delayed as a result of the Governor's reduction in state aid to municipalities as well as the pension deferrals. The Finance Committee spent a significant amount of time reviewing and analyzing various aspects of the budget to come to a realistic budget that meets the needs of the residents. In June, after a formal public hearing, the budget for 2009 will be adopted. A temporary budget is adopted at the beginning of the year, which provides for the orderly continuation of Borough operations until the budget is officially approved.

The budget process is not a seasonal process, but a continuous process that is discussed by members of the Finance Committee throughout the year. There is a significant amount of planning that leads up to the final development of the budget. Part of this planning involves debt affordability analysis as well as debt structuring. Another step in the process is the preparation of the financial trend and projection analysis which looks five years historically and then five years ahead. This enables the Finance Committee members to better plan for future years and to correct negative trends that may have an impact on the municipal future.

## **REVENUES**

The current year revenues, that are budgeted, are based upon conservative estimates. New Jersey budget law allows a municipality to budget an amount that is equal to but not greater than what has been realized in the prior year for a revenue category. The Borough of Wharton takes a conservative approach to revenue budgeting to ensure that the Borough does not become dependent upon a revenue source that will not be available in future budget years.

The interest rate environment had been favorable for the past several years until 2008. The favorable rate trending along with sustained levels of fund balance had generated interest earnings that have been used to offset tax increases. However, in 2008, interest rates dropped by more than two-thirds which has severely impacted our ability to offset tax increases. Economists expect the rates to remain stable for at least the next 18 months, which means that we will not be able to count on interest earnings in the near future. The favorable increases in interest rates throughout prior years have been a significant contributor to the stabilization of our Fund Balance position.

Revenue that is attributable to State Aid in the current year budget was severely reduced by the Governor of the State of New Jersey. This action is contrary to his campaign pledge to lower property taxes for our residents. The Governor's actions have resulted in a loss of aid in the amount of \$216,382 in 2008 and \$17,718 in 2009. This act follows years of state aid that remained essentially unchanged. As was stated for the last several

years, the State continues to shift what was their burden of support back to the taxpayers of our community. The lack of State Aid shifts a disproportionate burden of the budget to our taxpayers. In an effort to head off this burden we actively pursue other sources of revenue and look to regionalize services.

### **APPROPRIATIONS**

The reserve for uncollected taxes increased by 4.00% in 2007 and 2008. This account acts as an allowance for doubtful accounts when taxpayers of the Borough do not pay their taxes on time. The Borough is required by statute to pay out County and School tax dollars to those entities prior to satisfying our own obligations. As a result, when taxpayers are delinquent, this can potentially cause the Borough cash flow difficulties. The State of New Jersey requires every municipality to create and fund this reserve for uncollected taxes account in an amount sufficient to guarantee that the municipality will be able to meet its own obligations. The increase in the reserve account takes into consideration the increase in county and school tax requirements as well as the requirements of the Borough.

### **MANDATED APPROPRIATIONS AND THE BUDGET CAP**

It should be noted that the greatest portion of the 2009 budget is mandated by state statutes and federal requirements. Furthermore, the State of New Jersey initially in 1976, placed a statutory limit on the growth of local budgets, commonly referred to as "The CAP Law". "The CAP Law" was substantially changed in August of 1990, by the state legislature and signed by the governor. The CAP Law was again substantially changed again in the summer of 2004. Many of the areas of municipal government which are not controlled by the Mayor and Council must be satisfied within the "CAP" limit. The CAP limit for 2009 is 2.5%. The Borough has passed an ordinance which allows it to exceed the 2.5% by an additional 1.0%. The Borough decided that this was in the best interest of the residents so as not to jeopardize programs that would have otherwise been forced to be cut.

The State of New Jersey again created a new CAP for 2008. This new CAP is on the amount to be raised by taxation. The intent of the CAP is to limit tax increases to no greater than 4.0%. However, the State also put in exceptions for its own actions that may negatively impact municipal budgets. One such exception is for State Aid reductions.

In 2009, approximately 6.42% of the proposed budget is at the discretion of the Mayor and Council as compared to 6.48% in the 2008 Budget. Included in this amount are the capital improvements which are used to maintain the Borough's infrastructure and the expenses required for the daily operation of the Borough.

### **PERSONNEL**

The Borough has two labor unions, covering the public works and law enforcement personnel, which have been settled through the end of 2010. The remaining employees

are not covered by union contracts; however, these positions are generally professional positions that are statutorily required. Salaries and Wages represent approximately 42.83% and 42.59% of the 2008 and 2009 budgets respectively.

**TAX RATES**

<b>10-YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON</b>								
<b>Year</b>	<b>Special District</b>	<b>Municipal</b>	<b>Municipal Open Space</b>	<b>District School</b>	<b>Regional School</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>County Open Space</b>	<b>Total Tax Rate</b>
2000	.143	.457	.010	1.390	.607	.299	.037	2.943
2001	.145	.457	.011	1.532	.648	.313	.039	3.145
2002	.145	.477	.010	1.535	.664	.329	.045	3.205
2003	.159	.526	.011	1.599	.708	.345	.061	3.409
2004	.170	.545	.021	1.719	.837	.371	.077	3.740
2005	.190	.599	.020	1.861	.955	.388	.087	4.100
2006	.208	.625	.020	1.978	.996	.405	.097	4.329
2007	.219	.664	.021	2.037	1.134	.442	.112	4.629
2008	.096	.322	.015	.875	.522	.198	.045	2.073
2009	.099	.341	.015	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)

(\*) – Amounts not available at this time

**ADDITIONAL BUDGET INFORMATION**

The 2009 budget responds to the needs of the community and maintains services that have come to be relied upon by many residents. Any budget areas where increases are seen were made after considerable review and justification for such increases.

Effective February 1, 2009, the Borough of Wharton, Township of Mine Hill, Borough of Rockaway, Borough of Mt. Arlington, and the Town of Dover entered into an interlocal agreement to share our Courts. This has provided additional savings above and beyond the savings that we have achieved in the prior shared court agreement with Mine Hill Township.

We continue to look for opportunities to either provide services to neighboring communities, or have them provide services for us. We continue in our pledge to make Wharton more efficient and save tax dollars any way that we can.

