

**MONTHLY STATEMENT OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED IN
OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDER, AITKIN COUNTY
August 2018**

NATURE OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED	FEES RECEIVED
COUNTY RECORDER FEES	\$0.00
MISC RECEIPTS	\$0.00
COPIES & C/COPIES	\$3,646.35
NOTARY	\$80.00
TORRENS	\$143.00
TORRENS ASSURANCE *** 9.2031	\$16.50
COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$7,177.50
STATE TREASURY GENERAL FUND *** 9.2036	\$5,313.00
LAND RECORDS COMPLIANCE FUND (UNALLOC) 1-100-195-5529	\$5,566.00
RECORDER TECHNOLOGY FUND 1-100-196-5529	\$5,060.00
COUNTY WELL CERTIFICATE	\$255.00
STATE WELL CERTIFICATE *** 9.2027	\$1,445.00
COUNTY DEATH CERTIFICATE	\$255.00
STATE DEATH SURCHARGE *** 9.2022	\$272.00
COUNTY BIRTH CERTIFICATES	\$351.00
STATE BIRTH SURCHARGE *** 9.2022	\$156.00
CHILDREN'S SURCHARGE *** 9.2024	\$117.00
LEGISLATIVE SURCHARGE (144.226 SUBD 3 (b)) *** 9.2036	\$390.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT OF CASH OR CHECKS TO THE AITKIN COUNTY TREASURER	\$30,243.35

RECORDING DONE FOR WHICH NO PAYMENT WAS RECEIVED

VETERANS HONORABLE DISCHARGES	\$1,058.00
AITKIN COUNTY	\$92.00
AITKIN CO ROAD & BRIDGE	
OTHERS	
TOTAL	\$1,150.00

Michael T. Moriarty

 Michael T. Moriarty, Aitkin County Recorder

By *Ray C. Hoopes*

 Deputy September 4, 2018

Documents Recorded for Month: 520
 Documents Recorded for Year: 3837

<u>Previous Year Statistics</u>
Documents Recorded for Month: 563
Documents Recorded for Year:
Last Year's Monthly Deposit: \$33,655.60

**AITKIN COUNTY
FOREST LANDS**

**THINGS ARE
LOOKING UP!**

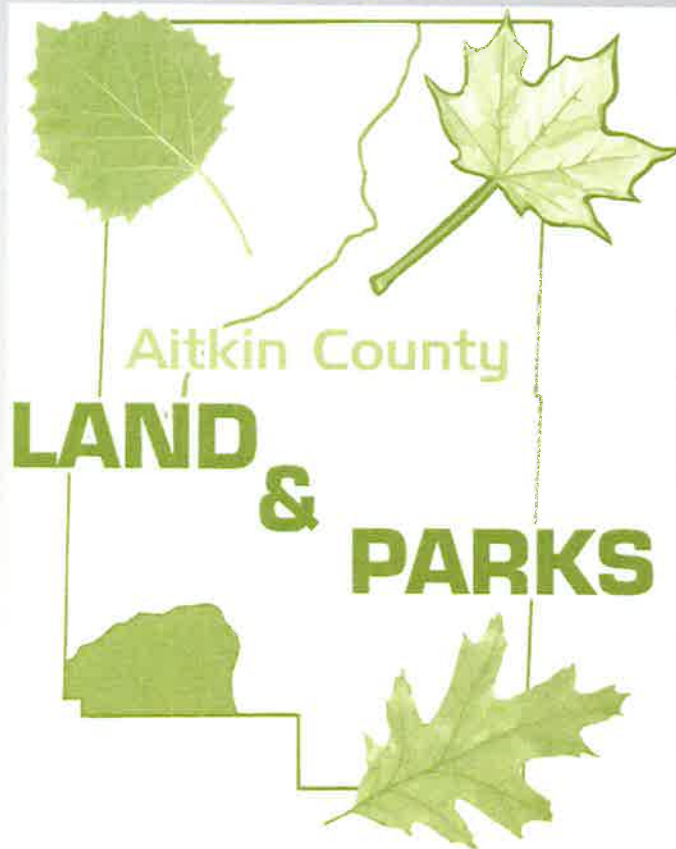
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282.01 TAX-FORFEITED LANDS; CLASSIFICATION, SALE.

Subdivision 1. Classification as conservation or non-conservation.

(a) When acting on behalf of the state under laws allowing the county board to classify and manage tax-forfeited lands held by the state in trust for the local units as provided in section 281.25, the county board has the discretion to decide that *some lands in public ownership should be retained and managed for public benefits* while other lands should be returned to private ownership.

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Benefits to communities...

- ***Base for natural resources***
- ***Stewardship on the land***
- ***Recreation opportunities***
- ***Revenue to tax-districts***

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Strategic / Long-range Plan



Aitkin County Land Department

Long Range Strategic Plan

2011

Strategic Initiatives

Enhance the quality, vigor, and value of northern and lowland hardwoods.

Retain a vigorous, productive, and balanced aspen resource.

Increase the amount of upland conifer forest.

Increase the amount of oak forest.

Strive to retain the birch cover type.

Manage for the needs of wildlife through provision of range of habitats.

Focus recreational management on provision of dispersed recreation and trails.

Maintain /enhance the quality of water yielded from County land.

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State of the Forest – 2005

The "State of the Forest" report is intended to provide the reader with a general status report and a look into the future, relative to forest management activities, involving commercial forest types managed by the Aitkin County Land Department. The report briefly describes each forest type including what Forest Ecological Systems they're associated with, projected long-range changes (based on the Strategic Plan), management history of the past 15 years, anticipated management activities for the next 15-year period, and the general forest management focus for the next 15 years.



- Decline in aspen harvest acres due to age class imbalance
- Increase in hardwood/oak intermediate treatments and regeneration
- Increase thinning in pine forests
- Develop effective birch regeneration strategy
- Develop strategy for increasing mixed conifer/deciduous forests

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County Campgrounds - 2005

Short-term goal – Increase usage so that camp site fees will cover annual contract mowing costs. Improvements can also lead to increased usage.

Planned improvements include...

- ✓ **Implement a credit card campsite reservation system.**
- ✓ **Shower facilities and expanded electric sites at Berglund Park**
- ✓ **Develop additional campsites at the Aitkin Park.**
- ✓ **Improve RV sites and promote ATV trail & kayak route at Snake River.**
- ✓ **Construct a camper-cabin and promote ATV trail & canoe trail at Jacobson.**

A photograph of a single green leaf with a serrated edge and a prominent red stem. The leaf is positioned behind the word "Aspen", which is written in a large, bold, yellow font with a black outline. The leaf's veins are clearly visible, and the stem is a vibrant red color. The background is plain white.

