

WELLINGTON, FLORIDA



POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

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Wellington's Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports for the years ended 2009 through 2012, from which the information in this report has been drawn, were awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition for excellence in state and local government financial reporting.

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For more detailed financial information the Capital Plan, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and Annual Operating Budget as well as this financial summary are available as separate documents on the Wellington website www.wellingtonfl.gov.

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Vision

**A Great Hometown
Great Neighborhoods
Great Schools
Great Parks**

Mission

**To provide high quality
services that create economic,
environmental
and social sustainability
for residents**

Goals

**Neighborhood Renaissance
Economic Development
Respecting the Environment
Responsive Government
Protecting Our Investment**



A GREAT HOMETOWN

Council

Bob Margolis, Mayor
Howard K. Coates, Jr., Vice Mayor
Matt Willhite, Councilman
Anne Gerwig, Councilwoman
John Greene, Councilman

Manager
Paul Schofield

To the Council and the Residents of Wellington:

It is my privilege to present our third Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) regarding Wellington's financial and administrative operations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. This document summarizes information originally presented in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and provides an understandable, easy to read document that reflects our commitment to financial transparency and vision of "*A Great Hometown.*"

Wellington has led the way for governmental transparency, financial accountability, and fiscal management. With "Open Wellington," an online portal allowing resident access to financial information and public records, Wellington is the first city to receive "Gold Certification in Transparency" from the National Bureau of Business Licensing and Code Enforcement Officials (NBBLO). In 2011 Wellington's fiscal accountability was recognized and the city received awards from the Government Finance Officers Association for the Annual Budget and year-end Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

This year continued to offer economic challenges and Wellington responded to those challenges with its "Back to Basics" theme for 2012 to conserve tax dollars by focusing on services and facilities maintenance while also prudently planning for the future.

As we look to the future focus will be maintained on long-term planning, community outreach and infrastructure maintenance through Economic Development Initiatives, Capital Improvements and Responsive Government. To sustain these initiatives the following programs have been implemented:

Neighborhood Renaissance – plans developed for several neighborhoods to address specific needs focusing on improving neighborhood infrastructure, beautification and public safety.

Infrastructure Maintenance – maintenance for utilities and roads, including roadway improvements; park improvements; drainage and flood control maintenance; and water/wastewater projects.

The changes in spending reflect the Council's emphasis on financial reinvestment to ensure a sustainable future. Our history of fiscal responsibility and ability to anticipate change has enabled us to maintain high levels of service despite economic and legislative uncertainty. The financial information provided in the PAFR showcases our commitment *to provide the services our residents want, need and are willing to pay for* as we address the challenges of the future.

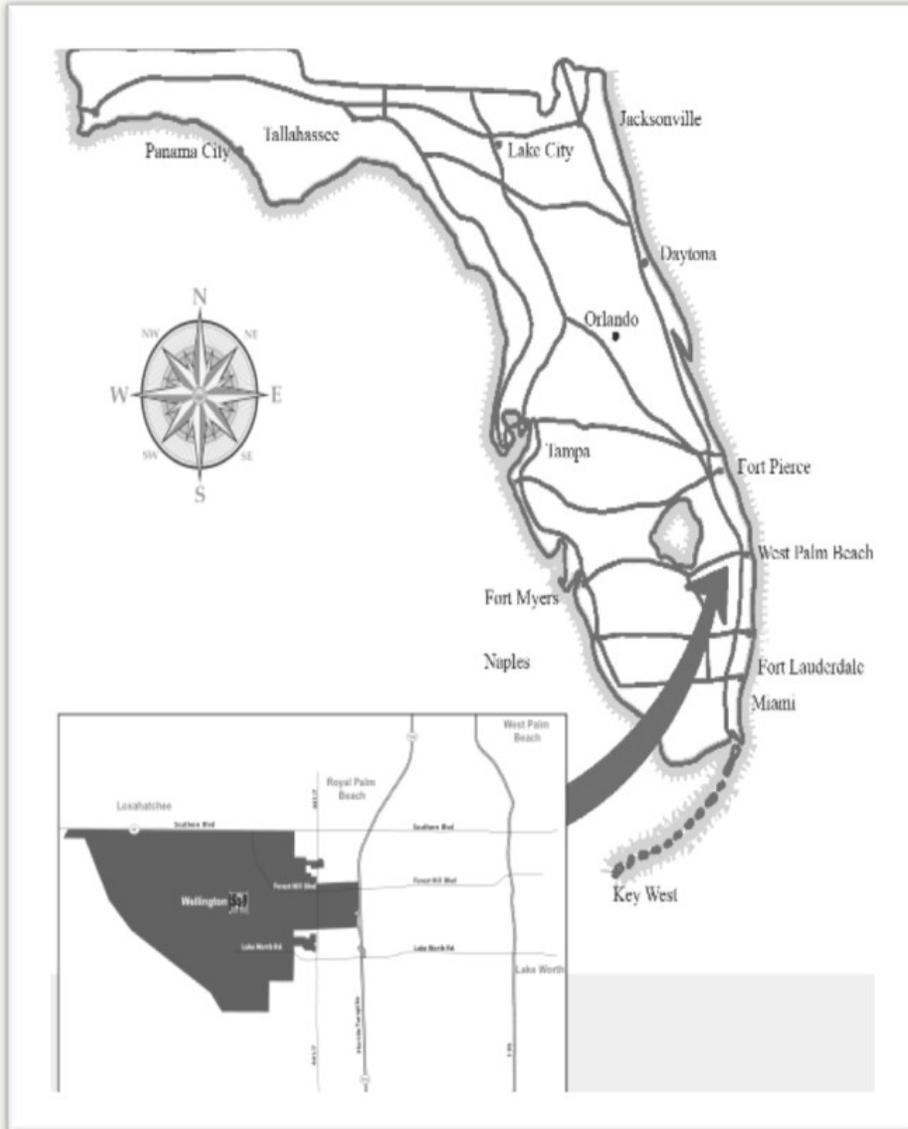
Sincerely,

Paul Schofield, Village Manager

Wellington, Florida is located in South Florida and Western Palm Beach County and is situated twelve miles west of the Atlantic Ocean, southeast of Lake Okeechobee. Palm Beach County is bordered on the south by Broward County, on the west by Hendry County and to the north by Martin County. In 1951, C. Oliver Wellington, a successful accountant in New York, followed the recommendations of Arthur William “Bink” Glisson and purchased several tracts of South Florida land as investment property. Mr. Wellington then hired Bink Glisson to oversee the property that was soon to become known as the Flying Cow (Charles Oliver Wellington) Ranch.

