

2026

BUDGET IN BRIEF COUNTY OF ADAMS

Gettysburg, PA

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Adams County, Pennsylvania

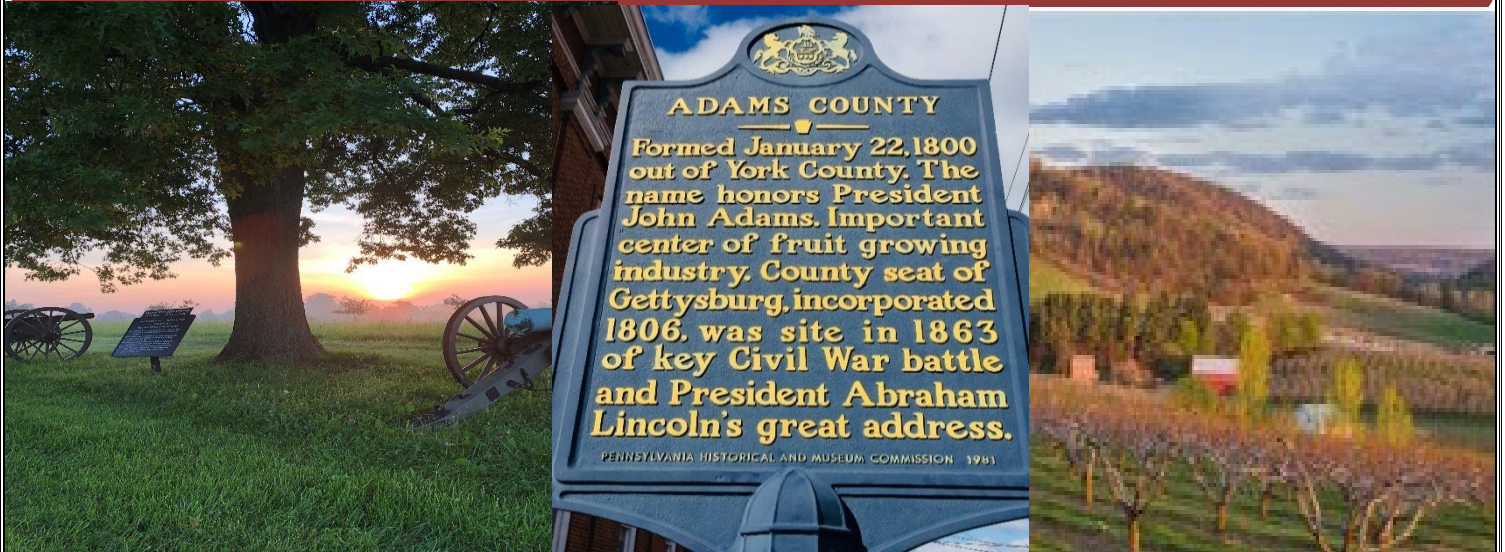


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MISSION STATEMENT

Adams County will provide services which are responsive to the health, safety, and general welfare of County residents. The county government is dedicated in providing various public services through the effective use of the County's resources in a caring and honest manner.

We strive to provide a healthy and safe community to enhance the quality of life for our citizens.



County Commissioners

The three County Commissioners constitute the chief governing body of the County. The Commissioners are tasked with policy-making authority to provide certain local services and accommodations on a county-wide basis.

The commissioners are the sole contractors for the county; they approve contracts and purchases for all purposes expressly or implicitly authorized by law.

The County of Adams is a unitary governmental entity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The County acts as an agent for the Commonwealth on various functions as specified by Pennsylvania State law. These functions include the delivery of numerous human services and the administrative oversight of various health and public safety programs and the maintenance of various County bridges. In addition to these functions, the County of Adams is responsible for maintaining the Court of Common Pleas, the Minor Judiciary System, and specific offices charged with keeping records of legal and judicial proceedings. The services of the county commissioners began with the maintenance of the local judicial system and the local adult correctional complex.

The current Board of Commissioners were first elected in 2012 and since, have served three four year terms. They were re-elected to begin their fourth term in 2024.



Chairman Randy Phiel



Vice Chairman Jim Martin



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County Overview

The County of Adams is situated in the south-central part of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, bounded on the east by York County, on the north by Cumberland County and on the west by Franklin County. It is also bordered by Frederick and Carroll counties in Maryland to the south. The County is 526 square miles in area and is part of the York Metropolitan Statistical Area (the “MSA”) which is comprised of York and Adams counties. Gettysburg, the County Seat, is located 54 miles northwest of Baltimore, 78 miles northwest of Washington D.C. and 108 miles southwest of Philadelphia.

Adams County is classified as a Fifth Class County under Pennsylvania laws, with a population of about 106,115 residents, based on 2024 stats. There are 34 political subdivisions within the County, including 13 boroughs and 21 second class townships. Conewago Township has the largest population of all municipalities in the county, followed by the County Seat of Gettysburg.

The County’s character is primarily residential and rural in nature. Gettysburg, which is the economic center of the County is surrounded by countryside rich in visual beauty and encompasses some of the East Coast’s most productive agricultural area. Primary industries are tourism and agriculture.

The Gettysburg area is also rich in history by its connection with some of the most important trends and events in our nation’s growth. Gettysburg was an early gateway to westward expansion, the first settlers coming to the County in 1734. The region gained fame in July 1863 when the most destructive and decisive battle ever fought on America soil took place. The Battle of Gettysburg was the turning point of the Civil War, and the Battlefield was later the site of Abraham Lincoln’s famed Gettysburg Address. Today the Gettysburg National Military Park stands as one of the most historically significant and most visited battlefield memorials in the United States. Together with the Eisenhower National Historic Site-the former home of President Dwight D. Eisenhower and his wife, Mamie-the two sites encompass more than 6,700 acres.

Tourism plays a vital role in Adams County’s economy. Approximately 3.7 million visitors travel to the County each year and contribute more than \$809.2 million dollars to the local economy while travel and tourism generate about \$151 million in tax revenue.

Adams County works diligently with community partners to preserve the balance between the conservation of valuable resources and the need for economic development to maintain a quality of life that can be enjoyed by generations to come.

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Adams County residents have many opportunities to pursue recreational interests. Four Pennsylvania State Parks, with well-developed recreational facilities, serve Adams County, Gettysburg, and surrounding communities. In addition, 15 miles to the south, Maryland's Cunningham Falls State Park and Catoclin Mountain National Park provide additional facilities. Numerous well-maintained campgrounds, many of which are equipped with swimming and other recreation facilities, surround Gettysburg.

Adams County is also served by the County Club at Hanover, along with 10 golf courses that are open to the public.

Throughout the year residents hold numerous fairs and festivals. The County's role as a major producer of fruit is celebrated twice a year at the Apple Blossom and the Apple Harvest Festivals in Arendtsville. The Gettysburg Theatre Festival is presented each summer on the campus of Gettysburg College. Gettysburg and East Berlin Boroughs contain large historic districts listed in the National Register of Historic Places.



Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center  
1195 Baltimore Pike  
Gettysburg, PA 17325

# *Agricultural Industry*

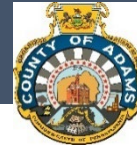
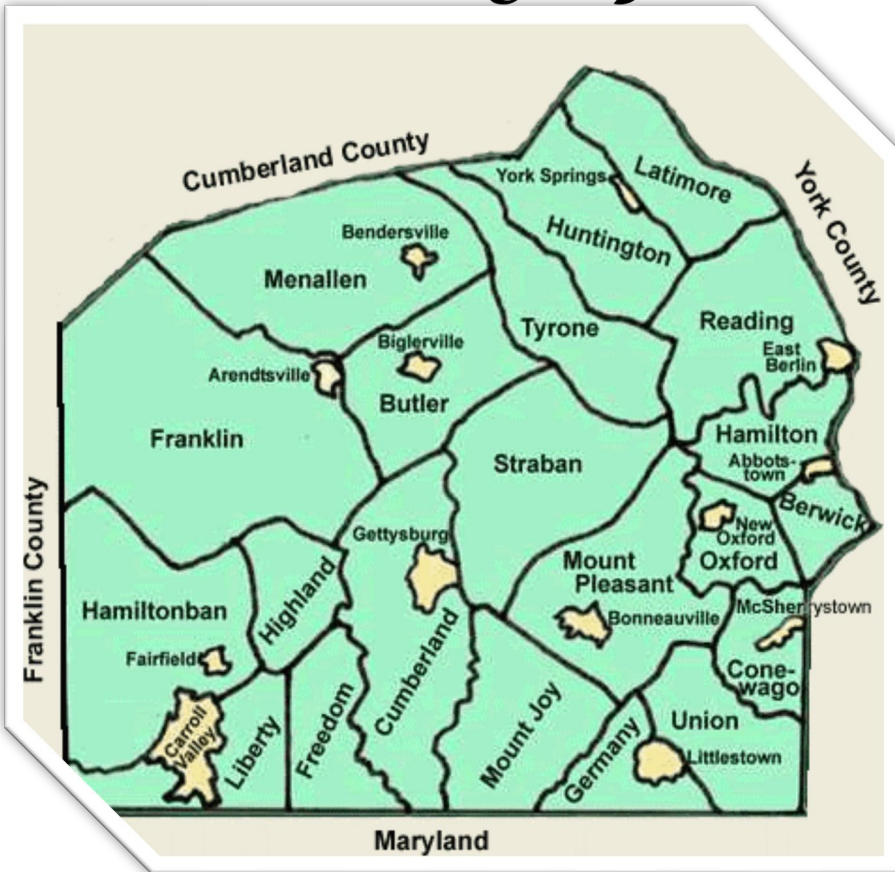
The Adams County Fruit Belt has been an important part of Adams County's history since the mid-nineteenth century. Centered in Pennsylvania's Historic South Mountain region the fruit belt is the 5<sup>th</sup> most productive apple-producing area in the United States. A 2025 fruit belt study completed by The Chesapeake Group estimates the industry's annual impact on Adams County economy at roughly \$523 million. There are over 14,000 acres of active orchards and vineyards in Adams County. The fruit belt contains a unique combination of soils, slopes, and a micro-climate that has been recognized since the late 1800's as prime land for apple orchards.

In addition to fruit, the Equine Industry has an estimated annual economic impact of \$49 million. Created in the early 1900's, the internationally known Hanover Shoe Farms, located in Union, and Conewango Townships, is the top money-winning standardbred horse breeding farm in the world.

Agriculture in Adams County remains strong and includes a diverse mix of operations, including fruit and vegetable farms, traditional dairy farms, livestock operations, equine and other agriculture businesses. Of the County's 334,000 total acres, over 33,000 acres have been preserved through the Green Space Grant Program and the County Farmland Preservation Program. Altogether, 283 properties comprise the 33,000 acres of protected farmland.



# Demographics Overview



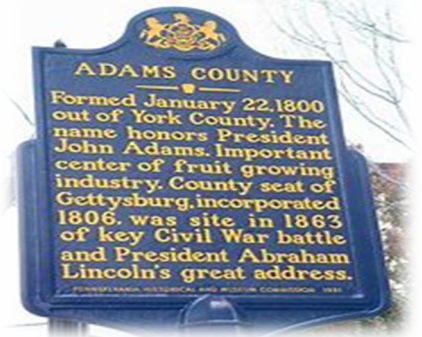
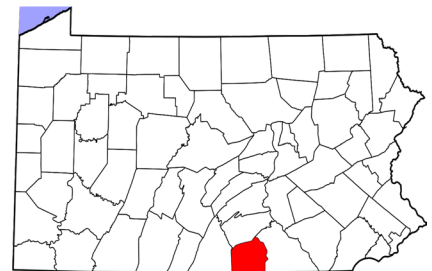
## County Statistics

\*Estimated 2024 and Dec 2025

|                                     |   |          |
|-------------------------------------|---|----------|
| Estimated Population (Est. 2024)    | → | 107,914  |
| Median Age (Est. 2024)              | → | 43.7     |
| Median Household Income (Est. 2024) | → | \$84,092 |
| Unemployment Rate (Dec 2025)        | → | 3.7%     |

## Top 10 Employers as of Q3 2025

-  Gettysburg College
-  Federal Government
-  Gettysburg Hospital
-  Packing Corp of America
-  Utz Quality Foods LLC
-  Knouse Foods Coop Inc
-  Farm Fresh Turkey Products LLC
-  Wellspan Medical Group
-  Adams County
-  Conewago Valley SD



2026 ADAMS COUNTY BUDGET

## Total Budget by Sources and Services

**REVENUES**

**SOURCES**

|                                              |                     |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Taxes</i>                                 | <i>\$57,332,000</i> |
| <i>Interest &amp; Rents</i>                  | <i>1,423,244</i>    |
| <i>Intergovernmental Revenue's</i>           | <i>15,908,431</i>   |
| <i>Charges for Services (Dept. Earnings)</i> | <i>5,259,772</i>    |
| <i>License &amp; Permits</i>                 | <i>150,700</i>      |
| <i>Court Costs &amp; Fines</i>               | <i>1,530,750</i>    |
| <i>Miscellaneous</i>                         | <i>918,459</i>      |
| <i>Transfers-Other County Operations</i>     | <i>5,491,725</i>    |
| <i>Fund Balance Appropriated</i>             | <i>5,453,511</i>    |
| <i>Fund Balance Assigned-ARRF</i>            | <i>5,000,000</i>    |
| <b>TOTAL SOURCES</b>                         | <b>\$98,468,592</b> |