Aspen

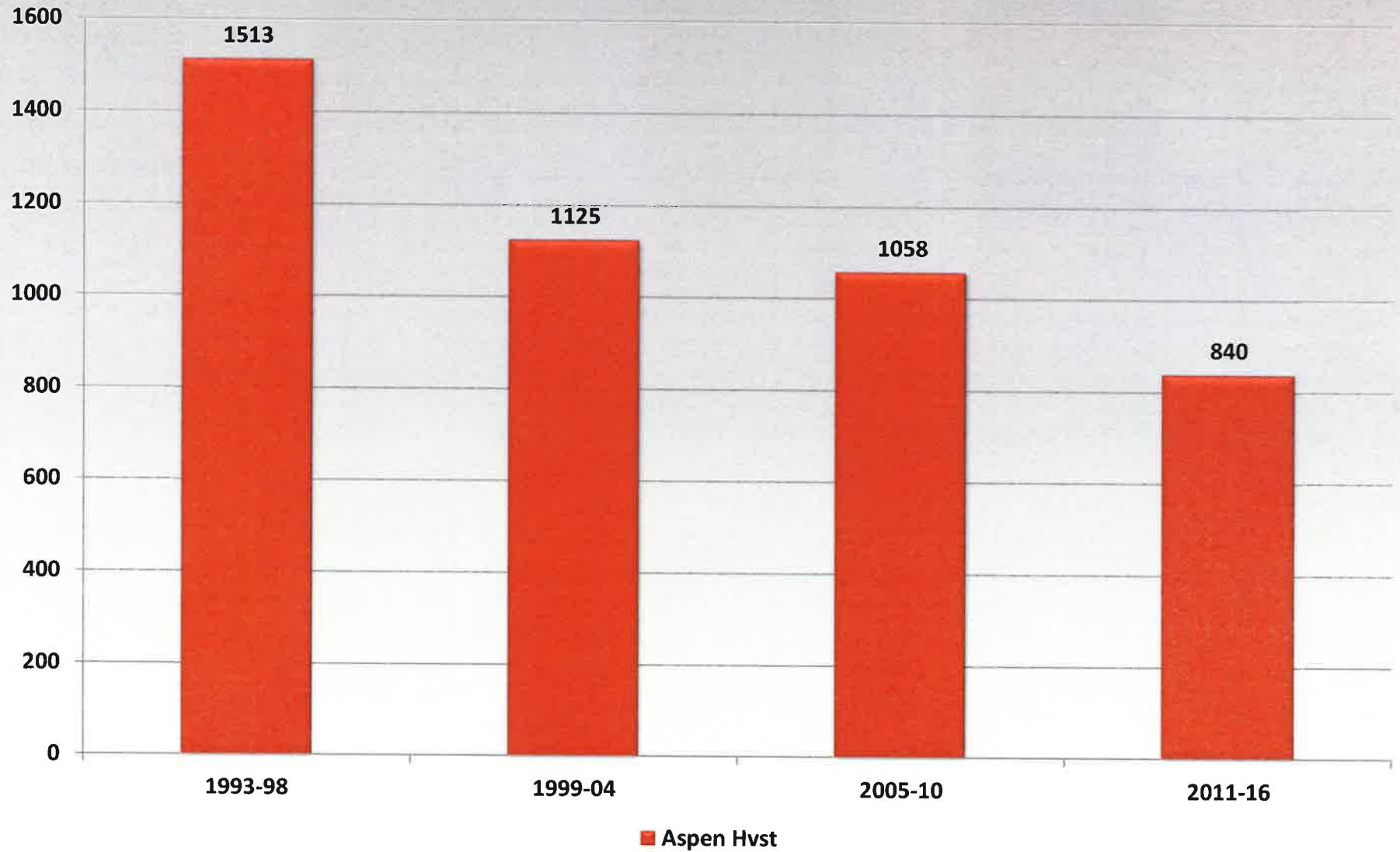


Aspen harvest



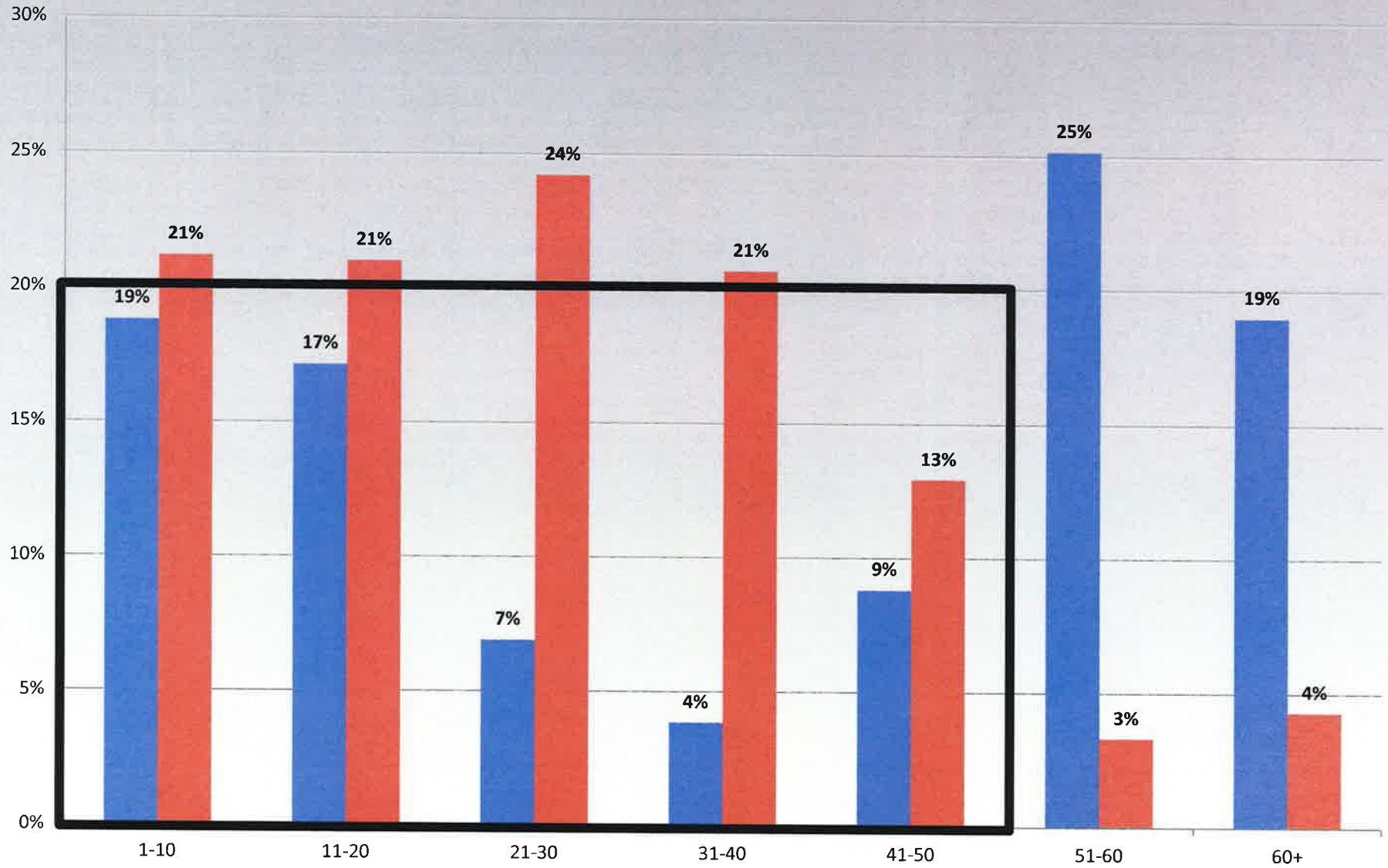
Big-toothed aspen regeneration

Hardwood and Aspen Harvest ACLD - Average Annual Acres Sold 1993-2016



Aspen Age Class

ACLD 1993-2016



Age Class Goal

■ 1993 ■ 2016



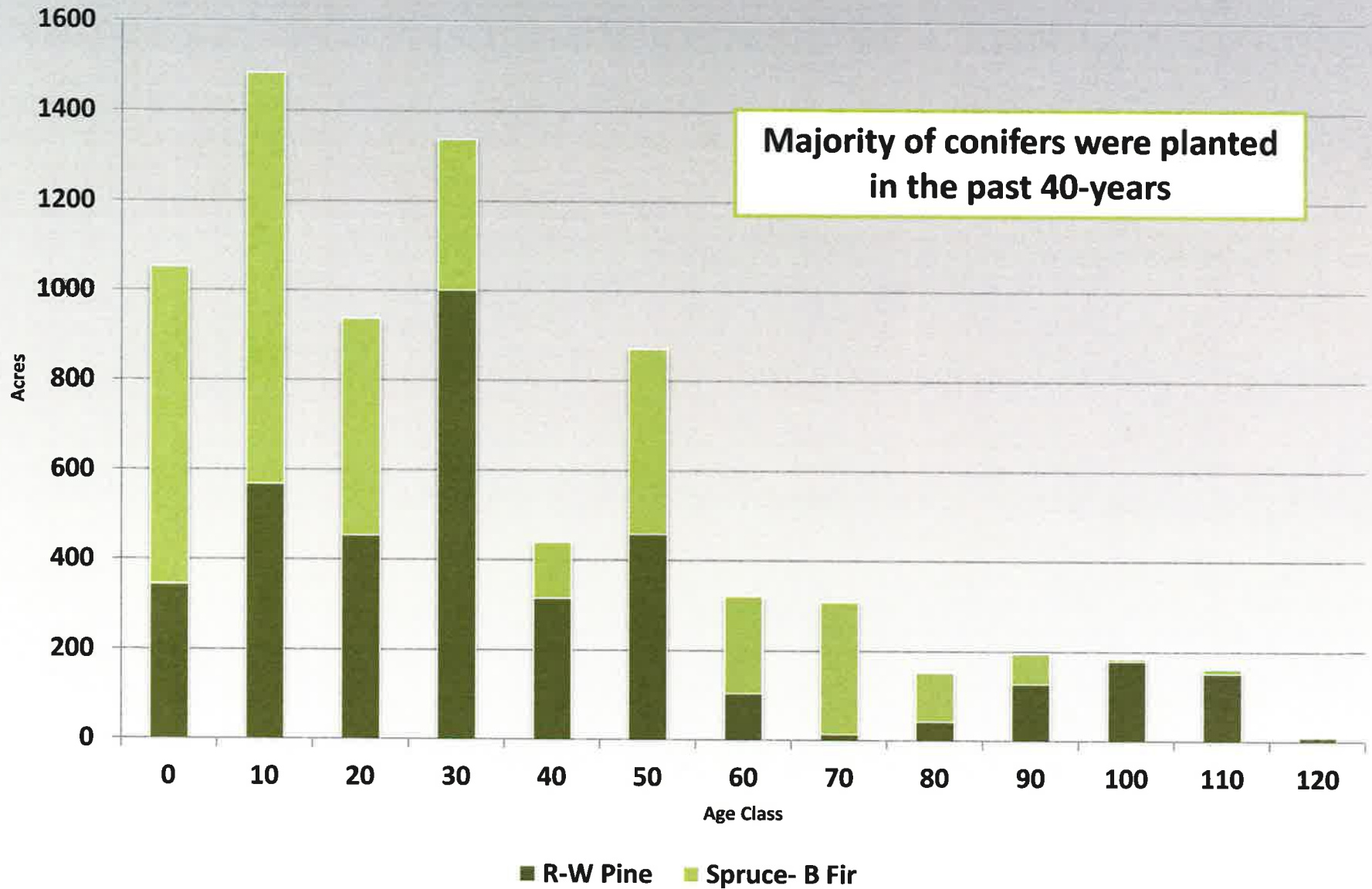
Upland
Conifers



Planted red pine seedling



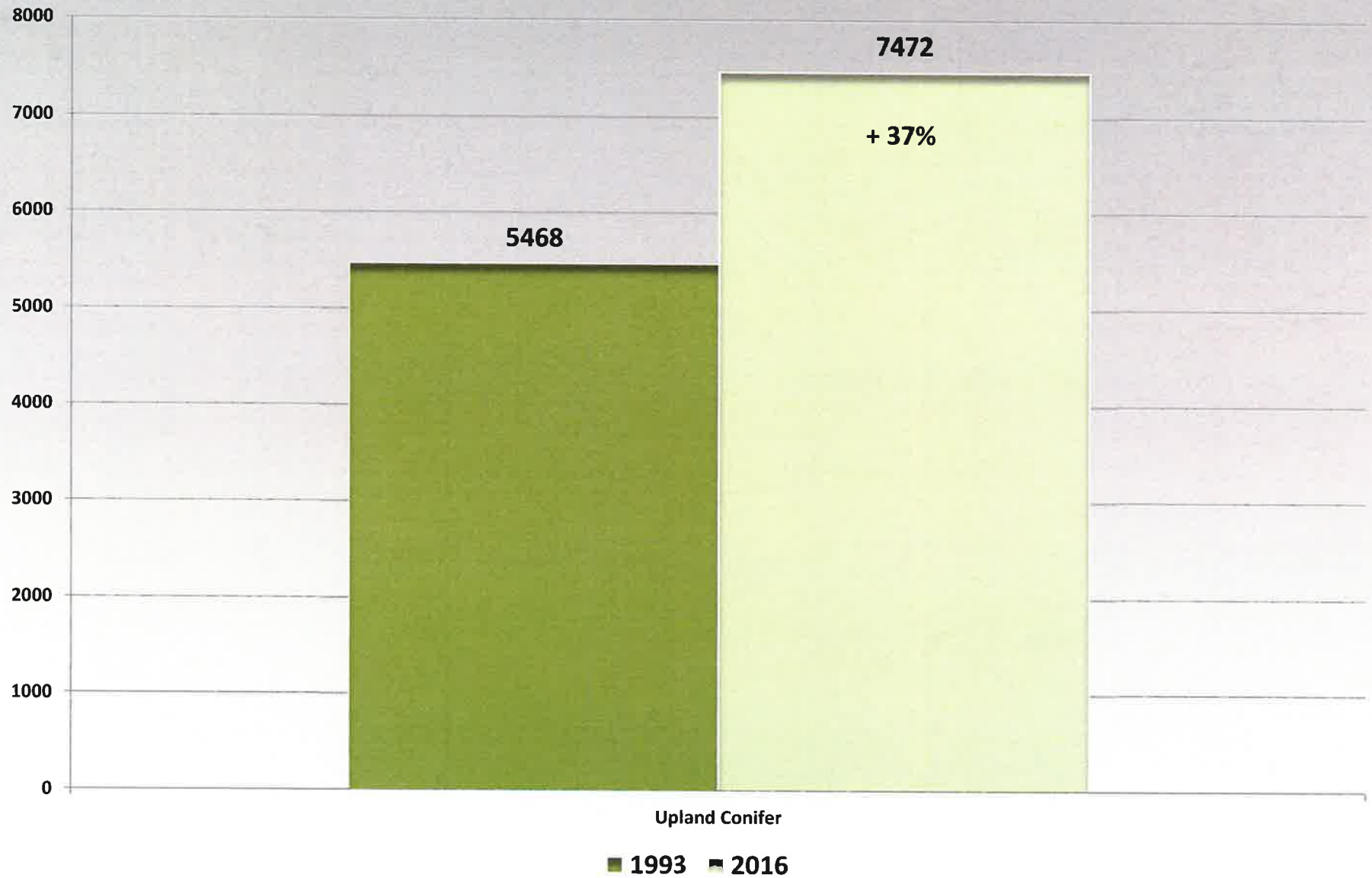
Upland Conifer Age Class 2017





**Logger Select
Pine Thin**

Changes in Upland Conifer Forest 1993-2016



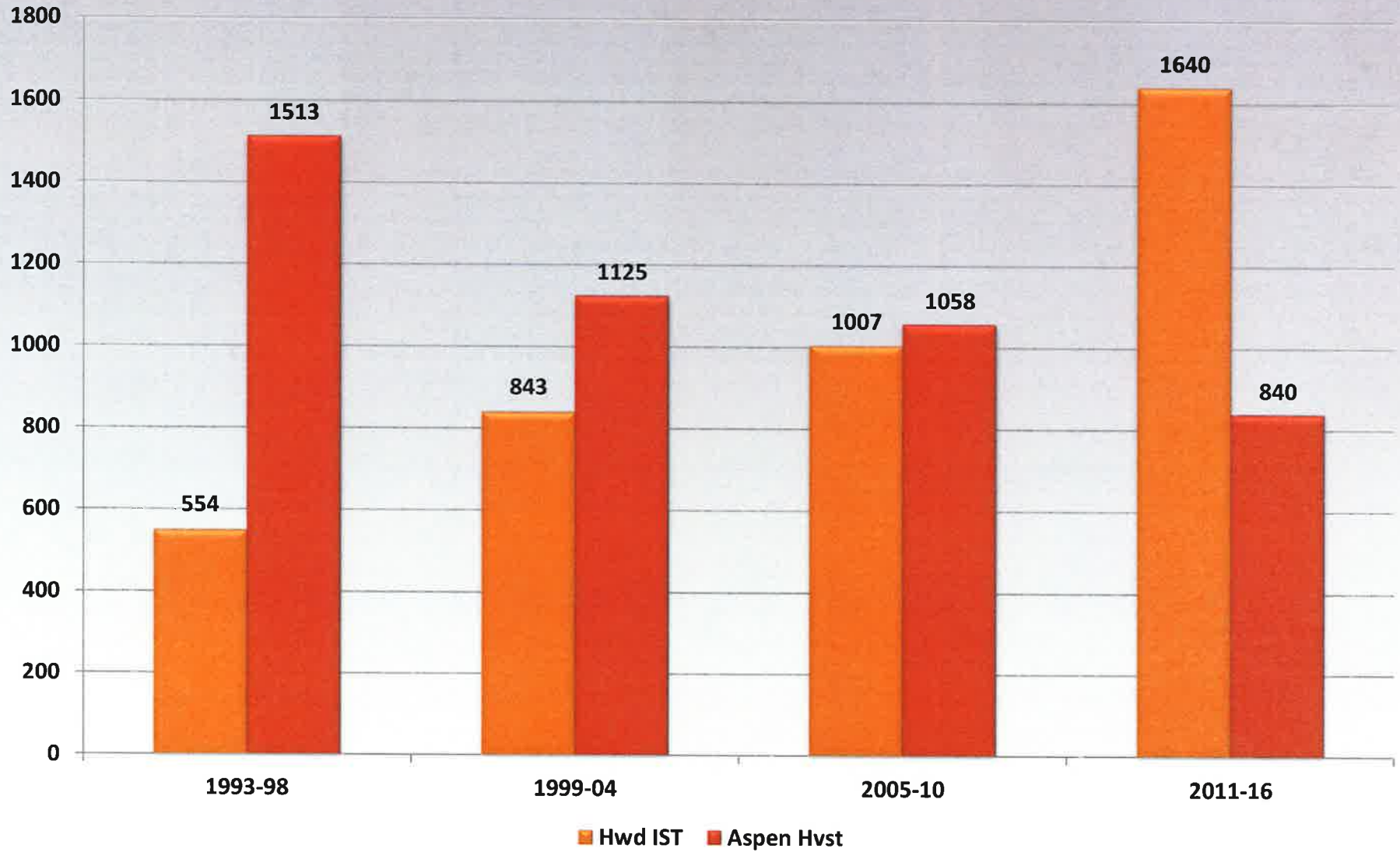


Hardwoods
&
Oak



Hardwood thin to promote red oak

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**Shelterwood – stage 1
to seed oak/birch/basswood and provide
short-term overhead seedling protection**



**Free-to-grow red oak/birch
seedlings after overstory removal**

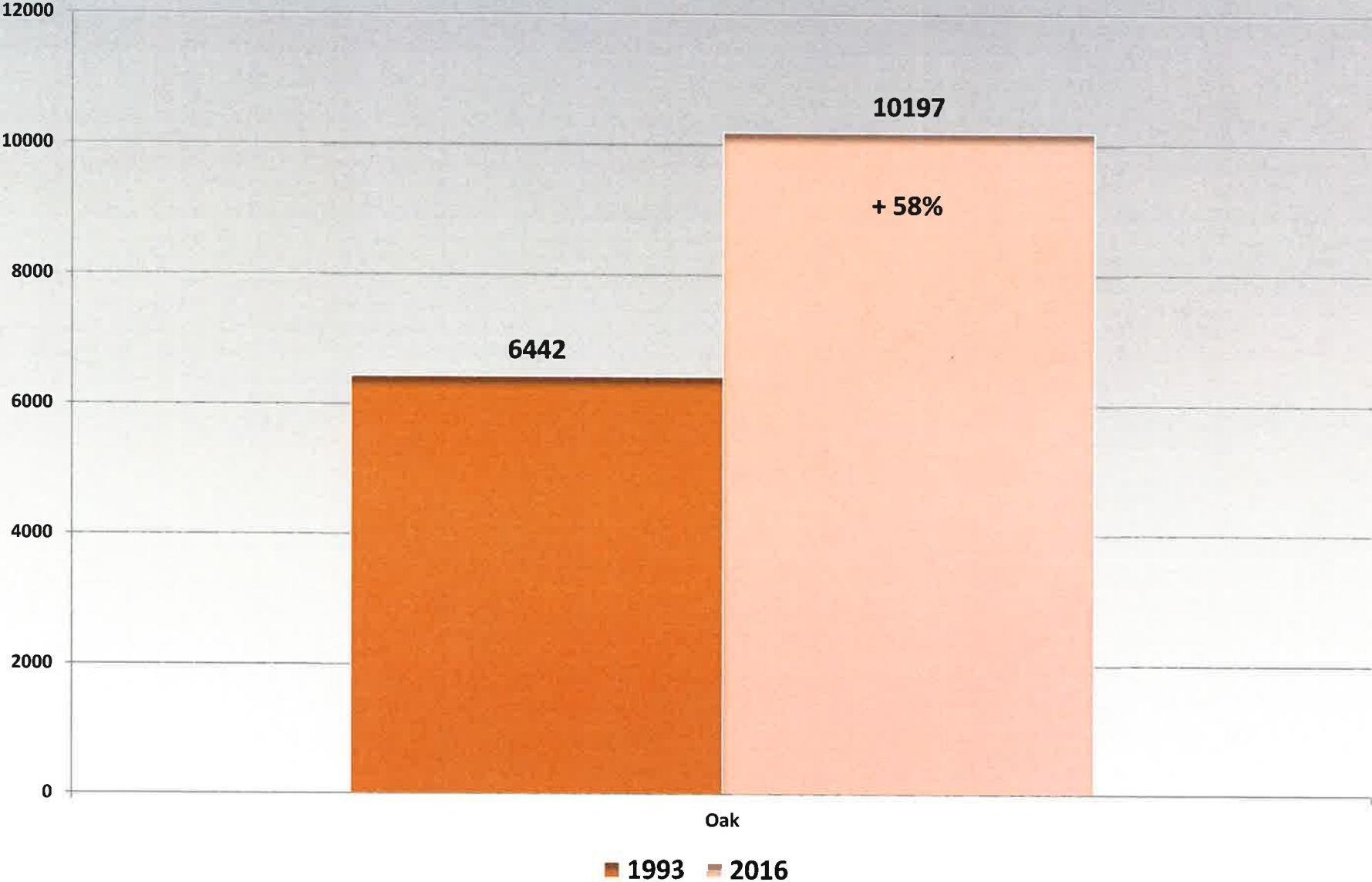
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Average Number of Trees by Species per Timber Stand (107 Plots, 358 sub-plots)

Timber Stand #	Sugar maple	Yellow Birch*	Paper birch	Red oak	Bass	Aspen	Red Maple+	Ash	Burr oak	Elm	White pine	Balsam	Trees per Acre no	
													Trees per Acre	Sugar Maple
442405-12863	7,426	19	977	781	301	500	37	450	-	-	-	-	10,490	3,064
442405-12863b	6,016	-	1,019	507	251	512	3	512	-	-	-	-	8,819	2,804
442426-12852	4,208	-	-	125	250	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,833	625
442435-13039	2,933	-	17	87	-	-	-	133	-	-	-	-	3,170	237
452408-13334	3,472	-	444	111	-	111	-	336	-	194	28	-	4,697	1,225
482702-13059	3,000	-	125	333	167	-	-	667	-	125	-	-	4,416	1,416
462307-12986	1,555	-	333	333	277	333	-	278	-	-	-	-	3,110	1,554
492202-12761	976	-	530	24	71	256	-	393	-	-	-	-	2,250	1,274
492213-13202	5,454	-	303	-	241	576	-	3,602	413	-	-	-	10,662	5,208
492721-13297	2,444	-	847	527	111	292	-	486	-	-	-	-	4,707	2,263
512309-12930	983	-	500	1,383	33	567	-	83	-	-	-	-	3,550	2,567
512312-13278	3,274	-	245	385	500	1,245	-	21	-	-	-	-	5,669	2,395
512313-13281	5,948	437	125	167	187	2,021	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,885	2,937
512326-13598	4,541	42	-	104	166	1,208	-	1,729	42	167	-	-	7,998	3,457
512623-12911	2,773	53	794	198	297	334	-	67	-	-	-	-	4,517	1,744
512701-12992	5,900	-	475	425	250	250	-	250	300	-	-	-	7,850	1,950
522711-13164	1,561	-	84	407	34	425	50	17	-	-	-	-	2,576	1,015
522711-13164b	2,823	-	312	864	312	219	-	17	-	-	-	-	4,547	1,724
Grand average Total	4,335	24	436	352	221	525	4	708	102	23	1	8	5,708	2,081