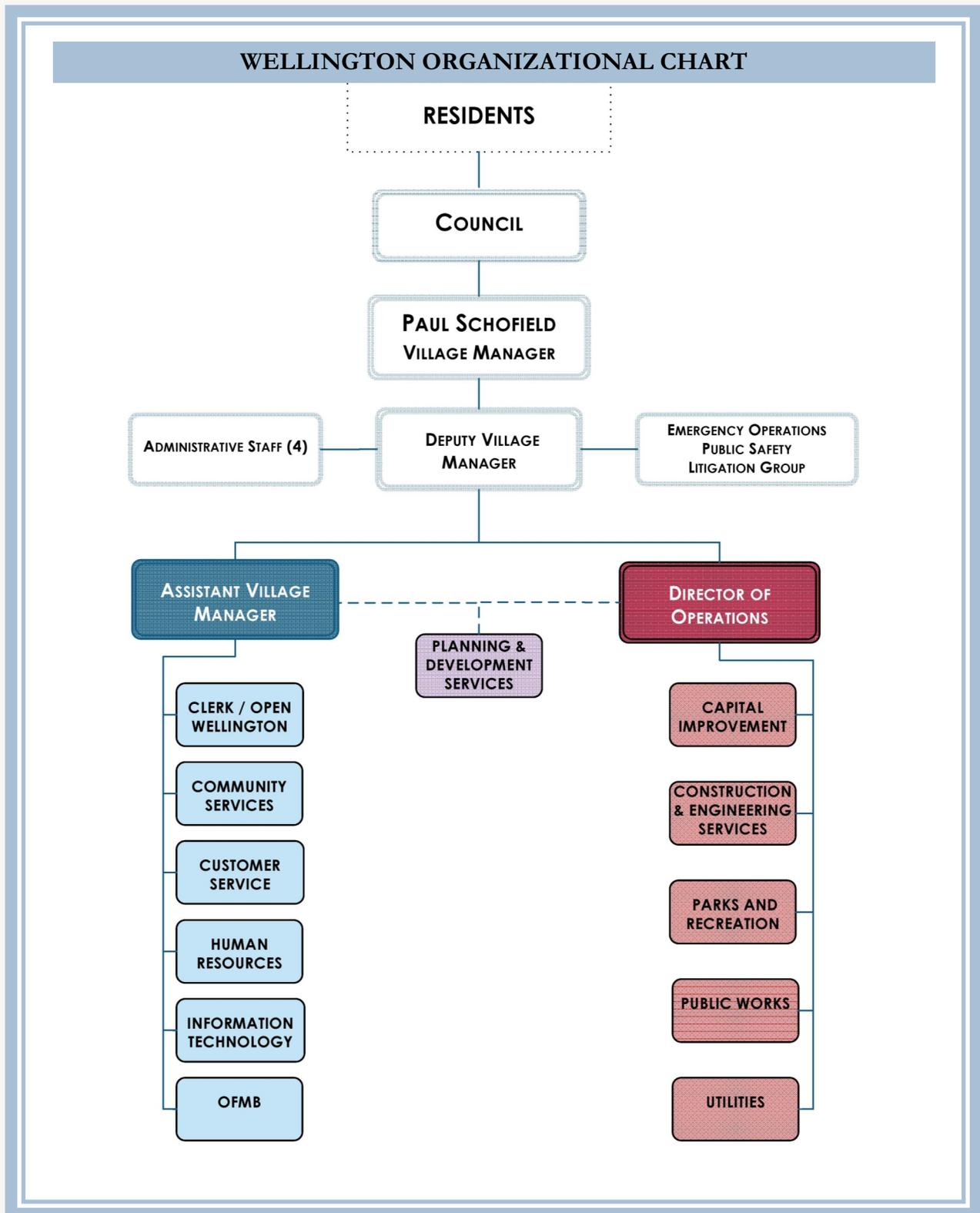


Because the land was frequently water-logged, in 1953 the State of Florida created the Acme Improvement District to provide drainage for flood control and to make the land suitable for agricultural purposes. Parcels of land were either sold or leased to farmers for a period of time. There once were over 2,000 acres of strawberry fields in the area, laying claim to the world’s largest patch of strawberries. In addition, it was discovered that citrus groves thrived in this area.



Prior to incorporation the District served as the local government providing the majority of community services and facilities including storm water drainage, water, sewer, roadways, street lighting and parks and recreation facilities. Mr. Wellington was the first Chairman of the Acme Drainage District and served until his death in 1959. Bink Glisson also served as the Acme Drainage District’s first employee and general manager. Carrying on as the District Chairman until he retired in 1984 was C. Oliver’s son, Roger.

The Village of Wellington Charter was established on May 11, 1995. Incorporation became effective on December 31, 1995 and operations commenced on March 28, 1996. The Village now provides municipal services previously provided by Palm Beach County (with the exception of fire rescue and library facilities) and the Acme District has become a dependent district of Wellington.

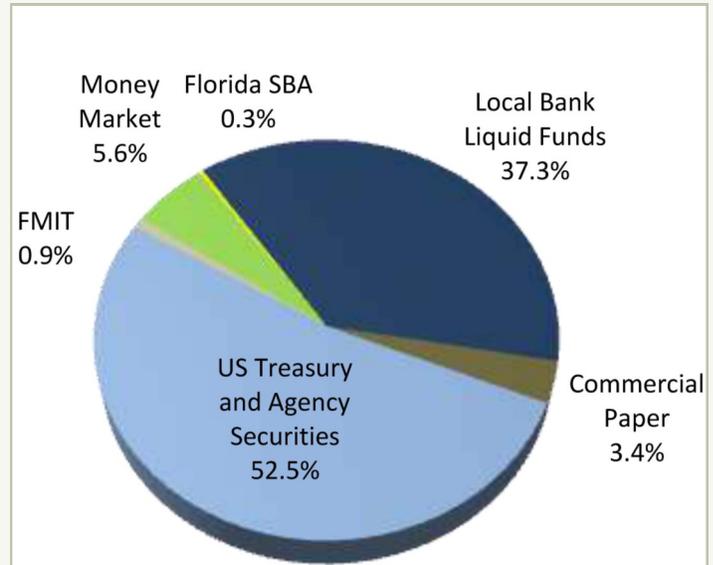


CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The investment management policy stresses safety, liquidity, and investment yields. To ensure the protection of the public’s assets, investments have the highest possible credit rating. The portfolio consists of securities that maximize return on investments while structured to provide sufficient liquidity to pay current obligations and future capital project spending.

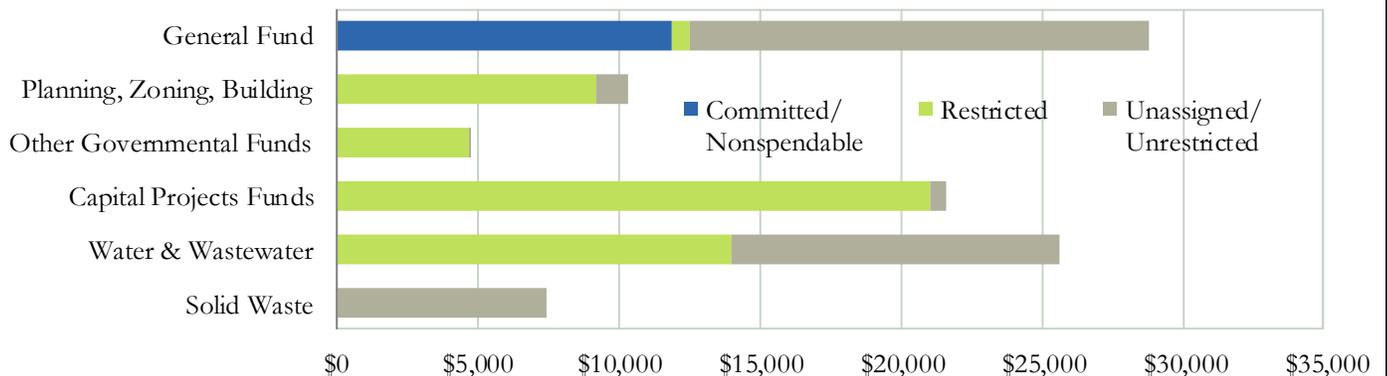
Wellington is authorized to invest in obligations of the US Treasury, its agencies and instrumentalities, repurchase agreements, certificates of deposit, Florida PRIME, SEC registered money market funds with the highest credit quality ratings, and mutual funds that restrict its investments to obligations of the US government.

