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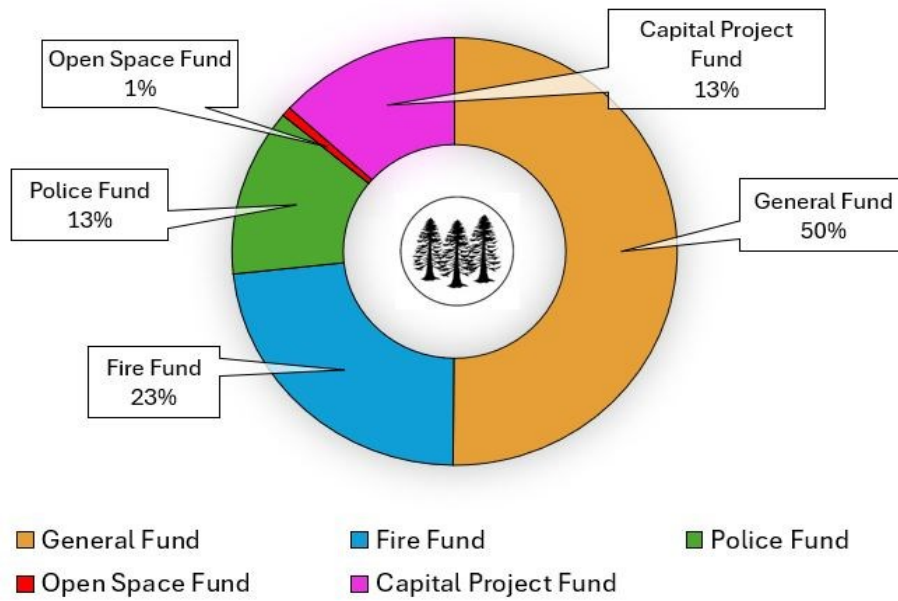
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## 2024/2025 Dexter Township Financial Report

### Dexter Township End of Budget Cycle 2024-2025



The general fund consists of a wide range of expenses including salaries for staff and elected officials, contracted services, IT equipment & service, elections, building and ground maintenance, planning and zoning services, and community service support. The fire fund covers fire services and the police fund covers police services as well as the Township warning siren upgrades, which makes up 36% of the budget in total. The capital project fund covers expenses such as road improvements, fire hydrants, and cellular connectivity. Finally, the Open Space fund allocates funds to open space purchases to preserve land in the Township.

### Permits



Spring is here and construction projects are ramping up. Just a reminder: permits are required for things such as fences, exterior lighting, generators, outdoor furnaces, propane tanks, roadside stands, signs, decks, patios, gazebos, and pools. If you are wondering if you need to pull a permit for your upcoming project, contact our Director of Planning and Zoning at [dpz@dextertownshipmi.gov](mailto:dpz@dextertownshipmi.gov).



### Financial Update from Supervisor Scott

Dexter Township successfully closed out Fiscal Year 2025 at the end of March, finishing the year with a slight budget surplus. This outcome was the result of the Board's fiscal management, with several major projects coming in under budget and the Township's investment strategies performing well. Throughout the year, we continued to prioritize services and improvements for residents, including essential road repairs, the continuation of the Township-wide park pass program, and significant renovations and repairs to the Townhall building, among other initiatives that enhanced community access and infrastructure.

In March, the Board approved the Fiscal Year 2026 budget, which went into effect on April 1. This budget reflects our continued commitment to long-term planning and resident-focused investment. Key expenditures for FY 2026 include the final phase of our road improvement plan which will result in all collector roads in the Township reaching "good" condition, allowing us to focus on maintenance moving forward. We are also allocating funds to complete and close out the Township's broadband initiative, ensuring every Dexter Township household has access to high-speed internet and continuing to work on cellular connectivity issues throughout the Township. We look forward to another productive year delivering on our goals while maintaining a strong financial position.