**Average seedlings per acre
18 stands – 358 sample plots**

Changes in Oak Forest 1993-2016





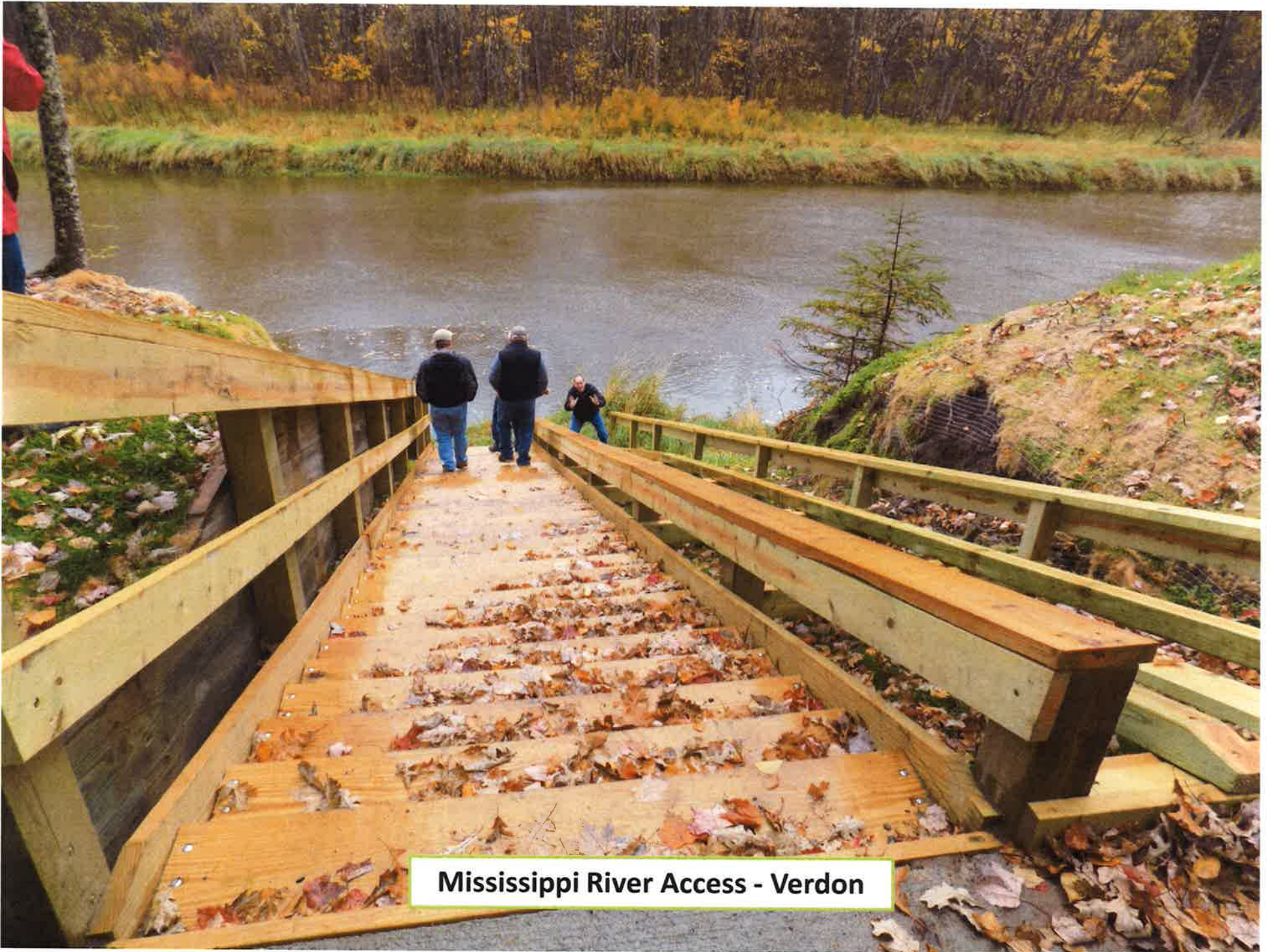
Recreation



Wetland Crossing Puncheon



Axtell Technical Riding Area



Mississippi River Access - Verdon



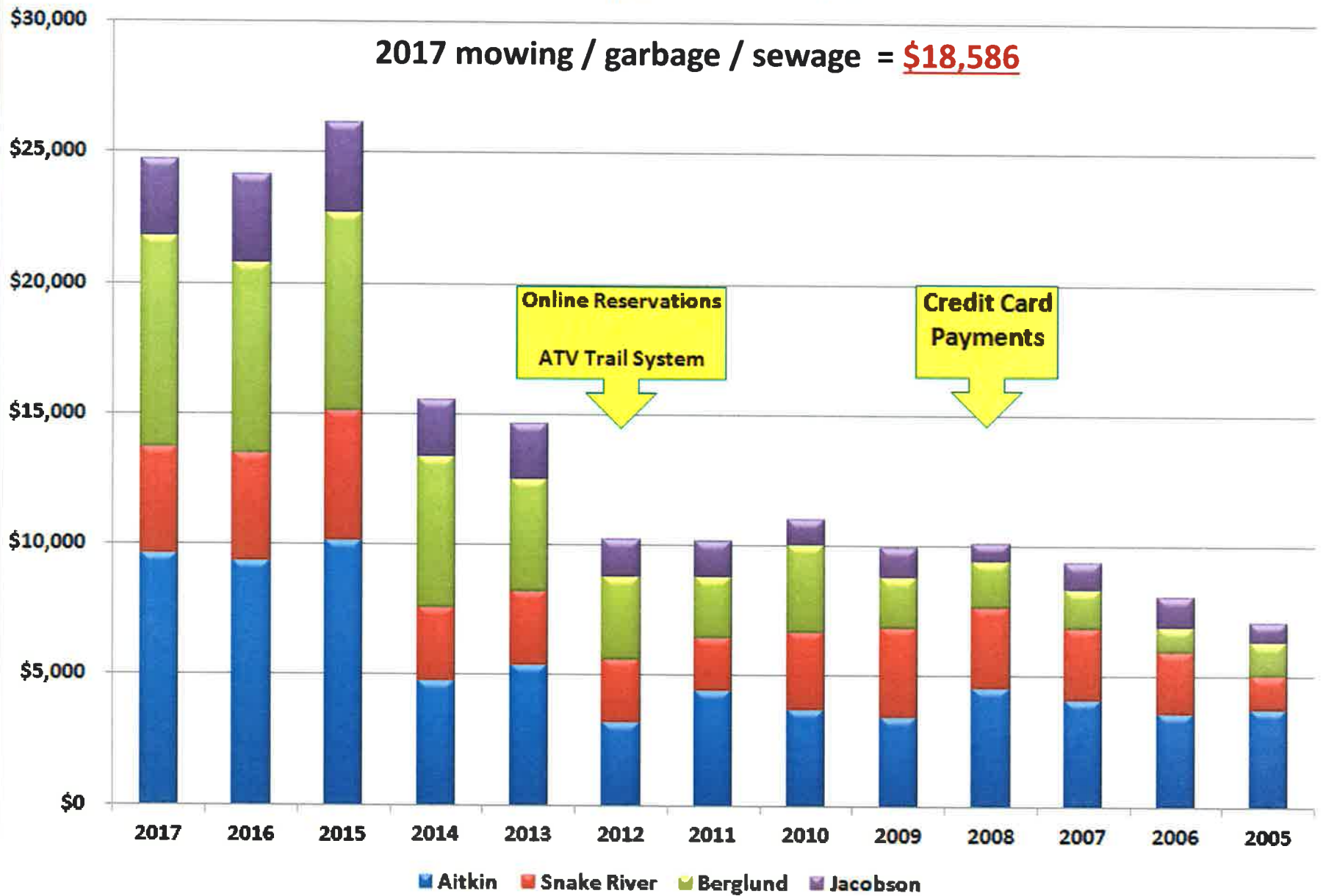
Berglund Park - Palisade



Camper Cabin – Jacobson (1 of 2)

ACLD Campground Receipts

2017 mowing / garbage / sewage = \$18,586



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PROCESS DATE: 01/02/2018

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
VEHICLES BY TYPE BY COUNTY BY STATE

VEHICLE TYPE: ATV

COUNTY CODE/ STATE CODE	STATE/ COUNTY NAME	NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS	COUNTY MOST USED
00	UNKNOWN COUNTY	398	
01	AITKIN	3,736	6,212
02	ANOKA	13,398	11,252
03	BECKER	3,625	3,708
04	BELTRAMI	5,548	5,224
05	BENTON	3,892	2,838
06	BIG STONE	528	483
07	BLUE EARTH	3,228	2,714
08	BROWN	2,273	1,771
09	CARLTON	5,326	5,166
10	CARVER	4,491	2,535
11	CASS	4,381	7,167
12	CHIPPEWA	953	838
13	CHISAGO	6,542	4,771
14	CLAY	2,966	1,965
15	CLEARWATER	1,453	1,366
16	COOK	717	888
17	COTTONWOOD	762	679
18	CROW WING	8,748	9,686
19	DAKOTA	9,565	6,077
20	DODGE	1,086	881
21	DOUGLAS	4,388	4,333
22	FARIBAULT	1,188	994
23	FILLMORE	1,123	777
24	FREEBORN	1,215	1,101
25	GOODHUE	3,254	2,658
26	GRANT	871	657
27	HENNEPIN	16,942	7,045
28	HOUSTON	725	587
29	HUBBARD	2,936	3,884
30	ISANTI	3,852	3,721

A photograph of a forest during autumn. The trees have yellow and green leaves. In the foreground, there is a large log and a green logging machine. A semi-transparent red-bordered box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing text.

**On average about 85% of
FTS revenue is generated
via timber sales
in
Aitkin County**



Rainforest Alliance

This forest is certified as well-managed by the Rainforest Alliance in accordance with the standards of the Forest Stewardship Council®.

www.rainforest-alliance.org/forestry



The mark of responsible forestry

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FSC certification ensures that products come from responsibly managed forests that provide environmental, social and economic benefits.

The [FSC Principles and Criteria](#) provide a foundation for all forest management standards globally.


FSC Forest Management certification confirms that a specific area of forest is being managed in line with the FSC Principles and Criteria.

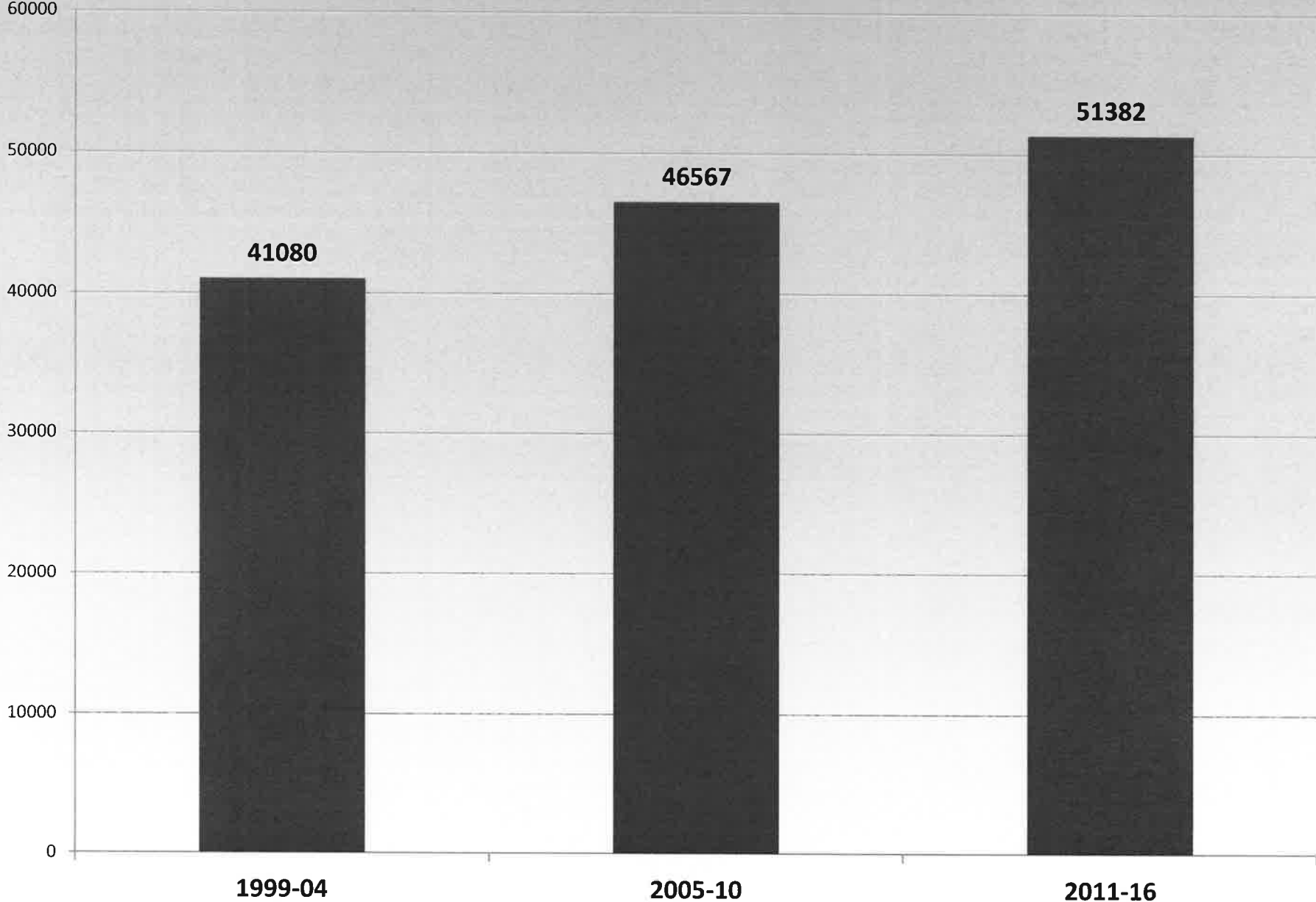
FSC Auditor comments...

