



2018

Popular Annual
Financial Report

For the year ended December 31, 2018





Visitors can make their own custom wood signs at Board & Brush in downtown Sun Prairie.

Mariah Haberman, of DiscoverWisconsin, and Board & Brush owner, Gina Gaspardo, show off their finished project!

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Message from the Administrator:

To our Sun Prairie Residents:

Thank you for your interest in the city's finances.

The report you are reading is the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the 2018 fiscal year. The PAFR summarizes the city's financial information and operations in a concise and easily understood format; providing interested residents with information on the current state of the city.

Every year, the city provides a significant amount of financial detail in its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). For those without an accounting background, the CAFR can be daunting. In a continuing effort to provide greater transparency for residents and others, the city strives to provide pertinent information in a clear, understandable, and meaningful way.

Financial information in this report is derived from the independently audited financial statements that are part of the City of Sun Prairie's 2018 CAFR. This report is not intended to be comprehensive, but rather to provide an easier to understand picture of the city's financial condition.

Sun Prairie is a full service community and provides a foundation for healthy, happy lives for its residents by offering a broad array of social, cultural, community, and recreational opportunities. Sun Prairie offers over 41 parks, an aquatic center, a strong school system and more.

The city experienced a natural gas main explosion in July 2018. Significant resources were deployed to combat the disaster as well as to repair the damages. The State of Wisconsin declared the event a disaster and assisted the city in repairs to the streets, sidewalks and street lighting. The city experienced a loss of real estate improvements estimated at \$4.5 million and incurred \$623,000 in damages.

Many families and businesses were affected as a result of the July 10th explosion. The community came together to help those who needed it most and the #SunPrairieStrong Disaster Relief Fund was created to help support those that were directly impacted. #SunPrairieStrong reflects the support, generosity and resiliency of the Sun Prairie community.

Sun Prairie remains an attractive place to live, work or start a business. Documents such as this report demonstrate that the city is able to meet the increased service needs of the community as we continue to experience growth.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron O. Oppenheimer".

Aaron O Oppenheimer
City Administrator



City of Sun Prairie – 2018 MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Paul T. Esser

Bottom row: left to right: Emily Lindsey, Steve Stocker, City Council President Bill Connors, Theresa Stevens, Maureen Crombie, Mike Jacobs, Al Guyant, and Mary Polenske

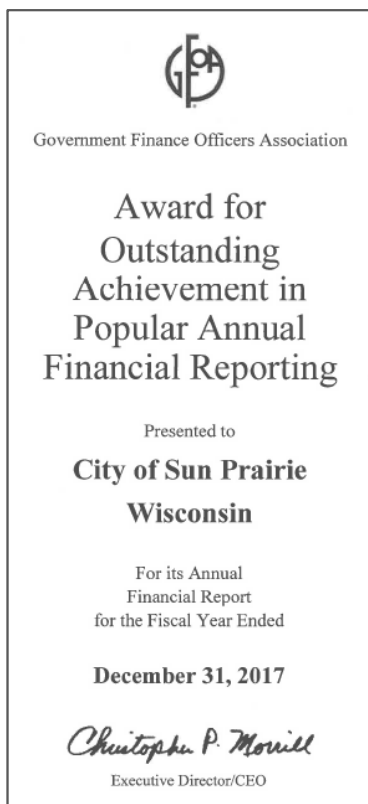


Awards and Recognition

Popular Annual Financial Report

The City of Sun Prairie strives to provide useful financial information to our citizens. The Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) is designed to provide financial transparency to citizens without the technical details or terms of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The PAFR strives to communicate with our citizens where city dollars come from and how they are spent, in a clear and concise format.

The financial information found in this report relates to the city's major funds and is extracted directly from the City's CAFR. A CAFR is a report prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). It contains detailed information regarding the city's financial performance. A copy of the city's annual CAFR is available on the city's website at www.cityofsunprairie.com on the Finance Department's page under Financial Statements.



Finance and Budget Awards

Sun Prairie's Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) has won the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) award for two consecutive years. The Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government popular reports.

In order to receive an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, a government unit must publish a Popular Annual Financial Report, whose contents conform to program standards of creativity, presentation, understandability, and reader appeal.

An Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current report continues to conform to the Popular Annual Financial Reporting requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award.

Introduction:

City of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

CITY OF SUN PRAIRIE

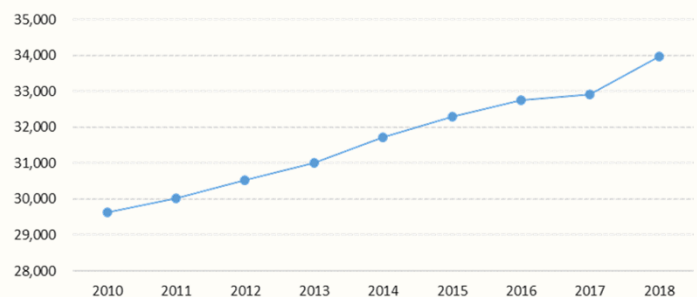
Sun Prairie is a vibrant and thriving community; known in the region for its high quality of life, its excellent parks and recreation programs, historic downtown, its exceptional public school system, and progressive approach to the development and redevelopment of the community.

As we continue to grow, the need and demand for city services will also increase. Documents such as this report are important tools to communicate the state of the city's finances with the public. It demonstrates the city is responsibly managing public funds to ensure it can continue to provide a high level of service to the community.

Over the last ten years, Sun Prairie's population has increased 15 percent. As a percentage of the State of Wisconsin population, Sun Prairie is one of the fastest-growing municipalities in the state. This is also reflected in the fact that the Sun Prairie Area School District is the fastest growing school district in Wisconsin.