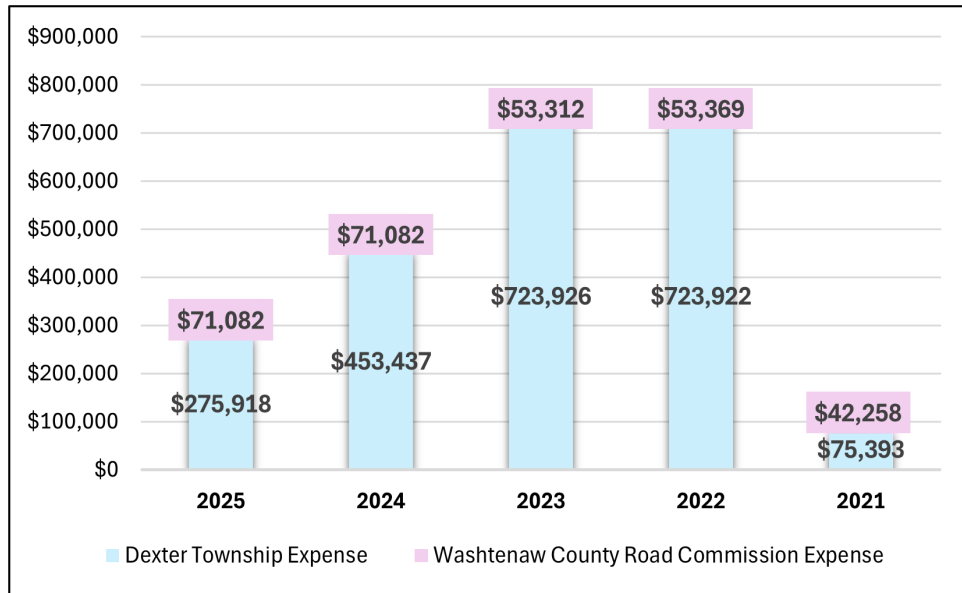
Did You Know Anyone Can Ride the WAVE?	Dexter Township Cemetery History
<p>The WAVE bus provides Dexter Township residents with affordable, reliable, and accessible public transportation. Rides with the WAVE bus must be scheduled in advance by either calling the WAVE office at 734-475-9494 or using the mobile app Ride Pingo. For more information on the WAVE bus you can view their website <a href="http://ridewavebus.org">ridewavebus.org</a> or email them at <a href="mailto:book.my.ride@wavebus.org">book.my.ride@wavebus.org</a>. Happy travels!</p> 	 <p>The Dudley family was one of Dexter Township’s earliest settlers, arriving around 1829. The Dudley family played a key role in Dexter Township’s development, notably donating their land in 1841 which is now the Hudson Mills cemetery. You can see a headstone belonging to a member of the Dudley family in the Hudson Mills Cemetery, just across from the Dexter Township Hall.</p>

Film Plastic & Styrofoam Recycling	
<p>Film plastics — like grocery bags and bubble wrap — cannot go into curbside bins, but they can be recycled at Dexter Township Hall! Recycling film plastic keeps it out of landfills, reduces pollution, and supports a cleaner and more sustainable community. Here at Dexter Township, you can drop your film plastic in the orange bin in the parking lot.</p> <p>✓ The items that <b>are</b> accepted are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Potting &amp; garden soil bags (please rinse out first), mulch bags (please rinse out first), grocery, ice, bread, dry cleaning, and Ziplock bags, cereal box liners &amp; newspaper sleeves, bubble wrap &amp; plastic mailers</li> </ul> 	<p>✗ The items that <b>are not</b> accepted are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Frozen food bags, candy wrapper bags, chip bags, mesh produce bags, pet food &amp; feed bags, salad mix bags, six pack rings, pool covers, silage and hay bags, vinyl shower curtains, bedding or linen packaging.</li> </ul> <p>Styrofoam can also be recycled near Dexter Township on Sundays at the Dexter Mill from noon-2:00pm!</p>   <p>Boat shrink wrap is a single use plastic that typically ends up in landfills after it’s removed. Thankfully, there’s a way you can recycle yours so it stays out of the landfill! You can take your boat shrink wrap to Chelsea High School any day of the week and drop it off right at door #4.</p>

Dates to Remember
<p><b>Annual Cleanup Day</b>— <b>Saturday, October 25, 2025</b> – during this event, residents will be able to drop off items such as electronics, tires, scrap metal, and Styrofoam. We hope to see you there!</p> <p><b>Memorial Day Parade</b>—<b>Monday, May 26, 2025</b>—Dexter Township will be marching in the parade and we encourage everyone to come and participate as well!</p> <p><b>Other important updates</b>— If your HOA needs a place to meet, contact Dexter Township and ask about our hall rentals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* The Dexter Senior Center will be opening their new facility around <b>June 1, 2025</b>. Please contact Anna Pekrul at <a href="mailto:anna.pekrual@dexterseniors.org">anna.pekrual@dexterseniors.org</a> if you’re interested in learning more!</li> <li>* The annual Park Pass Program pass requests will begin in <b>September of 2025</b> so mark your calendars!</li> </ul>