**THE YEAR IN REVIEW**

There were many capital projects that were completed in 2008. Here are some of the highlights of these improvements:

- Robert Street Park Pavers (Pavers were donated to the Borough)
- Columbia Street, Baker Avenue, Racine Street and Washington Street all received face lifts. The improvements to Washington Street have been long awaited addressing safety concerns with truck traffic.
- Main Street Lighting Project – Phase I
- New Ladder Truck for the Fire Department

## **THE YEAR AHEAD**

We have received word that the buildings on L.E. Carpenter site will be coming down in the fall of 2009 with road construction to begin sometime in the spring of 2010. This is a long awaited project where the new road across the L.E. Carpenter site from Main Street to East Dewey Avenue will be constructed. Borough officials continue to forge ahead with this project in cooperation with Morris County and the State of New Jersey. This project will reroute traffic away from the intersection of Main Street and Dewey Avenue to relieve some of the congestion that we have been seeing. This has been a slow and tedious process but continues to move forward.

The Capital projects that will be completed in 2009 include the following projects: Lafayette Soccer Field renovation and re-grading, Safe Routes to Schools sidewalk improvements are anticipated to begin, and major reconstruction of Birch, Elm, Oak and Laurel streets will bring new sewers, water main and storm water collection to that neighborhood.

The Mayor and Council are actively seeking financial aid for all of the projects mentioned above in an attempt to fund these projects with as little tax impact as possible.

In a joint effort with the Wharton Board of Education, the Borough is almost finished with the creation of a new field at the school that will benefit all of the recreation programs. As you are aware, field time is valuable and all recreation programs are feeling the pressure when sharing our limited number of existing fields. This new field should alleviate some of this pressure. Improvements to fields are always a challenge due to the demand for use in both the Fall and the Spring. This leaves a very narrow window of opportunity during July and August for maintenance which are typically not ideal for field repair. The introduction of the new field at the school will allow us to take the fields on Lafayette out of service to allow for appropriate field maintenance to occur without negatively impacting the programs that use these fields.

As you can see, the Borough is actively maintaining the infrastructure of the town. We are able to accomplish this through active monitoring of our needs and developing long range plans to accomplish these tasks. Please take the time read the budget material contained in this document to see where we have been and where we are headed.

## **LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE**

The Mayor and Council continue to explore ways to improve the community as a whole and enhance the quality of life for residents. Looking ahead, the 2010 budget will bring with it continued challenges. The State of New Jersey will most likely look to continue reducing the state aid that we receive for both schools and municipalities, forcing municipalities across the state to evaluate the level of service provided to residents in an attempt to control taxes. The Borough has developed a 5-year financial trends and financial projection plan as one way to identify areas of concern in an attempt to control expenses and better plan for future needs of the community. The plan is routinely

reviewed and updated and used as a tool to measure our performance overall. The State of New Jersey continues to pass “Band-Aid” legislation in an attempt to reduce the property tax burden without addressing the whole problem. The State places the blame of the property tax dilemma on local government while its own spending remains uncurbed over the past decade.