City of Sun Prairie Population

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division



City of Sun Prairie



HISTORY OF SUN PRAIRIE

Sun Prairie's history dates back to 1837 when President Van Buren commissioned a party of 45 men, including August Bird, to build a state capitol in Madison. The group of men left Milwaukee on May 26, 1837 and traveled for days in the rain. On June 9, the group emerged at the edge of the prairie and with the sun shining, carved the words Sun Prairie into a tree. Charles Bird returned to the area 2 years later and became the first settler. The Town of Sun Prairie was created on February 2, 1846 and the City of Sun Prairie, which grew from the town, was incorporated in 1958.

Introduction:

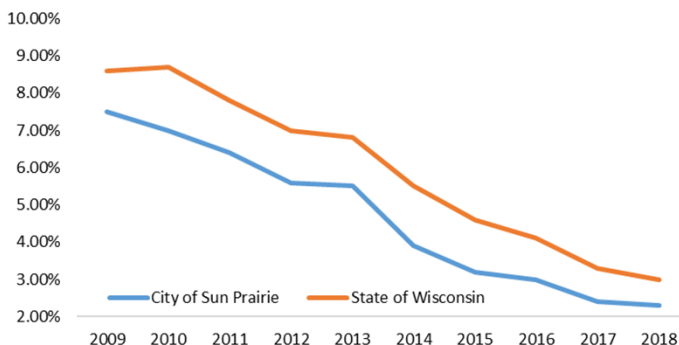
City of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

Sun Prairie also benefits from a strong and diverse local economy.

The city's 2018-unemployment rate of 2.3 percent, was significantly lower than the State of Wisconsin as a whole (3.0 percent).

Unemployment Rate

Source: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development



Employers within the city represent a variety of different industries with positions of varying skills and education levels. Some of the industries include advanced manufacturing, finance and insurance, agricultural technology, retail, customized product design, printing, publishing and graphics, warehousing and distribution, and others.

Sun Prairie's Top Ten Employers account for nearly twenty-five percent of total city employment.

Top Ten Employers

Employer	Employees
Sun Prairie School District	1,501
City of Sun Prairie	637
Colony Brands	505
General Casualty	450
Prairie Athletic Club	330
Wisconsin Distributors	310
Royle Printing	274
Continental ContiTech	264
Frontier	250
Walmart	250

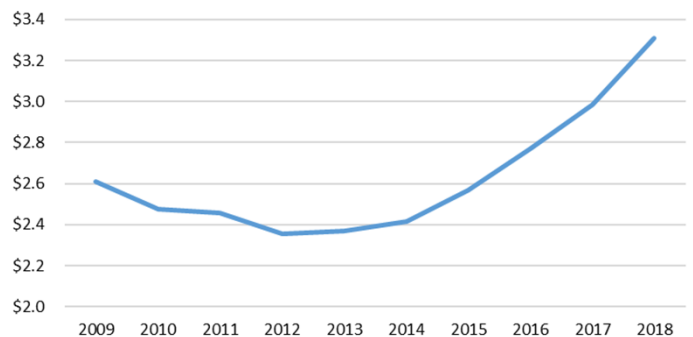
Source: City Economic Development Division

Over the last ten years, the city has seen significant increases in its equalized value. Equalized value increased by 10.9 percent in 2018. This is the fourth year in a row that the city's tax base has increased. The city has regained the losses sustained during the great recession. Over the long-term the city is likely to continue to experience significant residential and commercial growth due to its proximity to the City of Madison. In 2018, the city had net new construction growth of 4.83 percent or \$144.2 million.

City of Sun Prairie's Equalized Value

(in billions)

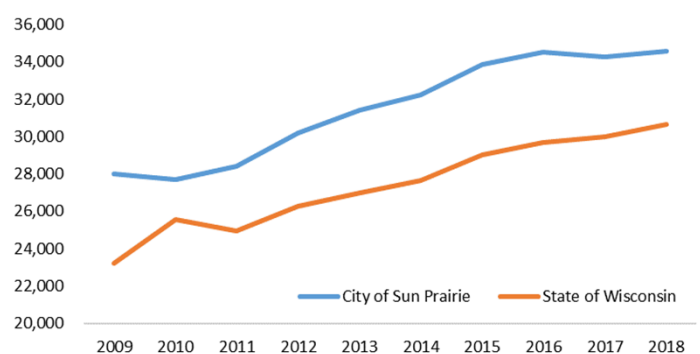
Source: Wisconsin Department of Revenue



Additionally, personal income within the City of Sun Prairie continues to grow. Per capita personal income has risen over \$6,500 since 2009 to \$34,587. This continues to exceed the per capita personal income of the State of Wisconsin as a whole.

Per Capita Personal Income

Source: Wisconsin Department of Revenue, Division of Research and Policy



SUN PRAIRIE: By the Numbers

PARKS & REC

22,426

Swimmers

FIRE

1,917

Emergency Calls

POLICE

1,121

Arrests

PUBLIC WORKS

2,726

TONS of Recycling

7,327

TONS of Refuse

EMS

2,839

Emergency Calls

6.27

Minutes to Arrive
at Scene

2,707

Citations

Does not include parking citations

1

Police Dog



K9 Lasko Vorn Gipser

Born April 3, 2014
Kirtorf Lehrbach, Germany

LIBRARY

232,931

Visitors to the Library

635,368

Circulation

PERMITS

1

Blasting Permit

5

Chicken Licenses

1,156

Dog Licenses

TREATMENT PLANT

1.4

BILLION

gallons of Wastewater

UTILITIES

300

MILLION

(kWh) Energy Used

Fiscal Sustainability:

Keeping Sun Prairie's House in Order

How do we know Sun Prairie's finances are in good shape? The city is financially healthy because it delivers the services its residents expect with the resources its residents provide. What are the most meaningful financial performance measurements for municipal government? Below are some of the tools the city of Sun Prairie uses to gauge our financial results.