Cash and investments of each fund, except certain investments in the debt service and enterprise funds, are accounted for in pooled cash and investment accounts with each fund maintaining its proportionate equity in the pooled accounts. The use of pooled cash and investment accounts enables Wellington to invest idle cash for short periods of time, thereby maximizing earnings potential.



| Investment | Amount |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Commercial Paper | \$ 3,323,657 |
| US Treasury & Agency Securities | 51,795,031 |
| FMIT | 846,840 |
| Money Market | 5,546,500 |
| Florida SBA | 314,068 |
| Local Bank Liquid Funds | 36,797,787 |
| Total | \$ 98,623,883 |

Cash and Investment Balances by Fund (in thousands)
September 30, 2012



PROPERTY TAXES AND TAXABLE VALUE

Ad Valorem taxes are based “according to value” of property and used to support the general fund. Wellington has limited number of revenue options and the dilemma is how to provide the highest quality of services within the imposed fiscal constraints.

Wellington balanced the FY 2012 budget with a millage rate of 2.50 mills, which is 1% below the roll back rate of 2.527 mills that would provide the same ad valorem tax revenues as in the prior year. The tax structure is based on optimizing municipal financing mechanisms with the objective of minimizing residents’ total tax burden. Wellington continues with one of the lowest ad valorem rates for a full-service municipality in Palm Beach County.

As shown in the chart below, Wellington’s taxable value has declined \$2.4 billion or 30% since its peak in 2008.

PROPERTY TAXABLE VALUES—LAST 10 YEARS



AD VALOREM HIGHLIGHTS

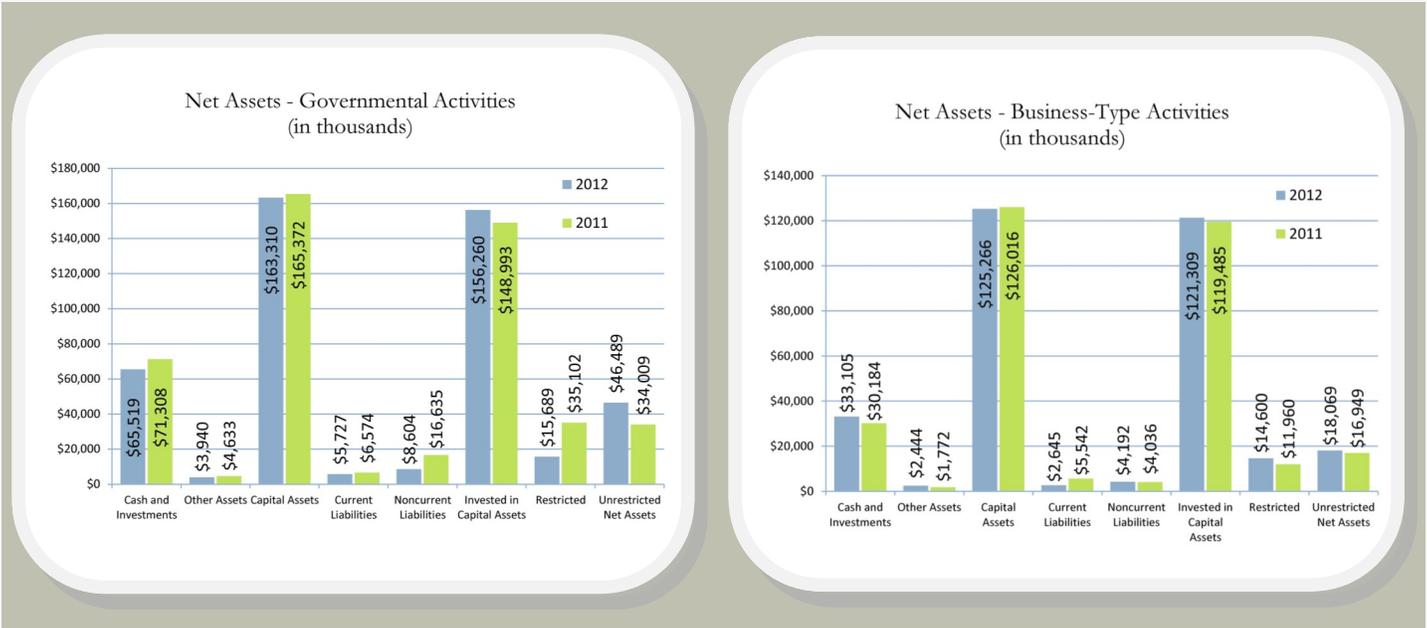
2003—Council voted to allow seniors an additional \$25,000 homestead exemption

2007—Legislature reduced taxes, resulting in a 9% reduction in ad valorem tax revenue in 2008

2008—Amendment One allowed for an additional \$25,000 homestead exemption

2012—Current economic downturn has reduced property values over 30% since 2008

GOVERNMENT-WIDE BALANCE SHEET



Wellington’s balance sheet presents information on all assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net assets. Increases or decreases in net assets over time may serve as a useful indicator of whether Wellington’s financial position is improving or deteriorating. Total net assets increased \$6 million from the prior year and are comprised of three categories:

Governmental activities are those primarily supported by tax dollars and increased net assets by \$332,500 from the prior year. Key elements to the increase include:

- ◆ Capital assets, net of related debt increased \$7 million
- ◆ Restricted assets decreased \$19 million
- ◆ Unrestricted assets increased \$12 million

Capital Assets, net of related debt - The value of all capital assets associated with their purchase or construction. Capital Assets, net of related debt amount to \$278 million and reflect the largest portion of net assets.

Business-type activities offer goods and services for sale (Utilities, etc.) and are intended to be self supporting through the charges for those goods and services. These activities increased net assets by \$6 million from the prior year and key elements to the increase include:

Restricted Net Assets - Assets having an external restriction placed on them. Examples are unspent bond proceeds, gas tax and impact fees. Restricted Net Assets amount to \$30 million.

- ◆ Capital assets, net of related debt increased \$2 million
- ◆ Restricted assets increased \$3 million
- ◆ Unrestricted assets increased \$1 million

Unrestricted Net Assets - The resources that are available to finance on-going operations and amount to \$65 million.

The above graphs depict Wellington’s changes in net assets and reflect the change in financial position in comparison to the prior year.

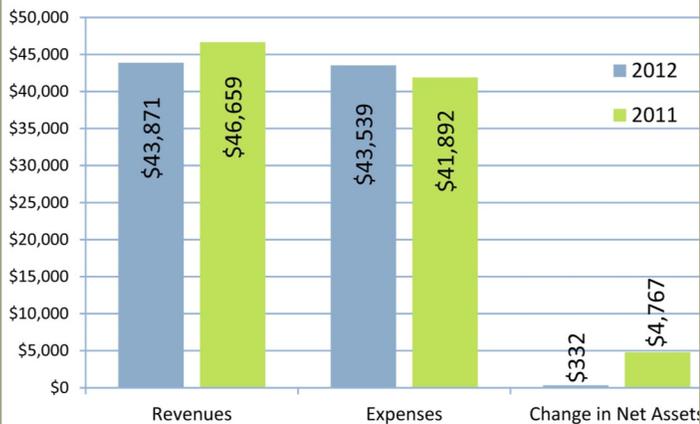
GOVERNMENT-WIDE INCOME STATEMENT

The following government-wide Statement of Activities and related graphs present the revenues, expenditures and changes in net assets for the past two years. Total revenues decreased \$2.8 million mainly due to a decrease in capital grants. Total expenditures increased by \$1.6 million mainly due to more roadway overlay expenditures in FY 2012 as well as more building expenses related to an increase in building activity in FY 2012.

