East Rockhill Township

2026 Annual Budget

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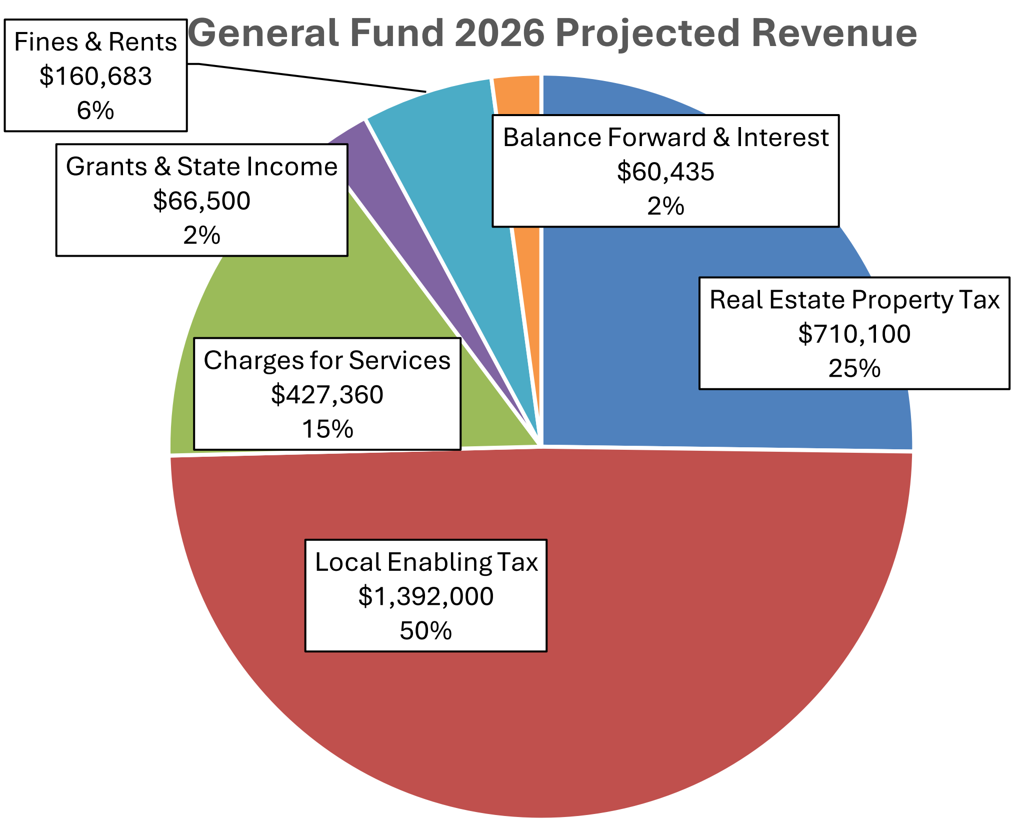
General Fund

The General Fund is the main operating fund for the Township for general municipal purposes for government operations including but not limited to consulting expenses related to engineering and legal, police, code enforcement, administration, public works, buildings and grounds.

The largest revenue sources for East Rockhill Township are real estate taxes and local enabling taxes. Local enabling taxes are also known as Earned Income Tax and Local Service Tax. In 2025 the general fund real estate millage rate was 8.725 mills of assessed property value; earned income tax was 0.5% of residents earned income and local service tax was $47 per worker earning more than $12,000 annually.