Fund Balance – There is no single number in governmental accounting and financial reporting that attracts more attention than the fund balance. Maintenance of an adequate fund balance is important because it provides a financial “safety net” in the event of emergencies, economic downturns, or other unforeseen circumstances. If there is one thing history can teach us, it is to expect the unexpected. Cities prepare for the unexpected by having savings in the form of fund balance. Fund balance maintenance is also a major factor considered by bond rating agencies when evaluating the city's creditworthiness.

Debt – Most people don't pay cash for major investments like a home, but instead responsibly use debt to spread the cost of larger purchases over time. Like a household with finances in good shape, the city's debt is moderate. The city's outstanding General Obligation debt is well under the State of Wisconsin's statutory limits.

Credit Ratings – Similar to a personal credit score, a municipal credit rating provides information about our ability to pay back debt. External credit ratings are very important and have a direct influence on the city's ability to borrow at a lower interest rate and successfully borrow money to complete the acquisition and construction of capital assets.

Budget – Wisconsin State Statutes require that the city adopt a balanced budget each year. The budget provides the guidance to the city to make sure spending is in-line with revenue. Historically, the city's performance versus budget has been sound and often better than projected. As Benjamin Franklin once said, “The way to wealth is as plain as the way to market. It depends chiefly on two words, industry and frugality: that is, waste neither time nor money, but make the best use of both. Without industry and frugality nothing will do, and with them everything.”

Financial Planning – Sun Prairie has a track record of converting strategic decisions into constructive action and managing its long-term needs in a methodical manner. The city uses historical budget analysis, revenue projections, long range growth models, and the Capital Improvement Plan to determine future needs, timing, and acquisition of assets. Understanding long-term needs and obligations is paramount to planning for their impacts. Whether accounting for retirement funding, healthcare, or building maintenance, it is important to plan today for tomorrow's needs.

Fund Definitions:

- o **General Fund:** The primary fund for general government. This fund includes administration, finance, clerk, public safety, public works, human resources, information technology, assessing, parks and recreation, planning, and economic development.
- o **Debt Service Fund:** The fund used to account for long-term debt payments. Debt is used to finance capital projects that cannot be funded with cash reserves.
- o **Capital Projects Fund:** The fund used to account for capital acquisitions and projects. This includes land, equipment, and infrastructure with costs greater than \$25,000 and a useful life of 10 years or more.
- o **Enterprise Funds:** Service fee revenues and all expenses paid for with the fees are accounted for in an enterprise fund. These funds operate similar to a private business. The city's enterprise funds include the wastewater utility, the stormwater utility, and Sun Prairie Utilities.

DID YOU KNOW....

- Sun Prairie is the birthplace of Georgia O’Keeffe. She has been described as one of the most significant and intriguing artists of the twentieth century, known internationally for her boldly innovative art and her original contributions to American Modernism.
- The Sun Prairie Business Park, located on U.S. 151 in the northeast corner of the City is one of the oldest and most successful employment centers in Dane County.
- The Grand Avenue Interchange on U.S. 151 is one of the fastest growing retail centers in Wisconsin.
- Sun Prairie’s Angell Park Speedway is one of nation’s oldest clay oval racetracks, hosting midget auto racing events throughout the summertime. Angell Park also is home to Sun Prairie’s annual Sweet Corn Festival.



Fund Analysis

OF THE CITY AS A WHOLE

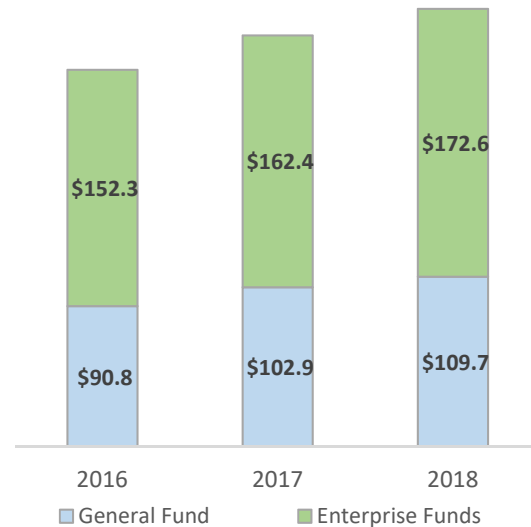
Statement of Net Position

The City's General and Enterprise Fund net position increased by \$16.9 million or 6.4 percent during the current fiscal year due to an increase in investments in capital assets such as land, buildings, building improvements, machinery and equipment, infrastructure. The primary increase is due to development and contribution of assets from developers. City investments were funded with general obligation notes.

The net investment in capital assets accounts for 82.2 percent of the city's total net position. This represents both the city's investment in capital assets less any related debt used to acquire those assets. The city uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the city's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be liquidated for these liabilities.

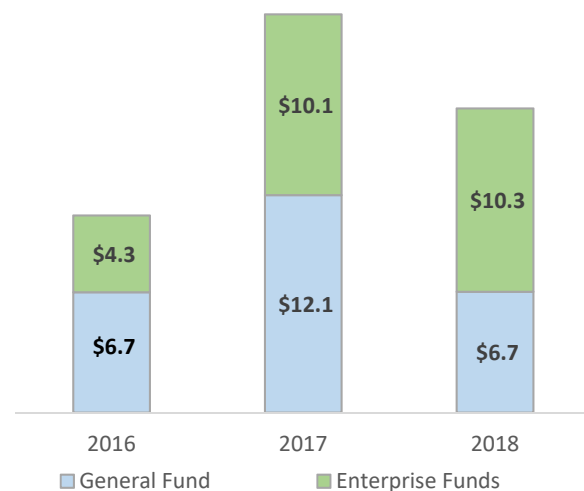
Net Position

(in millions)



Change in Net Position

(in millions)



Definition:

Net position represents the difference between assets, plus deferred outflows of resources, less liabilities, less deferred inflows of resources.