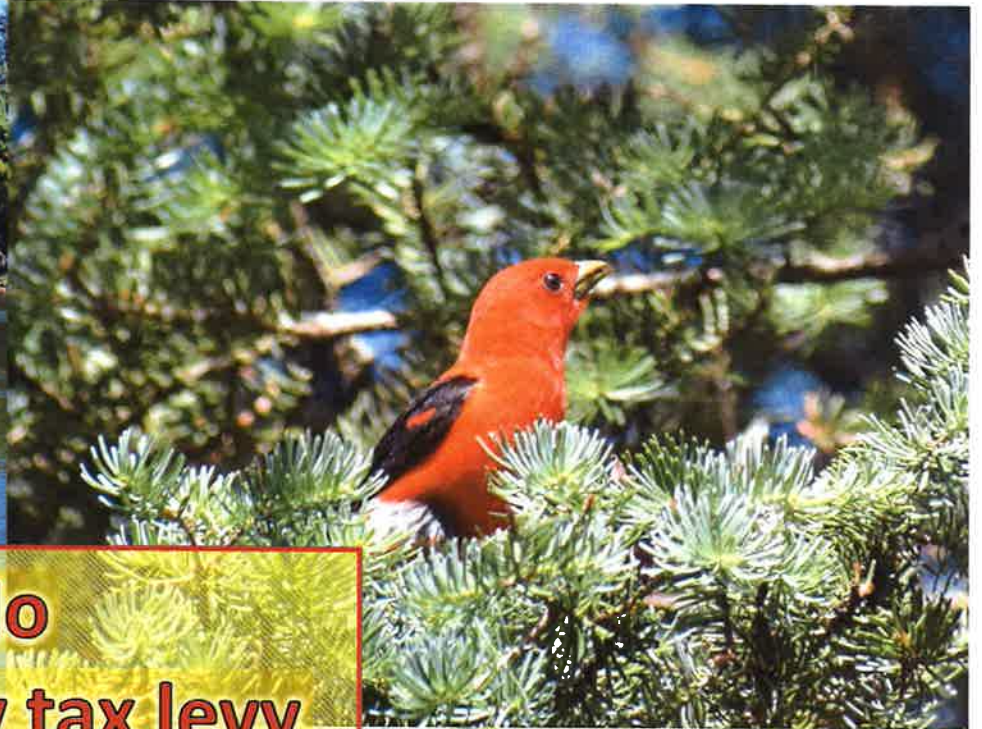
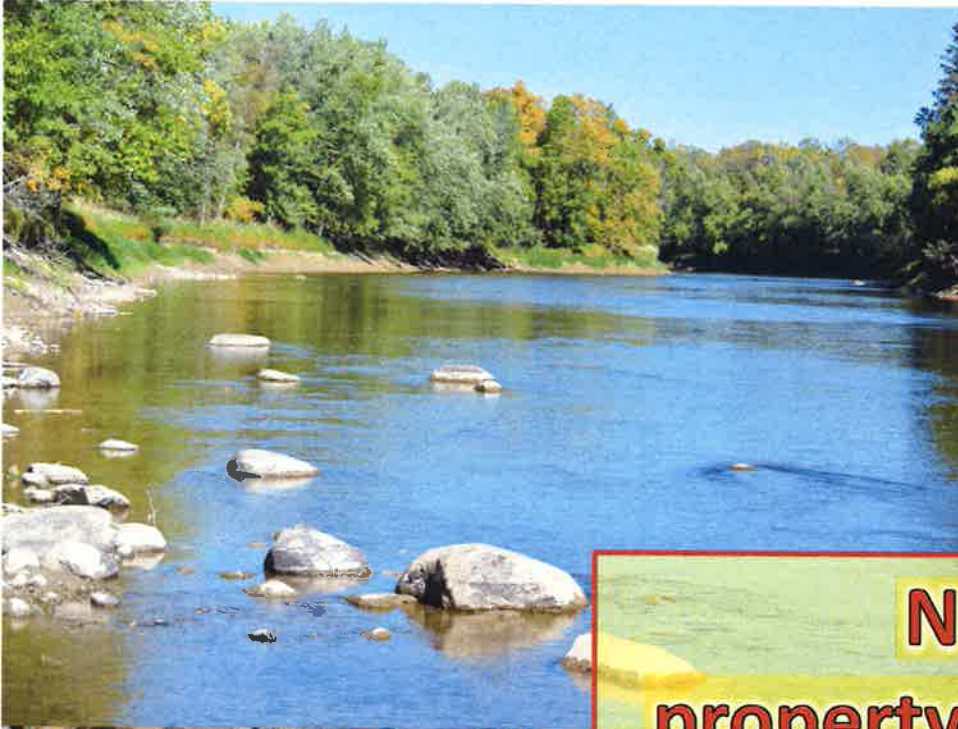
- **2014** - ACLD's forestry program continues to provide diverse economic and recreational benefits to the region while protecting wildlife habitat, soils, and watershed values.
- **2015** - ACLD continues to proactively incorporate new management concerns, such as Northern Long-eared Bat habitat, into their management systems to ensure effective conservation. ACLD also continues to demonstrate that they are one of the most innovative forest managers in the Mid-West.
- **2016** - The auditor concurs with the following external stakeholder comment: I have continually been impressed with ACLD's commitment to maintaining a variety of appropriate and ecologically sound habitat types for a myriad of wildlife species
- **2017** - A stakeholder reported that ACLD is at the "top of the list" for ecologically- and biologically-aware forest management. Their silvicultural techniques are in the "vanguard" regarding harvesting in a way that creates diversity. The auditor concurs.

ACLD Average Annual Timber Harvest

Cords Sold - 1999-2016

 ~78,000 cords
Annual
Allowable Cut





**No
property tax levy
dollars!!!**



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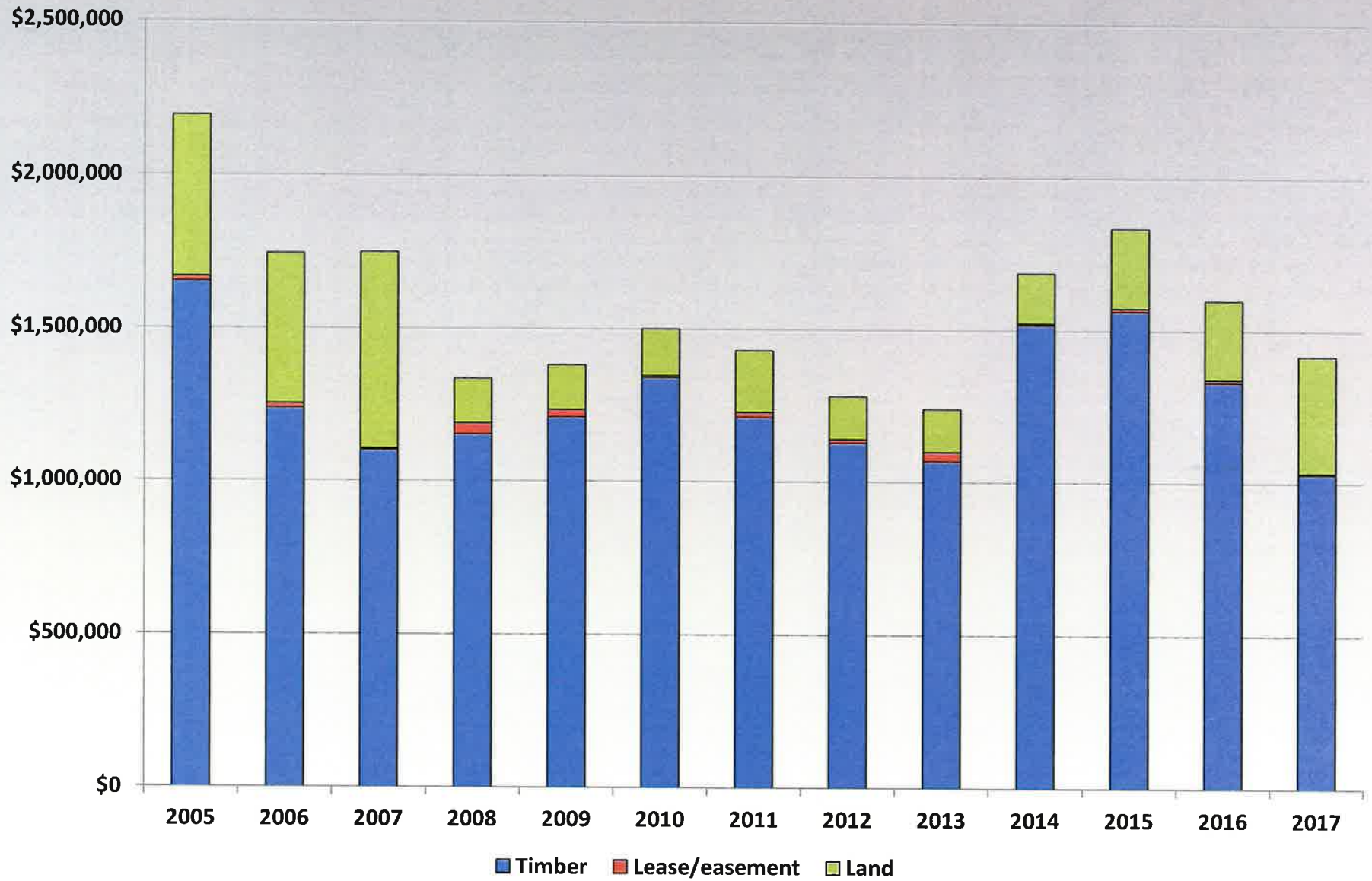
- **282.08 APPORTIONMENT OF PROCEEDS TO TAXING DISTRICTS**

The net proceeds from the sale or rental of any parcel of forfeited land, or from the **sale of products from the forfeited land**, must be apportioned by the county auditor to the taxing districts interested in the land, as follows:

- County Board may set aside...
 - no more than **30%** for forest development.
 - no more than **20%** for recreation development
- Remaining Balance:
 - **40%** County (general fund)
 - **40%** School District*
 - **20%** Township or City*
 - Unorganized township goes to County

* Where the funds were generated

FTS Revenue 2005-2017



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Benefits to communities...

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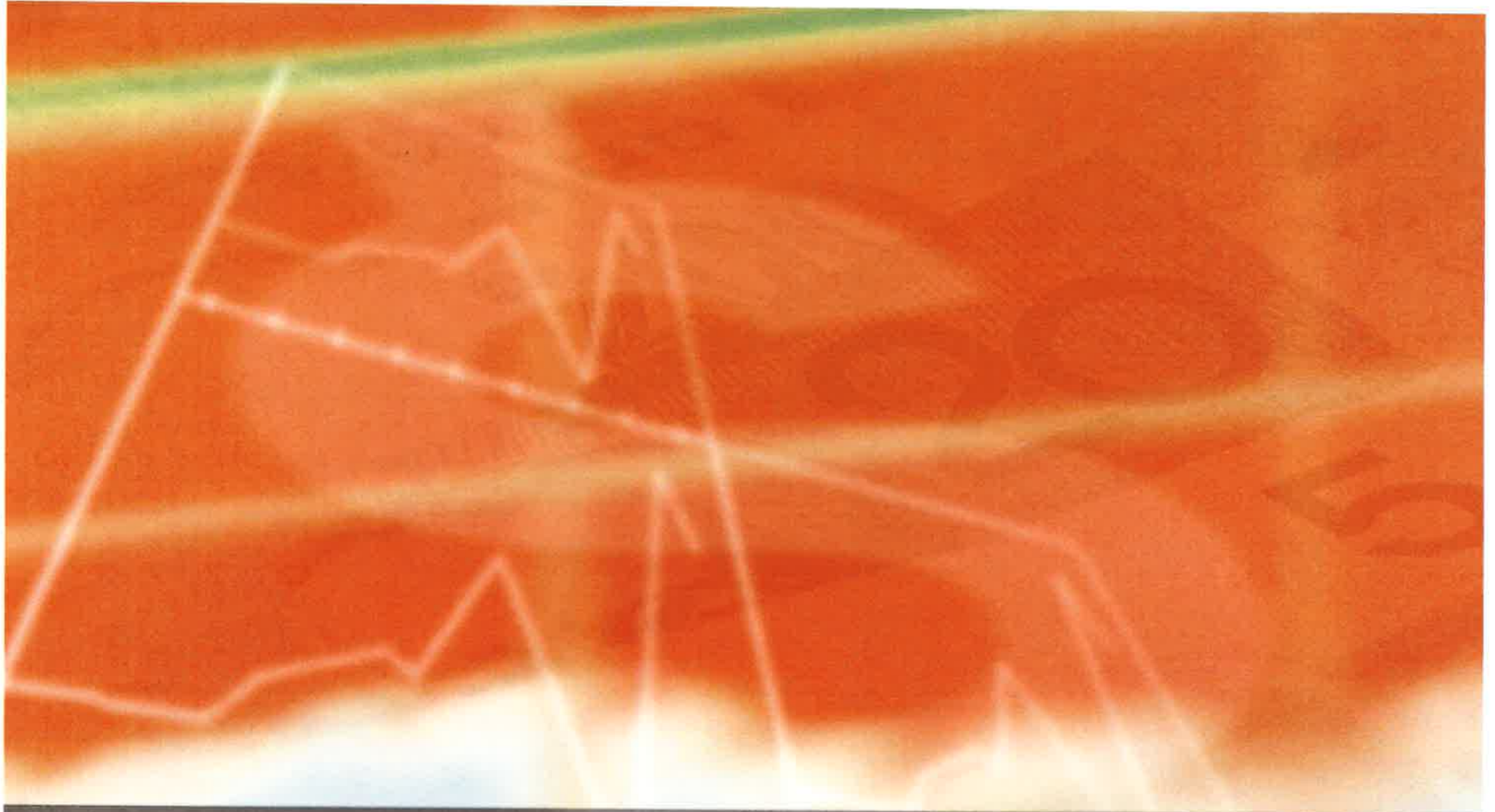
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2011 – 2016



- ***324,000 cords of timber sold***
- ***726,000 trees planted***
- ***> 75-miles of new OHV trails***
- ***Campground receipts increased 2.5X***
- ***\$849,000 apportioned to local schools***
 - ***>\$1.25-million – County General Fund***





Aitkin County

2019 Preliminary Budget

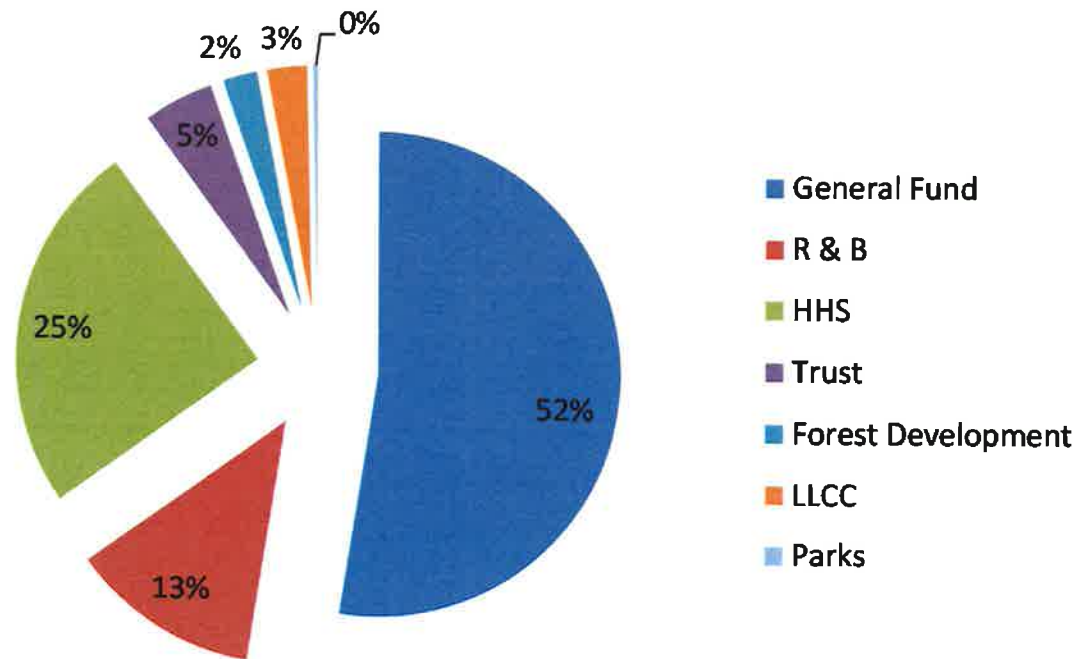


Outline

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- ➔ Budgeted Use of Fund Balance
- ➔ Capital Expenditures
- ➔ Questions/Staff Direction