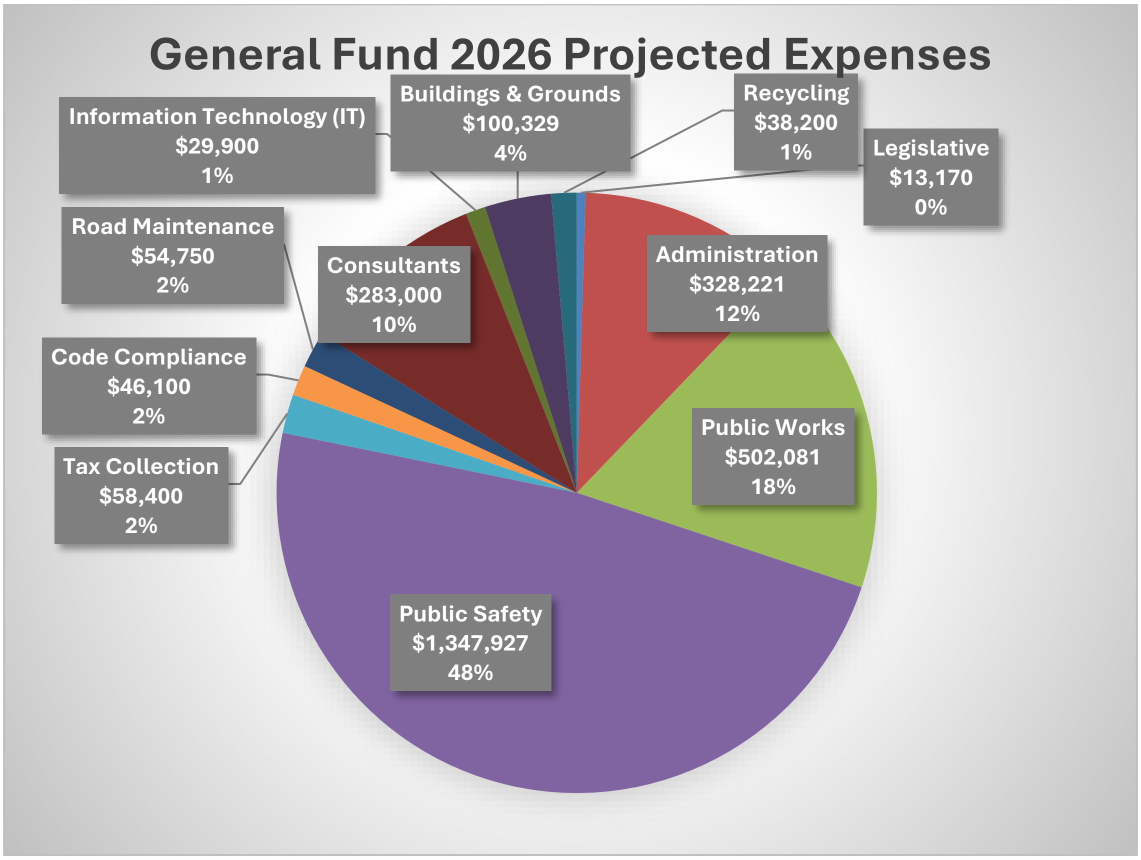
For the 7th year, no increase is recommended to general fund real estate millage rate tax in 2026.

The following chart shows the various sources of General Fund 2026 projected revenue used for the operation of Township government:



In 2026, general fund anticipated expenses include an in-house overlay on a portion of Rockhill Road; 24/7 Pennridge Regional Police coverage; and consultant expenses including an environmental attorney related to Rock Hill Quarry.

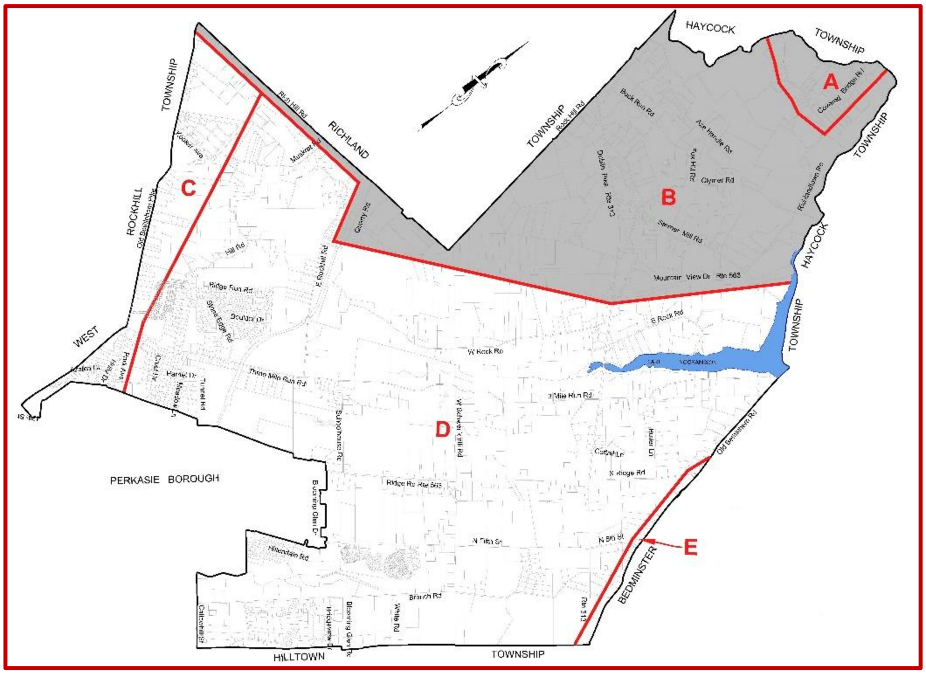
The following chart shows the various General Fund 2026 projected expenses for the operation of Township government:



