

2013 PAFR

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Facts about your City that you just might want to know. Including where money comes from in the City and where it is spent.

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Summary information on City initiatives, Departments/Staff, as well as future plans.



City of Hamilton
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Letter from the Finance Director



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December 31, 2012

Jeffrey R. Brown
Executive Director/CEO

GFOA Outstanding Achievement Award for the 2012 PAFR

Although the numbers used in the PAFR come from an audited source, we have presented them in a condensed, easy to understand, non-GAAP format. GAAP reports deal with the presentation of segregated funds as well as full disclosure of all material financial and non-financial events in notes to the financial statements, while non-GAAP reports do not contain such notes. Citizens who wish to review audited GAAP basis financial statements can refer to the City of Hamilton's CAFR, which is available from the Finance Department or on the City of Hamilton's website at <http://www.hamilton-city.org/index.aspx?page=841>.

As a municipality, we want to continue awareness, accountability, and transparency of the City's financial information. We anticipate that after reading the PAFR, community members will be reassured that public dollars are being used to build a better, safer and brighter Hamilton. With the help of all departments, the City, in 2013, has accomplished many goals set within the Strategic Plan of "Work, Live, and Play": the opening of RiversEdge Amphitheater, additional businesses moving into Hamilton, and the restoration of blighted properties, just to name a few. All of these positive achievements have helped to increase growth and success in our City. We are excited for the progress to continue.

We are proud to serve the citizens of Hamilton and hope you enjoy reviewing the 2013 PAFR. We welcome any input or comments you may have regarding this report by contacting the Finance Department at (513) 785-7170.

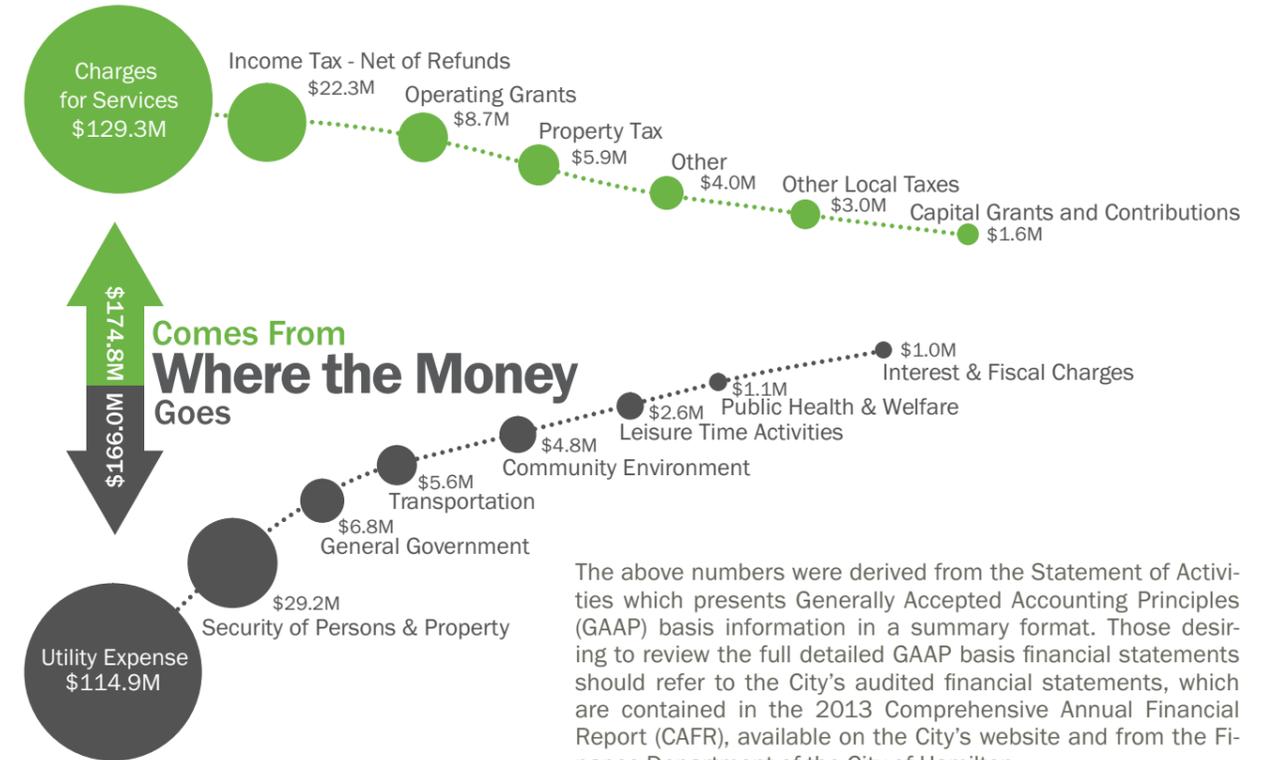
Sincerely,
Ana Ramanathan, CPA, MBA
Acting Finance Director

The Department of Finance is proud to present the City of Hamilton's Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013. This report gives readers a summary of the City's financial standing. The purpose of the PAFR is to illustrate the City's financial information in a clear, concise manner giving all readers, both financial and non-financial, the understanding of where the revenue comes from and where dollars are being spent. Most importantly, it is essential that our citizens understand the key services that the City provides to make Hamilton a safer and more enjoyable place in which to work, live, and play.