**THE GOVERNING BODY**

**Mayor:**

William J. Chegwiddden

**Council:**

Vincent Binkoski

Glenn Corbett

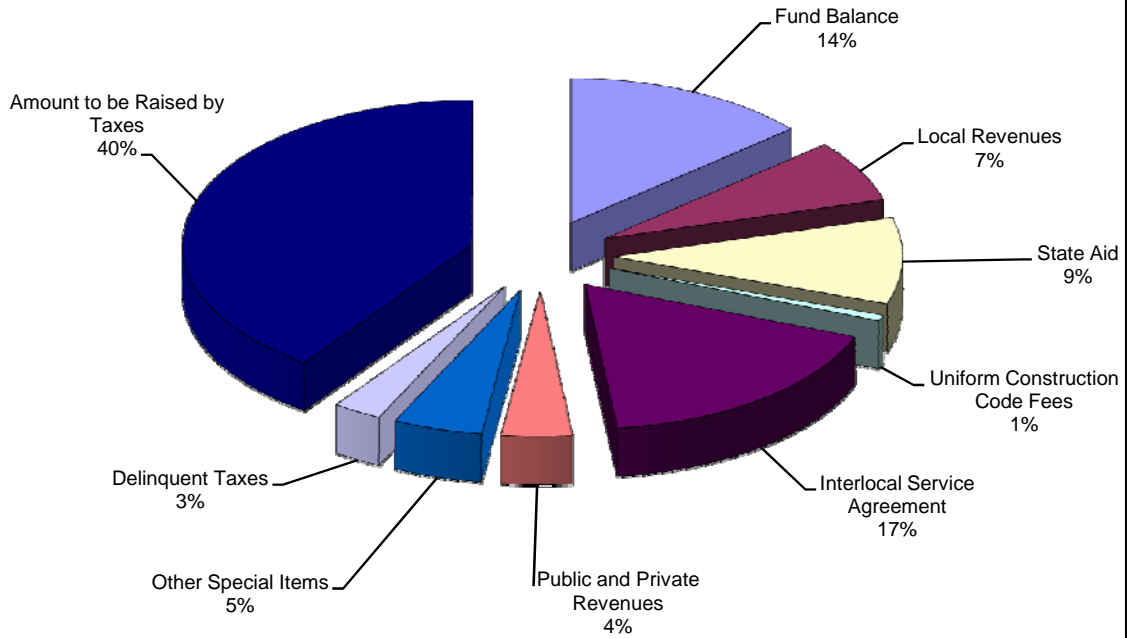
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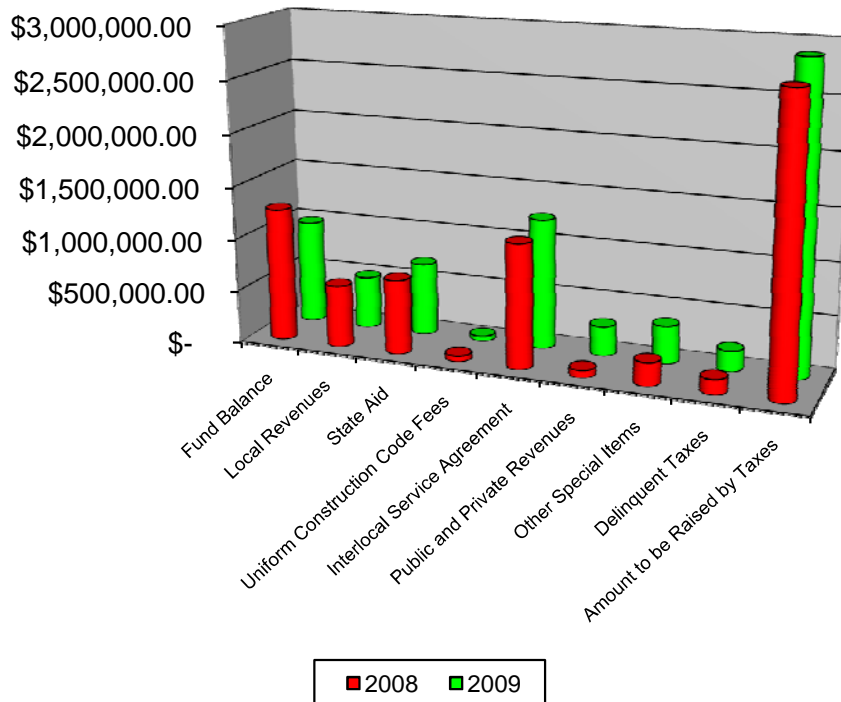
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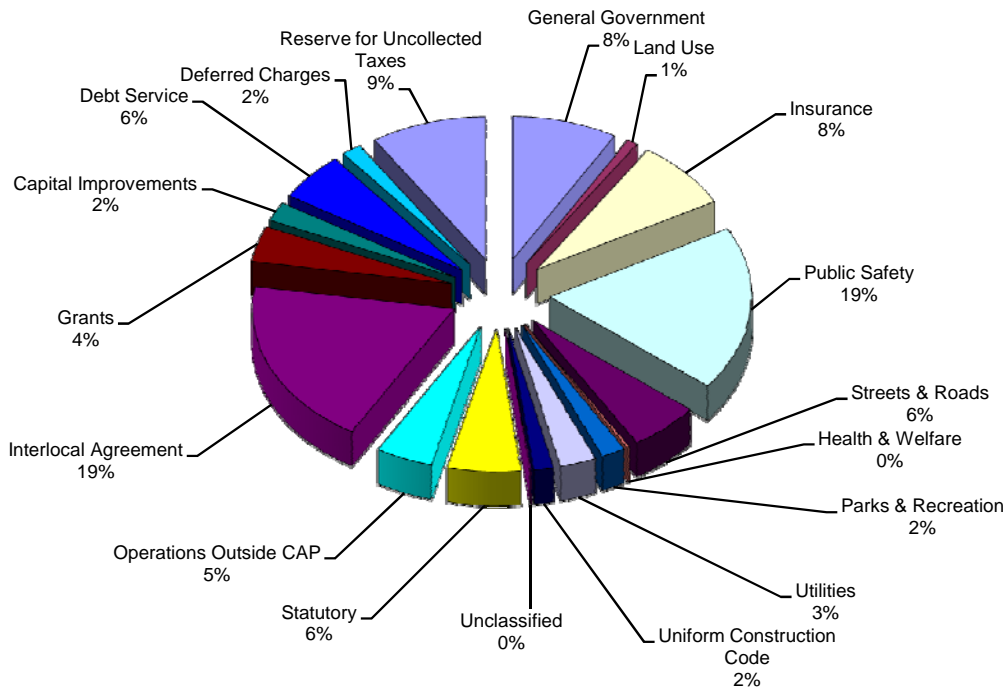
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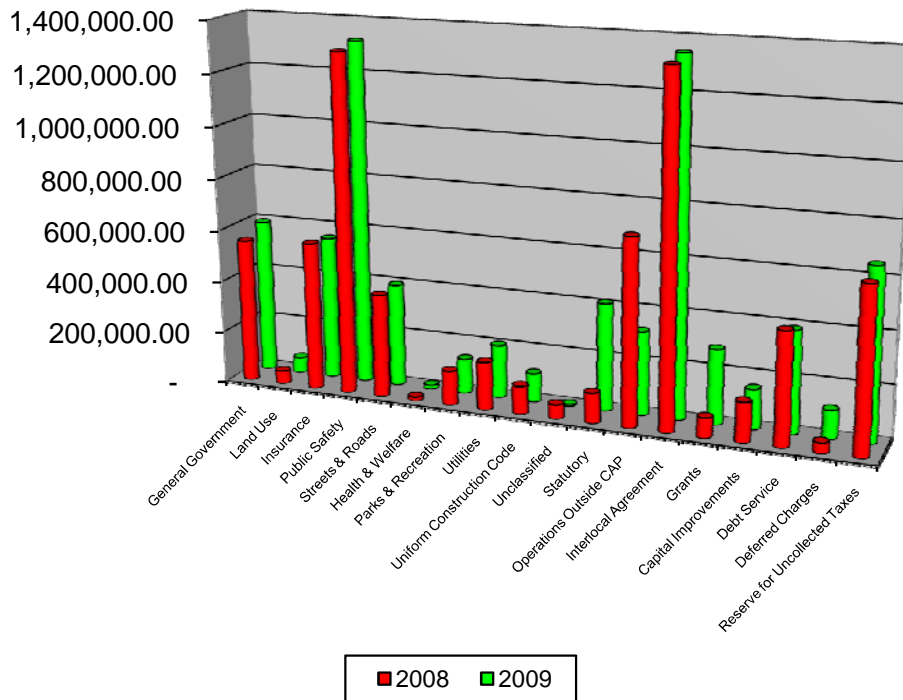
## Anticipated Revenues - Current Fund