2025 Mill & Overlay Harriet, Meadow, Willow

2025 Ultra Thin Bonded Wearing Course Pines I

Fire Fund



The Fire Protection Tax Fund was established in 2006 to support the Township local volunteer fire companies. In 2025 the fire fund real estate millage rate is 1.0 mills. No increase is recommended in 2026.

Real estate tax and state aid are distributed in October to the five (5) fire companies that service East Rockhill Township which are Perkasie Fire Department (D); Quakertown Fire Department (B); Sellersville Fire Department(C); Haycock Fire Department(A) and Dublin Fire Department(E).

In 2025, Ordinance 307 was adopted offering a tax rebate to help address the shortage of volunteer emergency medical and firefighting services to East Rockhill residents. After meeting certain criteria, a tax rebate on qualified real estate taxes paid to the Township will be refunded based on volunteer points earned.

Open Space Fund

The voters of East Rockhill Township approved an earned income tax on net profits received or earned by residents which was imposed for the purpose of land preservation according to Act 153 of 1996, the Open Space Lands Act. Current rate is 0.25% of residents earned income.

House bill 1523 allows a portion of these monies to be expended on improvements to properties purchased with open space funds.

In 2025, two conservation easements totaling 12 acres were purchased. Current preservation is 554 acres by the state; 72 acres by the County; 61 acres by Heritage Conservancy and 1,263 acres by the Township or a total of 23% of the Township.

In 2026 anticipated expenses are, preservation as approved by the Board of Supervisors, verify compliance with conservation easement agreements, oversight; future of the skate park at the Willard H. Makey Centennial Park; overlay the basketball court at Iron Bridge Park and streambank repair along Iron Bridge Park walking trail which is a 2024 project delayed to 2026 pending permit approval.

2025 Storm Sewer ditch adjacent to trail from Schoolhouse Road to Markey Centennial Park

2025 Path Overlay

Sewer Fund

The Township charges a usage fee for the Township owned sewer infrastructure which includes a Treatment Plant built in 2000 and a Pump Station replaced in 2022.

With the adoption of Resolution 2024-14, sewer usage rates were increased $120 annually in 2025 and 2026 to pay for much needed infrastructure improvements and to adequately recover costs associated with providing wastewater services.

The 2025 $120 annual increase to sewer usage rates established the amount at $700 for residential and $770 for non-residential, annually. The last increase was in 2021.

In 2026, the annual sewer usage rate will be $820 for residential and $890 for non-residential.

Funds collected offset expenses related to sewer operations and supplies as well as professional management and oversight by public works and consultants.

In 2025, the East Rockhill Township Treatment Plant #1 North Aeration tank was refurbished and a sludge holding tank repaired. Refurbishment of the south aeration tank is scheduled for 2026, and the third tank is scheduled for 2027 for $1,000,000 in infrastructure expenses.

2025 North Aeration Tank Refurbishment

Park & Recreation / Golf Driving Range Fund

The fees from golf driving range token sales and park rentals offset expenses related to maintaining the public golf driving range and park routine maintenance.

In 2025, the public golf driving range ball dispenser, ball washer and gator were replaced.

Seasonal staff and public works mow 115 acres; maintain 3 playgrounds; maintain 8 miles trail system, oversee 3 rental properties and a park house.

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Street Light Fund

In 2006 a streetlight district was established. In 2026 no increase is recommended. Properties within the designated streetlight district will be assessed the annual amount of $45. The last change was in 2024, when the annual assessment was increased $4.

The Township invoices property owners in March. Monies collected help to offset electricity and maintenance of streetlights owned and operated by PP&L.

Capital Improvement Fund

The Capital Improvement Fund was established in 2012. Real estate 1.25 mills are collected for long-term permanent capital improvements. A real estate tax millage rate increase is not recommended.

In 2021, the Township began the process of reviewing the replacement of the 1983 2,400 square feet Public Works Maintenance Building which was at the end of its life span.