The PAFR summarizes the financial activities of the City and is drawn from a more detailed report called the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The CAFR includes financial statements that were prepared in conformance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and audited by Clark, Schaeffer, Hackett and Company, an independent auditing firm. The 2013 CAFR has received an unmodified (clean) opinion. The numbers contained within the CAFR were acquired by applying the basis of accounting principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

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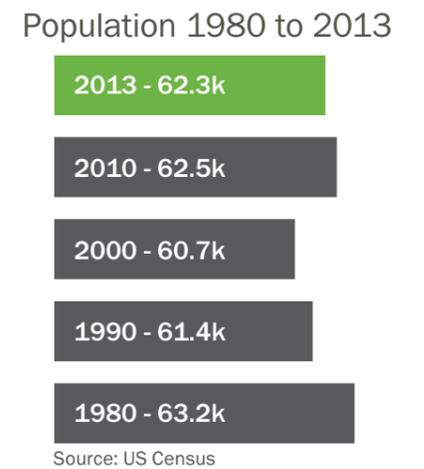
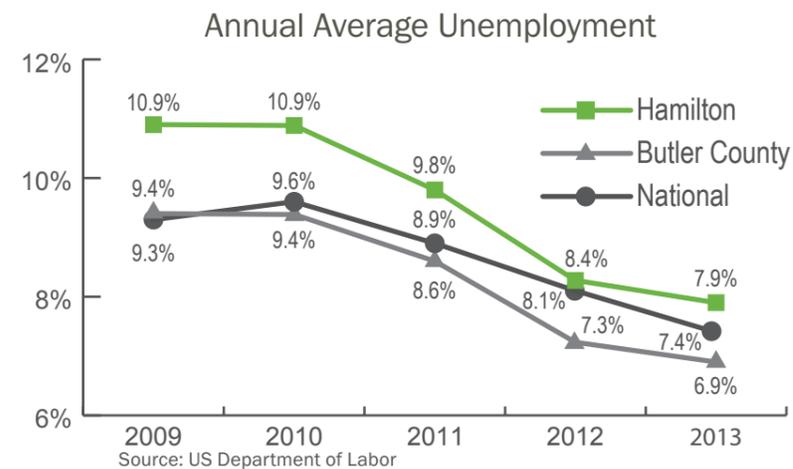
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Source: City of Hamilton

The above numbers were derived from the Statement of Activities which presents Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) basis information in a summary format. Those desiring to review the full detailed GAAP basis financial statements should refer to the City's audited financial statements, which are contained in the 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), available on the City's website and from the Finance Department of the City of Hamilton.

Hamilton At a Glance



Letter from the City Manager



City Manager Joshua Smith and Deputy City Manager Tim Werdmann

Each year, I have used the PAFR to give updates about ongoing projects. This year, I want to highlight four items that are helping increase the quality of life for our residents.

East High Gateway (\$8.5 million) - When I spoke to our top five employers about what would assist in job creation in Hamilton, they unanimously agreed that traffic and the appearance of East High was a huge limiting factor. Last year we began the design phase of the East High Gateway, designing how the entrance should look, and how it could improve the efficiency of moving the heavy volume of traffic. In 2014, construction will start as streetscape fixtures are added, overhead utility lines are placed underground, turn lanes are added, and a new commercial access road is constructed.

CORE Fund (\$6.2 million) - The CORE (Consortium for Ongoing Reinvestment Efforts) Fund has grown substantially over the past year and has acquired key properties in our urban core including the Elder Beerman, Fifth Third, and Hungry Bunny buildings. As you may have noticed, the Hungry Bunny/Country Kitchen building, which sits on the corner of High Street and North Third Street, has been under construction. Sara's House, an eclectic home furnishings store has moved into the renovated first floor. The CORE Fund has become a strategic partner to the City and their vision and efforts will continue to transform our urban core.

Meldahl Hydroelectric Dam (\$505 million) - The City of Hamilton's investment in hydroelectric power puts us at an advantage over most municipalities in the United States, in terms of reducing their carbon footprint. Because water is much less finite than fossil fuels, we can harness the energy in generators which will help provide greater rate stability for years to come. In 2013, significant progress was made on Meldahl, our newest hydroelectric facility and the largest of its type on the Ohio River. When Meldahl is finished, the City of Hamilton will be one of the most sustainable cities in the country as it relates to energy production and consumption.

RiversEdge Park (\$2.1 million) - With Phase I of RiversEdge Park complete and the tensile canopy installed last September, we have started to create the Master Plan for Phase II. Currently, \$50,000 has been allocated for the master planning and charrette process associated with Phase II, which will help create joint ownership of ideas and solutions between key stakeholders and area residents. Working design sessions occurred early this year and the Master Plan will be completed in the summer of 2014. Recent designs for Phase II include spraygrounds, walking paths, active play areas, and a large lawn for multi-purpose use.