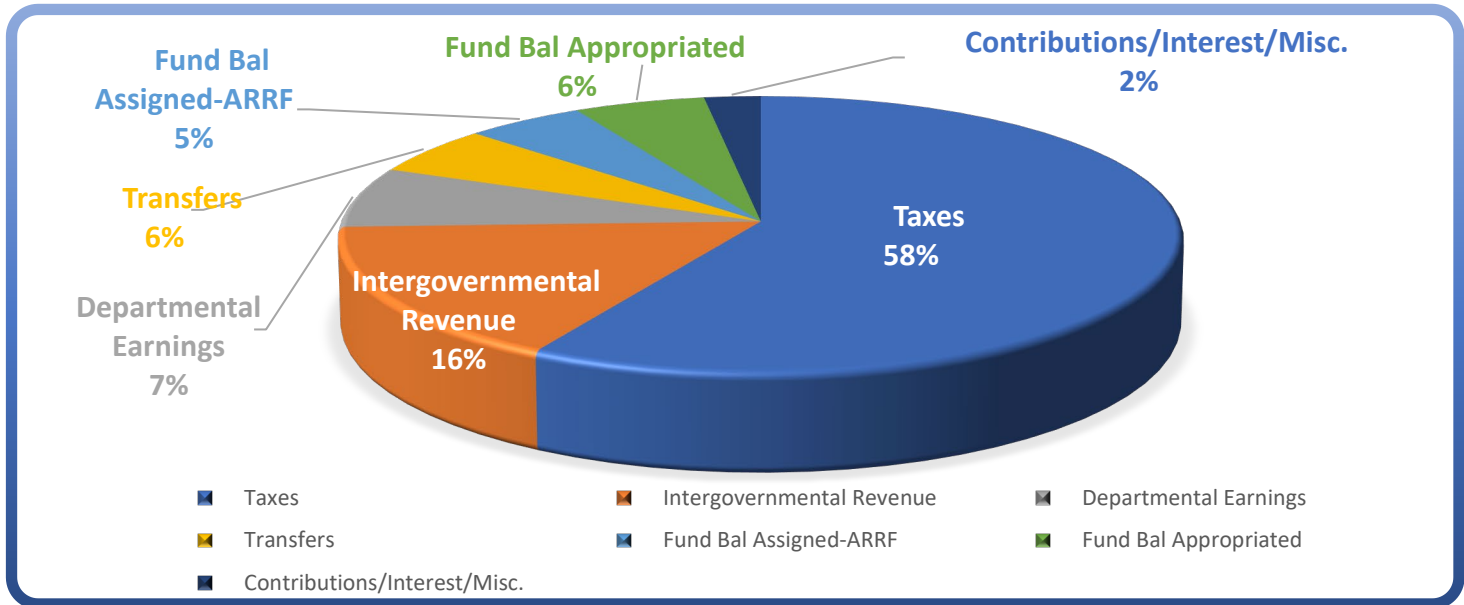
**EXPENDITURES**

**SERVICES PROVIDED/FUNCTION TYPE**

|                                          |                     |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>General Governmental-Admin</i>        | <i>\$23,274,736</i> |
| <i>General Governmental-Judicial</i>     | <i>18,837,727</i>   |
| <i>Public Safety</i>                     | <i>24,558,756</i>   |
| <i>Public Works</i>                      | <i>880,600</i>      |
| <i>Human Services</i>                    | <i>12,372,833</i>   |
| <i>Culture &amp; Recreation</i>          | <i>3,471,574</i>    |
| <i>Conservation/Development</i>          | <i>1,851,202</i>    |
| <i>Debt Service</i>                      | <i>6,155,170</i>    |
| <i>Transfers-Other County Operations</i> | <i>7,065,994</i>    |
| <b>TOTAL SERVICES</b>                    | <b>\$98,468,592</b> |

As presented above, the total 2026 County Budget is balanced with both revenues and expenditures (shown above) coming in at \$98.5 million. This schedule, per GASB, is presented by Source type (revenues) and Function type (expenditures) for reporting purposes. Essentially, the function type groupings represent Public Services the County provides to its citizens. The following pages breakdown the revenue budget and the expenditure budget separately and discusses forecasting, projecting, and dives into what makes up the County's budget. Overall, this budget was balanced utilizing reserves of approximately \$5.4 million. The County is in good standing fiscally, which allows reserves to be used to balance.

# Where does the money come from?



**Taxes** **\$57,332,000**

The County is permitted by state law to levy real estate taxes up to 25 mills on every dollar of adjusted valuation for general County purposes inclusive of the requirements for the payment of interest and principal on bonded debt. For 2026, County real estate taxes were levied at the rate of 5.1393 mills. Real estate tax estimates, including interim taxes, are based upon assessed values, appeals, and delinquent tax collection estimates.

**Intergovernmental Revenue** **\$15,908,431**

Receipts from other governments (federal, state, and local) in the forms of grants, entitlements, or payments in lieu of taxes. Revenue is estimated using allocations and information from federal, state, and local agencies.

**Departmental Earnings** **\$6,941,222**

User fees, fines, court-related cost reimbursements, licenses, permits, and commissions paid by the Commonwealth to elected row officers for collecting various fees and charges are combined into this category for summary purposes.

**Transfers** **\$5,491,725**

Represents operating transfers of funds from one governmental fund to another governmental fund when one fund is legally responsible to support the other. This includes the subsidy provided to the special revenue funds.

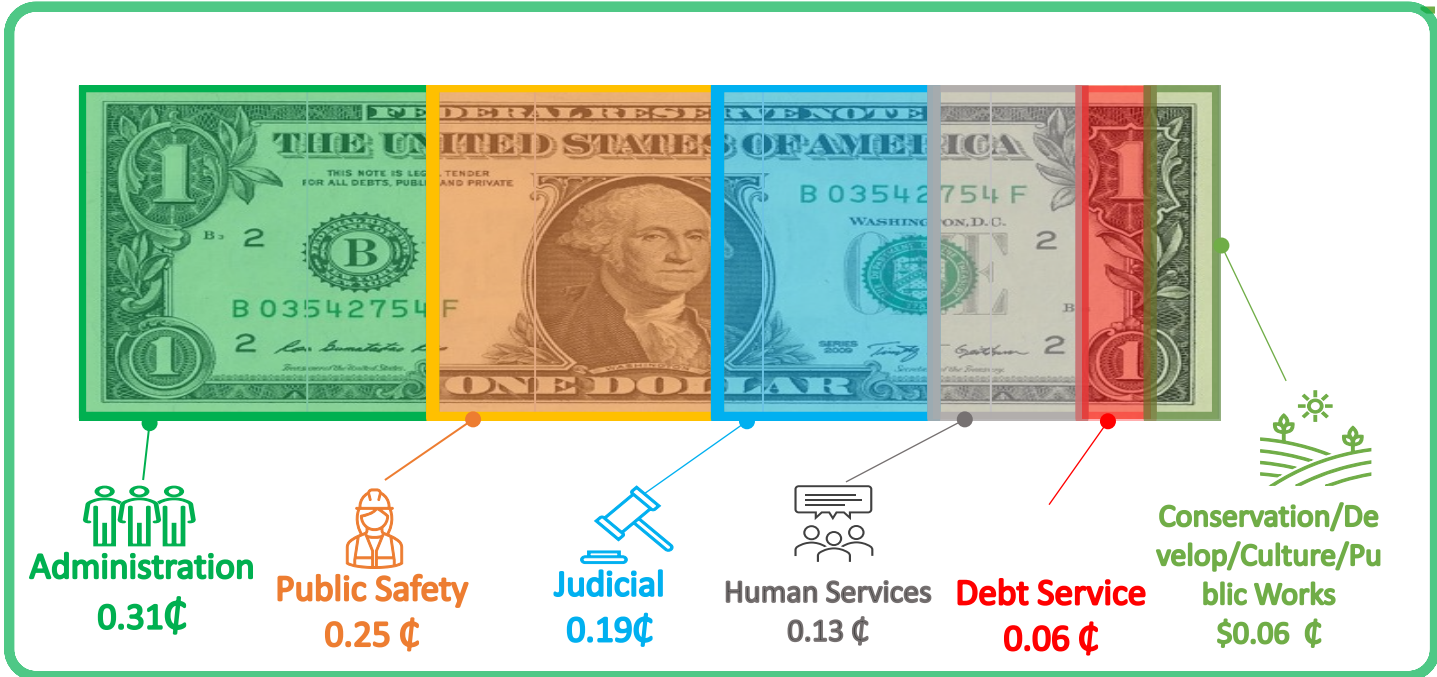
**Fund Balance Assigned/Appropriated** **\$10,453,511**