In 2025, site work and construction began on the 11,880 square feet new Public Works Maintenance Building located at the municipal complex. The existing public works building is to be demolished and converted to grass.

In 2026, monies are allocated towards the Public Works maintenance building.

Building Debt Fund

The Building Debt Tax Fund was established in 2010 to support East Rockhill's portion of the new Pennridge Regional Police Headquarters. In 2021 the municipal office addition and renovation debt payments were added, and that debt was closed in October 2022.

The 2026 tax millage rate will remain 1.26 mills with expenses related to Police Headquarter debt and Public Works Maintenance Building debt.

Capital Reserve Fund

The Capital Reserve Fund receives monies from a variety of sources including grants, development contributions and transfers from General Fund. Expenditures are according to how monies were collected, and expenses are authorized by the Board of Supervisors during the annual budget review.

In 2025 the Township completed a stormwater road improvement at Three Mile Run Road at Nockamixon Park as part of a grant award from Bucks County Conservation District; completed Hill Road phase I stormwater improvements between Liberty Trail and Three Mile Run Road from developer road improvement contributions; and consultant expenses reviewing the design of Stone Edge culvert from Reserve at Woodbridge contribution in addition to payments for the Public Works Maintenance Building replacement from capital improvement allocation.

In 2026, projects are anticipated to be finalizing the Public Works Maintenance Building; mandated MS4 (stormwater) permit requirement from stormwater exemption fees; continuing consultant review of Stone Edge culvert design from Reserve at Woodbridge contribution and a track loader and trailer from the sale of equipment.

2025 Stormwater Improvement: Three Mile Run Road

2025 Hill Road Phase I under construction

2025 New Public Works Maintenance Building Construction

State Liquid Fuels Fund

This fund accounts for the Township's share of Liquid Fuels tax dollars provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for maintenance of roadways. These funds are restricted by the State and can only be used for projects that are approved by the State.

In 2025, oil and chip applications took place on a portion of Clymer Road, West Rock Road and Axe Handle Road.

In 2026 it is anticipated that several Township owned roads will be patch paved and an oil and chip application will be placed out for bid to apply on Three Mile Run Road from Schoolhouse Road to Rockhill Road and from Old Bethlehem Pike to ConRail.

American Rescue Funds

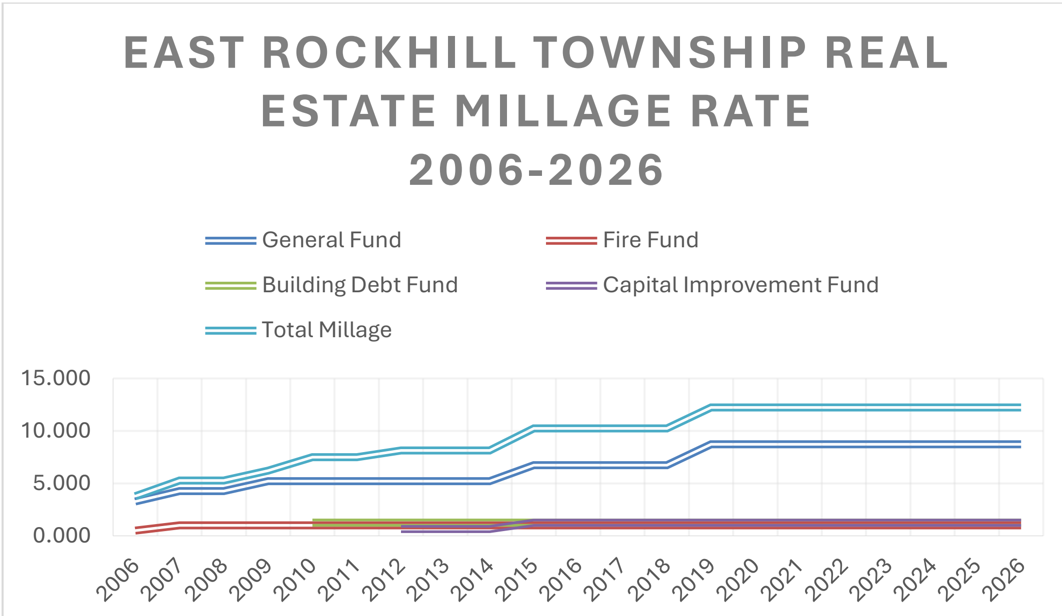
In 2021, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, commonly known as the American Rescue Funds were distributed by the U.S. Treasury and allocated to various types of Government. Monies are to be spent according to Federal Government guidelines. In 2022 the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 2022-17 allocating the monies to salaries benefits & provisions of other government.