### Township's Five-Year Local Roads Plan Winds Down

Dexter Township, in partnership with the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC), is currently wrapping up a five-year local road improvement plan focused on upgrading major connector roads with drainage work, brushing, surface shaping, and limestone resurfacing. The final projects in 2025 will include improvements to Madden Road and Stinchfield Woods Road, with a combined investment of over \$300,000. Throughout the five-year span nearly two million dollars was invested, supported by WCRC's Local Road Matching Program. The graph shows the financial breakdown over the last five years with Dexter Township's contributions in blue and the Washtenaw Road Commissions contributions in purple.



### Single Hauler Update

We'd like to provide residents with an update on the proposed single hauler project and help clarify some misinformation that has been circulating on social media. **No final decision has been made.** There will be several more opportunities for public input before any action is taken by the Township Board.

This is not a new topic for Dexter Township. It was first referenced in the 2023 Master Plan, and a public coffee chat was held in early 2024 to gather feedback. The response from residents was largely positive and included many thoughtful suggestions.

In March 2024, the Township posted a community survey that received approximately 600 responses. Of those, 80% supported the idea of a single hauler program, while 13% said they would not choose to enroll. Based on this input, the Township issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to gather bids from waste service providers.

After the November 2024 election, the project was temporarily paused. In February 2025, the RFP process was finalized and four vendors submitted proposals. Discussions with vendors are currently ongoing as we continue to evaluate options for a program that fits the needs of our community.

**Key goals of the project include:**

- Lowering costs for residents
- Improving service quality and consistency
- Reducing road wear and traffic
- Supporting environmental sustainability
- Increasing public safety
- Extending the life of regional landfills



We are exploring a 5-year contract with prearranged annual rate adjustments, and the program is being structured as voluntary ("opt-in"). Residents would choose whether to participate and would contract directly with the provider. The Township would not be financially involved.

We understand this is a significant decision with community-wide impact, and we are committed to a thoughtful, transparent process. Additional town hall meetings will be scheduled before any contract is finalized. Should the Township move forward, we will also host informal coffee chats to guide residents through the transition.

**Have questions? We're here to help.**

**Please reach out to:**

- [knolte@dextertownshipmi.gov](mailto:knolte@dextertownshipmi.gov)
- [info@dextertownshipmi.gov](mailto:info@dextertownshipmi.gov)

Dexter Township Warning Sirens	Important Information Regarding Bird Flu
<p>Dexter Township’s warning siren maintenance provider, West Shore Services, were onsite in the beginning of April installing new federal signal universal controllers in all 16 siren cabinets. This transition will allow for future integration into Washtenaw County’s two-way monitoring system. As a reminder to residents, the warning sirens are triggered when the National Weather Service has issued a tornado warning, a severe thunderstorm with 75 MPH winds or greater, a hazardous materials accident or other local emergency that requires immediate protective action by the public, or an attack on the United States is imminent, underway, or has recently occurred. The sirens are tested once a month (the first Saturday of the month) from March to October and the Washtenaw County Sheriff Emergency Services Division has designated volunteers to observe the sirens during the routine testing to make sure they are sounding appropriately. If you want to receive alerts regarding inclement weather, please sign up for the Everbridge app by going to <a href="https://www.washtenaw.org/1540/Emergency-Management">https://www.washtenaw.org/1540/Emergency-Management</a>.</p> 	<p>The Washtenaw County Health Department is advising residents of Washtenaw County to take some general precautions regarding the recent reports of deceased birds in the area. These precautions include:</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid handling sick or dead wildlife</li> <li>• Wash your hands after contact with wildlife</li> <li>• Cook poultry and eggs to 165°F</li> <li>• Do not consume unpasteurized products, like raw milk</li> <li>• Keep pets away from wildlife/feces</li> <li>• If you see 6 or more dead wild birds, file a report using the DNR’s Eyes in the Field reporting form that can be found at <a href="http://www2.dnr.state.mi.us/ors/Survey/4">www2.dnr.state.mi.us/ors/Survey/4</a> or call the DNR Wildlife Disease Laboratory at 517-336-5030.</li> <li>• If you suspect avian influenza in domestic animals or birds, contact MDARD immediately at 800-292-3939 or (for after-hours emergencies) 517-373-0440.</li> </ul>

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