

# ULSTER COUNTY 2022 BUDGET



## 0% TAX INCREASE

The 2022 Ulster County Executive Budget keeps the property tax levy flat.

### SALES TAX AND OTHER REVENUE



↑ SALES  
TAX  
18.6%



↑ OCCUPANCY  
TAX  
43.8%

### ZERO LAYOFFS

The 2022 Ulster County Executive Budget contains no layoffs, and will return County government to 2019 staffing levels after a reduction of nearly 100 positions last year due to the retirement incentive.

### SPENDING

The 2022 Ulster County Executive Budget proposes to spend approximately **\$351.1 million.**



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# BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



## INFRASTRUCTURE

The 2022 Ulster County Executive Budget dedicates **\$32.4 million** in capital investments to transportation, water and sewer, and trails, including two major recreational rail trails in Ulster County: the O&W Rail Trail and the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail.



## GREEN NEW DEAL

The 2022 Ulster County Executive Budget proposes home energy retrofitting, in coordination with nonprofit organizations, local contractors, colleges, and the Office of Employment and Training. This **\$3 million** investment over the course of three years will create jobs and provide home energy cost savings. Additional funds will be leveraged from HOME and CDBG dollars.



## RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE

The 2022 Ulster County Executive budget proposes to leverage ARP and other grant funding to construct an emergency management and government operations facility and establish the Ulster County Service Navigator program.



## HOUSING

The 2022 Ulster County Executive Budget directs **\$1.5 million** to the Ulster County Housing Development Corporation to fund the redevelopment of Golden Hill, to support 160 units of new, affordable housing. Additionally, the budget provides **\$800,000** in planning for the County's Housing Smart Communities Initiatives, to promote the development of housing across the county.



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The 2022 Ulster County Executive Budget proposes to invest **\$2 million** in the Ulster County Center for Economic Innovation at the former Tech City site, and will build on and operationalize our Ulster 2040 vision. The budget also dedicates **\$2 million** in Direct Aid to Business, with a focus on Minority-, Women-, and Veteran-owned businesses. Additionally, the budget dedicates another **\$4 million** in operating budget to support workforce training, tourism, and economic development.

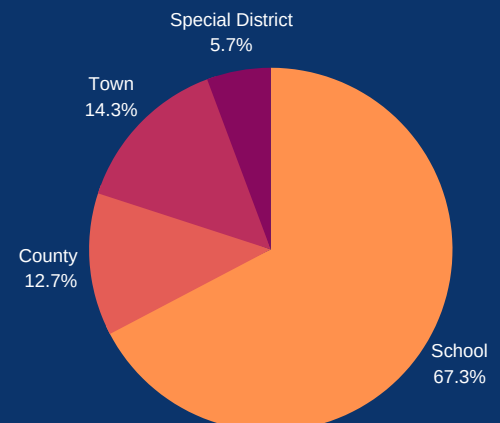


## JUSTICE

The 2022 Ulster County Executive Budget proposes to dedicate annual funding to our schools to provide Restorative Justice resources and diversion programming. Additionally, it provides a full-time Professional Standards Supervisor to the Sheriff's Office.

# MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION RECOVERY

Through the budget, the county will begin a **\$3.3 million** dollar capital project to build the Ulster County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Center, including our own Crisis Stabilization Center, while investing **\$13.2 million** in operating budget. In addition, the County will work with school districts to coordinate and organize expanded mental health services in schools.



**County property taxes only account for 12.7% of the average homeowner's tax bill.**

# MESSAGE FROM THE ULSTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Dear Ulster County Residents:

My budget proposal for 2022 recognizes this unique moment we find ourselves in: a moment of dizzying change and growing division, but also a moment of tremendous, once-in-a-generation opportunity. It outlines a plan to leap boldly forward, to continue to grow, and to ensure that as we move forward, we always make sure we are bringing everyone - *all* residents of our county - with us.

For 2022, we are outlining a bold vision to bring back critical mental health services, provide direct aid to our small businesses, and continue to address our housing needs. After a challenging year, I am once again proud to deliver a county budget that meets these essential needs while also holding the line on taxes.

For years we have understaffed, underfunded and undervalued mental health services in Ulster County. We have made it complicated and, at times, disjointed. This year, given what we have learned from the pandemic, we are taking a series of steps to right this wrong.

Additionally, while major businesses thrived during the economic seesaw of the pandemic, many of our local small businesses struggled to keep their doors open. This budget does right by our local businesses and lays the groundwork to continue to invest in new sectors that will position Ulster County to be truly competitive in the 21st century economy.

In 2022, we will also make major strides in tackling our housing crisis: through funding the demolition of our old County Jail and replacing it with affordable housing to hiring a full-time planner to both implement our Ulster County Housing Plan and more.

I want to thank all of my partners in Team Ulster County. Our dedicated employees have yet again stepped up to ensure that we can serve and provide for our 180,000 neighbors. In 2022, we will undoubtedly have more challenges ahead, but I am proud that we are dedicating funding today for the benefit of future Ulster County generations.



**Patrick K. Ryan**  
Ulster County Executive



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