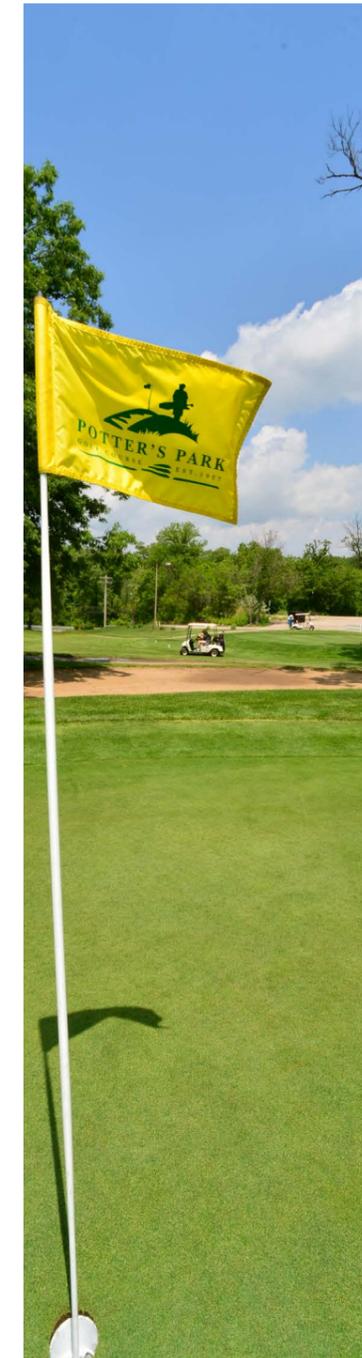
Our vision remains to be a purposeful destination to work, live, and play, and our projects and initiatives are helping us realize this vision. I discussed only a few of the many projects that are happening in Hamilton. If you would like to learn more, I encourage you to continue reading this document, read our 2014 Initiative Update, and LIKE us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HamiltonOH.

Respectfully Yours,

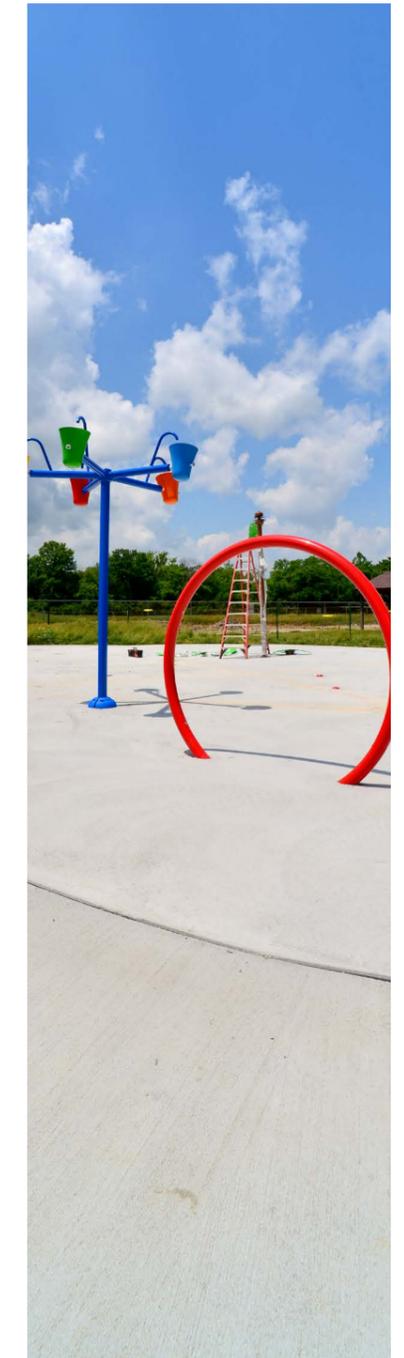
Joshua A. Smith
 Joshua Smith
 City Manager
 @joshua45011



Hamilton Bark Park is located at Veteran's Park, 20 New London Road, and includes a large dog area and a small dog area, a water station, benches, a dog sculpture, open space, future agility courses and trees for shade. Hamilton Bark Park has been developed by a committee of Hamilton stakeholders and is funded by private donations. 60 contributors raised the \$60,000 needed for the dog park.



Hamilton is home to two of the best public golf courses in Butler County. Potter's Park has a storied golf tradition dating back to 1927 and is home to the toughest collection of par 3's in Southwest Ohio. The golf course at Twin Run tests the skills of even the most seasoned golfer. Visit potterparkgolf.com or twinrunggolf.com to book your tee times and learn more about our golf courses.



In 2013, the City of Hamilton made the decision to install spraygrounds around the city. With the help of a large private donation, 3 spraygrounds will be installed: one in the North End, one in Lindenwald, and one at the old Wilson Pool. These spraygrounds will provide a great place for our children to cool off in the summer months.

Your Public Utilities

Award-Winning Rates and Reliability



The City of Hamilton continues to move toward a cleaner, greener City fleet. Through our repeated investment in Hybrid Electric and CNG-

powered vehicles, we are able to reduce our impact on the environment while being more fiscally responsible in the long run.