Governmental Activities

General Fund

The General Fund is the city's primary operating fund, and accounts for the revenue and expenditures associated with operating traditional local governmental services such as police, fire, and parks and recreation.

Revenues

In 2018, the city received \$22.8 million in revenues. This was an increase of \$1.9 million from the prior year. Property taxes, permit revenues, and investment income were the primary drivers of the increase.

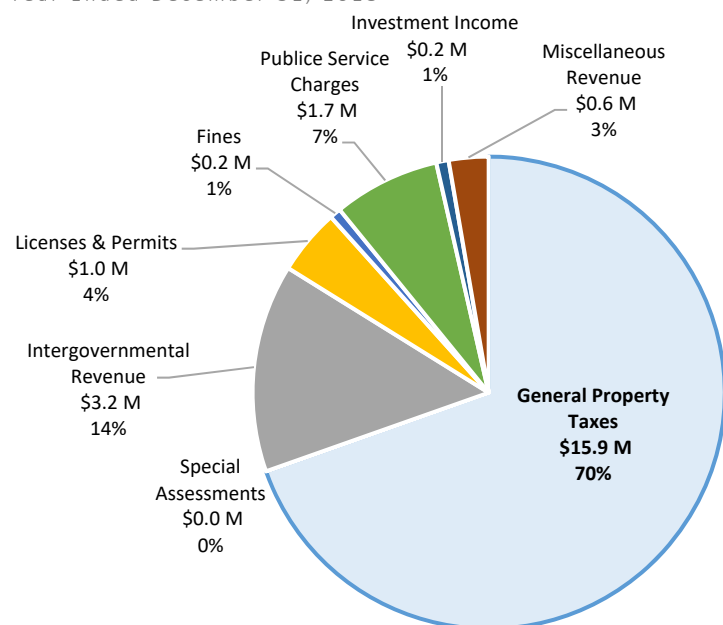
The city is highly dependent upon property taxes for funding as they remain the largest source revenues representing 70.0 percent of total revenue. Intergovernmental revenues and other operating and capital grants comprise 14.0 percent, while public service charges account for 7.0 percent of total general fund activity resources.

Expenses

Total governmental activities expenses were \$22.6 million in 2018. Public safety (including police, emergency medical services, building inspection, and fire services) accounts for the largest share of city expenses at 52.7 percent. This is followed by general government at 22.5 percent, public works with 12.1 percent, culture, recreation and education with 8.5 percent, and conservation and development at 4.0 percent.

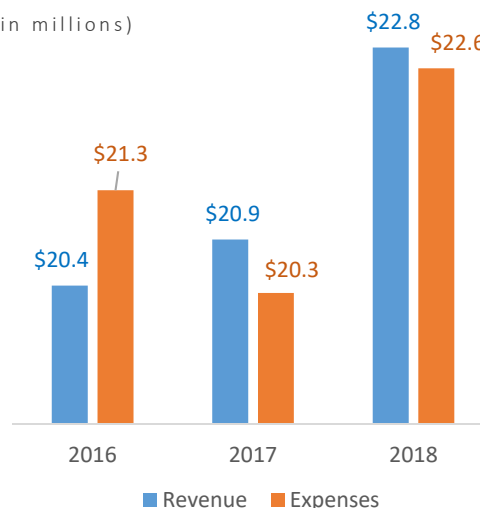
General Fund Revenue

Year Ended December 31, 2018



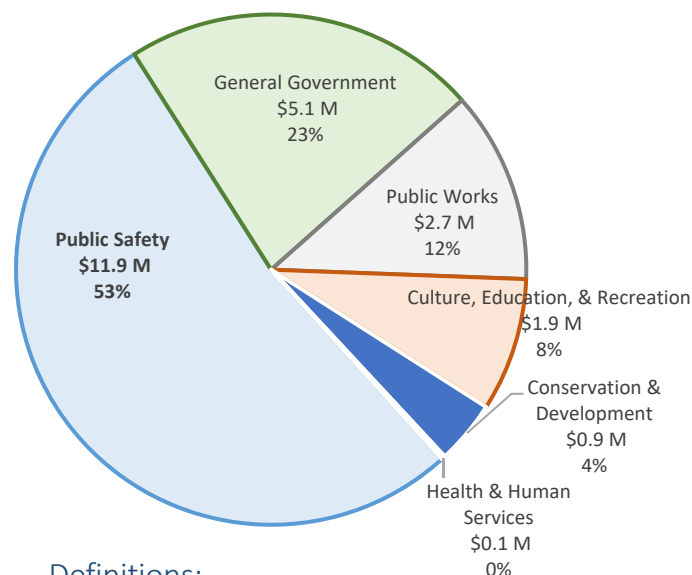
General Fund Activities

(in millions)



General Fund Expenditures

Year Ended December 31, 2018



Definitions:

Intergovernmental revenue are funds received from another government, either in the form of a grant or as reimbursement.

Charges for Services include items such as ambulance fees, recreational fees, program fees, dog park fees, special events, and other City services.