## 2009 Appropriations



## Appropriations - Current Fund



**Borough of Wharton**  
**2007, 2008 and 2009 Budget Revenues - Current Fund**

	2007 Adopted Budget	2008 Adopted Budget	2009 Adopted Budget
Fund Balance Anticipated	\$ 1,257,900.00	\$ 1,266,900.00	\$ 985,124.00
Fund Balance Anticipated with Consent of Director			
Total Fund Balance Anticipated	<u>1,257,900.00</u>	<u>1,266,900.00</u>	<u>985,124.00</u>
<b>Local Revenues:</b>			
Alcoholic Beverage Licenses	7,500.00	6,540.00	2,860.00
Other Licenses	11,500.00	11,500.00	11,400.00
Fees and Permits	27,000.00	37,000.00	37,200.00
Municipal Court - Fines & Costs	245,000.00	260,000.00	260,000.00
Interest and Costs on Taxes	32,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
Interest on Investments and Deposits	185,000.00	200,000.00	111,000.00
Rents - Borough Lease	39,000.00	37,600.00	37,800.00
Total Local Revenues	<u>547,000.00</u>	<u>587,640.00</u>	<u>495,260.00</u>
<b>State Aid without Offsetting Appropriations:</b>			
Legislative Initiative Municipal Block Grant	24,695.00	-	
Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid	270,265.00	179,917.00	132,260.00
Energy Receipts Tax	478,616.00	528,826.00	558,765.00
Supplemental Energy Receipts Tax	19,835.00	-	
Municipal Homeland Security Assistance	50,000.00	-	
Municipal Property Tax Assistance	15,432.00	-	
Total State Aid with Offsetting Appropriations	<u>858,843.00</u>	<u>708,743.00</u>	<u>691,025.00</u>
<b>Dedicated Uniform Construction Code Fees</b>			
<b>Offset with Appropriations:</b>			
Uniform Construction Code Fees	45,000.00	55,000.00	46,700.00
Total Dedicated Uniform Construction Code Fees Offset with Appropriations	<u>45,000.00</u>	<u>55,000.00</u>	<u>46,700.00</u>
<b>Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements</b>			
<b>Offset with Appropriations:</b>			
Interlocal Service Agreement - Mine Hill Township	1,119,405.00	1,178,174.00	1,240,028.00
Total Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements	<u>1,119,405.00</u>	<u>1,178,174.00</u>	<u>1,240,028.00</u>

**Borough of Wharton**  
**2007, 2008 and 2009 Budget Revenues - Current Fund**

	2007 Adopted Budget	2008 Adopted Budget	2009 Adopted Budget
<b>Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:</b>			
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund		9,806.06	
Clean Communities Program		6,341.92	9,944.92
Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Fund		2,088.28	
Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities	3,420.00		
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	16,495.00	17,895.00	14,396.00
Safe and Secure Communities Program	30,000.00	25,098.00	28,124.00
Body Armor Replacement Fund	1,988.25	2,240.91	2,045.29
Safe Corridor Grant			
Wharton American Legion - Flag Program	3,000.00		
Stormwater Regulation Program			
Trans Options Grant	1,300.00	4,500.00	
Northern NJ Safe Kids / Safe Communities Grant	300.00		
Mayor's Wellness Campaign	500.00		
Artifact Conservation Grant		3,920.00	
Morris County Historic Preservation Grant			100,000.00
New Jersey Historic Trust Grant			37,424.00
Federal Recreational Trails Program			25,000.00
Highlands Council Plan Conformance Grant			65,000.00
Total Public and Private Revenues Offset with	57,003.25	71,890.17	281,934.21
<b>Other Special Items:</b>			
Water Utility Operating Surplus	100,000.00	105,000.00	105,000.00
Sewer Utility Operating Surplus	100,000.00	115,000.00	217,000.00
Reserve for Sale of Municipal Assets	530,000.00		
Reserve for Payment of Debt Service - General Capital	7,550.00		
Highway Traffic Safety Program	73,000.00		
Reserve for Library Appropriation			35,145.00
Total Other Special Items	810,550.00	220,000.00	357,145.00
<b>Total Miscellaneous Revenues</b>	3,437,801.25	2,821,447.17	3,112,092.21

**Borough of Wharton**  
**2007, 2008 and 2009 Budget Revenues - Current Fund**

	2007 Adopted Budget	2008 Adopted Budget	2009 Adopted Budget
<b>Receipts from Delinquent Taxes</b>	142,000.00	142,000.00	194,600.00
Subtotal General Revenues	<u>4,837,701.25</u>	<u>4,230,347.17</u>	<u>4,291,816.21</u>
<b>Amount to be Raised by Taxes</b>	<u>2,335,590.00</u>	<u>2,724,464.05</u>	<u>2,880,503.61</u>
<b>Total General Revenues</b>	<u><u>\$ 7,173,291.25</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,954,811.22</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,172,319.82</u></u>
Percentage of Total Budget Raised by Taxation	<u><u>32.56%</u></u>	<u><u>39.17%</u></u>	<u><u>40.16%</u></u>
Total Appropriations			\$ 7,172,319.82
Total General Revenues			<u>(4,291,816.21)</u>
Amount to be Rased by Taxation			<u><u>\$ 2,880,503.61</u></u>

**Borough of Wharton**  
**2007, 2008 and 2009 Budget Revenues**  
**Water, Sewer and Garbage District**

	2007 Adopted Budget	2008 Adopted Budget	2009 Adopted Budget
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b><u>Water Utility Operating Fund:</u></b>			
Fund Balance Anticipated	\$ 525,000.00	\$ 525,000.00	\$ 525,000.00
Fund Balance Anticipated with Consent of Director			
Total Fund Balance Anticipated	<u>525,000.00</u>	<u>525,000.00</u>	<u>525,000.00</u>
<b>Other Revenues:</b>			
Rents	1,353,997.00	1,373,788.00	1,391,694.00
Miscellaneous	15,400.00	15,400.00	15,400.00
Interest on Investments and Deposits	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Developer's Agreement - MUA Loan Agreement	49,445.00	49,445.00	49,445.00
Total Other Revenues	<u>1,423,842.00</u>	<u>1,443,633.00</u>	<u>1,461,539.00</u>
<b>Total Water Utility Revenues</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,948,842.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,968,633.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,986,539.00</u></u>
<b><u>Sewer Utility Operating Fund:</u></b>			
Fund Balance Anticipated	\$ 287,000.00	\$ 287,000.00	\$ 235,000.00
Fund Balance Anticipated with Consent of Director			
Total Fund Balance Anticipated	<u>287,000.00</u>	<u>287,000.00</u>	<u>235,000.00</u>
<b>Other Revenues:</b>			
User Charges	866,386.00	1,022,703.00	1,091,006.00
Miscellaneous	5,420.00	5,420.00	5,420.00
Reserve for Payment of Debt Service			51,946.00
Total Other Revenues	<u>871,806.00</u>	<u>1,028,123.00</u>	<u>1,148,372.00</u>
<b>Total Sewer Utility Revenues</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,158,806.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,315,123.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,383,372.00</u></u>
<b><u>Special Garbage District:</u></b>			
Fund Balance Anticipated	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 62,900.00	\$ 62,900.00
Fund Balance Anticipated with Consent of Director			
Total Fund Balance Anticipated	<u>60,000.00</u>	<u>62,900.00</u>	<u>62,900.00</u>
<b>Other Revenues:</b>			
District Taxes	771,098.00	808,866.00	841,220.00
Total Other Revenues	<u>771,098.00</u>	<u>808,866.00</u>	<u>841,220.00</u>
<b>Total Sanitation District Revenues</b>	<u><u>\$ 831,098.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 871,766.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 904,120.00</u></u>