Green that Saves Green

Hydroelectric Power Stands for Stability

Going green is great and not only because it is better for the world around us. Our investment in hydroelectric power puts us at a serious advantage in the future because there is no need to buy fuel to run the facility. This takes out much of the risk associated with fluctuating costs of fuel that can force electric rates to fluctuate for a utility. Because the water naturally flowing down the river is free for us to use, the majority of cost associated with hydroelectric power is in building the facility to harness this energy. Once built these generators can capture this renewable energy with very low operating costs. This ensures a greater degree of stability in our electric rates for many years yet to come.



Platinum recognition as a Reliable Public Power Provider for the past 6 years for excellence in reliability, safety, workforce development, and system improvements.

American Public Gas Association gave Hamilton an Achievement Award for having the lowest cost natural gas in the state of Ohio for over 16 years.

First in the region to install a public natural gas fueling station, which will provide alternative fuel to customers at exceedingly competitive prices.

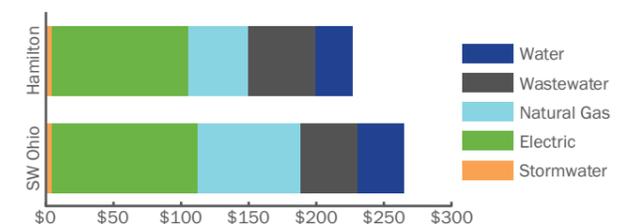
Rated best tasting tap water in the world at Berkeley Springs and winner of multiple awards from the American Water Works Association including Best of the Best in Ohio.

Rates Compared

Regionally unmatched prices

In 2013 residents saved big by being customers of our publicly owned Hamilton Utility Systems. Because our residents are also our shareholders, we are able to pass on big savings when compared to private sector utilities. Our enterprise systems have been so successful that we even outcompete most other publicly owned utilities.

Average Utility Bill Comparison



In Hamilton, every customer is an owner in their utility company, investing in a bright future powered by passion, commitment, and vision.

These owners are the reason Hamilton Utilities are driven toward developing **cleaner energy solutions**, producing the **best tasting water**, and always ensuring **low rates** and **reliable service**.

This is because we are not working for just any utility owners, we are working for the most valuable people in our lives:

- Our families
- Our friends
- Our neighbors
- Our community



Hamilton Utilities
powered by you

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Tim Hacker, Hamilton resident & electric distribution superintendent for the City of Hamilton Electric Department

Real Estate Summary

The City of Hamilton receives a portion of the real estate taxes collected on all real property located within the City. These tax dollars support public safety services such as those provided by police and fire departments, as well as many other critical government functions. Shown on the following pages are a series of graphs and charts depicting key elements of real estate relating to the City of Hamilton.

Values and Collections

The following charts show the amount of money collected by the City over the past five years through real estate taxes. These taxes come from properties in four major classifications: residential, agricultural, commercial, and industrial. The values shown represent "assessed value," or that portion of the property value that is taxed. Since tax collections are received on the prior year's values, there is a delay in the impact to the City's finances for large changes in real estate values. In 2009, the auditor adjusted the assessed values to more accurately reflect the changes that had occurred as a result of the housing market collapse of 2008. Prior to this economic crisis, the value of most properties increased from year-to-year, providing homeowners with rising equity in their homes and a small amount of growth in City revenues.

Tax Year	Collection Year	Residential & Agricultural Real Estate	Commercial & Industrial Real Estate	Public Utility Property	Total
2012	2013	596,321,459	209,518,351	4,726,410	810,566,220
2011	2012	610,132,220	212,767,730	5,798,610	828,698,560
2010	2011	655,519,560	234,343,570	5,891,190	895,754,320
2009	2010	656,289,410	244,145,280	2,461,240	902,895,930
2008	2009	690,959,090	259,251,020	2,719,800	952,929,910

Tax Payer	Type of Business	2013 Assessed Valuation*	% of Total Valuation
Shadow Creek Apartments	Real Estate	5,126,050	.63%
Tippman Realty Partners	Real Estate	5,075,840	.63%
Colonial Senior Services	Healthcare	4,437,090	.55%
AHP - Knollwood Crossings	Real Estate	4,403,310	.54%
Pedcor Investments 2004	Investments	4,006,940	.49%
Duke Realty	Real Estate	3,577,710	.44%
Meijer Stores	Retail	3,272,510	.40%
Duke Energy	Utility	2,480,730	.31%
Gold Rings Holdings, LLC	Real Estate	2,396,580	.30%
VCG- Hamilton Crossings	Real Estate	2,380,000	.29%
Subtotal		37,156,760	4.58%
All others		773,409,460	95.42%
Total		810,566,220	100.00%

* Assessed value is the portion of property value that is taxed. For commercial and industrial properties, it is generally 35% of the appraised property value, although there are exemptions for some properties. Amounts are for the collection year ending December 31, 2013 (Tax Year 2012). Source: Butler County Auditor

Real estate tax burden

The figure below depicts the annual tax burden on the owner of a \$100,000 home in the largest taxing district for the City of Hamilton. Both Butler County and the Hamilton School District receive funding from real estate taxes paid by Hamilton residents. The "burden" is the amount of tax paid as adjusted for rollbacks and exemptions. The "Effective Tax Rate" is the rate charged against the portion of a home's value that is taxable or "assessed." Certain rounding has occurred for ease of presentation.