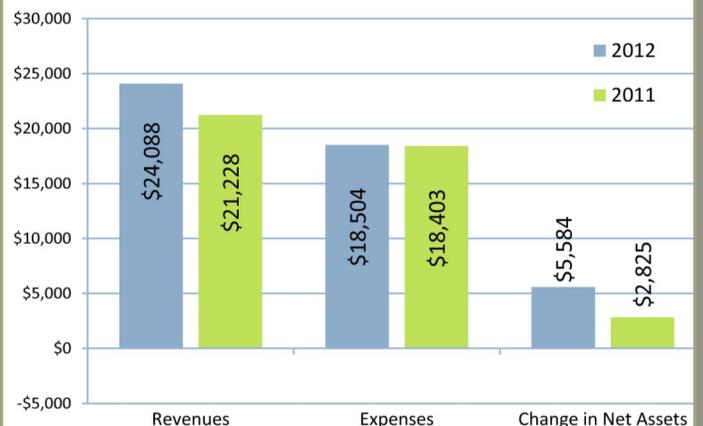
WELLINGTON'S CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

| | GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES | | BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES | | TOTAL | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 |
| REVENUES | | | | | | |
| Program Revenues | \$ 14,807,332 | \$ 17,699,940 | \$ 23,930,049 | \$ 20,853,705 | \$ 38,737,381 | \$ 38,553,645 |
| General Revenues | 29,063,903 | 28,959,391 | 157,781 | 374,025 | 29,221,684 | 29,333,416 |
| Total Revenues | 43,871,235 | 46,659,331 | 24,087,830 | 21,227,730 | 67,959,065 | 67,887,061 |
| EXPENSES | | | | | | |
| General Government | \$ 6,046,714 | \$ 5,234,598 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 6,046,714 | \$ 5,234,598 |
| Public Safety | 8,140,987 | 7,572,400 | - | - | 8,140,987 | 7,572,400 |
| Planning and Development | 4,250,590 | 4,000,825 | - | - | 4,250,590 | 4,000,825 |
| Engineering & Public Works | 7,667,330 | 8,278,063 | - | - | 7,667,330 | 8,278,063 |
| Surface Water Management | 7,331,084 | 7,057,851 | - | - | 7,331,084 | 7,057,851 |
| Transportation | 3,395,009 | 2,194,455 | - | - | 3,395,009 | 2,194,455 |
| Culture and Recreation | 6,302,454 | 6,791,972 | - | - | 6,302,454 | 6,791,972 |
| Water and Wastewater | - | - | 14,898,733 | 14,856,269 | 14,898,733 | 14,856,269 |
| Solid Waste | - | - | 3,604,830 | 3,546,414 | 3,604,830 | 3,546,414 |
| Other | 404,574 | 762,276 | - | - | 404,574 | 762,276 |
| Total Expenses | 43,538,742 | 41,892,440 | 18,503,563 | 18,402,683 | 62,042,305 | 60,295,123 |
| NET ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Changes in Net Assets | 332,493 | 4,766,891 | 5,584,267 | 2,825,047 | 5,916,760 | 7,591,938 |
| Beginning Net Assets | 218,104,443 | 213,337,552 | 148,393,686 | 145,568,639 | 366,498,129 | 358,906,191 |
| Ending Net Assets | \$ 218,436,936 | \$ 218,104,443 | \$ 153,977,953 | \$ 148,393,686 | \$ 372,414,889 | \$ 366,498,129 |

Change in Net Assets - Governmental Activities
(in thousands)



Change in Net Assets - Business-Type Activities
(in thousands)



GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM...

(IN THOUSANDS)

| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Ad Valorem Taxes | \$ 13,341 | \$ 12,876 | \$ 14,460 | \$ 16,049 |
| Other Taxes | 15,035 | 14,710 | 14,263 | 13,779 |
| Impact Fees | 842 | 1,058 | 479 | 357 |
| Licenses & Permits | 4,689 | 3,698 | 3,315 | 2,963 |
| Inter- governmental | 6,331 | 9,530 | 18,248 | 13,508 |
| Charges for Services | 1,957 | 1,943 | 1,710 | 1,767 |
| Fines and Forfeitures | 546 | 726 | 447 | 541 |
| Investment Income | 524 | 835 | 1,336 | 3,401 |
| Miscellaneous | 545 | 684 | 1,160 | 793 |
| Total Revenues | \$ 43,810 | \$ 46,060 | \$ 55,417 | \$ 53,157 |

WHERE THE MONEY GOES...

(IN THOUSANDS)

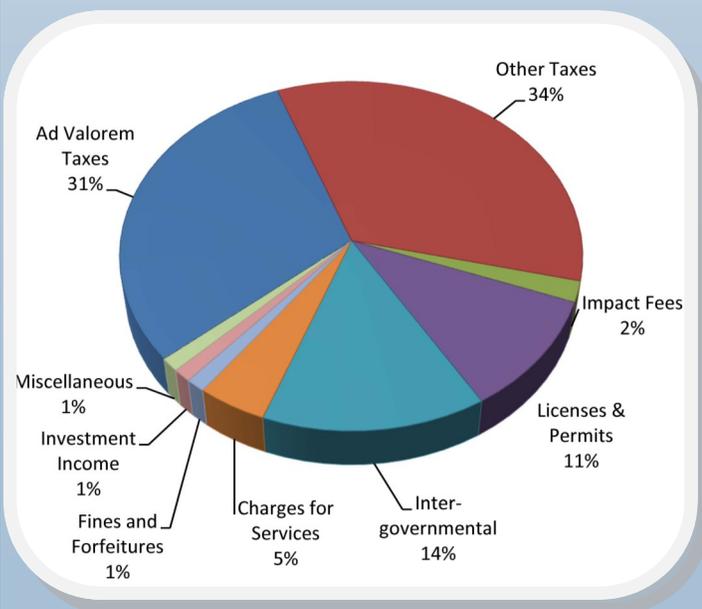
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| General Government | \$ 10,014 | \$ 9,778 | \$ 9,932 | \$ 8,776 |
| Public Safety | 7,813 | 7,462 | 7,386 | 6,987 |
| Physical Environment | 12,762 | 12,920 | 12,173 | 11,443 |
| Transportation | 1,529 | 1,512 | 1,399 | 1,527 |
| Culture & Recreation | 3,138 | 3,042 | 2,873 | 6,017 |
| Capital Outlay | 7,620 | 15,386 | 31,637 | 13,774 |
| Debt Service | 5,479 | 2,150 | 2,149 | 2,154 |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 48,355 | \$ 52,250 | \$ 67,550 | \$ 50,677 |

Basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on near-term inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Governmental fund information helps to determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance programs and services.