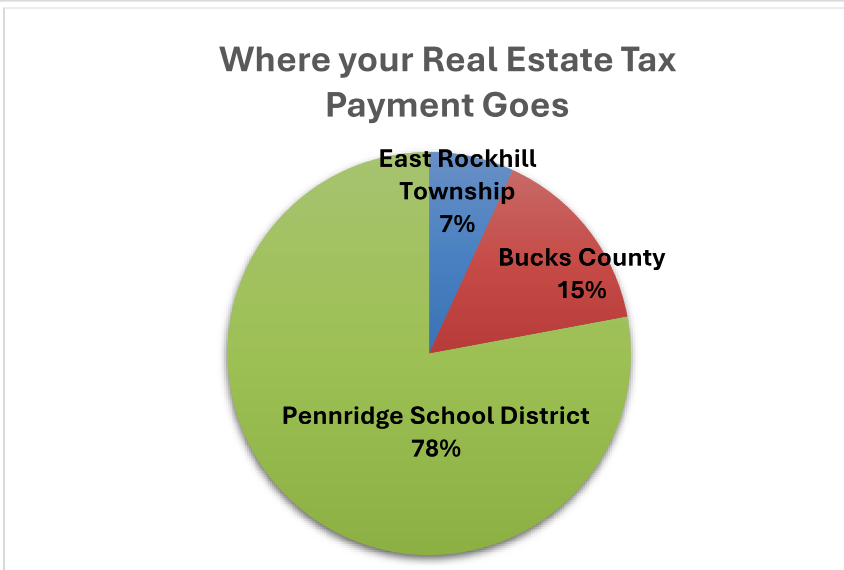
In 2023 disbursements were made to the volunteer fire companies that serve East Rockhill; Emergency Medical Services; Pennridge Community Center; Pennridge FISH; public meeting room audio system and Pennridge Regional Police Department for 8 body cameras and 5 marked police cars PC special mounts with scanners.

In 2025 remaining monies were allocated to the Public Works Maintenance Building replacement.

Synopsis

In 2026 East Rockhill Township will maintain the current level of municipal service of administration, public works, police, sewer, parks, and recreation. No real estate tax, local enabling tax or streetlight assessment increases are recommended. A sewer utility fee annual increase of $120 in 2025 and 2026 are necessary for infrastructure improvements related to providing public sewer.





A property owner with an assessment value of 44,000 will pay $538.34 a year in real estate property taxes, or $1.47 per day to East Rockhill Township.

Of the total 12.235 mills, 8.725 mills are designated for General Fund purposes which equals approximately $383.90; 1.0 mil is designated for Fire Services which equals approximately $44; 1.25 mills are designated for Permanent Capital

Improvement which equals approximately $55 and 1.26 mills is designated for Building Debt Service which equals approximately $55.44 on an annual basis.

A homeowner earning $65,000 annually will pay $325 in earned income tax for general purposes and $162.50 for open space preservation. On an annual basis $47 is received by the Township for anyone employed in East Rockhill who earns over $12,000 annually.

The Township administration continues to review all routine expenses to seek the best value possible. Expenses are minimized by obtaining competitive pricing, limiting out-sourcing of projects and limiting personnel. Productivity is due to training, hiring the right people and providing the proper equipment and tools.

If you have any questions on the Township budgeting process, please contact the Township Manager, Marianne Hart Morano, at 215-257-9156 or by email at MMorano@EastRockhillTownship.org.

Township Staff comprised of 7 full-time employees help and support:

- 5,825 residents in 12.9 square miles
- 37.14 miles of Township roads and right-of-way
- Mow and maintain 115 acres
- Oversee 1,263 acres Township preserved land
- Maintain 3 parks, 3 playgrounds, 4 dwellings and a trail system
- Collect spring yard waste
- Collect fall leaves
- Operate and oversee a public golf driving range
- Maintain in-house the fleet, mowers and equipment
- Operate and maintain a sewer system that includes a treatment plant and pump station
- Invoice and respond to 1,175 sewer customers and 534 streetlight customers
- Review, respond and issue up to 400 permit applications annually