**Borough of Wharton**  
**2007, 2008 and 2009 Appropriation Budgets**

	<b>Adopted Budget</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b><u>CURRENT FUND:</u></b>			
<b><u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u></b>			
General Administration			
Salary And Wages	89,025.00	97,055.00	105,545.00
Other Expenses	36,400.00	36,850.00	36,850.00
Mayor and Council			
Salary And Wages	36,000.00	36,000.00	36,000.00
Other Expenses	21,500.00	21,500.00	21,500.00
Municipal Clerk			
Salary And Wages	39,200.00	39,305.00	39,265.00
Other Expenses	10,600.00	12,161.00	11,450.00
Financial Administration			
Salary And Wages	37,075.00	38,170.00	39,505.00
Other Expenses	23,175.00	23,355.00	23,355.00
Other Expenses - Computer Maintenance	14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
Annual Audit	24,210.00	25,600.00	25,500.00
Assessment of Taxes			
Salary And Wages	20,765.00	20,970.00	21,170.00
Other Expenses	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
Revision of Tax Map	10,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Tax Appeals	20,000.00	20,000.00	50,000.00
Revenue Administration (Tax Collection)			
Salary And Wages	32,930.00	28,665.00	29,620.00
Other Expenses	6,250.00	6,250.00	6,250.00
Engineering Services & Costs			
Other Expenses	31,050.00	31,050.00	31,050.00
Legal Services And Costs			
Salary And Wages	35,620.00	1,280.00	-
Other Expenses	20,000.00	55,595.00	54,800.00
Codification of Ordinances	1,000.00	1,250.00	1,500.00
Buildings and Grounds			
Salaries and Wages	24,352.00	25,206.00	25,795.00
Other Expenses	9,238.00	10,570.00	10,724.00
Total General Government	545,090.00	555,032.00	594,079.00
<b><u>LAND USE ADMINISTRATION</u></b>			
<b><u>Municipal Land Use Law (NJS 40:55D-1)</u></b>			
Planning Board			
Salary And Wages	15,610.00	9,310.00	10,545.00
Other Expenses	12,660.00	12,660.00	12,660.00

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	<b>Adopted Budget</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b><u>CURRENT FUND (Cont'd):</u></b>			
Zoning Board of Adjustment			
Salary And Wages	28,950.00	28,980.00	36,460.00
Other Expenses	4,500.00	-	
Total Land Use Administration	<u>61,720.00</u>	<u>50,950.00</u>	<u>59,665.00</u>
<b><u>INSURANCE</u></b>			
Workers' Compensation Insurance	35,520.00	40,510.00	40,499.00
Liability Insurance	46,004.00	46,750.00	44,013.00
Group Insurance for Employees	474,771.00	480,397.00	467,864.00
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total Insurance	<u>559,295.00</u>	<u>570,657.00</u>	<u>555,376.00</u>
<b><u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u></b>			
Aid to Volunteer Fire Company			
Other Expenses	42,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00
Fire Department			
Other Expenses - Building Rent	29,980.00	30,883.00	30,883.00
Police			
Salary And Wages	831,370.00	879,715.00	888,331.00
Other Expenses	178,250.00	180,300.00	184,350.00
Matching Funds - Grants	26,610.00	38,633.00	43,231.00
First Aid Organization Contribution			
Other Expenses	17,584.00	18,025.00	18,025.00
Dispatchers			
Other Expenses	102,860.00	108,290.00	110,693.00
Emergency Management Services			
Salaries and Wages	3,090.00	3,205.00	2,690.00
Other Expenses	1,349.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
Total Public Safety	<u>1,233,093.00</u>	<u>1,302,401.00</u>	<u>1,321,553.00</u>
<b><u>STREETS AND ROADS</u></b>			
Streets and Road Repairs Maintenance			
Salaries and Wages	275,830.00	246,183.00	231,497.00
Other Expenses	144,600.00	151,100.00	166,400.00
Total Streets and Roads	<u>420,430.00</u>	<u>397,283.00</u>	<u>397,897.00</u>
<b><u>HEALTH AND WELFARE</u></b>			
Board of Health			
Salaries and Wages	31,205.00	37,820.00	39,150.00
Other Expenses	54,038.00	55,369.00	56,802.00
Mandated Innoculations:Hepatitis B Vaccine			
Other Expenses	500.00	500.00	500.00

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	<b>Adopted Budget</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b><u>CURRENT FUND (Cont'd):</u></b>			
<b><u>HEALTH AND WELFARE (Cont'd)</u></b>			
Animal Control			
Salaries and Wages	8,089.00	8,375.00	8,375.00
Other Expenses	4,500.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Contribution to Senior Citizen Center			
Other Expenses	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total Health and Welfare	<u>15,089.00</u>	<u>14,875.00</u>	<u>14,875.00</u>
<b><u>PARKS AND RECREATION</u></b>			
Parks and Playgrounds			
Other Expenses	15,950.00	15,950.00	15,950.00
Recreation			
Salaries and Wages	15,650.00	16,205.00	16,780.00
Other Expenses	32,061.00	32,894.00	32,894.00
Celebration of Public Events			
Other Expenses	19,700.00	19,700.00	19,700.00
Senior Citizen Van			
Salaries and Wages	43,070.00	44,580.00	46,145.00
Other Expenses	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Total Parks and Recreation	<u>129,931.00</u>	<u>132,829.00</u>	<u>134,969.00</u>
<b><u>UTILITIES &amp; BULK PURCHASES</u></b>			
Utilities	174,000.00	184,200.00	205,000.00
Total Utilities and Bulk Purchases	<u>174,000.00</u>	<u>184,200.00</u>	<u>205,000.00</u>
<b><u>UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE</u></b>			
Construction Official			
Salaries and Wages	35,265.00	35,575.00	36,815.00
Other Expenses	2,550.00	3,250.00	3,200.00
Plumbing Inspector			
Salaries and Wages	9,965.00	10,310.00	10,675.00
Fire Protection Official			
Salaries and Wages	4,465.00	4,625.00	4,600.00
Other Expenses	800.00		
Electrical Inspector			
Salaries and Wages	9,645.00	9,985.00	10,335.00
Housing Inspector			
Salaries and Wages	21,110.00	24,115.00	24,915.00
Other Expenses	2,000.00	4,000.00	3,700.00