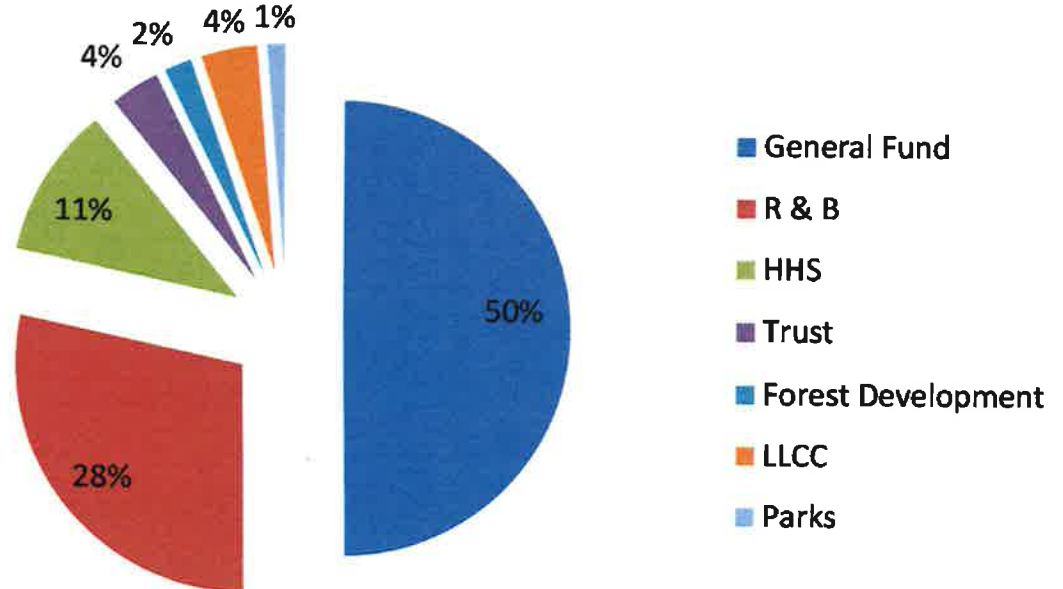
Salaries & Benefits

- Total - \$19,200,492
- Includes:
 - Wages
 - Health Insurance
 - Life Insurance
 - Disability Insurance
 - FICA
 - PERA
 - Medicare
 - HSA Contributions
- Represents 56% of budgeted expenses



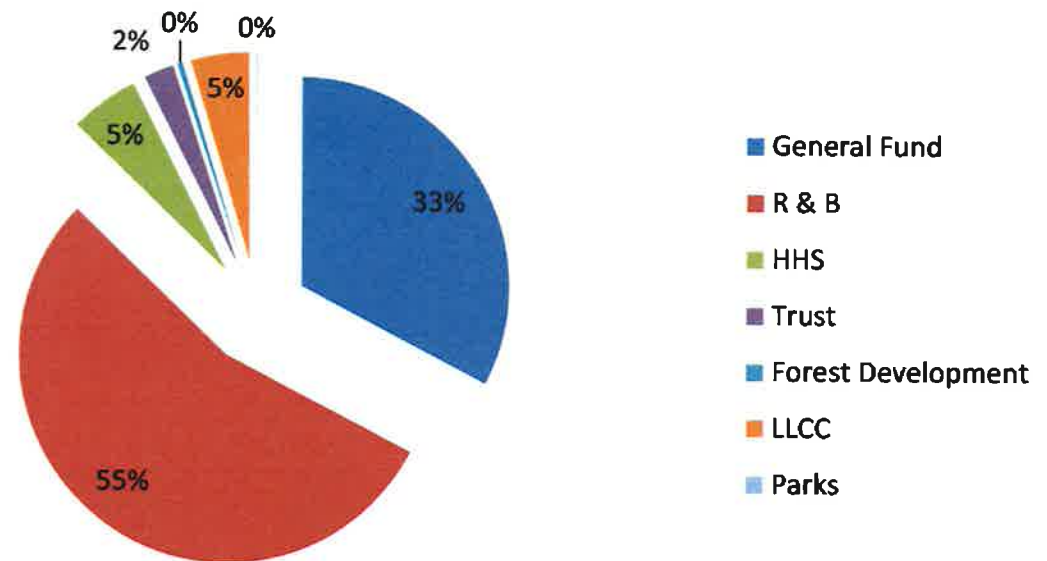
Insurance

- Total - \$409,521
- Includes:
 - Property Insurance
 - Worker's Comp.
 - Vehicle/Equipment
- Represents 1% of budgeted expenses



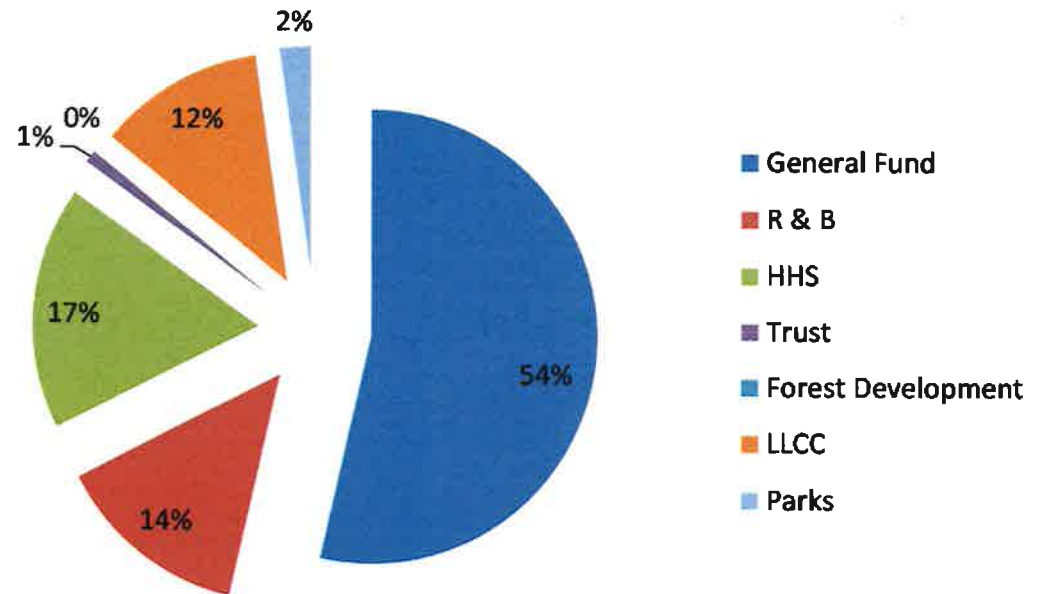
Materials & Supplies

- Total - \$1,780,348
- Includes:
 - Office Supplies
 - Computer Supplies
 - Postage
 - Maintenance Supplies
 - Field Supplies
 - Jail Supplies
- Represents 5% of budgeted expenses



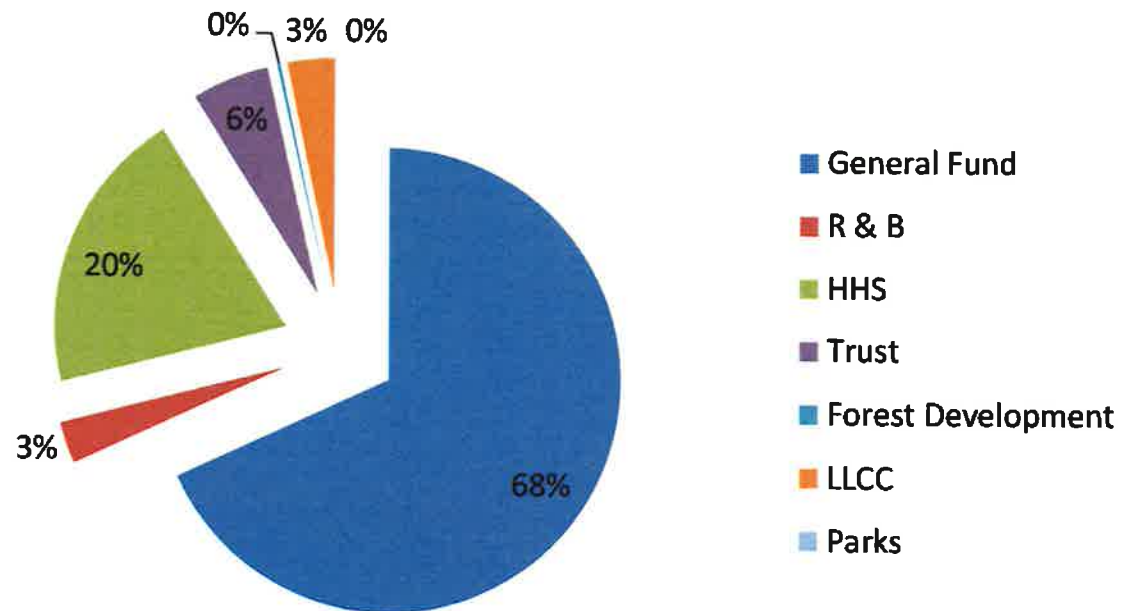
Utilities

- Total - \$395,896
- Includes:
 - Electric
 - Gas
 - Telephone
 - Garbage
- Represents 1% of budgeted expenses



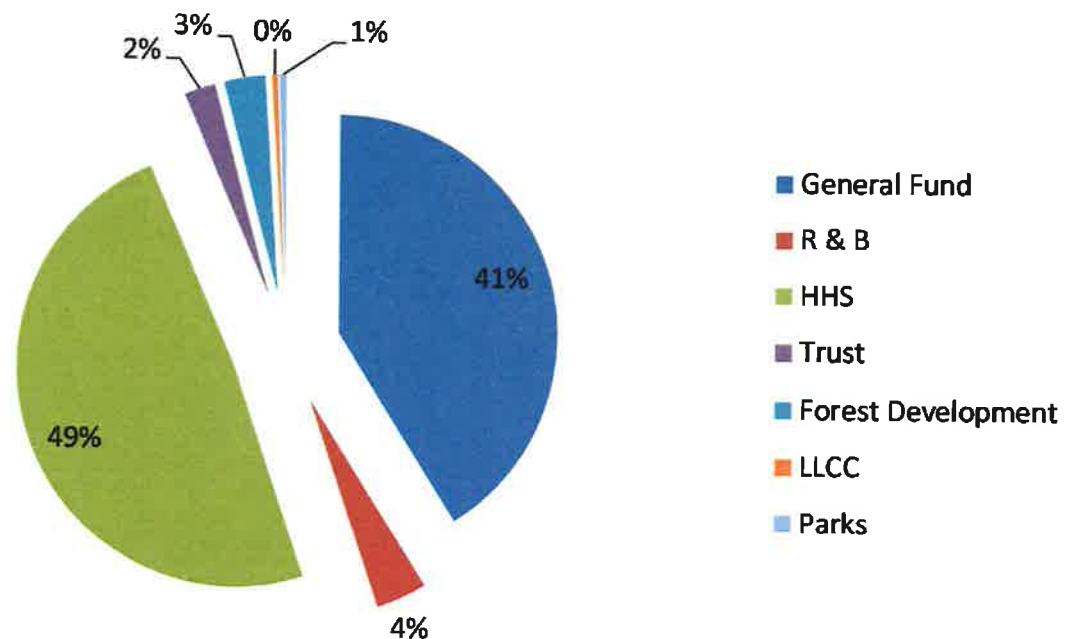
Dues/Registration/Professional Development

- Total - \$171,696
- Includes:
 - Association Dues
 - Conference Registration
 - Training
 - Lodging & Meals
- Represents 0.5% of budgeted expenses



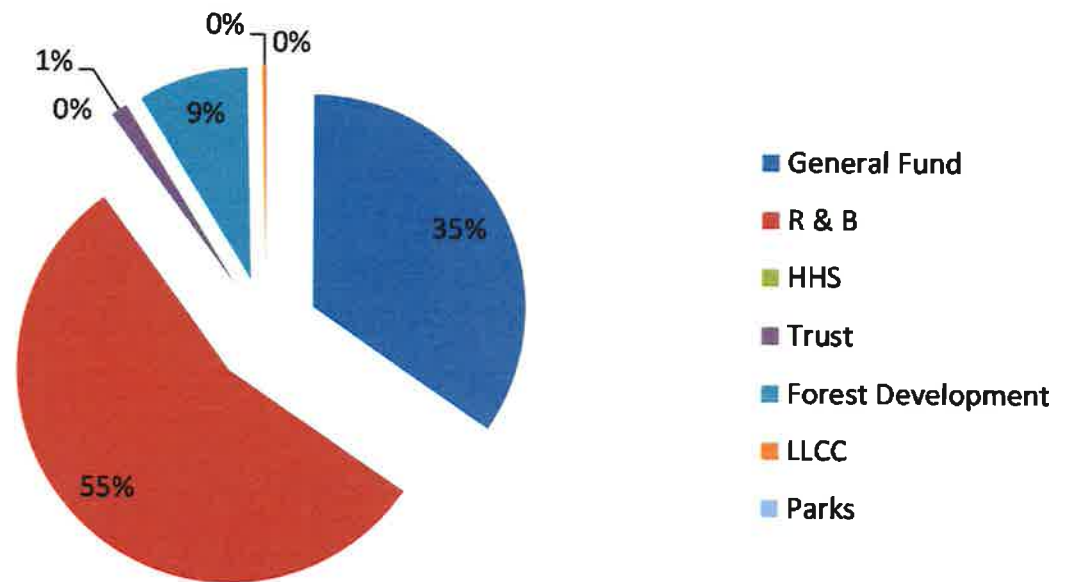
Service Agreements/Contracts

- Total - \$4,393,949
- Includes:
 - Publishing/ Advertising
 - Service Contracts
 - HHS Programs
 - Software Licenses
 - Professional Services
- Represents 13% of budgeted expenses



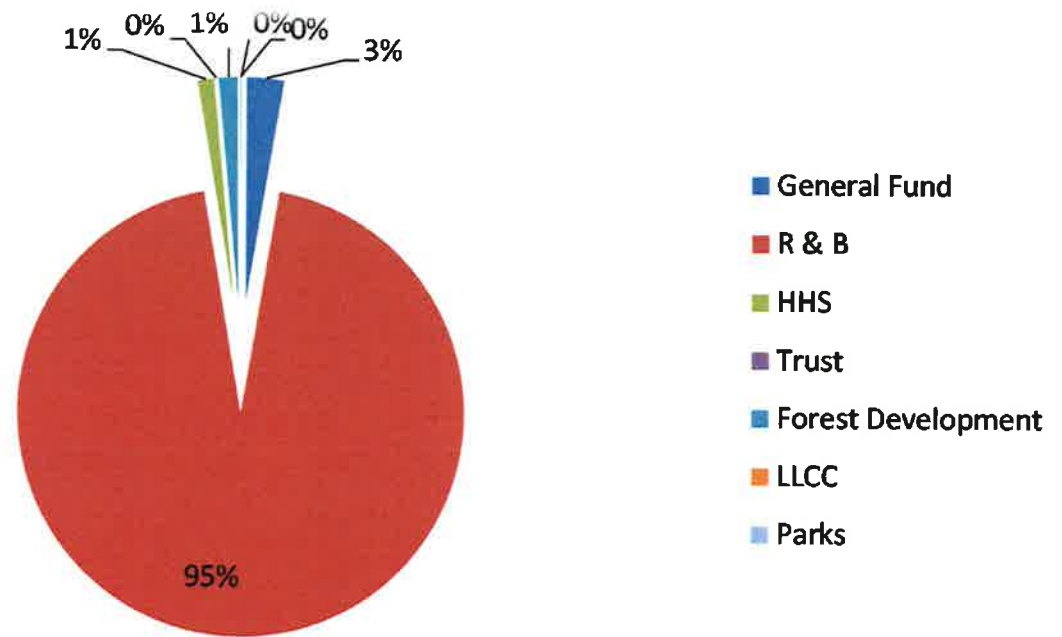
Capital Equipment

- Total - \$1,129,167
- Includes:
 - Vehicles
 - Computer/Technology Equipment
 - Radio Equipment
 - R&B Equipment
- Represents 3% of budgeted expenses



