



Caroline County, Virginia Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Adopted Budget

Other Revenue Sources

In addition to the Major Revenue Sources described in the preceding pages, Caroline County receives revenue from a variety of other sources, including:

Permits, Fees and Regulatory Licenses: The County receives revenue from the issuance of permits and regulatory licenses which are required for the conduct of certain specified activities such as owning an animal, constructing a building or subdividing property. The permit or license is required so the County can ensure and monitor compliance by the recipient with public regulations governing the activity or for other public purposes. The revenue collected for the permit or license is not a tax on the activity, but, rather, is a fee intended to at least partially defray the cost of regulation. Most of the revenue in this category is related to building construction or land use activities and, thus, tends to be somewhat unpredictable and to rise and fall from year to year with economic cycles. The recent building boom in the County has driven a major increase in this revenue in the last few years with the total in the 2007-2008 budget year expected to reach \$1,132,150, a slight decrease from the current year.

Charges for Services: Revenue is also received for services provided by the County to the general public on a fee for service basis. The distinction between this category and the preceding one is the voluntary nature of the Charge For Service transaction; the use and/or the level of service is voluntary while paying to obtain a permit or license is required. The majority of the revenue in this category is from charges for water and sewer utility services, availability fees for new utility connections, and fees for classes and programs conducted by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fines and Forfeitures: Caroline County receives a significant amount of revenue from fines assessed by the County Courts and bail and deposit forfeitures paid by individuals cited for violations of County laws or traffic regulations. Efforts by the Sheriff's Office to enforce traffic safety on the many heavily traveled roads in the County generates a considerable amount of the revenue in this category. Fine and forfeiture revenue is expected to total \$462,114 in Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Revenue From Use of Money and Property: The County receives income to the General Fund for the rental of County owned buildings and facilities to other governmental organizations, such as the County Health and Social Services Departments. In addition, the County Treasurer places any available cash balances not immediately needed in interest bearing investments in order to earn additional income for the County General Fund.

Revenue From the Federal Government: Although it plays a much smaller role than the State government in funding County activities, the Federal government does provide a significant amount of revenue. For all funds, including schools and social services, funding from Federal government sources makes up 6.0% of the County's operating revenue total. The money is primarily in the form of special purpose grants and the majority of it is received by the County's School Division. A total of \$2,896,555 is expected to be received by Caroline County Schools for a variety of special projects and programs including, for example, drug education, improving education through new technology, preschool programs, and support for the School's food service operations. The County Social Services Department is also expecting to receive approximately \$1.9 million from Federal government sources for the provision of social welfare programs and benefits. The County's General Fund also receives funds from the Federal government supporting specific programs, primarily in the area of public safety.