Name of Levy	Gross Rate	Effective Rate
General Operating	3.21	3.21
Fire Pension	0.30	0.30
Police Pension	0.30	0.30
Total Inside Millage	3.81	3.81
Charter Fire	1.00	1.00
Police	1.00	0.85
Fire & EMS	1.00	0.85
Total Hamilton Real Estate Tax Levy	6.81	6.51

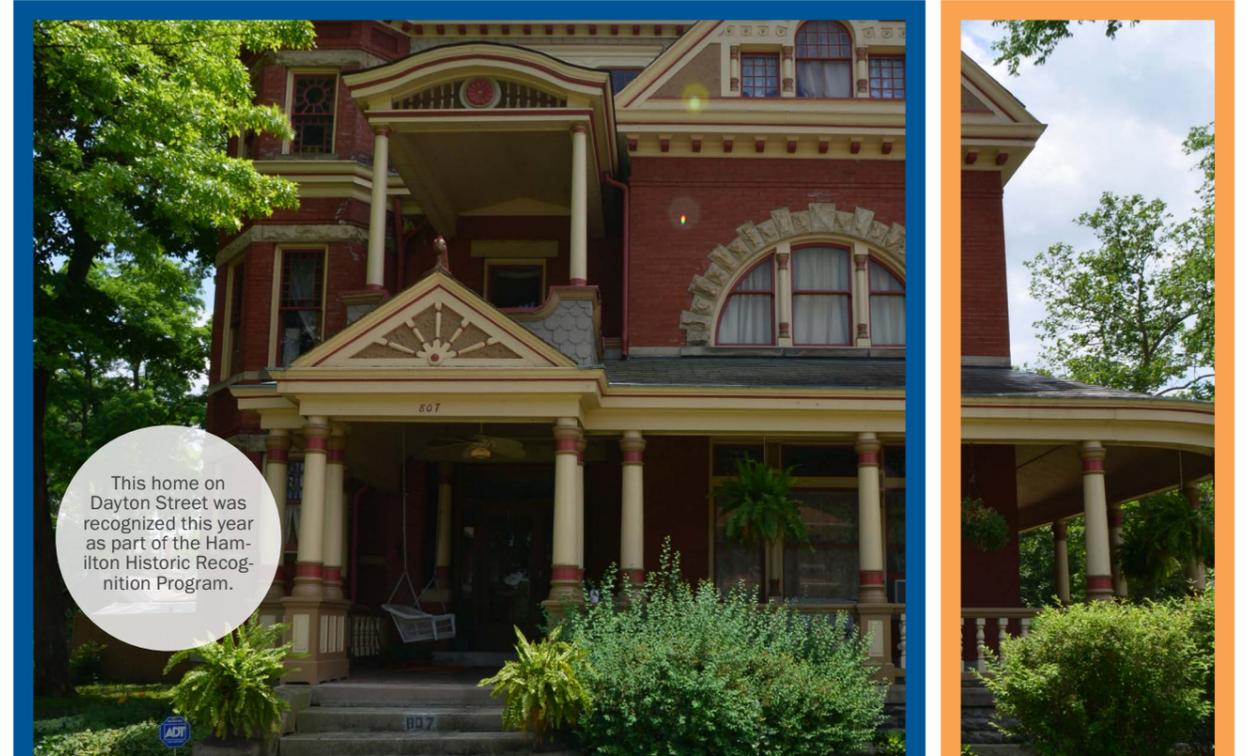
Source: Butler County Auditor

Understanding Levies

A levy is the tax that is placed on a property. It is based on the amount charged per \$1,000 worth of taxable property value also known as 'millage'. Amounts collected for levies other than general operating must be used for those specific purposes.

Key:

-  MetroParks \$15.31
 -  Lane Public Library \$22.97
 -  City of Hamilton \$199.76
 -  Butler County \$278.24
 -  Hamilton Schools \$1,082.43
- Total Tax Burden \$1,598.71**



2013 Year in Review

Economic Development Your Team



Your Economic development team is a multi-talented group of professionals that work closely with many different stakeholders. This is beneficial because Economic Development is no longer just the expressed mission of one department, but instead, the culmination of efforts made by all City departments, elected officials, community organizations, our business community, and other stakeholders that strive to make Hamilton a great place to work, live, and play. Through the efforts of these many stakeholders, Hamilton has been able to leverage a significant amount of private investment. Every \$1 of local public incentive provided for these projects will leverage \$10.59 in new annual payroll and \$23.43 in new capital investment.

Unemployment on the Decline

Monthly Unemployment drops 2.2% in 2013

A significant amount of economic development activity occurred throughout Hamilton in 2013. Through nine projects announced or initiated in 2013, the City of Hamilton's Economic Development Department was involved in attracting 607 new jobs and retaining 408 jobs. The projects will result in \$36.5 million in new payroll and \$80.5 million in new capital investment in Hamilton. Furthermore, 6 of these projects were in the City's target industries of advanced manufacturing and information technology, and are anticipated to result in 456 new advanced manufacturing positions and 98 new information technology positions.