The Assigned Fund balance amount represents a re-budget of ARRF Projects of \$5 million and the remainder of \$4.9 million represents reserves utilized to balance the budget. Includes contributions to balance Special Funds.

**Contributions/Interest/Misc.** **\$2,341,703**

Miscellaneous revenues may include anything from investment earnings to one-time revenues such as the sale of an asset or donations. Interest is estimated by analysis of the current trend of interest rates and estimated cash on hand.

# How is your Tax Dollar spent?



**General Governmental Administration: \$30,340,730**

Costs related to the general administration of the County Government. Including, but not limited to the following departments, such as Commissioners, Voter Registration, Human Resources, Budget and Purchasing, Controller, Maintenance, and Tax Services. Also, included are intergovernmental transfers.

**Public Safety: \$24,558,756**

Public Safety includes our Hazardous Materials, 911 Telecommunications. These are costs of our special funds. In addition to these funds, our Security, Prison, Central Processing, Emergency Services, Protective Inspections, and Coroner departments are also associated with our Public Safety costs.

**General Government Judicial: \$18,837,727**

Includes all departments under the direct control of the Court (Court Administration, Operational Services, Magisterial District Justices, Probation, Domestic Relations, and Law Library), as well as other departments substantially related to the Judicial process, including the Prothonotary, Clerk of Courts, District Attorney, Public Defender, Victim Witness, and Sheriff.

**Human Services: \$12,372,833**

Human Services is comprised of our Children and Youth department and related divisions, such as Independent Living, and our Veteran’s Affairs department and block grants are encompassed into the costs of Human Services.

**Conservation/Development/Culture/Recreation/Public Works: \$6,203,376**

Conservation and Development includes our Cooperative Extension, which is an extension of Penn State and our Conservation District. This also includes our Park, Recreation and Green Space Program, Bridge Funds, and related grants.

**Debt Services: \$6,155,170**

The amount of money required to pay for the principal and interest expense of debt obligations.

*Note: Both pages 48 & 50 present the Total Budget by Function Type. Where, page 48 lists out each separate function type, page 50 groups a few categories together for presentation and space purposes. For example, on this page, Transfers are combined with General Governmental Administration; and Conservation/Economic Dev./Culture/Recreation/Public Works are all combined.*

2026 ADAMS COUNTY BUDGET

# BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

## Fund Highlights

The County of Adams budgets for nine separate funds. Each fund is a separate set of self-balancing books. A Fund includes Assets, Liabilities, Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance. The County groups these funds in the following sections in the Budget Book:

Highlights of each are as follows:

### GENERAL OPERATING FUND (excluding transfers)

|                    |                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| MILL LEVY RATE     | remains at 5.1393 mills. |
| ASSESSED VALUTAION | \$10,465,991,400         |
| TOTAL REVENUES     | \$72,616,454             |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$77,562,417             |

### 911 TELECOMMUNICATIONS FUND

|                    |             |                                                    |
|--------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| TOTAL REVENUES     | \$2,638,000 | increased \$187,990 or 8% over 2025 Adopted Budget |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$4,363,884 | increased \$274,197 or 7% over 2025 Adopted Budget |

### CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES FUND

|                    |              |                                                       |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| TOTAL REVENUES     | \$9,681,366  | increased \$598,090 or 7% over 2025 Adopted Budget    |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$11,879,774 | increased \$1,343,030 or 13% over 2025 Adopted Budget |

### HAZARDOUS MATERIALS FUND

|                    |           |                                                   |
|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------|
| TOTAL REVENUES     | \$ 50,910 | decreased \$2,938 or -5% less than 2025 Budget    |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$126,789 | increased \$10,995 or 9% over 2025 Adopted Budget |

### LIQUID FUELS GRANT FUND

|                    |           |                                                           |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| TOTAL REVENUES     | \$327,680 | decreased \$244,670 or -43% less than 2025 Adopted Budget |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$690,500 | decreased \$310,000 or -31% less than 2025 Adopted Budget |

### ACT 13 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS FUND

|                    |           |                                                          |
|--------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| TOTAL REVENUES     | \$148,000 | decreased \$74,320 or -33% less than 2025 Adopted Budget |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$180,500 | increased \$10,000 or 6% over 2025 Adopted Budget        |

### HOTEL TAX FUND

|                    |             |                                                     |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| TOTAL REVENUES     | \$3,552,500 | increased \$500,000 or 16% over 2025 Adopted Budget |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$3,471,574 | increased \$702,839 or 25% over 2025 Adopted Budget |

|                       |             |                                                   |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <u>CAPITAL BUDGET</u> | \$2,222,669 | decreased \$705,148 or -24% less than 2025 Budget |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------|

2026 ADAMS COUNTY BUDGET  
*General Operating Fund*  
 Year Over Year

| FUNDING SOURCES                     | 2026<br>BUDGET    | vs | 2025<br>BUDGET    | Variance         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|----|-------------------|------------------|
| Taxes                               | 53,832,000        |    | 52,849,500        | 982,500          |
| Interest and Rents                  | 1,346,024         |    | 1,168,084         | 177,940          |
| Intergovernmental Revenue           | 3,171,175         |    | 3,276,170         | (104,995)        |
| Charges for Services                | 5,220,792         |    | 5,459,240         | (238,448)        |
| Licenses and permits                | 150,700           |    | 140,665           | 10,035           |
| Court Costs and Fines               | 1,530,750         |    | 1,634,442         | (103,692)        |
| Contributions/Other                 | 873,459           |    | 785,900           | 87,559           |
| Transfers                           | 1,491,554         |    | 1,475,833         | 15,721           |
| Fund Balance Appropriated           | 4,945,963         |    | -                 | 4,945,963        |
| Fund Balance Assigned-ARRF          | 5,000,000         |    | 6,500,000         | (1,500,000)      |
| <b><i>Total Funding Sources</i></b> | <b>77,562,417</b> |    | <b>73,289,834</b> | <b>4,272,583</b> |