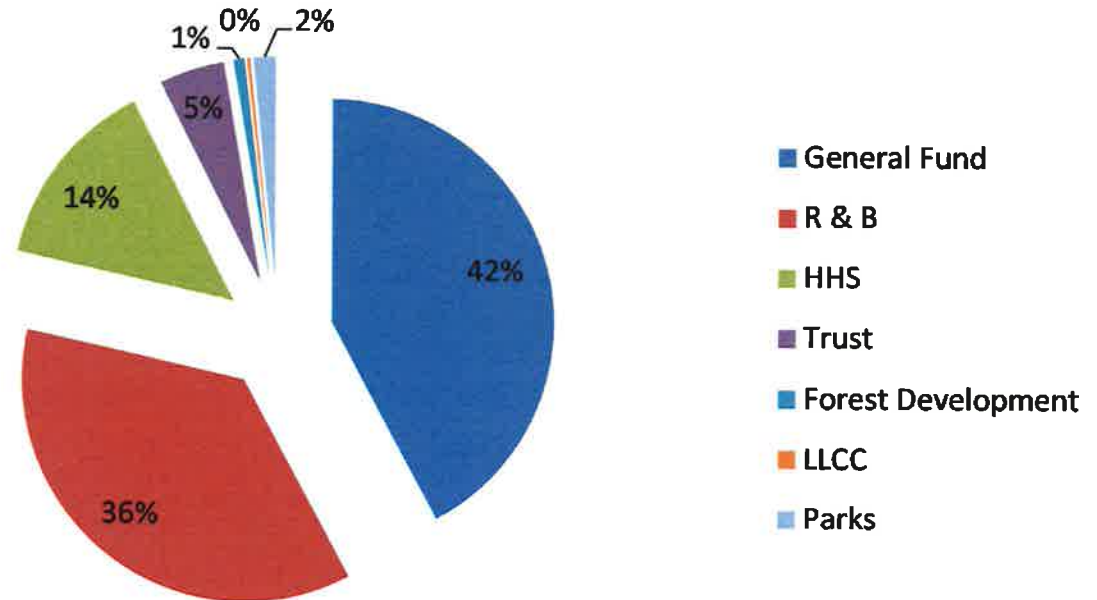
Capital Construction

- Total - \$3,862,500
- Includes:
 - Road Projects
 - Building Improvements
 - Utility Moves
- Represents 11% of budgeted expenses



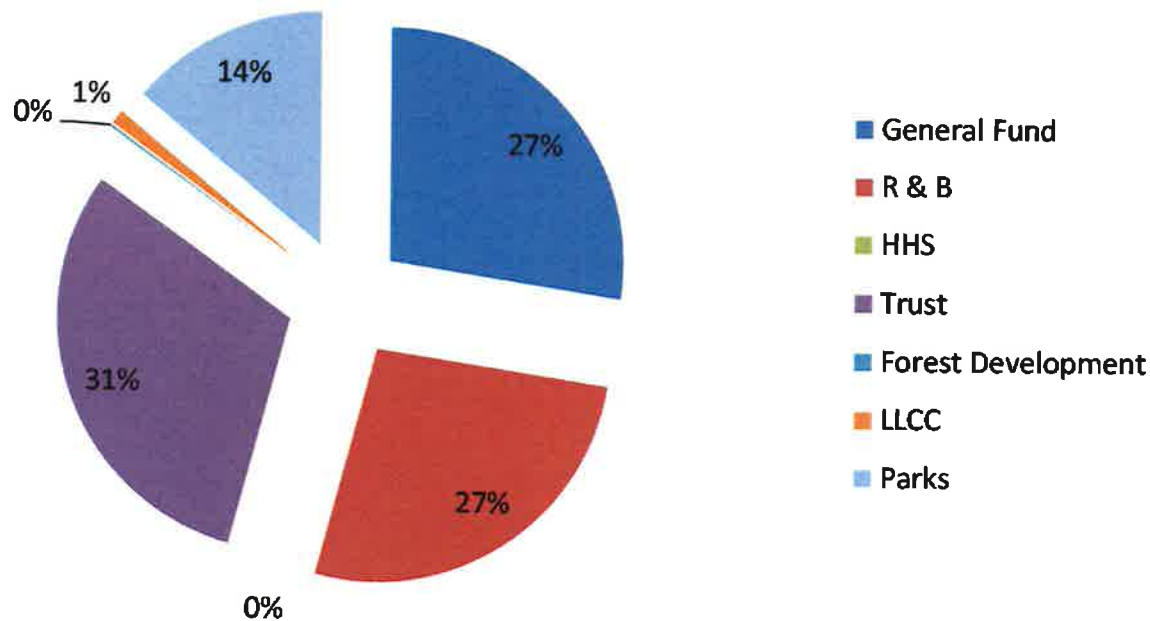
Transportation

- Total - \$611,878
- Includes:
 - Gas & Oil
 - Travel/Mileage
 - Vehicle Maintenance
 - Licenses/Plates
- Represents 2% of budgeted expenses



Other Expenses

- Total - \$2,153,216
- Includes:
 - Appropriations/ Dues
 - Apportionments
 - Twnp. Road Allotment
 - Physical Exams
- Represents 6% of budgeted expenses



2019 Budget Summary

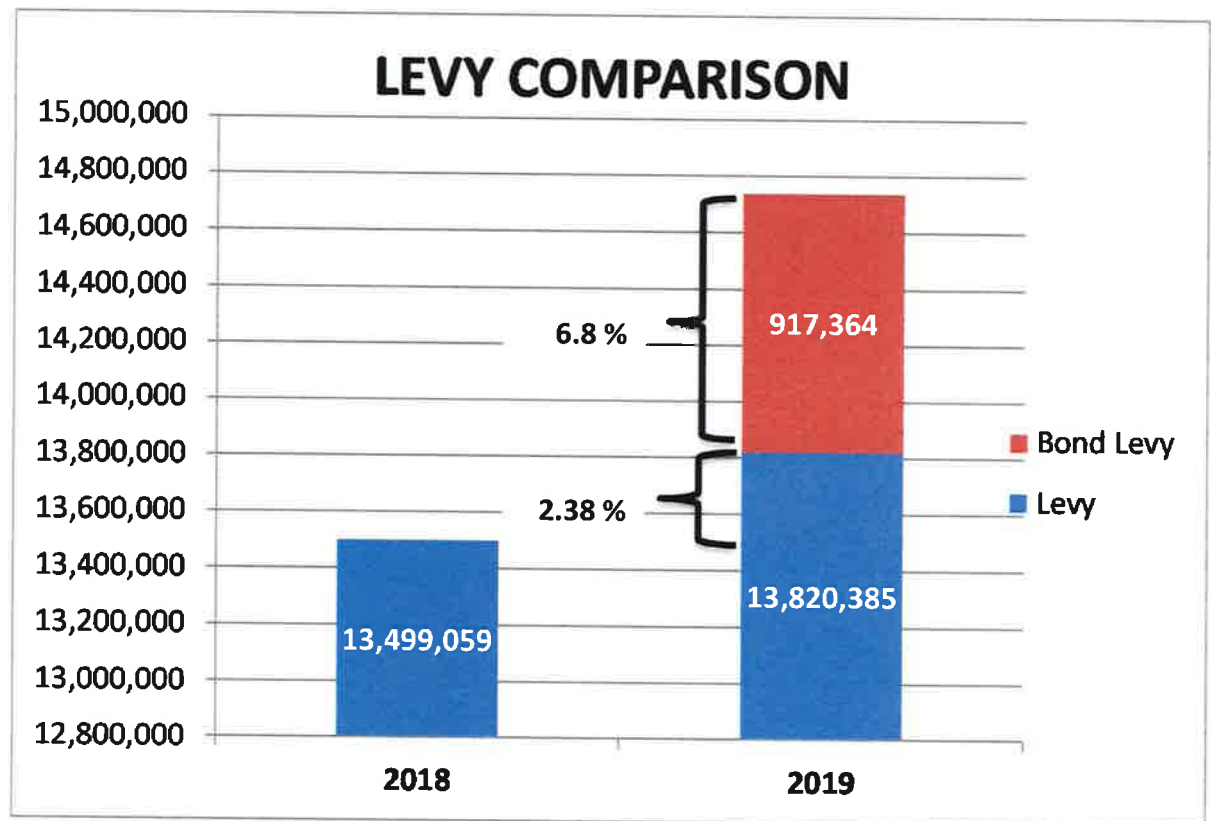
Total Expenditures - \$30,834,710

Revenues - \$16,635,721

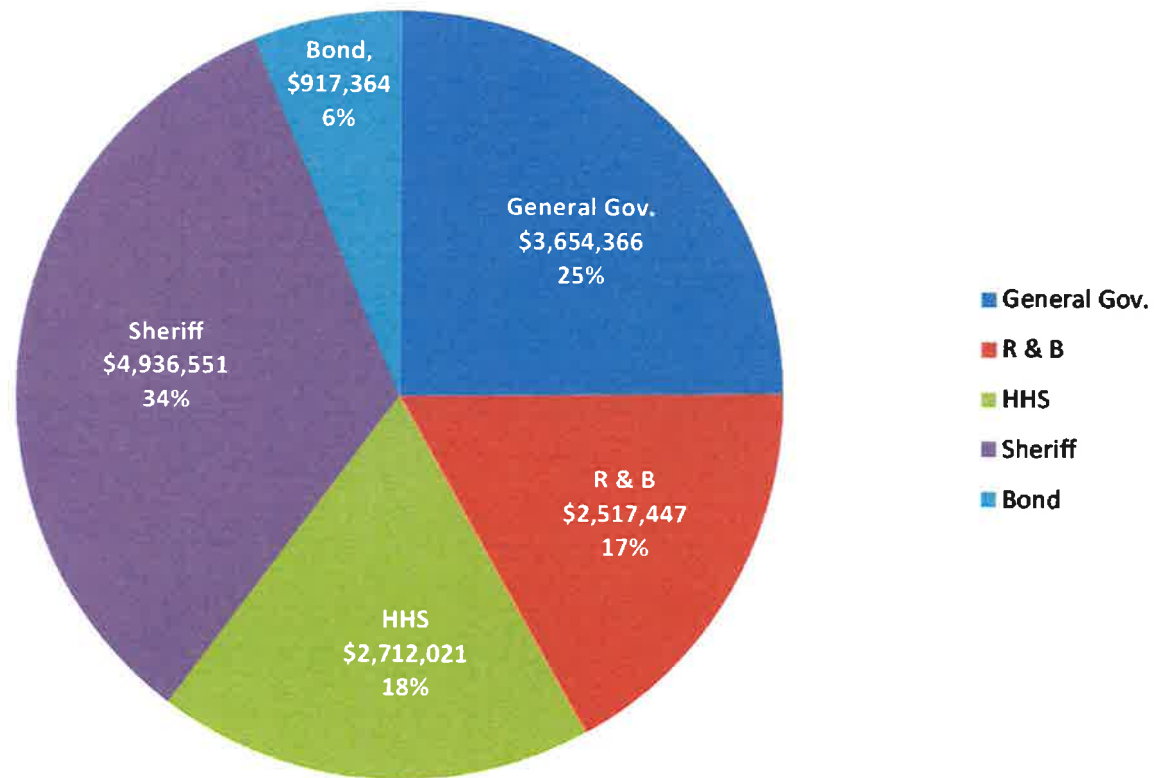
Levy - \$ 14,737,749

(Includes bond payments totaling \$917,364)

Levy Increase – Levy – 2.38%
Bond – 6.80%
Total – 9.18%



Proposed Levy by Major Department



Total Proposed Levy - \$14,737,749



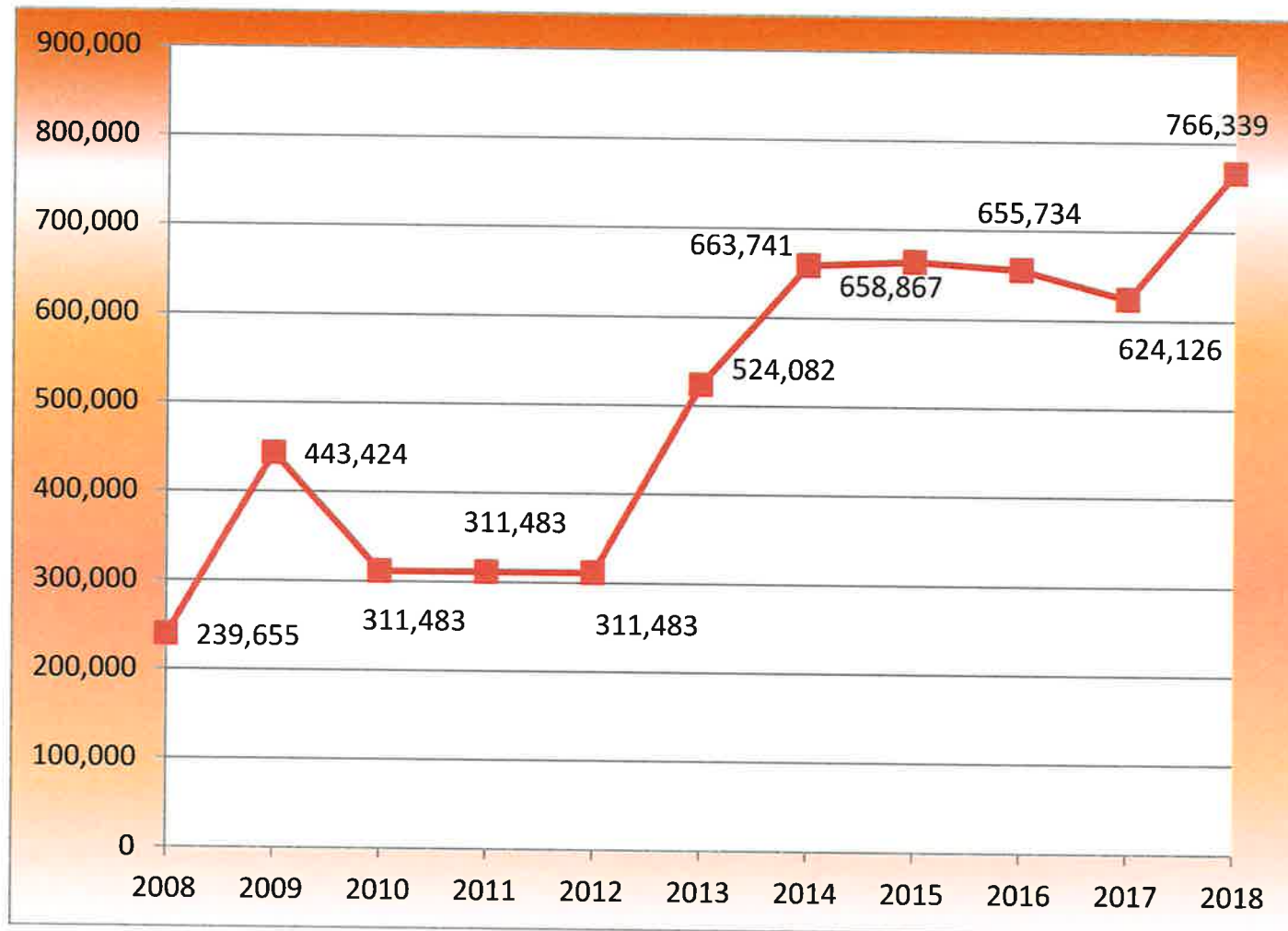
Historical Perspective

- ➔ CPA
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- ➔ Levy
- ➔ Fund Balances
- ➔ Staffing