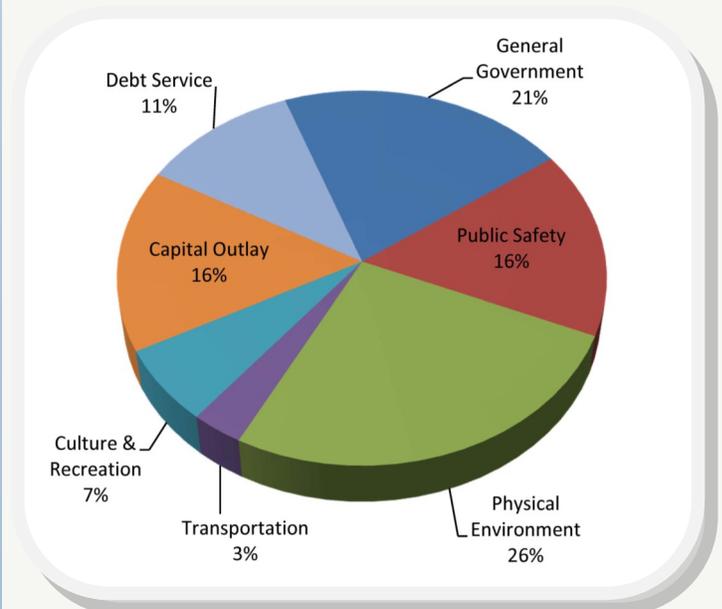
Governmental Fund Revenues—include all proceeds from the sale of capital assets, but exclude donations, net revenue of internal service funds and certain deferred revenues.

Governmental Fund Expenditures—include capital outlays for the acquisition of new assets, expenditures for debt issuance costs and the repayment of principal on long-term debt, but exclude deferred expenditures and annual depreciation and amortization charges.

REVENUE SOURCES—FY 2012



GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES—FY 2012



BUSINESS-TYPE FUNDS

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM...

(IN THOUSANDS)

| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Charges for Services | \$ 17,716 | \$ 16,626 | \$ 15,069 | \$ 13,646 |
| Inter- governmental | 106 | 20 | - | - |
| Special Assessments | 3,413 | 3,391 | 3,394 | 3,409 |
| Franchise Fees | 220 | 253 | 252 | 214 |
| Miscellaneous | 124 | 47 | 69 | 923 |
| Total Revenues | \$ 21,579 | \$ 20,336 | \$ 18,784 | \$ 18,192 |

WHERE THE MONEY GOES...

(IN THOUSANDS)

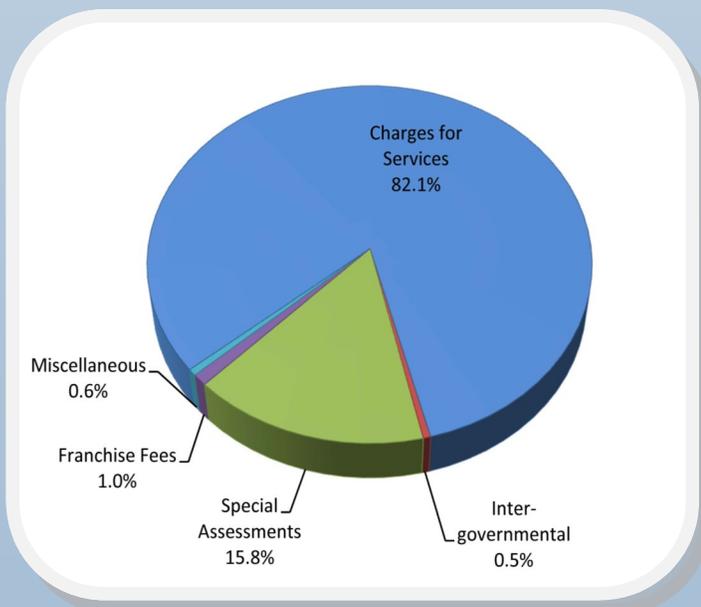
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Water Services | \$ 4,030 | \$ 3,961 | \$ 3,806 | \$ 4,508 |
| Wastewater Services | 2,509 | 2,007 | 1,856 | 2,256 |
| Laboratory | 104 | 101 | 104 | 103 |
| Customer Service | 526 | 748 | 660 | 709 |
| Administration | 750 | 856 | 754 | 686 |
| Solid Waste | 3,284 | 3,174 | 3,125 | 5,819 |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 11,203 | \$ 10,847 | \$ 10,305 | \$ 14,081 |

Enterprise funds are business like activities financed and operated in a manner similar to private enterprises in that the costs of providing services are recovered mainly through user charges. Wellington has two enterprise funds. Both funds are reported under the full accrual basis of accounting; revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are reported when incurred, regardless of the timing of the cash flow.

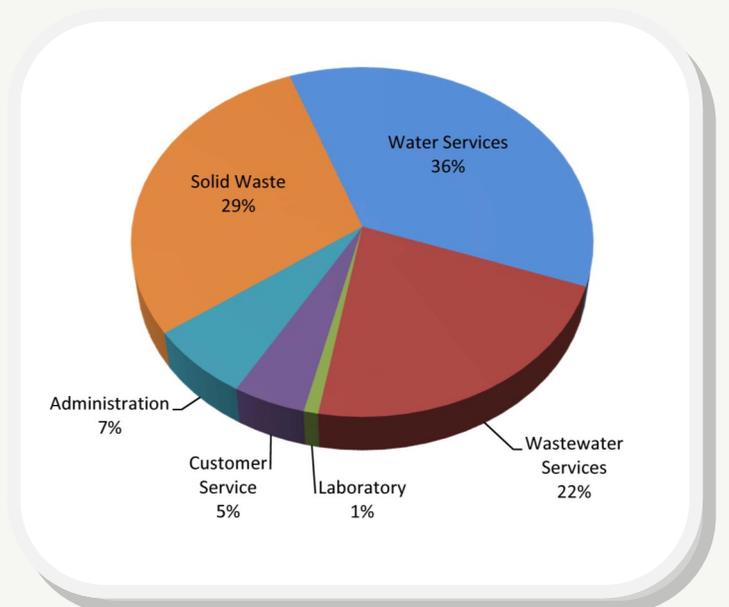
Water and Wastewater Fund—Wellington operates a water and wastewater utility system that is funded by utility rate revenue generated by usage and various user charges. Neither general governmental revenues nor non-ad valorem assessments are used to pay for the water and wastewater system. Wellington invests the usage fees in constructing, maintaining, and rehabilitating its infrastructure to ensure services are delivered in a safe and cost effective manner.

Solid Waste Fund—Revenues for this fund are primarily collected through non-ad valorem special assessments. Wellington collected \$3 million in special assessments in 2012 or 16% of total enterprise revenues.