**Expenditures**

|                                   |                   |  |                   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|------------------|
| General Gov't admin               | \$23,274,736      |  | \$23,129,845      | 144,891          |
| General Gov't judicial            | 18,837,727        |  | 17,331,359        | 1,506,368        |
| Public Safety                     | 20,068,083        |  | 19,086,842        | 981,241          |
| Public Works                      | 9,600             |  | 4,000             | 5,600            |
| Human Services                    | 493,059           |  | 414,385           | 78,674           |
| Culture and Recreation            | -                 |  | -                 | -                |
| Conservation and Development      | 1,851,202         |  | 1,700,976         | 150,226          |
| Debt Service                      | 6,155,170         |  | 6,168,339         | (13,169)         |
| Transfers-Other County Operations | 6,872,840         |  | 5,505,908         | 1,366,932        |
| <b><i>Total Expenditures</i></b>  | <b>77,562,417</b> |  | <b>73,341,654</b> | <b>4,220,763</b> |



Pennsylvania Monument  
Gettysburg Battlefield



155<sup>th</sup> Re-enactment  
Redding Farm

2026 ADAMS COUNTY BUDGET

# Total Budget by Fund

The total County Budget below, is presented in the aggregate and grouped by funds. This schedule also presents how the County balanced the 2026 Budget. See descriptions below in bold. Total Revenues are \$93.5 million, while total Expenditures are \$98.5 million resulting in a deficit of approximately \$5 million. Given the County is very strong fiscally and continues to manage the on-going growth with prudent stewardship of taxpayer funds, they utilized reserves to balance. The primary impacts are as follows: \$4 million allocated from General Fund to balance the Special funds: \$1.7 million to 911 Telecommunications, \$2.2 million to Children & Youth, and \$75,879 to Hazmat. Other impacts to the General Fund in this years budget include, two union contracts, significant health insurance cost increase, and overall general increase in cost of operations in providing services.

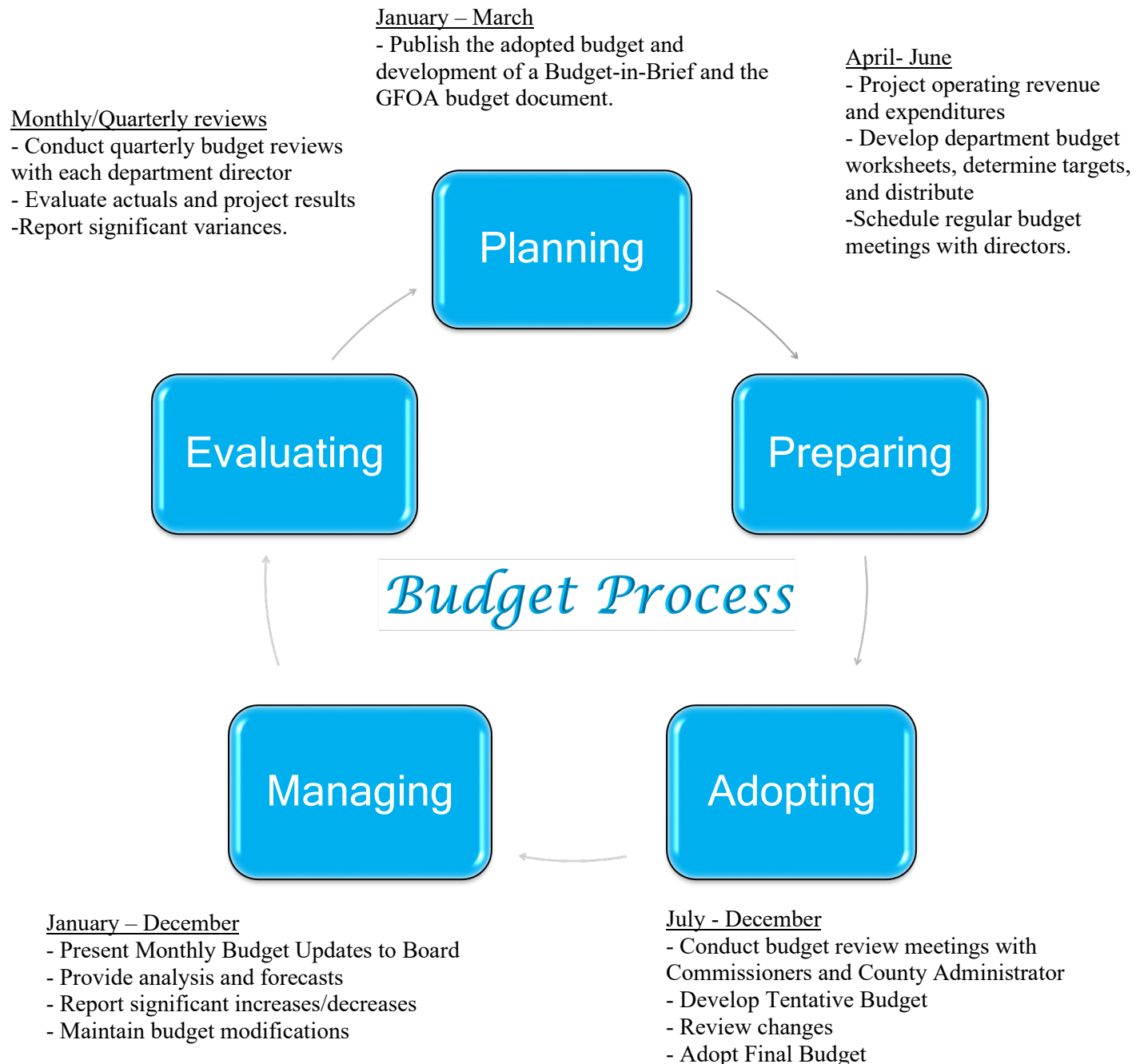
| <b>2026 - COUNTY BUDGET</b>                      |                     |                     |                             |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>BY FUND</b>                                   | <b>REVENUES</b>     | <b>EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>SURPLUS/<br/>DEFICIT</b> |
| GENERAL FUND                                     | \$67,616,454        | \$77,562,417        | (9,945,963)                 |
| <b>APPROPRIATE FB-REBUDGET ARRF<br/>PROJECTS</b> | 5,000,000           | -                   | <b>5,000,000</b>            |
| 911 TELECOMMUNICATIONS FUND                      | 2,638,000           | 4,363,884           | (1,725,884)                 |
| CHILDREN & YOUTH FUND                            | 9,681,366           | 11,879,774          | (2,198,408)                 |
| HAZARDOUS MATERIALS FUND                         | 50,910              | 126,789             | (75,879)                    |
| <b>CONTRIBUTION FROM GF-SUBSIDY*</b>             | 4,000,171           | -                   | <b>4,000,171</b>            |
| LIQUID FUELS FUND                                | 701,368             | 701,368             | -                           |
| ACT 13 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT FUND                   | 180,500             | 180,500             | -                           |
| HOTEL TAX FUND                                   | 3,653,860           | 3,653,860           | -                           |
| <b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>                              | <b>\$93,522,629</b> | <b>\$98,468,592</b> | <b>(4,945,963)</b>          |

Overall, the County presents a structurally balanced budget for 2026 of \$93.5 million, which includes a [Capital Budget of \\$2.2 million](#). See pages 252-259.