The unemployment rate in Hamilton for 2013 shows a promising trend, dropping 2.2% from January to December. Hamilton's unemployment rate in January 2013 was at 9%, 2% higher than Ohio's unemployment rate and 1.1% higher than the U.S. rate. By December 2013, Hamilton's unemployment rate was 6.8%, 0.4% lower than Ohio and only 0.1% higher than the U.S. Hamilton's improving economy in 2013 is a positive trend that the Economic Development Department intends to contribute to in 2014.

Award Winning

In 2013 the City of Hamilton received two awards from the International Economic Development Council. A silver award for the Initiative Update and gold for their public private partnership efforts.



IMFLUX, a plastics processing subsidiary of P&G, announced it would locate its headquarters in Hamilton with plans to relocate their 30 employees and create 221 new jobs.



Valeo, a global automotive parts supplier, announced the addition of 105 new jobs and a \$15 million capital investment. Once hiring is complete the company will employ 240 people.



ThysenKrupp Bilstein of America, a manufacturer of automotive parts which is headquartered in Hamilton, began expanding its workforce by 100 additional employees.



AIMS, located at Vora Technology Park, is a subsidiary of Ascendum Solutions IT. The company offers hosting and cloud services, and plans to hire 50 cutting-edge IT positions.

Jobs

= 50 jobs

607 new jobs

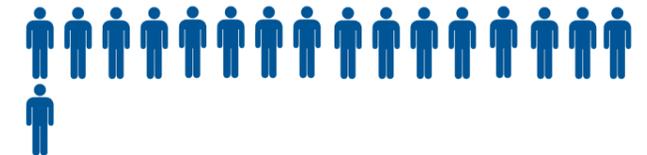


408 retained jobs



TARGET INDUSTRIES

841 advanced manufacturing jobs created/retained



98 information technology jobs created/retained



Investment

= \$2 million

\$80.5 million capital investment



\$36.5 million new payroll



\$18.6 million retained payroll



\$6.2 million capitalized in CORE Fund



Companies

= 1 company

6 companies attracted



3 companies retained



every \$1 of local public incentive leveraged
\$10.59 in new annual payroll

Statement of Activities & Statement of Net Position

Sources of Revenue (in 1000s)		2013	2012
Program	Charges for Service	126,394	121,121
	Operating Grants	8,741	6,403
	Capital Grants	1,574	1,339
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General	Income Tax - Net of Refunds	22,311	21,260
	Property Taxes	5,917	5,844
	Grants/Contributions	3,210	3,113
	Other Local Taxes	3,044	3,126
	Investment Earnings	4	360
	Miscellaneous	752	913
	Special Item - Wastewater Utility Reimbursement	2,850	-
Total:		\$174,797	\$163,479
Uses and Expenses (in 1000s)			
	Security of Persons and Property	29,180	31,283
	Public Health/Welfare	1,082	1,061
	Leisure Time Activities	2,553	2,247
	Community Environment	4,757	3,398
	Basic Utility Services	5,697	5,809
	Transportation	5,645	6,158
	General Government	6,847	7,058
	Interest on Debt	974	1,440
	Utility Expense	109,251	104,294
Total:		\$165,986	\$162,748

Financial Benefits (In 1000s)	2013	2012
Cash	43,871	61,565
Investments	84,682	67,546
Receivables	29,468	27,983
Property & Equipment	403,371	398,624
Other Assets	8,148	8,889
Total:	569,540	564,784
Financial Burdens (In 1000s)		
Amounts Owed to Employees & Vendors	12,608	10,116
Notes Payable	10,690	10,690
Long Term Debt Outstanding	280,162	285,506
Other Liabilities	12,071	13,274
Total:	315,531	319,586
Benefits Over Burdens:		\$254,009

Readers of the City of Hamilton's Financial Activity Statement and Financial Position Statement should keep in mind that both statements present GAAP-basis information in a summary format. Those desiring to review the full detailed GAAP basis financial statements should refer to the City's audited financial statements, which are contained in the 2013 CAFR, available on the City's website and from the Finance Department of the City of Hamilton. The amounts shown were derived by employing the same method of accounting as the 2013 and 2012 audited financial statements.

Benefits over Burdens represents the difference between the financial benefits and financial burdens of the City, providing a Net Worth of Hamilton. The Financial Position Statement, known in accounting terms as the "Balance Sheet," reports the benefits (assets) available to provide services, while Burdens (liabilities) are the amounts for which the City must pay in the future. New to the Position Statement in 2012 were Deferred Inflows and Deferred Outflows. The City has included these in Other Assets and Other Liabilities for reporting purposes on this page both in 2012 and 2013. Note: Rounded figures are presented.

Who Spends the Money (General Fund)

\$42 million in dollars spent & obligations represented below



To the left shows a summary comparison of total actual dollars spent plus obligations for all the various departments within the General Fund of the City, excluding transfers and advances (loans) to other funds. These amounts are also based upon actual cash expenditures plus obligations outstanding on 12/31/2013 (non-GAAP Budgetary Basis). Readers interested in more detailed GAAP-based information are encouraged to read the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) available on the City's website or by contacting the Finance Department at the City of Hamilton.