Property Taxes

Mill Rate

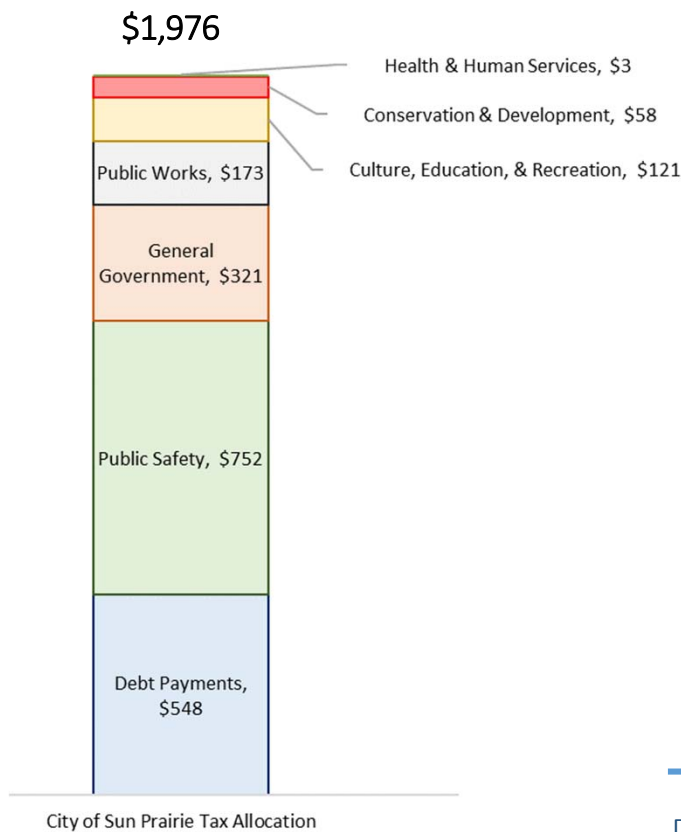
The 2017/18 mill rate was \$21.79 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This rate is a combination of multiple taxing jurisdictions including Dane County (\$3.12), Sun Prairie Area School District-SPASD (\$10.02), Madison College-MATC (\$0.93), and the City of Sun Prairie (\$7.72).

The average home was assessed at \$256,000 and paid \$5,578 in taxes, of this the city's portion was \$1,976, or \$0.35 per property tax dollar.

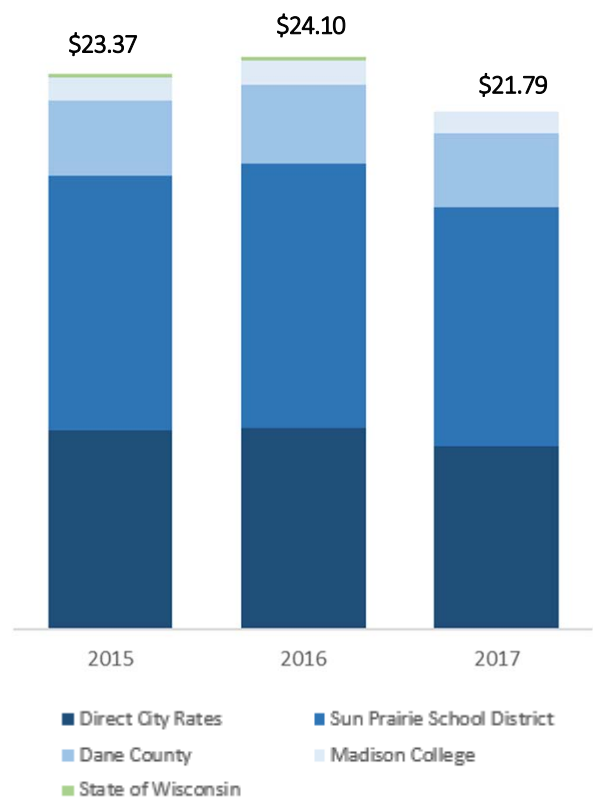


How the City's Portion is Spent

The city's \$1,976 portion on the average household property tax payment covers the following Public Services and Debt Payment:



3- Year Property Tax Rate Comparison (per \$1,000 assessed value)



Definition:

The **mill rate** is the amount of tax payable per dollar of the assessed value of a property. The mill rate is based on "mills." It is a figure that represents the amount per \$1,000 of the assessed value of the property, which is used to calculate the amount of property tax.

Business-Type Activities

Enterprise Fund

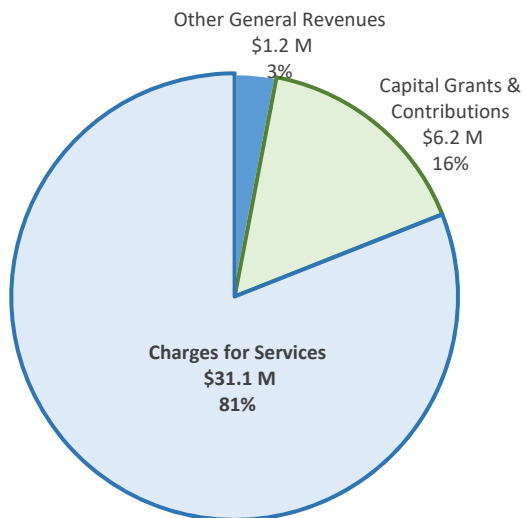
Business-type activities include the city's water, electric, wastewater, and stormwater utilities. The increase in net position for the enterprise funds are due to development in the city during 2018 and the resulting contributed assets as an outcome of that development. Modest fee increases also contributed to the increase in net position.

Revenues

In 2018, revenue for business-type activities totaled \$47.3 million. Charges for services were the largest revenue source for these operations, representing 81.3 percent of business-type activity revenues. Capital grants and contributions accounted for 15.8 percent of revenues with other general revenues representing 2.8 percent.