\*A recurring contribution is budgeted each year to balance the Special Funds: 911 Telecommunications, Children & Youth, and Hazardous Materials funds. Subsidy for 2026 all total approximately \$4 million.

# Budget Process Summary

The County budget cycle is based on a calendar year and runs January-December. The County adopts the budget each December for the following year. April through June begins the first phase of the annual budget process, where timelines for the new budget year are developed and worksheets are distributed to departments for new requests. Once departments requests are received, projections and further analysis begin. During third quarter, a consolidated budget is developed from all the department worksheets and presented to the Board for review and discussion. After budget meetings, deliberation by the Board, and final changes, a Tentative Adoption occurs in mid-November. During this time, the budget is available for citizen review and comment for a period of 20 days. The Final Adopted budget occurs mid-December.



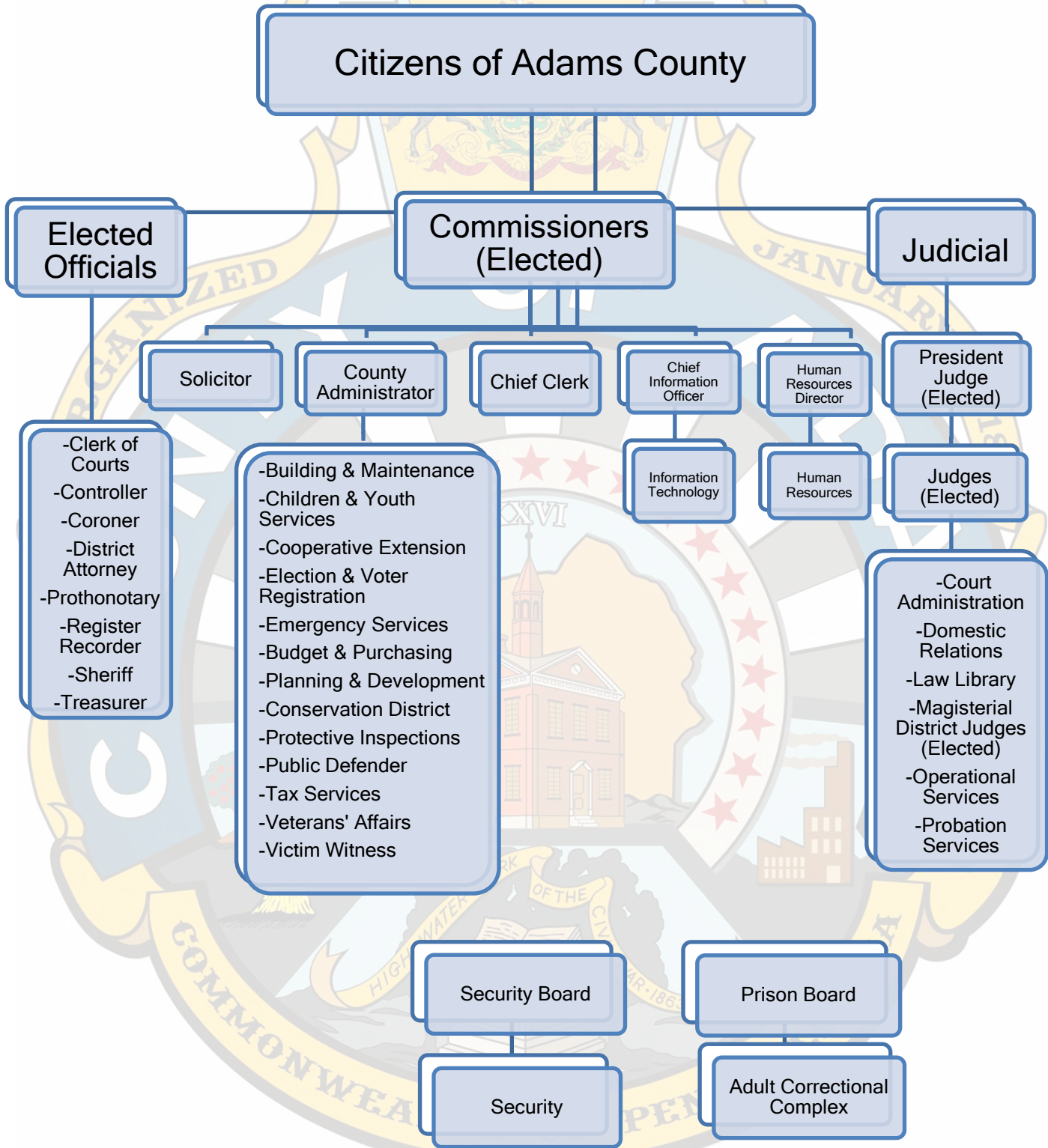
# Tax Base History

Real estate taxes are levied on property as of January 1st and are billed on March 1st. Taxes are collected at a 2% discount until April 30th, at face value from May 1st until June 30th and include a 10% penalty thereafter. Collections are made by elected tax collectors and delinquent taxes are turned over to the Tax Claim Bureau.

| Year  | Assessed Valuation | Tax Rate Mills | Total Levy |
|-------|--------------------|----------------|------------|
| 2010  | 2,095,684,104      | 15.45          | 32,378,319 |
| 2011* | 9,123,834,400      | 3.5518         | 32,406,035 |
| 2012  | 9,078,016,500      | 3.7328         | 33,886,419 |
| 2013  | 9,065,451,400      | 3.7328         | 33,512,844 |
| 2014  | 9,082,272,700      | 3.9193         | 35,596,151 |
| 2015  | 9,172,798,600      | 3.9193         | 35,950,749 |
| 2016  | 9,256,931,500      | 3.9193         | 36,279,612 |
| 2017  | 9,331,317,200      | 3.9193         | 36,572,232 |
| 2018  | 9,410,600,700      | 4.1893         | 39,423,830 |
| 2019  | 9,457,957,100      | 4.1893         | 39,622,220 |
| 2020  | 9,534,255,300      | 4.1893         | 39,941,856 |
| 2021  | 9,599,350,400      | 4.1893         | 40,214,558 |
| 2022  | 9,733,288,900      | 4.4393         | 41,739,883 |
| 2023  | 9,913,805,700      | 4.4393         | 42,514,006 |
| 2024  | 10,100,341,600     | 4.4393         | 43,688,448 |
| 2025  | 10,282,731,300     | 5.1393         | 51,593,195 |
| 2026  | 10,392,911,000     | 5.1393         | 52,509,934 |