Debt Summary

Hamilton has employed a variety of financing techniques for capital improvements, as described below:

Notes Payable	Special Assessments	General Obligation	OWDA	Utility Revenue
Notes are issued in anticipation of general obligation bonds and may be issued up to a maximum maturity of 20 years from the date of issuance of the original notes (except for notes in anticipation of special assessments).	A bond issued to finance sidewalk, curb, and gutter improvements for property owners. The special assessment revenues collected from property owners are used for the principal and interest payments.	Bonds that allow municipalities to borrow money to fund capital improvements and infrastructure. Repayment of General Obligation Bonds is guaranteed by the "full faith and credit" of the city.	OWDA Loans are low interest loans made to the City for Water and/or Sewer projects by the Ohio Water Development Authority. Payments are due every six months for a period of twenty years.	Revenue Bonds are secured by the issuer pledging specific revenues either from the projects being financed and/or other dedicated revenue sources such as franchise fees of utility service revenue.

Debt Activity (in 1000s)	Balance at Jan. 1, 2013	Net Debt Added (Issued)	Net Debt Repaid (Retired)	Balance at Dec. 31, 2013
Enterprises Notes Payable	10,690	10,690	(10,690)	10,690
Special Assessment Bonds	1,195	-	(135)	1,060
General Obligation Bond	26,540	-	(2,230)	24,310
Water System Bonds*	24,865	-	(1,065)	23,800
Gas System Bonds*	8,565	-	(1,290)	7,275
Electric System Bonds*	154,300	-	(7,700)	146,600
Wastewater System Bonds*	58,085	-	(2,045)	56,040
OWDA Loan*	400	-	(17)	383
Bank Qualified Loan	-	9,500	-	9,500
Total:	\$284,640	\$20,190	(\$25,172)	\$279,658

Historical Debt (in 1000s)	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Utility Revenue Bonds*	233,715	245,815	257,525	238,485	248,610
Enterprise Notes Payable	10,690	10,690	5,900	-	-
General Obligation Bond	24,310	26,540	29,030	29,820	31,960
Special Assessment Bonds	1,060	1,195	1,400	1,650	1,935
OWDA Loans*	383	400	416	432	-
Bank Qualified Loan	9,500	-	-	-	-
Total:	\$279,658	\$284,640	\$294,271	\$270,387	\$282,505

Notes: Numbers rounded for presentation
 * Principal amounts; the City's payment obligation is limited to utility revenues. These bonds are denoted above as Utility Revenue Bonds.

General Fund Balance

The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the City. The chart below shows the General Fund (fund balance) and the changes in the fund balance from 2006 through 2013. The City's General Fund (fund balance) increased by more than \$468,000 from our 2012 fund balance.

In 2013, the City was successful in curbing the General Fund expenditures at 94% of the budget by a reduction in health benefits, elimination of special benefits like education, attendance and fitness incentives, along with reductions in both the Fire and Police divisions. Also, on the revenue side, income tax receipts were 3.78% higher than 2012 and an unanticipated Estate Tax settlement of just over \$824,000 was received.

General Fund Balance

2006	\$6,333,962
2007	\$4,599,995
2008	\$2,752,474
2009	\$2,555,718
2010	\$5,251,796
2011	\$11,907,012
2012	\$9,962,171
2013	\$10,430,772

The City was very fortunate in 2011 to receive \$7.01 million in inheritance tax to help the General Fund rebound significantly.

Readers interested in more detailed GAAP-based information are encouraged to read the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which is available on the City's website or by contacting the City's Finance Department.

Hamilton's Electric Bonds Receive A3 Credit Rating

In 2013, Moody's Investor Service affirmed the A3 rating of the City of Hamilton's Electric System Revenue Bonds. Moody's confirmed that the outlook for the Hamilton Electric System is stable. This exceptional credit rating will help ensure the availability of financing and competitive interest rates for years to come.

According to the Rating Update, provided by Moody's, "The rating reflects the electric system's competitive retail rates that are anchored by low-cost hydro assets, the City's stable residential customer base, a clear General Fund transfer policy that is limited to the electric system's share of administrative costs, and a track-record for raising rates to maintain satisfactory financial operations."

Moody's noted the following as strengths of the electric system:

1) "Competitive retail rates that are below the neighboring investor-owned utilities. Rates are supported by the low-cost Greenup Hydroelectric Plant..."

2) "Stable residential customer base that has accounted for approximately 45% of total electric system revenue in the last 3 fiscal years."
 3) "The City Council is responsible for setting electric rates which do not have to be approved by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). The City Council has exhibited prudent rate management in the past to maintain satisfactory financial performance."

Doug Childs, Hamilton Public Utilities Director/General Manager, stated the following, in response to the Moody's rating affirmation, "Moody's affirmation of our A3 rating is great news for the City's Electric System. This rating confirms that the City's approach to the operation of our Electric System is fiscally responsible and prudent, making it attractive to bond buyers. This is a testament to City Council, City Administration and all of the outstanding and dedicated employees of the Electric System."