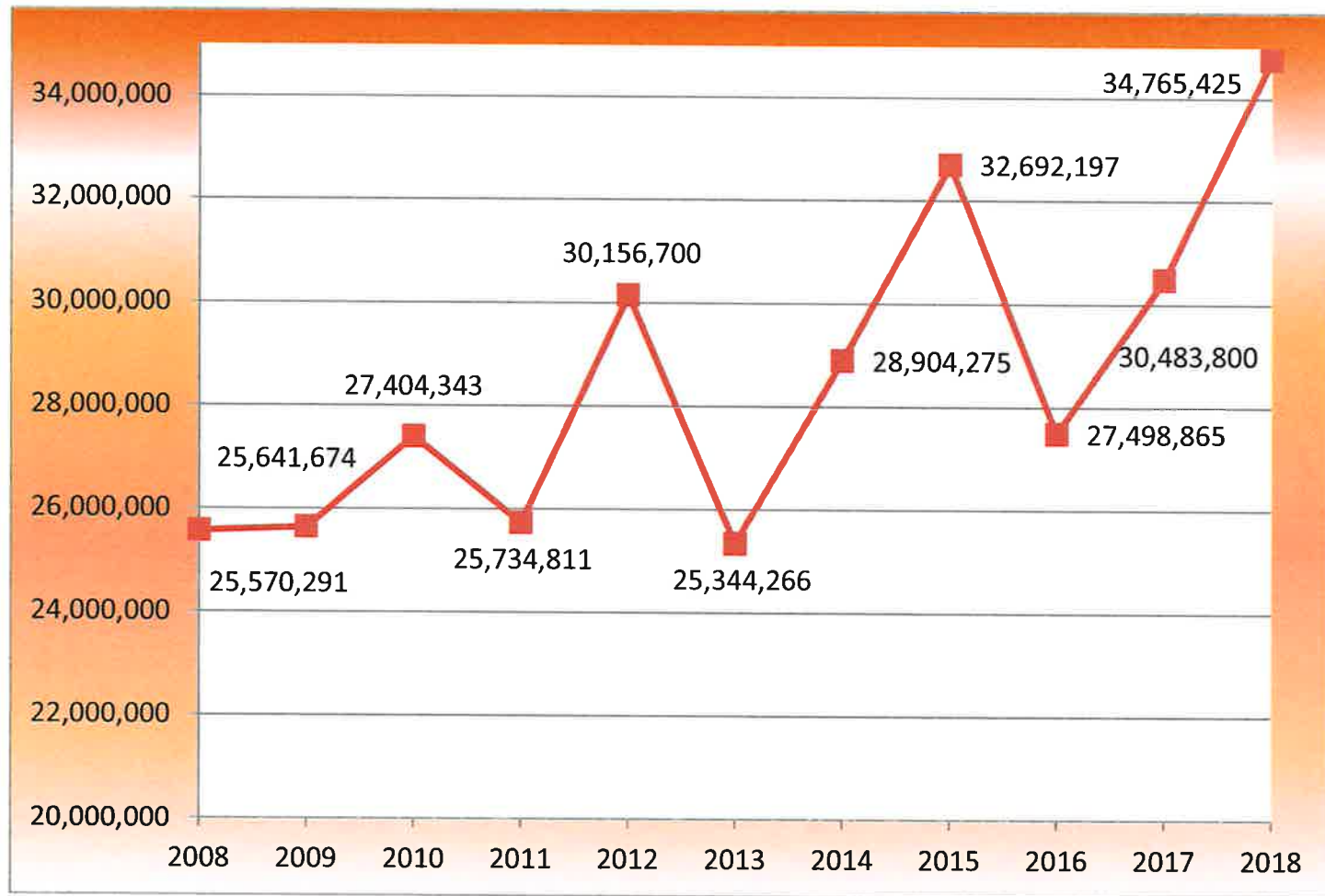
Historical CPA - Budget - Levy

	CPA	Actual	Difference	Market Value Credit Reductions	Total Budget \$	Levy \$	Levy % Change	Budgeted Use of Fund Balance	Tax Rate
2007	589,644	589,644			24,526,042	10,249,096	5.31%		43.995
2008	423,888	239,655	184,233		25,570,291	10,559,104	3.02%	87,341	38.740
2009	578,320	443,424	134,896		25,641,674	10,767,275	1.97%	11,167	34.940
2010	585,362	311,483	273,879	211,728	27,404,343	10,999,199	2.15%	-1,110,877	32.934
2011	528,130	311,483	216,647	108,672	25,734,811	10,999,199	0.00%	77,783	34.690
2012	311,483	311,483	0	Discontinued	30,156,700	11,384,171	3.50%	-2,899,056	38.896
2013	524,082	524,082	0		25,344,266	11,725,696	3.00%	-108,038	41.242
2014	658,867	658,867	0		28,904,275	11,725,696	0.00%	-2,813,424	42.908
2015	663,741	663,741	0		32,692,197	11,999,900	2.34%	-4,924,171	44.534
2016	655,734	655,734	0		27,498,865	12,448,000	3.73%	-423,119	46.147
2017	624,126	624,126	0		30,483,800	12,882,929	3.49%	-1,280,132	46.849
2018	766,339	766,339	0		34,765,425	13,499,059	4.78%	-855,704	48.788
2019	752,762		0						
			\$1,143,118.00	\$320,400					