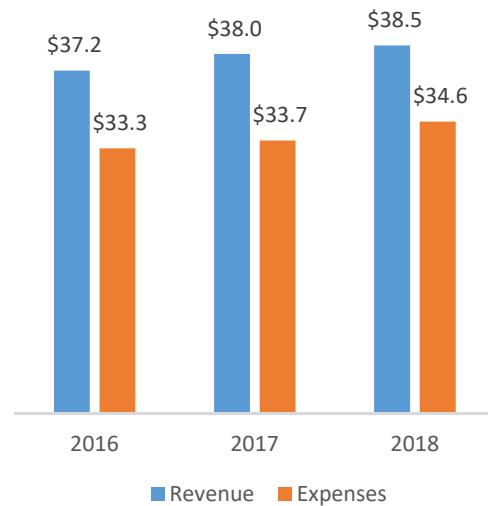
Business-Type Revenue

Year Ended December 31, 2018



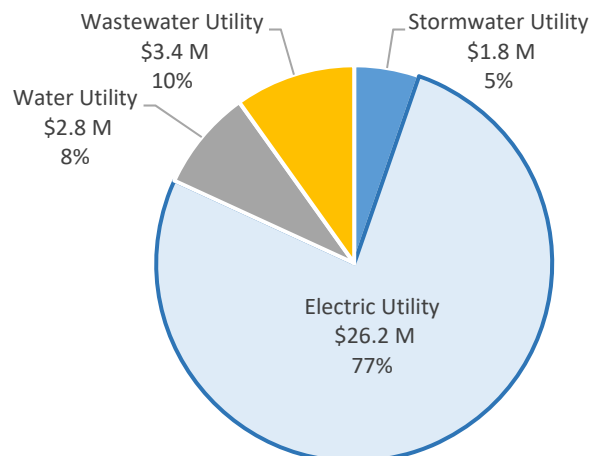
Business-Type Activities

Excludes non-operating revenue and expense
(in millions)



Business-Type Expenditures

Year Ended December 31, 2018



COMMUNITY SERVICES

The city provides services for its citizens including public safety (police, fire, emergency medical services and building inspection), streets maintenance, water, electric, wastewater, recreational programming and general administration. The citizens of Sun Prairie enjoy the 425 acres of parks and 34.7 miles of trails within the city including Sheehan Park which is the city's 147 acre community park. This park includes a skateboard park, shelters, volleyball courts, softball fields, youth baseball complex, basketball courts, soccer field, playgrounds and a forested trail system. Some of the city's more unique services include an aquatic center, a Historical Museum, and a 36,000 sqft library that serves the city as well as the surrounding area.



Treasury Administration

Debt Management

Sun Prairie's debt policy, which was approved in December 2016, provides guidance to decision makers regarding the timing and purposes for which debt may be issued, types and amounts of permissible debt, method of sale, and structural features that may be incorporated. One benefit of issuing debt to pay for large projects is to allocate the payment of the project to those that benefit from the project. The debt payments will be made by current and future residents, through property taxes, and user fees.

Outstanding Debt

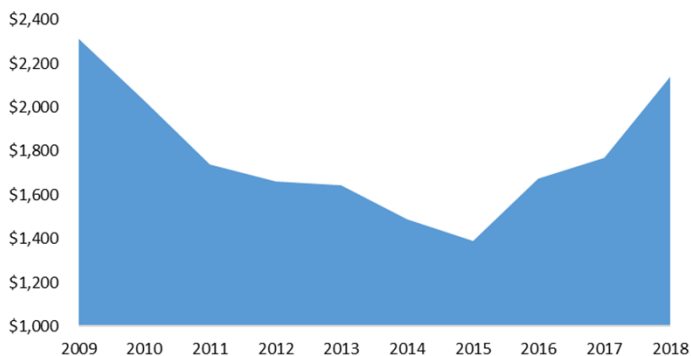
At year end the city had \$94.9 million in outstanding debt compared to \$83.6 million in the prior fiscal year, an increase of \$11.3 million (13.5 percent). The city's outstanding debt by function is displayed in the table below.

Outstanding Debt by Function	
Year Ended December 31, 2018 (Amounts in Millions)	
General Government ¹	\$ 74.6
Capital Leases ¹	\$ 7.0
Wastewater Bond	\$ 6.7
Sun Prairie Utility Bond	\$ 6.6
Total Outstanding Debt	\$ 94.9

¹ Net of Premiums on long-term debt

Sun Prairie's 2018 total general obligation debt per capita is \$2,139, which is approximately 7.87 percent of personal income for our residents.

Debt per Capita



Credit Ratings

The city maintains an "Aa2" rating, defined as high quality and very low credit risk, from Moody's Investors Service for general obligation debt. In short, Sun Prairie has sound financial operations and healthy reserve levels to manage current debt payments.

Financial Stability

Wisconsin State Statutes limit general obligation outstanding debt to five percent of a local government's equalized valuation for property tax purposes. As displayed in the table on this page, the city's general obligation debt that applies to the debt limit is \$74.6 million, which is 2.25 percent of equalized valuation, and is significantly less than the current calculated statutory debt limit of \$165.5 million.

General Obligation Debt Ratio			
At Dec 31	GO Debt	Equalized Valuation	Debt Ratio
2018	\$74,584,156	\$3,310,111,700	2.25%
2017	\$60,003,576	\$2,984,707,700	2.01%
2016	\$54,573,396	\$2,772,245,800	1.97%
2015	\$44,147,390	\$2,566,183,900	1.72%
2014	\$46,485,087	\$2,413,488,900	1.93%

Definitions:

General Obligation Bonds and Notes (GOs): The city may borrow money from lenders, pledging the full faith and credit of the city to pay the loan through tax revenue. The method requires approval by the City Council.

Bonds & Notes: A debt obligation, or a written promise to pay back an amount plus interest by way of periodic payments within a specified period of time. The issuance of all city bonds is made in accordance with the provisions of WI General Statutes and with the approval of the Local Government Commission (LGC). Bonds mature in 20 years, whereas notes mature in 10 years.