REVENUE SOURCES—FY 2012

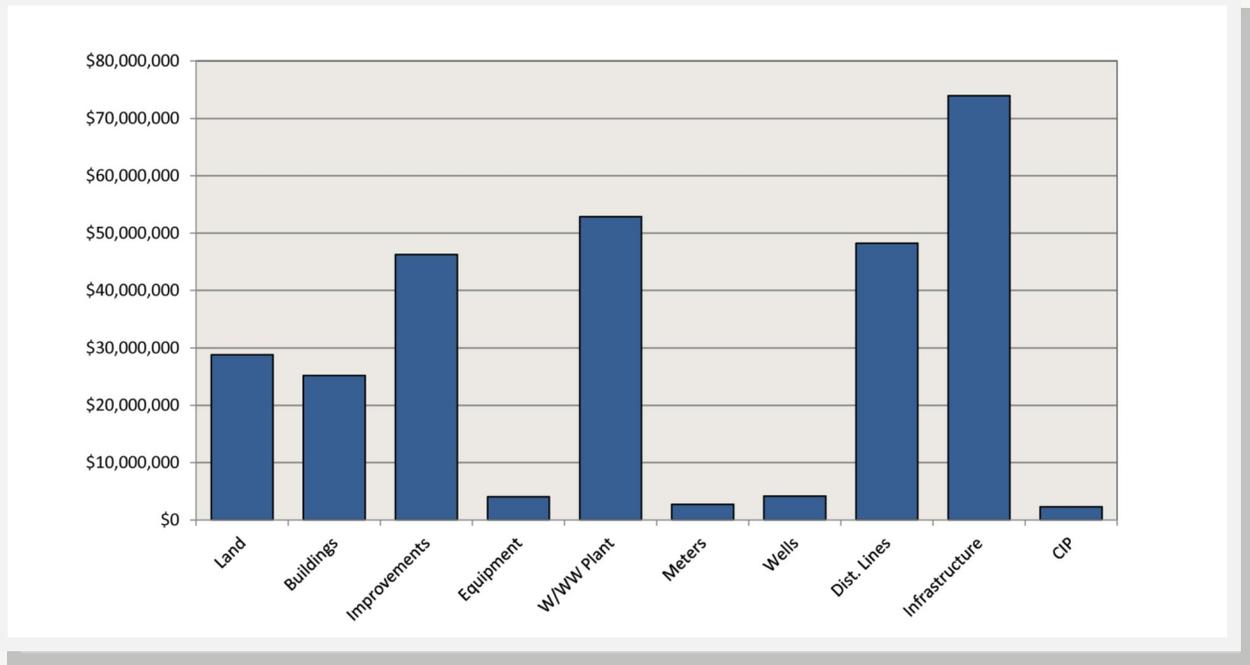


BUSINESS-TYPE SERVICES—FY 2012



CAPITAL ASSETS

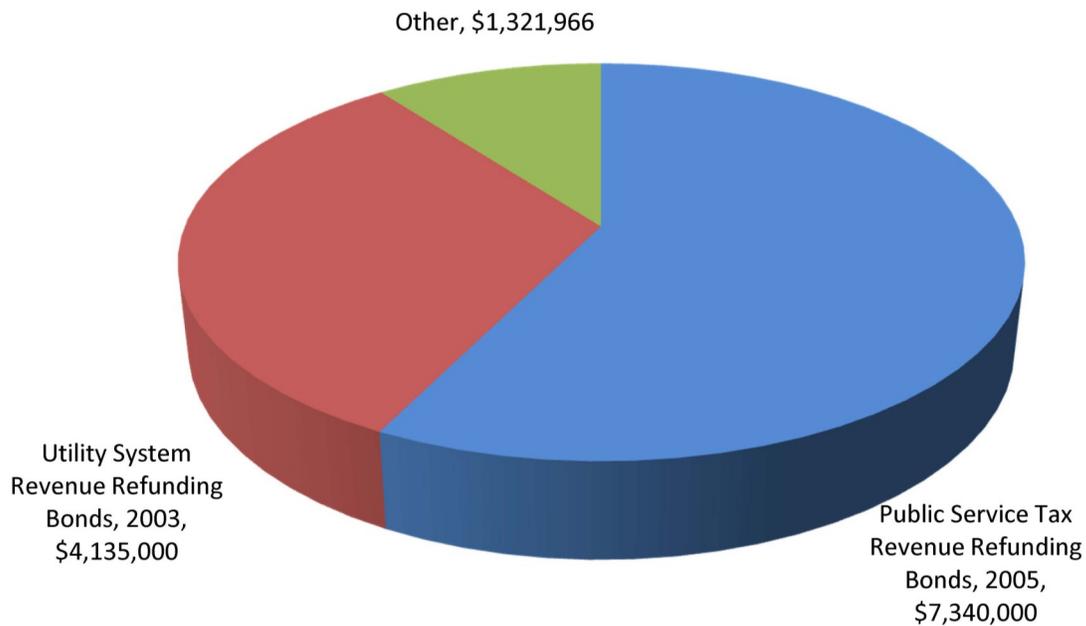
| CAPITAL ASSETS BY CATEGORY | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Description | Governmental | Business-Type | Total Assets |
| Land | \$ 19,821,956 | \$ 8,996,705 | \$ 28,818,661 |
| Buildings | 21,616,028 | 3,573,378 | 25,189,406 |
| Improvements | 43,676,186 | 2,592,162 | 46,268,348 |
| Equipment | 2,227,712 | 1,836,680 | 4,064,392 |
| Water/Wastewater Plant | - | 52,882,601 | 52,882,601 |
| Meters | - | 2,710,470 | 2,710,470 |
| Wells | - | 4,158,176 | 4,158,176 |
| Distribution Lines | - | 48,229,766 | 48,229,766 |
| Infrastructure | 73,963,938 | - | 73,963,938 |
| Construction in Progress | <u>2,004,463</u> | <u>285,714</u> | <u>2,290,177</u> |
| Total Assets | \$ 163,310,283 | \$ 125,265,652 | \$ 288,575,935 |



Wellington’s investment in capital assets as of September 30, 2012 is \$288,575,935 (net of accumulated depreciation). Major projects completed during the 2011 fiscal year include:

- ◆ Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion
- ◆ South Shore Boulevard Widening
- ◆ Greenview Shores Boulevard Landscaping
- ◆ Tiger Shark Cove Rebuild
- ◆ C-2 Canal Widening

LONG-TERM DEBT



Wellington's bond rating was upgraded by Fitch from AA to AA+ and in 2010 Moody's upgraded its bond rating to AA3. At the end of fiscal year 2012 there was over \$11 million in outstanding bond and loan obligations. The following is a list of outstanding debt on September 30, 2012:

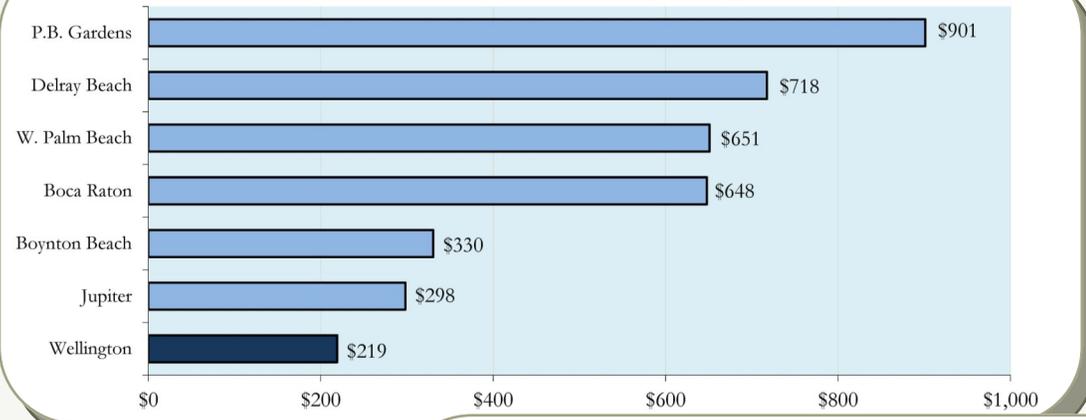
- ◆ Public Service Tax Refunding Bonds, 2005—To reduce interest rates, \$9,995,000 of bonds was issued to refund a portion of the 1999 issue. The amount outstanding at year end is \$7,340,000
- ◆ Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds, 2003—The bonds were issued to refund all of the Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1993, and to finance certain capital expenditures related to the water and wastewater system. The amount outstanding at year end was \$4,135,000

Wellington paid off and defeased the Florida Municipal Loans (2001A and 2002C) in December 2011 in the amounts of \$3,455,000 for the 2001A bond and \$4,135,000 for the 2002C bond.

TOP SEVEN CITY COMPARISON

The following charts compare tax revenues, expenditures and employees to the population for Wellington and six similar cities in Palm Beach County using data from the 2012 fiscal year. Wellington has the lowest per capita ad valorem revenue and expenditure rates, and one of the lowest employee count per 1,000 population ratio.