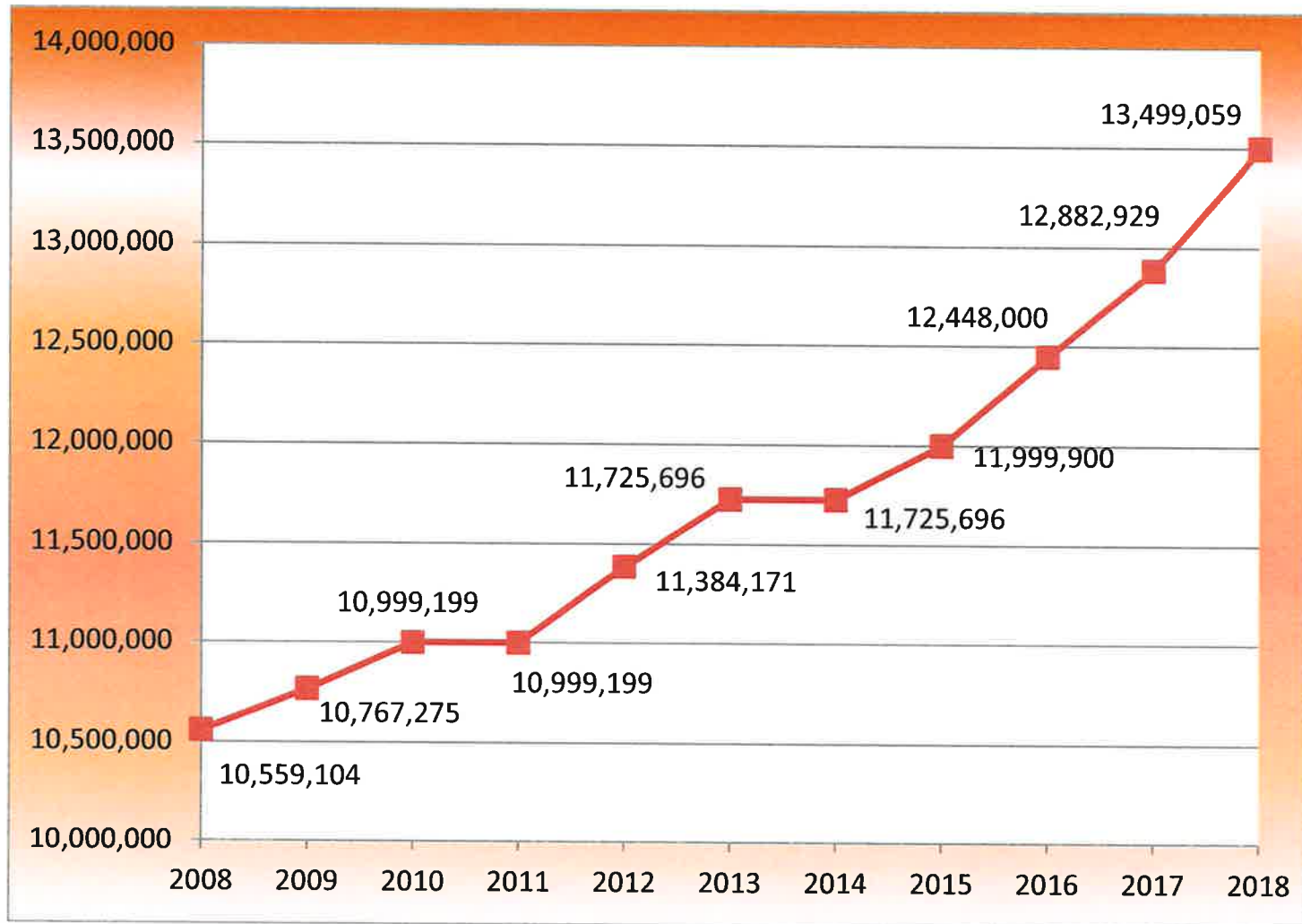
County Program Aid - CPA



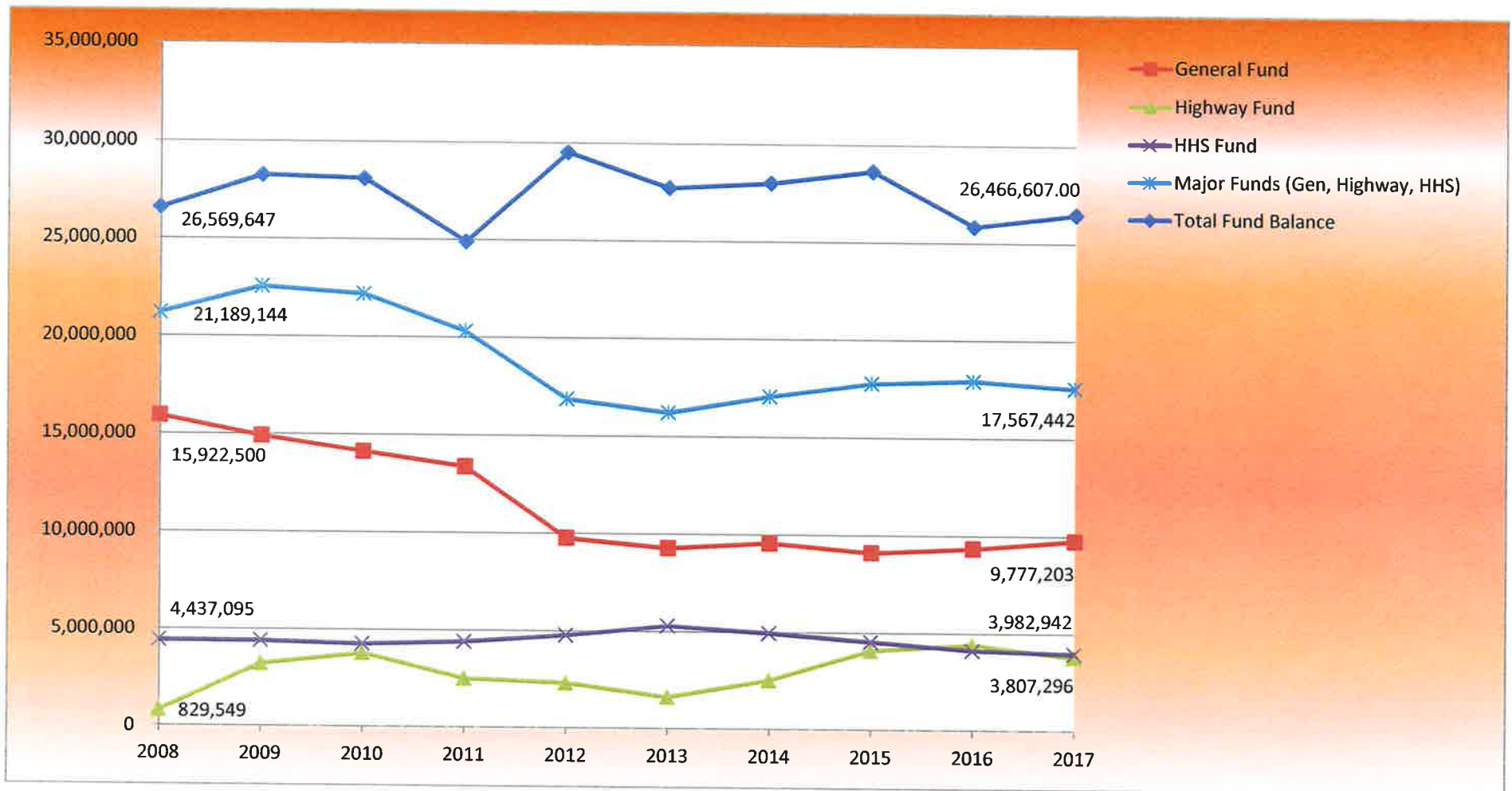
Historical Budget Amounts



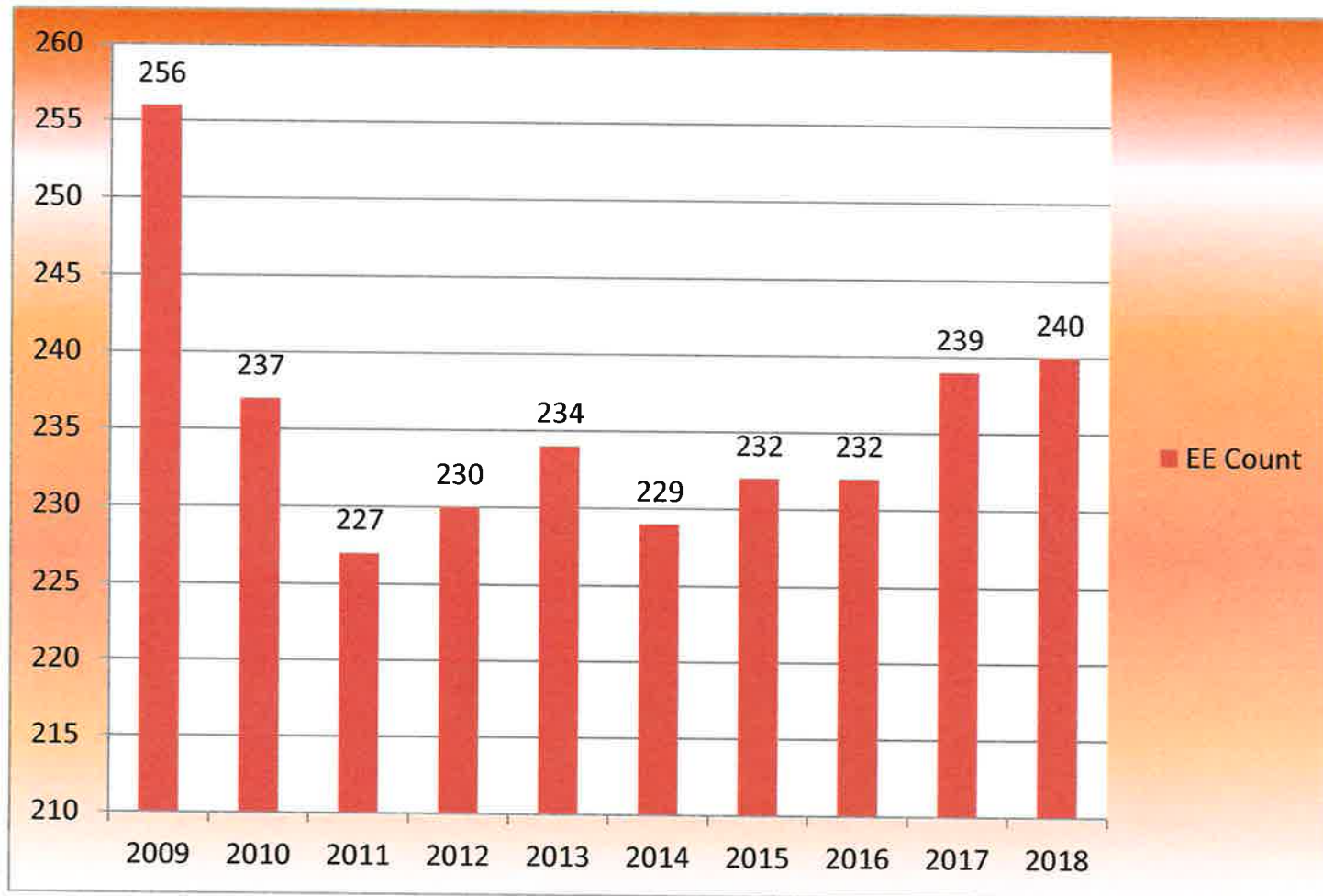
Historical Levy Amounts



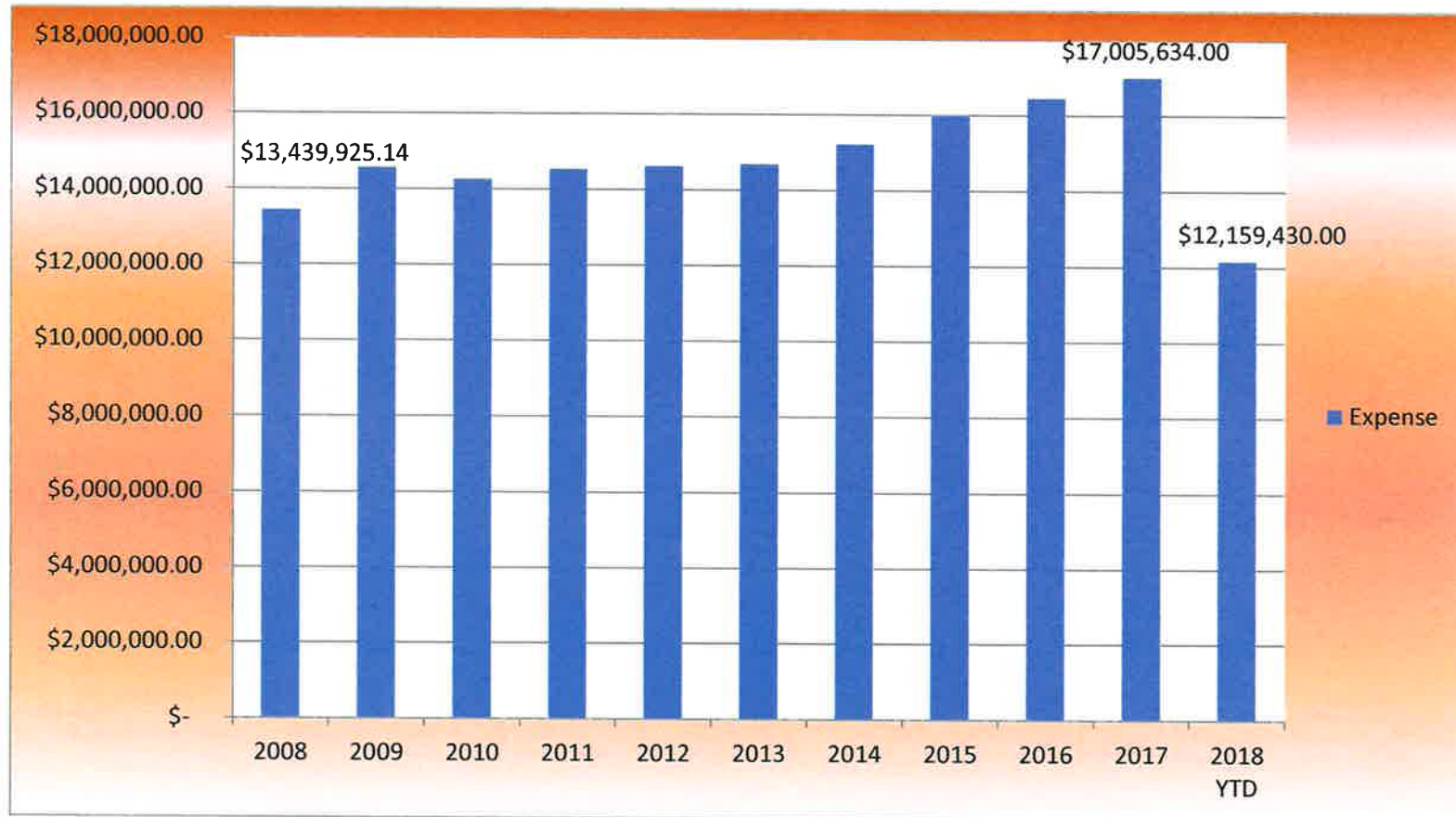
Historical Fund Balances



Historical Staffing – Employee Counts



Historical Staffing – Expenditures

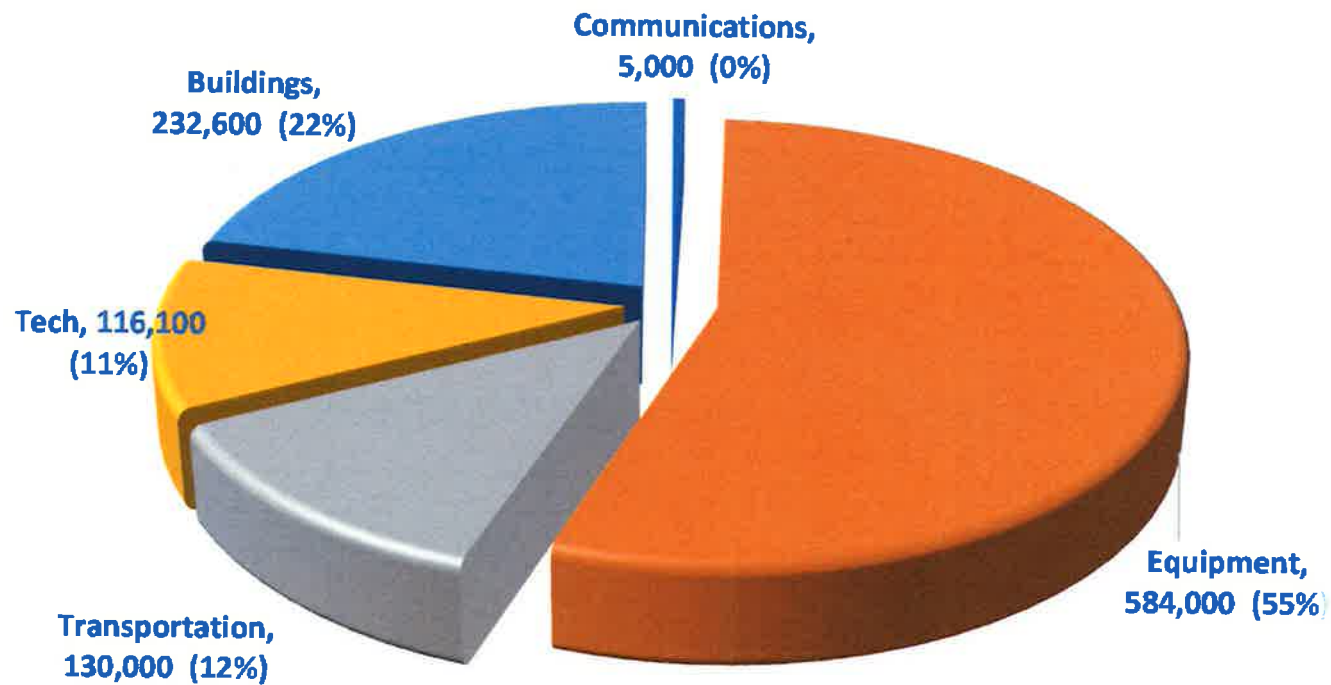




2019 Budgeted Use of Fund Balance

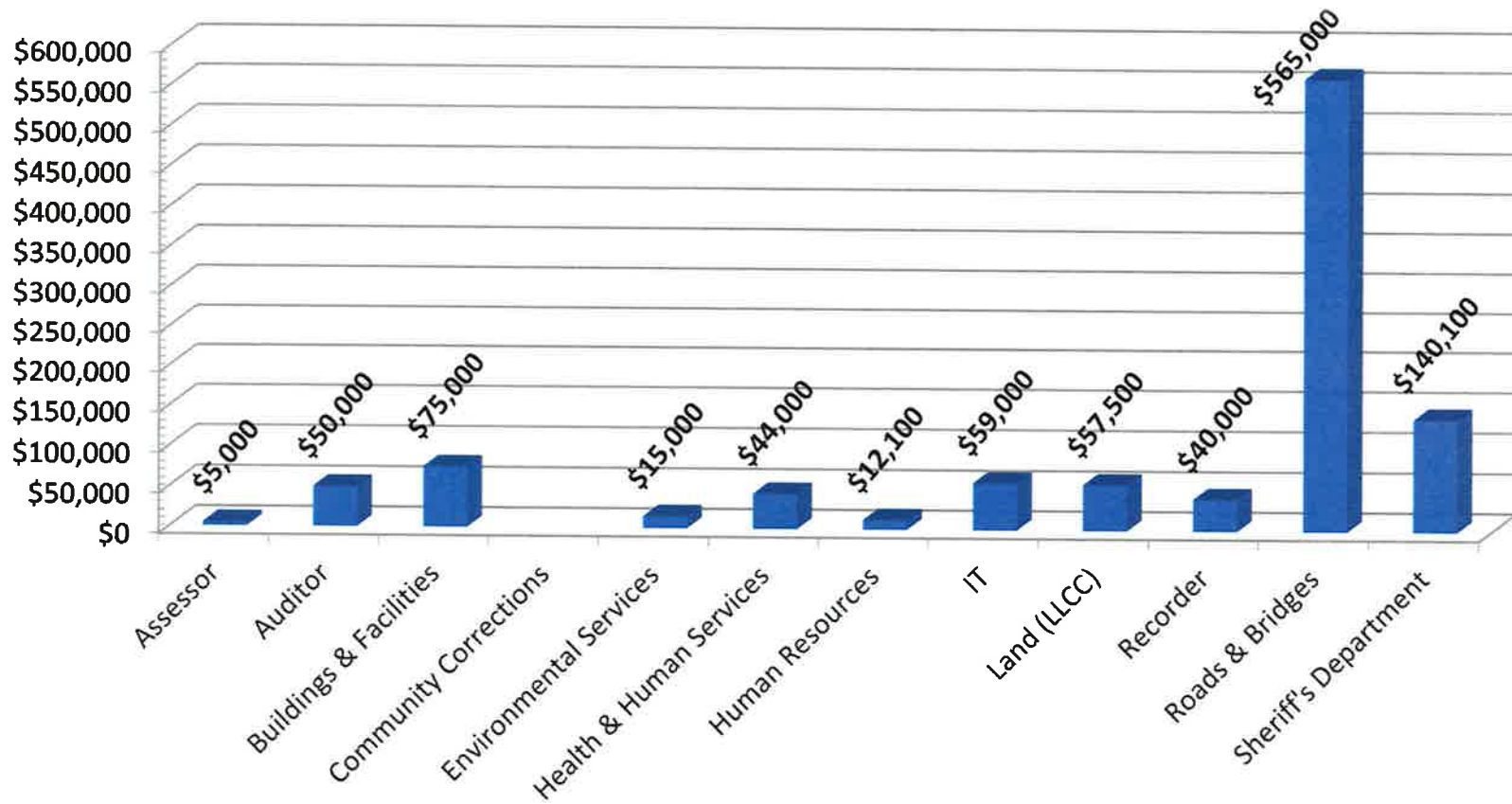
- \$45,000 Solid Waste Fund
- \$400,000 Health & Human Services Fund
- \$50,000 Road & Bridge Fund (wetland credits)
- \$50,000 Recorder's Technology Fund
- \$34,413 Assessor's Reserves

2019 Capital Expenditures – By Category



Total 2019 Capital Expenditures = \$1,067,700

2019 Capital Expenditures – By Department





QUESTIONS/
STAFF DIRECTION?

	Tax Rate	0.000%	0.000%	Adopted 2018 49.014%	Proposed 2019 52.177%	Options 2019 50.876%
<u>Residential</u>						
Incr/Decr in Value			0%	0%	0%	0%
Market Value	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Mkt Exclusion	\$28,240.00	\$28,240.00	\$28,240.00	\$28,240.00	\$28,240.00	\$28,240.00
TMV less Exclusion	\$71,760.00	\$71,760.00	\$71,760.00	\$71,760.00	\$71,760.00	\$71,760.00
Tax Capacity	\$717.60	\$717.60	\$717.60	\$717.60	\$717.60	\$717.60
*Property Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$351.72	\$374.42	\$365.08	
Incr/Decr in Value			0%	0%	0%	0%
Market Value	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
Mkt Exclusion	\$19,240.00	\$19,240.00	\$19,240.00	\$19,240.00	\$19,240.00	\$19,240.00
TMV less Exclusion	\$180,760.00	\$180,760.00	\$180,760.00	\$180,760.00	\$180,760.00	\$180,760.00
Tax Capacity	\$1,807.60	\$1,807.60	\$1,807.60	\$1,807.60	\$1,807.60	\$1,807.60
*Property Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$885.97	\$943.15	\$919.63	
Incr/Decr in Value			0%	0%	0%	0%
Market Value	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00
Mkt Exclusion	\$1,240.00	\$1,240.00	\$1,240.00	\$1,240.00	\$1,240.00	\$1,240.00
TMV less Exclusion	\$398,760.00	\$398,760.00	\$398,760.00	\$398,760.00	\$398,760.00	\$398,760.00
Tax Capacity	\$3,987.60	\$3,987.60	\$3,987.60	\$3,987.60	\$3,987.60	\$3,987.60
*Property Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,954.48	\$2,080.62	\$2,028.71	
<u>Residential over \$500K</u>						
Incr/Decr in Value			0%	0%	0%	0%
Market Value	\$600,000.00	\$600,000.00	\$600,000.00	\$600,000.00	\$600,000.00	\$600,000.00
Mkt Exclusion	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TMV less Exclusion	\$600,000.00	\$600,000.00	\$600,000.00	\$600,000.00	\$600,000.00	\$600,000.00
Tax Capacity	\$6,250.00	\$6,250.00	\$6,250.00	\$6,250.00	\$6,250.00	\$6,250.00
*Property Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,063.36	\$3,261.07	\$3,179.72	
<u>Commercial</u>						
Incr/Decr in Value			0%	0%	0%	0%
Market Value	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
Tax Capacity	\$9,250.00	\$9,250.00	\$9,250.00	\$9,250.00	\$9,250.00	\$9,250.00
*Property Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,533.78	\$4,826.39	\$4,705.99	

* This calculation represents only Aitkin County's share of the property taxes.

Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Board Meeting Attendance Record

Date: September 11, 2018

Name	Please check the boxes that apply.		
	Aitkin County Citizen	Aitkin County Employee	Company Representative – please list.
Robert M. ...			
CURT LUGERT	X		ANGELS
KATHRYN BEATTY	X		ANGELS
Hayden Jouhey	X		ANGELS
Ross Wagner		X	Economic Dev.
RANDY Quale		X	Surveyor
Rich Courtemanche		X	Land
MARK JOBS		X	ACLD