\*County wide reassessment

2026 ADAMS COUNTY BUDGET



**Adams County Boards**

- Assessment Appeals Board
- Election Board
- Retirement Board
- Salary Board
- Zoning Appeals Board

**Component Unit**

- Conservation District
- General Financing Authority
- Housing Authority
- Industrial Development Authority
- Planning Commission

**Advisory Boards**

- Children and Youth Advisory Board
- Criminal Justice Advisory Board
- Water Resources Advisory
- Ag Land Preservation
- Economic Development Committee

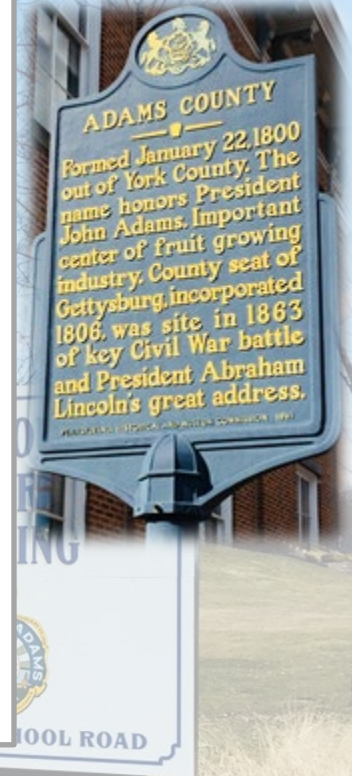
# CAPITAL ASSETS



# County Buildings



Adams County Courthouse  
The County seat, located at 117 Baltimore Street, is comprised of two-parts; the historic courthouse and the new courthouse. The historic courthouse was built in 1859, while the new courthouse was built in 1978. The building is home to the county Commissioners, elected row officials, and county operations. During the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863, the historic courthouse was used to house wounded soldiers.



Human Services Building  
The Human Services Building was purchased in 2016 by Adams County. It was originally used as a yearbook production company called Herff Jones built in 1974. Located at 525 Boyd School Road, this building houses the county's Children and Youth Services, Information Technology, Probation Services, and Domestic Relations Services, and some other Court Operations. Central Court is now being held in this facility.

# County Buildings

## Agricultural Building

The Agricultural Building is home to many of our rural resource departments. These include Planning and Development, Conservation District, and Cooperative Extension (Penn State Extension). This office is located at 670 Old Harrisburg Rd.



## Emergency Services Center

Built in 2004, this building is the main hub for the Adams County's first responders. The mission of the Adams County Department of Emergency Services is to provide to the citizens and emergency responders of Adams County a comprehensive program of emergency management including 9-1-1 and emergency dispatch services, training, hazardous material planning and more. This facility is located at 230 Greenmeyer Lane, Gettysburg. This Building also houses the County's Elections/Voter Registration Department.



# County Buildings



## Adult Correctional Complex

Built in 2003 and located at 45 Major Bell Lane, Gettysburg, PA. This adult correctional complex has 285 beds for inmates. It is used for multiple jurisdictions for offenders who have local sentences, probation violators and those awaiting trial, sentencing or other court appearances. You may call 717-334-7671 to speak with a case manager or counselor about an inmate.

## Adams County Re-Entry

Located next to the Adult Correctional Complex, the Re-Entry building reopened in August of 2024 to house the Transition to Success and Work Release programs. It will provide low risk offenders with an opportunity to engage in individualized treatment services to prepare them for successful reintegration. Work release participants can maintain their employment and support their families while incarcerated.



# County Bridges

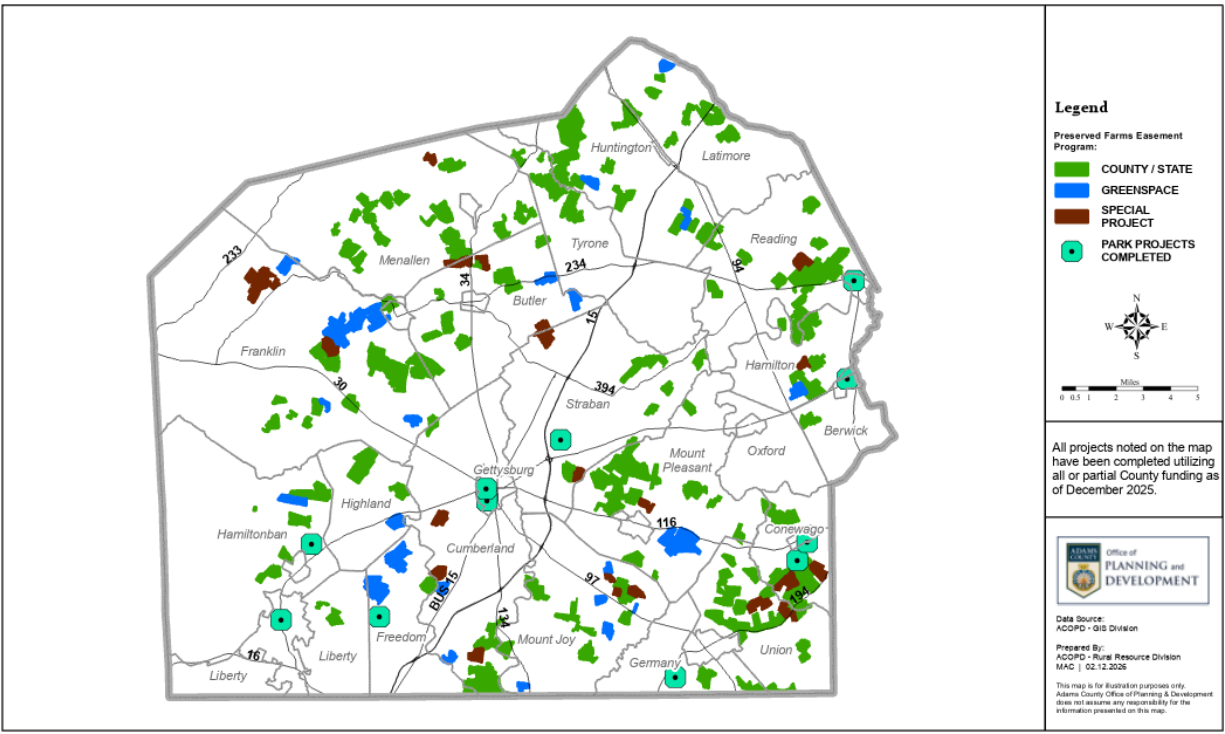


Adams County owns 42 bridges, but none more historical than Sachs Covered Bridge (top left). Built in 1845, this bridge was used during the Battle of Gettysburg in July of 1863 by both the Union and Confederates to cross over Marsh Creek. General Robert E. Lee's army retreated over the bridge back towards Virginia after the Union victory in Gettysburg.