Treasury Administration

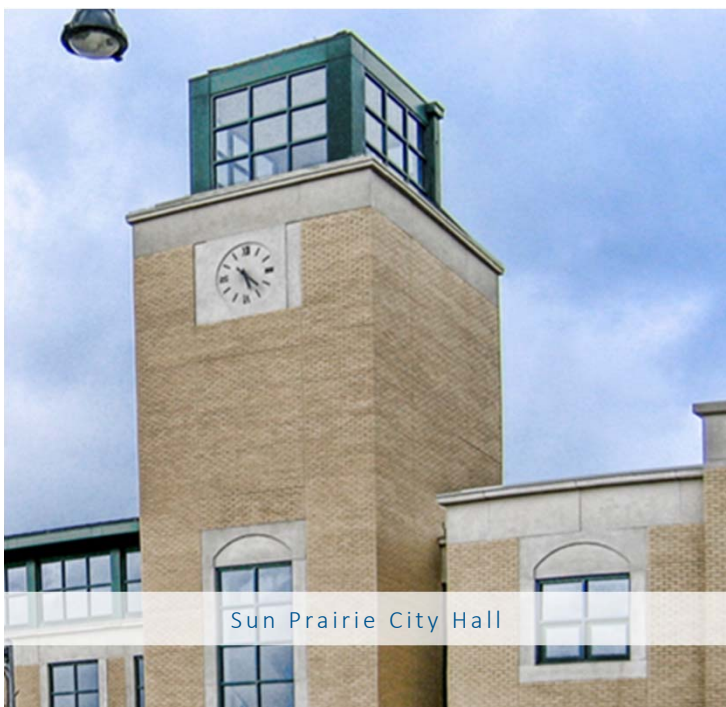
Long-Term Financial Planning

The city actively monitors and manages its debt capacity. Evaluating the impact of new bond programs on future tax rates is an important element of debt management. A capital funding plan is presented to the City Council and is an essential management tool that helps provide a comprehensive assessment of the city's ability to issue debt for its capital needs.

Sun Prairie continues with its forward-looking capital planning by presenting a long-term Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to Council. This program is developed for a five year period and is updated and revised annually. To be included in the CIP, a project requires a total expenditure of at least \$25,000 and to last 10 years or more.

The CIP provides information to clearly identify any deficit faced at the beginning of the budget development process. This is a crucial component of planning for the future. This plan projects the financial impact of achieving the objectives of the city and helps to identify resources needed to fund those objectives.

The capital improvement budget for 2018 includes \$24.2 million to complete existing and new projects, including the Water Pollution Control Facility expansion, street reconstruction, park improvements, building improvements and stormwater improvements. Funding for general government projects is provided through general obligation notes (GOs), grants, and impact fees.



Sun Prairie City Hall

Fund Balance

The city's Fund Balance Policy is to maintain an unassigned fund balance in the General Fund of 16.0 to 20.0 percent of the prior year general fund revenue budget. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, the city's unassigned fund balance was \$3.1 million, 15 percent of the prior year's revenue budget. The primary reductions in the unassigned fund balance are continued advances to several tax increment financing (TIF) districts. These districts are anticipated to repay the general fund in whole in future years.

General Fund Balances	
Year Ended December 31, 2018	FY 2018
Non-Spendable:	\$3,743,664
Restricted:	\$587,226
Assigned:	\$4,167,316
Unassigned:	\$3,078,057
Total General Fund:	\$11,576,263

Having adequate fund balances provides flexibility to a municipality to address shortfalls and unexpected costs. Fund Balance is broken down into five categories:

- o **Non-spendable:** Amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form, or are legally or contractually required to be intact.
- o **Restricted:** Amounts that are restricted by constraints imposed on the use of resources either: (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- o **Committed:** Amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by the Common Council.
- o **Assigned:** Amounts that are constrained by the government's intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed.
- o **Unassigned:** Amounts that are in a spendable form and are not restricted, committed, or assigned to a specific purpose.

Capital Assets

Capital Assets

At the end of 2018, the City of Sun Prairie had investments in capital assets of \$302.7 million for all governmental and business-type activities. This represents an increase of 6.0 percent from the end of 2017.

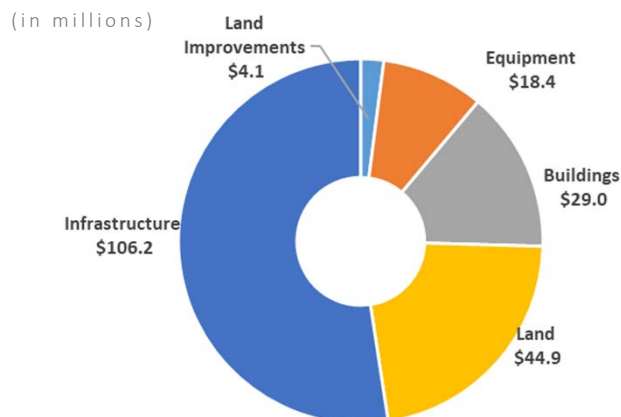
Major capital asset improvements within the city's governmental activities included \$8.6 million for street additions and reconstruction. This includes new streets dedicated to the city from developers and the reconstruction of existing streets. \$2.3 million for the addition and reconstruction of bike paths and sidewalks. The city purchased \$842,000 in machinery and equipment assets for fleet purposes. The purchases were typical fleet purchases of pickup trucks, squad cars and mowers. Additionally, the city purchased a new ambulance.