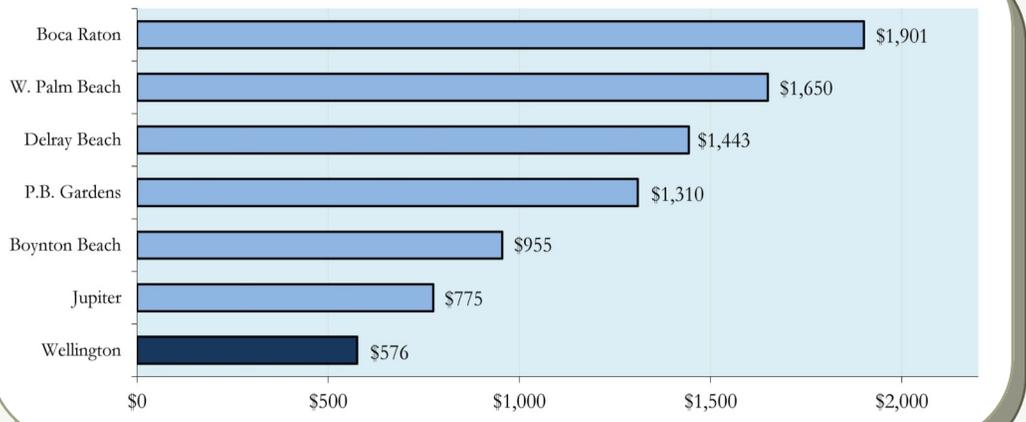
Ad Valorem Tax Revenues per Capita



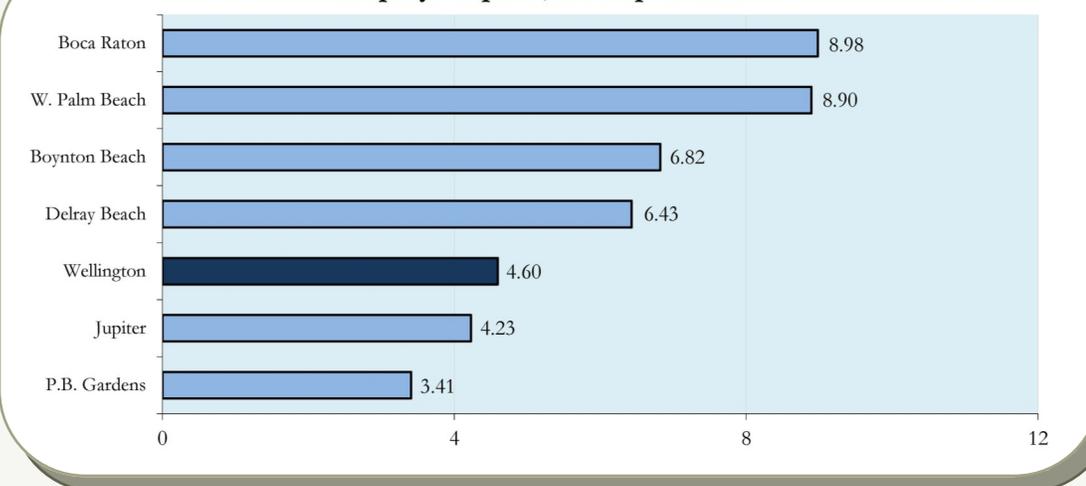
The adjacent chart illustrates the amount of ad valorem taxes revenue per capita collected by each city. Wellington has the lowest per capita rates of similar cities in Palm Beach County.

The chart to the right displays the general fund expenses per capita. These expenditures are usually funded by taxes, impact fees and state revenue sharing. Wellington has the lowest per capita expenditure rates of similar cities.

Total General Fund Expenditures (including transfers) per Capita



Employees per 1,000 Population

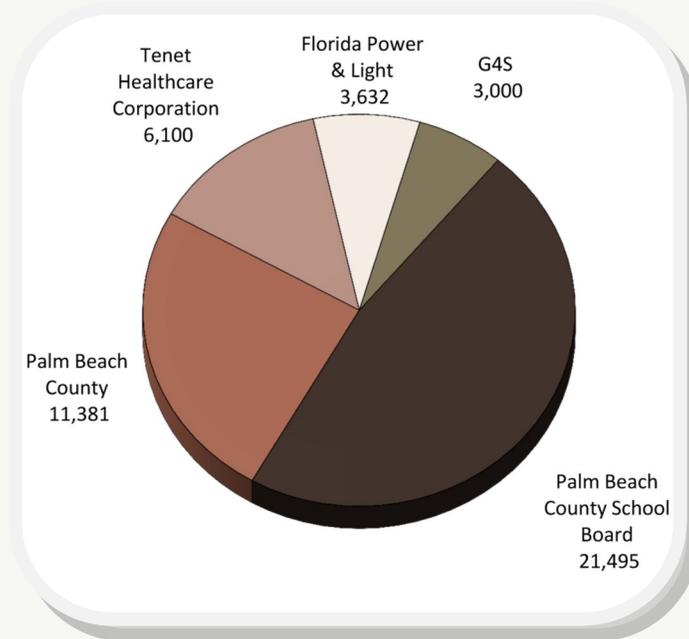


The chart to the left shows the number of employees per 1,000 population of each city. Wellington has one of the lowest number of employees per 1,000 residents of similar cities in Palm Beach County.

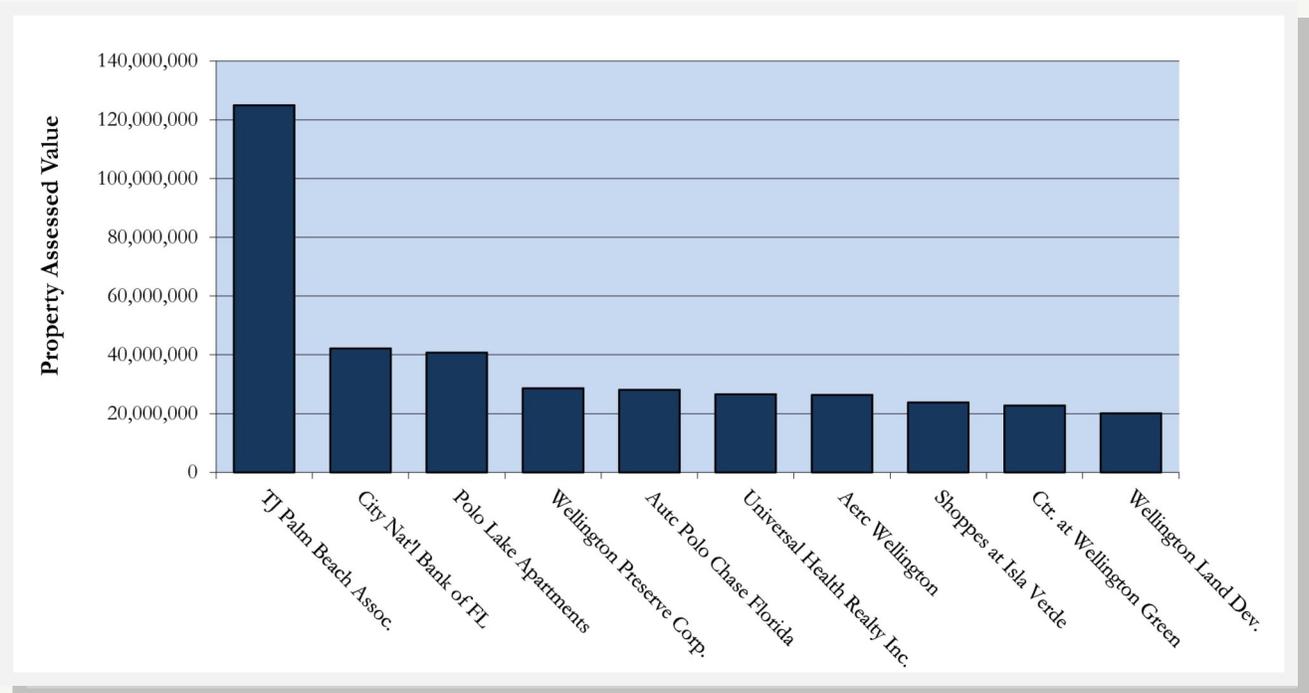
OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The charts below illustrate Wellington’s principal property taxpayers and Palm Beach County’s principal Employers for the 2012 fiscal year.

PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS—PALM BEACH COUNTY



WELLINGTON PRINCIPAL TAXPAYERS



MAJOR INITIATIVES

Wellington’s five fundamentals are the long-term financial and operational goals that provide the basis for annual departmental business plans which become the budget and capital improvement plan. Each fundamental has corresponding strategic initiatives for projects and programs and key measures, all of which position Wellington for the future. Below is each fundamental and specific programs designed to achieve Wellington’s Vision for the 2012 fiscal year.

- ◆ **Neighborhood Renaissance** - specific approaches are used to preserve and enhance residential areas based upon its respective needs. Neighborhood plans were developed for several neighborhoods to address specific needs focusing on improving infrastructure, beautification and public safety.

- ◇ Safe Neighborhoods Program

- ◆ **Economic Development** – promotes business education and enhancing the standard of living. Concepts are designed to infuse core business centers and housing stock.

- ◇ Town Center Development

- ◇ Equestrian Branding

- ◆ **Respecting the Environment** - continuously investigating technological advances, studying environmental indicators, educating the public and working as a team with all concerned agencies, Wellington is taking responsibility for protecting natural resources while reducing environmental impacts.

- ◇ Restoration of Tree Canopy

- ◇ Equine Waste and Environmental Program

- ◆ **Responsive Government** – connecting as a government that is responsive to the public, provides services that residents need and pursue policies that are accountable to the stakeholders.

- ◇ “Open Wellington” initiative

- ◇ Expanded E-Services

- ◆ **Protecting Our Investment** – focusing on maintaining and improving long-term resources, while enhancing safety and addressing emergency needs.

- ◇ Drainage and Flood Control Improvement Programs

- ◇ Parks and Public Facilities Improvement Programs

- ◇ Infrastructure and Public Facility Maintenance Programs



NEIGHBORHOOD RENAISSANCE

Safe Neighborhoods—The safe neighborhoods mission is to identify social and economic factors that contribute to neighborhood decline and to prepare a set of strategies that will (1) develop a community based movement that restores a safe family neighborhood orientation; (2) engage residents in their neighborhoods; and (3) encourage investments in appearance and the long-term maintenance of neighborhood values.



The objectives of this initiatives are as follows:

- ◆ Maintain communication between Wellington, organizations, residents, and neighborhoods and create positive perceptions of neighborhoods
- ◆ Work with community oriented policing to implement an action plan and use police data to analyze trends.
- ◆ Support the development of infrastructure and neighborhood improvements including road closures, road paving, fencing, sidewalks and lighting
- ◆ Develop partnerships including Citizens Volunteer Organization; crime watch groups; county non-profit organizations; homeowners associations; religious organizations; and chambers of commerce
- ◆ Improve neighborhood beautification through clean-up events organized by non-profit groups, residents, and organizations.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Town Center Development—At the heart of Midtown in Wellington's Town Center, a 23-acre site predominantly anchors Wellington's Main Street. Town Center is home to:

- ◆ A Gold LEED-certified City Hall
- ◆ Patriot Memorial featuring a steel beam from the World Trade Center,
- ◆ Scott's Place—a barrier-free playground for children of all physical abilities,
- ◆ Aquatics Complex
- ◆ Amphitheater that can accommodate up to 1,500 people for concerts and regular community events,
- ◆ Community Center—home to a variety of activities open to the general public and about to be razed and rebuilt following a variety of public input sessions
- ◆ A 16 court tennis facility

Equestrian Branding—The equestrian community is an integral part of the economic demographic and physical infrastructure of Wellington, adding to its unique lifestyle and ambience. Over the years Wellington has made a substantial investment in the special infrastructure requirements to encourage and support these interests including: unique legislative protection for the industry; the Equestrian Preservation Area; an optional comprehensive plan element; an equestrian overlay zoning district, a riding trail master plan and numerous water quality improvements. The economic impact of the industry is substantial.



RESPECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Restoration of Tree Canopy—In an attempt to increase the overall canopy of Wellington we have set a goal of obtaining a 60% canopy by 2060 (60 by 60). In order to accomplish this goal the following steps will be needed:

- ◆ Obtaining a new urban ecosystem analysis
- ◆ Increase plantings on public land adding trees to neighborhood parks
- ◆ Exploring incentives for private property owners to plant trees,
- ◆ Provide assistance for replacement of invasive exotics species and education of the FPL “right tree, right place” program

Equine Waste and Environmental Program—

Wellington is committed to improve the Best Management Practice (BMP) designed to further enhance flood attenuation, improve water quality and provide additional storage of surface water. The program’s goal is to further reduce nutrient concentrations and other pollutants that potentially may enter the regional storm water systems. This goal is consistent with, and complimentary to, other State and Federal efforts to improve water quality in South Florida and the Florida Everglades.



RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT

Open Wellington—The document management system project has been expanded to include the entire Open Wellington Initiative. The program was implemented with the financial transparency reporting tool and has completed its second phase. This includes and upgrade of the document management system, backlog scanning of all city records, integration of the document management system with SharePoint, GIS and SunGard and the expansion of Open Wellington online.



Expanded E-Services—Wellington is striving to be the most user friendly government in the United States. To this end, we are working to make as much information and as many resources as possible available electronically. We have added the Open Wellington system, the Browse Aloud website reading feature, and have made the directory of services information searchable. We have most recently added the Citizens Action Center website for anyone to report a problem, register a complaint, get information on a variety of topics and to ask a general question. Wellington is in the process of transitioning all of our forms to electronic submittal forms for more convenience as well.

PROTECTING OUR INVESTMENT

Public Works—Wellington has made a concerted effort to address aging infrastructure by increasing maintenance programs and investing in upgrades to systems to provide extra resources to care for the health of residents, businesses and employees, while enhancing safety, and emergency needs. These programs include a drainage rehabilitation program, drainage and flood control improvement program, swale maintenance and improvement program, and roads maintenance program.

**Parks and Public Facilities Maintenance**—

Wellington has implemented several maintenance programs to benefit parks and public facilities. The following highlight some of those programs:

- ◆ Ten trail heads have been moved and renovated
- ◆ Horse trail improvements, including drainage work, sodding, adding new bases, etc.
- ◆ New facilities have been added to Greenbriar Park, Village Park and the new Wellington Environmental Preserve at Section 24.

Facility Improvements—Many facility improvements have been completed in 2012. Below is a sample of the work done or currently underway:

- ◆ Weatherproofing and exterior renovations to Village Park Gym
- ◆ Construction of a new Wellington Community Center
- ◆ Construction of a new Boys and Girls Club facility
- ◆ Wastewater treatment plant expansion



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