**Borough of Wharton**  
**2007, 2008 and 2009 Appropriation Budgets**

	<b>Adopted Budget</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b><u>CURRENT FUND (Cont'd):</u></b>			
<b><u>UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE (Cont'd)</u></b>			
Fire Safety			
Salaries and Wages	10,170.00	12,530.00	12,975.00
Other Expenses	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Total Uniform Construction Code	<u>100,470.00</u>	<u>108,890.00</u>	<u>111,715.00</u>
<b><u>UNCLASSIFIED</u></b>			
Regionalization Feasibility Study			
Other Expenses	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Evaluation/Upgrade Office Hardware/Software			
Other Expenses	41,715.00	3,715.00	3,715.00
Salary Adjustment	47,900.00	47,900.00	
Total Unclassified	<u>92,615.00</u>	<u>54,615.00</u>	<u>6,715.00</u>
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAPS"</b>	<u>3,417,476.00</u>	<u>3,465,421.00</u>	<u>3,498,296.00</u>
<b><u>STATUTORY EXPENDITURES</u></b>			
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Public Employees Retirement System			77,267.00
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	114,866.00	117,119.00	122,616.00
Police and Firemen's Retirement System			213,582.00
Total Statutory Expenditures	<u>114,866.00</u>	<u>117,119.00</u>	<u>413,465.00</u>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN "CAPS"</b>	<u>3,532,342.00</u>	<u>3,582,540.00</u>	<u>3,911,761.00</u>
<b><u>Operations Excluded from "CAPS"</u></b>			
Maintenance of Free Public Library			
Salaries and Wages	138,011.00	142,848.00	137,643.00
Other Expenses	134,611.00	146,685.00	183,644.00
P.L. 2003, C.108:			
Police and Firemen's Retirement System	246,018.00	363,000.00	
Public Employees Retirement System	36,602.00	62,000.00	
Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	<u>555,242.00</u>	<u>714,533.00</u>	<u>321,287.00</u>
<b><u>INTERLOCAL MUNICIPAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS</u></b>			
Interlocal Service Agreement - Mine Hill Township - Police	1,119,405.00	1,178,174.00	1,240,028.00
Interlocal Service Agreement - Shared Court	136,000.00	149,600.00	105,500.00
Total Interlocal Municipal Service Agreement	<u>1,255,405.00</u>	<u>1,327,774.00</u>	<u>1,345,528.00</u>

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	<b>Adopted Budget</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b><u>CURRENT FUND (Cont'd):</u></b>			
<b><u>FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS</u></b>			
Clean Communities Program		6,341.92	9,944.92
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund		9,806.06	
Safe and Secure Communities	30,000.00	25,098.00	28,124.00
Municipal Alliance - State	16,495.00	17,895.00	14,396.00
Municipal Alliance - Local	5,299.00	5,579.00	4,880.00
Body Armor Replacement Fund	1,988.25	2,240.91	2,045.29
Alcohol Education Rehabilitation Fund		2,088.28	
Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities-State	3,420.00		
Stormwater Management Grant			
Northern NJ Safe Kids / Safe Communities Grant	300.00		
Safe Corridor Grant			
Wharton American Legion - Flag Program	3,000.00		
Mayor's Wellness Campaign	500.00		
TransOptions Grant	1,300.00	4,500.00	
Artifact Conservation / Preservation Grant		3,920.00	
Morris County Historic Preservation Grant			100,000.00
New Jersey Historic Trust Grant			37,424.00
Federal Recreational Trails Program			25,000.00
Highlands Council Plan Conformance Grant			65,000.00
Total Federal and State Grants	62,302.25	77,469.17	286,814.21
<b><u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS EXCLUDED FROM CAPS</u></b>			
Capital Improvement Fund	159,909.00	100,121.00	90,000.00
Down Payment on Improvements:			
Senior Bus	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Emergency Services Vehicles	45,400.00	45,500.00	45,500.00
Reserve for:			
Office Equipment			10,000.00
Real Estate Purchase and Improvement	380,000.00		
Building Improvements	150,000.00		
Total Capital Improvements	742,809.00	153,121.00	153,000.00
<b><u>DEBT SERVICE</u></b>			
Payment of Bond Principal	160,000.00	113,000.00	
Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes and Capital Notes	184,000.00	253,000.00	310,000.00
Interest on Bonds	15,155.00	6,272.00	
Interest on Notes	57,586.00	59,190.00	80,550.00
Total Debt Service	416,741.00	431,462.00	390,550.00
<b><u>DEFERRED CHARGES</u></b>			
Deferred Charges:			
Special Emergency (5 Years)	4,000.00	39,000.00	39,000.00
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation - Unfunded			
Unfunded Ordinance Balances	450.00	752.05	71,093.61
Total Deferred Charges	4,450.00	39,752.05	110,093.61
<b><u>RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES</u></b>	604,000.00	628,160.00	653,286.00
<b>TOTAL CURRENT FUND</b>	7,173,291.25	6,954,811.22	7,172,319.82