Highlight



Karen Wittmer

Program Coordinator for Volunteers

Karen Wittmer is the Program Coordinator for Volunteers for the City of Hamilton. Karen has developed volunteer programs, created relationships with community organizations and leaders, grown the volunteer base, and fostered an organized and fun atmosphere for volunteers and event participants. Karen's hard work and passion for Hamilton earned her the 2013 Outstanding Manager of Volunteers Award presented by the Cincinnati Association of Volunteer Administrators.

Karen not only has become the coordinator of all-things-volunteer in Hamilton, but she has also become a central figure in many community activities. She is a board member, committee member, and organizer of so many events and organizations, the comprehensive list is unknown. Karen's passion, enthusiasm, and determination for meaningful volunteer engagement helps make the City of Hamilton a great place to live, work, play, and volunteer.

To volunteer for events contact Karen or the Welcome Center at (513) 844-8050

Police Headquarters



The Hamilton Police Department was the 139th Nationally Accredited Police Agency in the U.S. and has continued to be CALEA accredited for the past 24 years. We utilize Place-Based Policing which is a very proactive approach that involves identifying “hot spots” and deploying resources to improve social order in those areas. This goes hand in hand with our Evidenced-Based and Intelligence – Led Policing model with the ultimate goal of greater efficiencies and enhancing our effectiveness in order to deliver on our mission statement: “To provide exceptional police service for a better Hamilton.”

2013 Quick Stats

Calls for Police Service	64,005
Misdemeanor Arrests	3,159
Felony Arrests	1,519
Traffic Citations	4,315
Traffic Accidents	1,890

Police & Fire

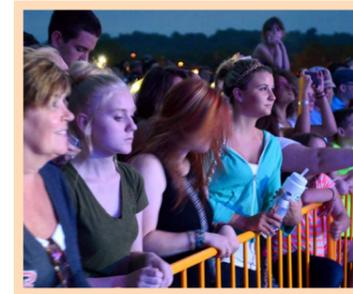
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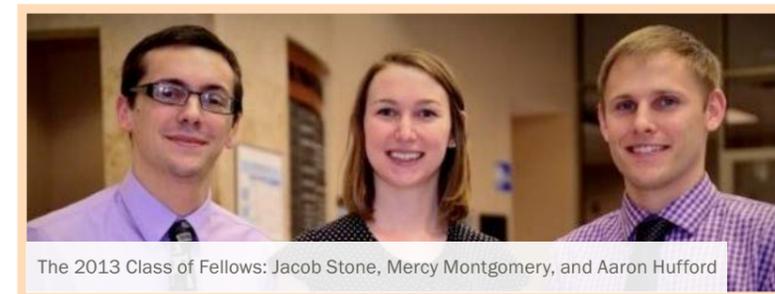
The Hamilton Fire Department serves to protect life, property and the environment through their direct involvement in firefighting, fire prevention, emergency medical services, technical rescue, water rescue, hazardous materials mitigation, disaster response, public education and community service. Eighty percent of department personnel are cross trained as paramedics. All of the personnel are certified by the State of Ohio as Fire Safety Inspectors. Hamilton's Fire Stations are staffed 24-hours a day, 365 days a year.

2013 Quick Stats

Calls for Fire Service	11,657
Structure Fires	123
Fire Incidents	153
Rescue & Medical	9,239
Other	2,142



City of Hamilton Council Members from left to right: Timothy Naab, Robert Brown, Carla Fiehrer, Mayor Pat Moeller, Vice Mayor Rob Wile, Kathleen Klink, and Archie Johnson



The 2013 Class of Fellows: Jacob Stone, Mercy Montgomery, and Aaron Hufford



The City of Hamilton's Fellowship Program, adopted by City Council in 2011, is comprised of three 11-month post-graduate fellowships that prepare individuals for a dynamic, upper management-oriented career in city management, utilities, and economic development. This nationally-recognized program has been attracting students from top graduate schools since its initiation.

Past fellows have worked on a variety of projects including: a feasibility analysis of converting city fleet to CNG, drafting safety and emergency management plans for the City's hydroelectric facilities, preparing and monitoring utility-wide operating and capital budgets, creating the City's Budget Book, and developing an award-winning social media plan.

The RiversEdge Park and Amphitheater, completed in 2013, is located along the City of Hamilton's beautiful riverfront, nestled between downtown and the German Village Historic District. RiversEdge is a riverfront public park that offers a vibrant urban location for outdoor recreation, live entertainment and an enhanced view of the river.

Initiative Update
 Find out more about ongoing initiatives and projects occurring in Hamilton in this award winning public document.

tinyurl.com/COHinitiative



Economic Development Annual Report 2013

The Economic Development Annual Report highlights the department's achievements for the previous year including business attraction, retention, and expansion projects. It also showcases downtown revitalization, as well as public relations and marketing campaigns.

tinyurl.com/COHEconDev

2014 Budget Book
 Haven't had enough numbers and charts? Take a look at our 2014 Budget Book which outlines budgeted expenditures for this fiscal year by going to:

tinyurl.com/COHBudget



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311 Request System

Ever had questions about a program or notice a streetlight that is out? The City of Hamilton has an online 311 service request system which can help you get connected with the people who can answer your questions. This system will take down your request or question and even allow you to see live updates on the progress of the request. Try it and see for yourself by going to:

<http://crm.hamilton-city.org/>