# County Easements

## Adams County Preserved Lands & Park Projects Utilizing County Funds



The map titled “Adams County Preserved Lands & Park Projects Utilizing County Funds” illustrates the properties within Adams County where local County dollars have been spent to either permanently preserve land or provide funding for park and recreation projects. The properties depicted in green are active farms that have been permanently preserved through the Adams County Farmland Preservation Program using county and/or state funding. The properties depicted in blue are permanently preserved by eligible entities that received matching funds from the County’s Green Space Grant Program to preserve farmland and/or open space. The Special Projects depicted in brown are properties preserved outside of the normal grant programs by eligible entities that received matching funds from the County. In most cases these projects used federal dollars as a match. Park projects depicted by the green octagon symbol have been awarded to eligible entities as matching funds from the County Parks and Recreation Grant Program to help enhance park facilities. A conservation easement is a legal agreement that limits the use of a property to protect its conservation value. It’s a voluntary contract between a landowner and a government agency, land trust, or conservation group.

# *Terminology*

## **Revenues**

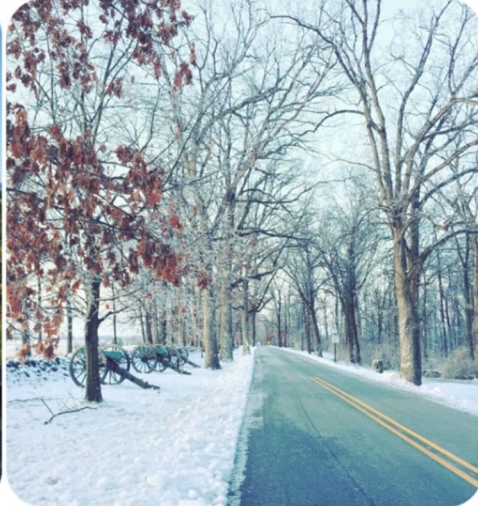
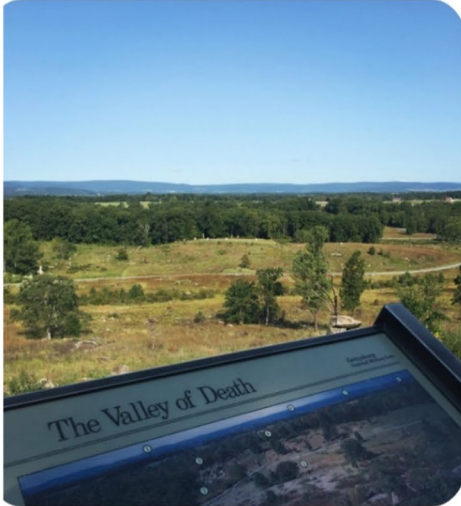
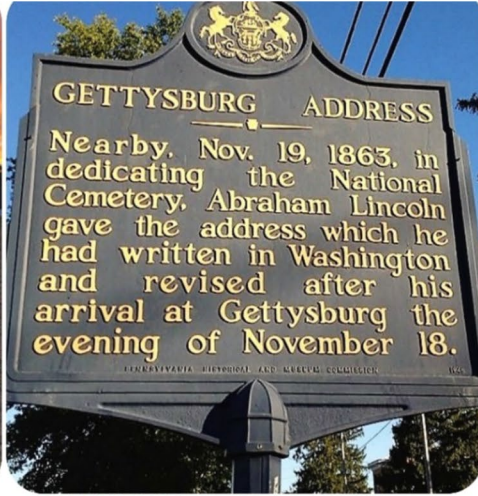
- ❖ **Appropriated Fund Balance:** a portion of cash reserves that is incorporated into the subsequent year's budget.
- ❖ **ARRF-Adams Response and Recovery Fund Program.**
- ❖ **ARPA-American Rescue Plan Act**
- ❖ **Assigned Fund Balance:** Amounts that are constrained by the County's intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed.
- ❖ **Charges for Services:** Payments from customers for the provision of specific services to a person or entity. Payments can include revenue from another governmental unit for specific services provided.
- ❖ **Contingency:** a budgetary reserve set aside for emergencies or unforeseen expenditures not otherwise budgeted; the use of contingency requires Board approval.
- ❖ **Fund Balance:** Net position of a governmental fund (difference between assets, liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflow of resources).
- ❖ **General Fund:** The General fund typically serves as the main operating fund of a government. The general fund is used to account for all financial resources not accounted for in some other fund.
- ❖ **Hotel Tax:** Taxes on overnight lodging.
- ❖ **Interest and Investment Earnings:** Interest and dividends paid on bank deposits or other investments, including gains from sale of investments.
- ❖ **Intergovernmental:** Receipts from other governments (federal, state, and local) in the forms of grants, entitlements, or payments in lieu of taxes.
- ❖ **Mill:** One-tenth (0.1) of one cent, or .001 of one dollar
- ❖ **Millage:** The rate used in calculating taxes based upon the assessed value of a property, expressed in mills
- ❖ **Real Estate Taxes:** General purpose and special millage, including debt service and library taxes.

# *Terminology*

## **Expenditures**

- ❖ **Allocations:** Distribution of funds across various departments and operations.
- ❖ **Community & Economic Development:** Expenditures for improving the quality of life in the community and to support county-affiliated organizations.
- ❖ **Emergency Services/911 Telecommunications:** Expenditures for 911 emergency telephone and dispatching systems, emergency management planning and operations.
- ❖ **General Government - Judicial:** Includes expenditures for judicial activities of the County; specifically, Court Administration, Magisterial District Judges, Domestic Relations, Probation Services, Law Library, Operational Services, District Attorney, Prothonotary, Clerk of Courts, Register of Wills & Recorder of Deeds, and Sheriff.
- ❖ **General Government:** Cost related to the central administration of the County government as distinct from individual operating departments such as Voter Registration, Human Resources, Budget and Purchasing, Controller, Maintenance, and Tax Services.
- ❖ **Human Services:** Expenditures for preservation of public health and improvement of quality of life. Includes Children and Youth Services and Veterans Affairs.
- ❖ **Miscellaneous Expenses:** Includes expenses not captured under other categories.
- ❖ **Public Safety:** Public safety includes Hazardous Materials, 911 Telecommunications, Security, Prison, Central Processing, Emergency Services, Protective Inspections, and Coroner departments.
- ❖ **Public Works-**Public Works includes our Bridge Funds; Liquid Fuels Fund and Act 13 Bridge Improvement Fund.
- ❖ **Transfers:** Represents operating transfers of funds from one governmental fund to another governmental fund when one fund is legally responsible to support the other.

# Thank you Adams County!



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