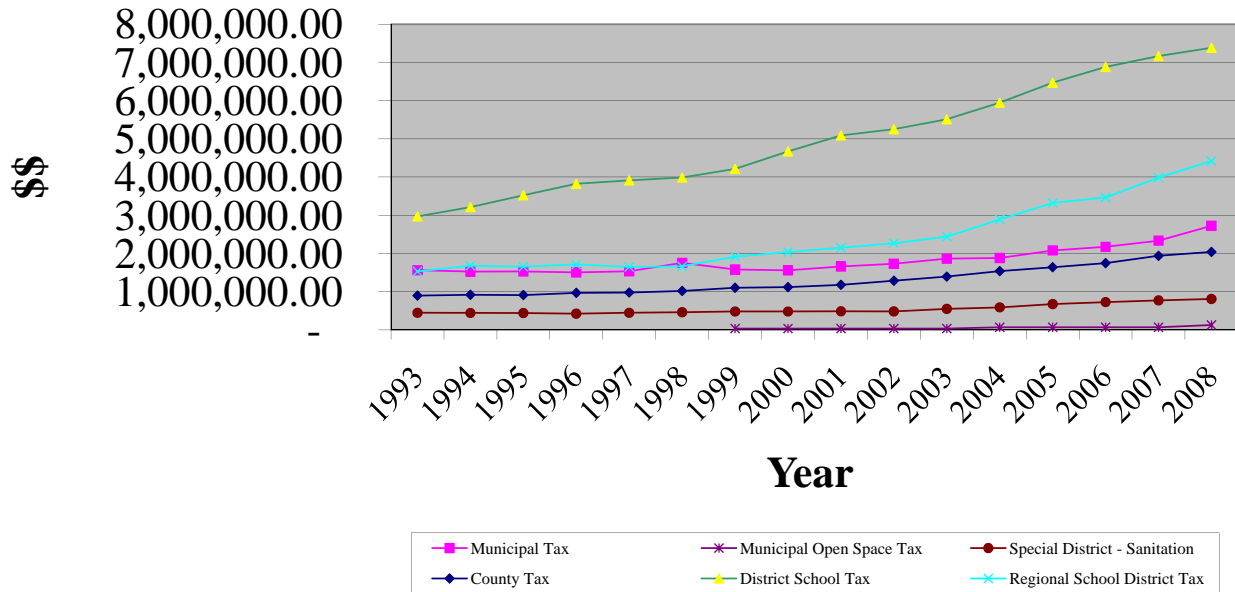
**Borough of Wharton**  
**2007, 2008 and 2009 Appropriation Budgets**

	<b>Adopted Budget</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b><u>WATER UTILITY OPERATING FUND:</u></b>			
OPERATING			
Salaries and Wages	284,835.00	293,300.00	291,525.00
Other Expenses	1,085,767.00	1,104,003.00	1,134,410.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	100,000.00	75,000.00	50,000.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	80,000.00	80,000.00	60,000.00
DEBT SERVICE	362,500.00	372,500.00	402,500.00
STATUTORY EXPENDITURES	35,740.00	43,830.00	48,104.00
	<u>1,948,842.00</u>	<u>1,968,633.00</u>	<u>1,986,539.00</u>
TOTAL WATER UTILITY OPERATING FUND	<u>1,948,842.00</u>	<u>1,968,633.00</u>	<u>1,986,539.00</u>
<b><u>SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND:</u></b>			
OPERATING			
Salaries and Wages	260,100.00	265,840.00	264,065.00
Other Expenses	622,886.00	736,253.00	777,480.00
Miscellaneous Other Expenses			
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
DEBT SERVICE	145,000.00	175,000.00	200,000.00
STATUTORY EXPENDITURES	30,820.00	38,030.00	41,827.00
	<u>1,158,806.00</u>	<u>1,315,123.00</u>	<u>1,383,372.00</u>
TOTAL SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND	<u>1,158,806.00</u>	<u>1,315,123.00</u>	<u>1,383,372.00</u>
<b><u>SPECIAL GARBAGE DISTRICT:</u></b>			
OPERATING			
Salaries and Wages	291,375.00	291,315.00	286,370.00
Other Expenses	504,353.00	536,541.00	569,296.00
STATUTORY EXPENDITURES	35,370.00	43,910.00	48,454.00
	<u>831,098.00</u>	<u>871,766.00</u>	<u>904,120.00</u>
TOTAL SPECIAL GARBAGE DISTRICT	<u>831,098.00</u>	<u>871,766.00</u>	<u>904,120.00</u>

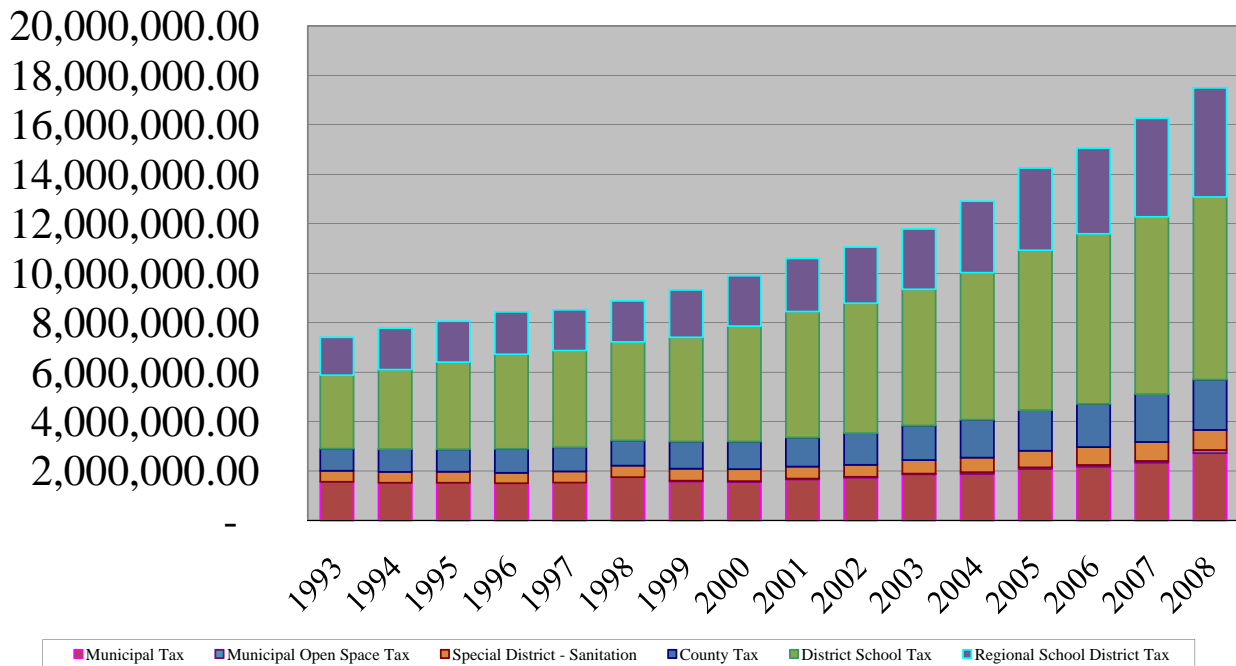
**Borough of Wharton**  
**Condensed Capital Budget**