In the city's business-type activities, major capital additions (prior to depreciation) include \$2.6 million for electric distribution plant, \$4.4 million for water infrastructure, \$2.9 million for wastewater infrastructure, and \$2.5 million for the stormwater infrastructure. These additions include dedications in new developments. The following table provides a summary of the city's changes in capital assets:

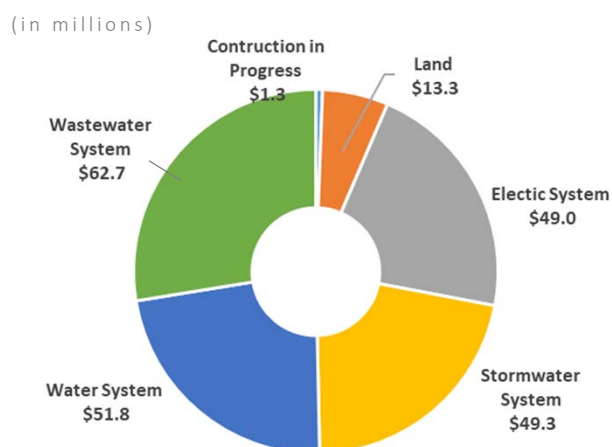
Definition:

Capital assets are assets that have an expected life of more than one year and are not bought and sold in the usual course of business. For the city, this includes land, equipment, and infrastructure with costs greater than \$5,000.

Governmental Activities: Capital Assets



Business-Type Activities: Capital Assets



Patrick Marsh provides 315 acres of peace and quiet; and if you come during the summer months, you may even catch a glimpse of the American White Pelican.

Sun Prairie: When You're Here, You're Home

While we may be growing, Sun Prairie still maintains its friendly, welcoming atmosphere that will make it easy for every visitor to see why in Sun Prairie, when you're here, you're home!

Sun Prairie's food scene has no shortage of flair and flavor, and visitors will find some of the best flavors at Beans 'n Cream Coffeehouse, Eddie's Alehouse, and Salvatore's famous tomato pies!

BEANS 'N CREAM



Community Traditions



History of Groundhog Day

For over 50 years, the Sun Prairie members and supporters have been proclaiming Sun Prairie to be "The Groundhog Capital of the World." This proclamation has caused reverberations from the halls of Congress, to the coal fields of Pennsylvania, and in the news media of the country. Groundhog Day is tied to Candlemas Day, a centuries old celebration day in Europe. Folklore states: "If the day is bright and clear there'll be two winters in the year."

Sweet Corn Festival – History

Approximately 100,000 people attend the four day Sweet Corn Festival on the 3rd full weekend of August. Nine local organizations still use the festival as one of their major fundraisers during the year and utilize hundreds of volunteers to staff the fest. On Saturday and Sunday nearly 80 ton of sweet corn are served on the grounds. The corn and the carnival continue to be the major attractions on the grounds. In addition, there are a wide variety of family activities, stage shows, musical entertainment, mini-golf, a craft show, specialty attractions, and a parade on Thursday night.



Sun Prairie was featured on **Discover Wisconsin's** "Sun Prairie – When You're Here, You're Home" episode, highlighting some of the City's stores and dining destinations.

<http://discoverwisconsin.com/video/sun-prairie-youre-youre-home/>

Top Economic Stories of 2018

Sun Prairie's Economic Development Coordinator, Neil Stechschulte's, highlighted multiple business' in his article *"Sun Prairie's Top 20 Economic Development Stories for 2018 Listed"* in the Sun Prairie Star. Listed here are just a few examples of economic activity within the City.

http://www.hngnews.com/sun_prairie_star/news/article_18732f30-a62c-50a6-8627-22b5877a2b0c.html



Trachte Expands in the Sun Prairie Business Park – It's great news for the local economy anytime a long-standing Sun Prairie employer expands. Trachte is adding 15,500 sq.ft. to its office facility and an additional 12,000 sq.ft. to its warehouse.



Kraemer Development on Main & Grand Breaks Ground – This project will be a great commercial anchor on one of the busiest intersections in the city. The project demonstrates that significant demand for retail and restaurant uses in Sun Prairie continues.



SANI-MATIC

Sani-Matic Breaks Ground on new facility in Park 151 - This manufacturer of high-end sanitation equipment came here through a competitive site search process.

Sun Prairie is a great location for their business (close to Madison, the Dane County Regional Airport, a quality hotel) and a good fit for their employees.



Tippy Cow Opens in Prairie Lakes – This Madison restaurant looked to Sun Prairie for its second location, and we anticipate that they are going to flourish.



Right Bauer Brewing opens downtown – With the loss of a local favorite Downtown restaurant in this space, Right Bauer had big shoes to fill.

Their local unique brews, the southern style BBQ, and friendly atmosphere have done the job, and done it well. It's looking like a great addition to Downtown Sun Prairie.



Full Mile Beer Company & Kitchen and The Loft at 132 opens downtown – The need for additional event space in the city and the growth of the Wisconsin craft beer market finally came together with this project.

The interest in Full Mile has been significant. The high demand for the unique event space at The Loft shows that Downtown Sun Prairie continues to evolve into a destination with significant potential.



Imperial Blades acquired by Milwaukee Tool – While this acquisition has put their physical expansion in the Business Park on hold, we are happy that another Wisconsin company was the buyer—one who has a track record of keeping their acquisitions open and in their current location.

While there is no guarantee, Milwaukee Tool officials have expressed their desire to work with the City of Sun Prairie when the time comes to revisit the expansion.



MacDon Enterprises selects the Sun Prairie Business Park – This Canadian manufacturer of agricultural equipment began as an R&D office in Madison.

They selected Sun Prairie in a regional competitive site search process coordinated through the Madison Region Economic Partnership. We are looking forward to the groundbreaking for this international company in the Spring.



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A cow sculpture painted in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe greets visitors outside of the Sun Prairie Historical Library & Museum.



Angell Park Speedway has been a staple of the racing community since the 1930s!