	<u>2009 Projects</u>							
	<u>Estimated Total Cost</u>	<u>Reserved in Prior Years</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Capital Improvement Fund</u>	<u>Current Year Reserve</u>	<u>Grants in Aid and Other Funds</u>	<u>Debt Authorized</u>	<u>Future Funding Required</u>
<b>General Capital:</b>								
Acquisition of Various Vehicles & Equipment	1,051,000		30,000			30,000		1,021,000
Various Street Improvements	1,713,200		50,000	50,000				1,663,200
Emergency Services Equipment	42,000		-					42,000
Various Office Equipment & Software	60,000		10,000	10,000				50,000
Various Municipal Building Improvements	5,060,000		380,000	5,000		230,000	145,000	4,680,000
Parks and Playgrounds	25,200		-					25,200
Total General Improvements	<u>7,951,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>470,000</u>	<u>65,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>260,000</u>	<u>145,000</u>	<u>7,481,400</u>
<b>Water Utility Capital:</b>								
Water System Improvements and Updates	1,725,000		600,000				600,000	1,125,000
Total Water Utility Improvements	<u>1,725,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>600,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>600,000</u>	<u>1,125,000</u>
<b>Sewer Utility Capital:</b>								
Sewer System Improvements and Updates	1,305,000		600,000				600,000	705,000
Total Water Utility Improvements	<u>1,305,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>600,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>600,000</u>	<u>705,000</u>
	<u>10,981,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,670,000</u>	<u>65,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>260,000</u>	<u>1,345,000</u>	<u>9,311,400</u>

## Borough of Wharton Tax Dollar Trend

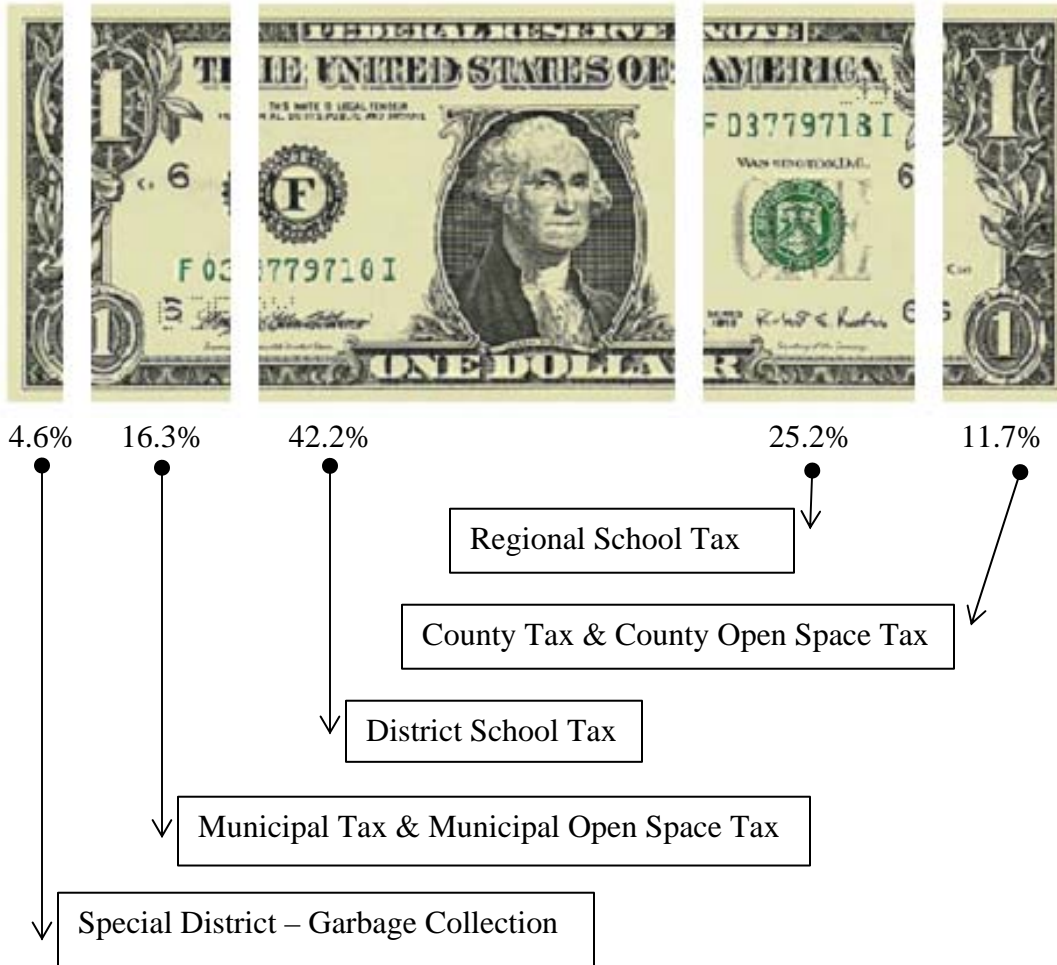


## Borough of Wharton Tax Dollar Trend



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## Where Your Tax Dollar Goes



<b>10-YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON</b>								
<b>Year</b>	<b>Special District</b>	<b>Municipal</b>	<b>Municipal Open Space</b>	<b>District School</b>	<b>Regional School</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>County Open Space</b>	<b>Total Tax Rate</b>
1999	.143	.458	.011	1.258	.572	.301	.030	2.773
2000	.143	.457	.010	1.390	.607	.299	.037	2.943
2001	.145	.457	.011	1.532	.648	.313	.039	3.145
2002	.145	.477	.010	1.535	.664	.329	.045	3.205
2003	.159	.526	.011	1.599	.708	.345	.061	3.409
2004	.170	.545	.021	1.719	.837	.371	.077	3.740
2005	.190	.599	.020	1.861	.955	.388	.087	4.100
2006	.208	.625	.020	1.978	.996	.405	.097	4.329
2007	.219	.664	.021	2.037	1.134	.442	.112	4.629
2008 <sup>1</sup>	.096	.322	.015	.875	.522	.198	.045	2.073

<sup>1</sup> Revaluation was performed.