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FY2012-2013 Budget Overview

- Total Proposed County budget: \$673,717,291
 - \$20.8 million more than last year
 - 73 percent of increase directed for schools.
 - Public Safety and debt service also increases
 - General Government funding **decreased** this year by \$331,000
 - One penny on property tax rate generates approximately \$1,009,000 in revenue. Currently, Knox County's property tax rate is \$2.36 per \$100 of assessed value.
 - General Fund (including Public Safety) - \$151.9 million
- Employee Pay Raise implemented earlier this year -- \$3 million
- The Uniformed Officers Pension Plan will cost taxpayers more than \$5 million in FY2013, not including bond payment on the bonds issued at the plan's inception. This represents an increase of approximately \$750,000 over FY2012 UOPP expenses.
- Knox County's bond debt will be approximate \$669 million at the start of FY2013 (more than \$1 billion w/ interest). The proposed budget will reduce county debt by at least \$20 million in FY2013, and will set a pace to cut the county's debt by \$110 million in the next five years.
- The Community Grants program is being changed to defined services contracts, with approximately \$1.8 million in funding, not including KTSC and the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. This year, \$375,000 is proposed for arts organizations through the Arts & Culture Alliance.
- Proposed funding for 27 miles of paving, which is more than in current budget
 - Roughly like paving a road from Solway to Corryton
- Proposed Public Safety funding increases nearly \$3 million to just under \$74 million (Mostly Sheriff's Department).
- The Capital Improvement Plan calls for more than \$27 million in needed improvements

School System Budget FY2013

- Approximately \$13 million in new funding for School System operations, representing a larger increase than the last three years combined.
- 62 percent of county's overall budget is directed for Schools (not including cafeteria fund)
- \$397.7 million for General Purpose Schools
- \$46.5 million for all other schools funds (Debt, cafeteria, construction)
- \$1.1 million for a kindergarten intervention program
- Great Schools Partnership -- \$2.6 million
- Total school funding: More than \$400 million
- Reading:
 - Third grade reading proficiency is a key indicator of a student's future success in high school
 - **56 percent** of Knox County 3rd graders not reading at grade level.
 - **30 of our 49** elementary schools have more than 50 percent of 3rd grade children reading below grade level
 - **11 schools have over 70 percent** of 3rd graders reading below grade level.
 - Not a single elementary school in Knox County is meeting 3rd grade reading goal.
- At the close of FY2012, propose approximately \$3 million targeted specifically at an intensive Kindergarten through third grade reading effort.

Knox County Budget Presentation

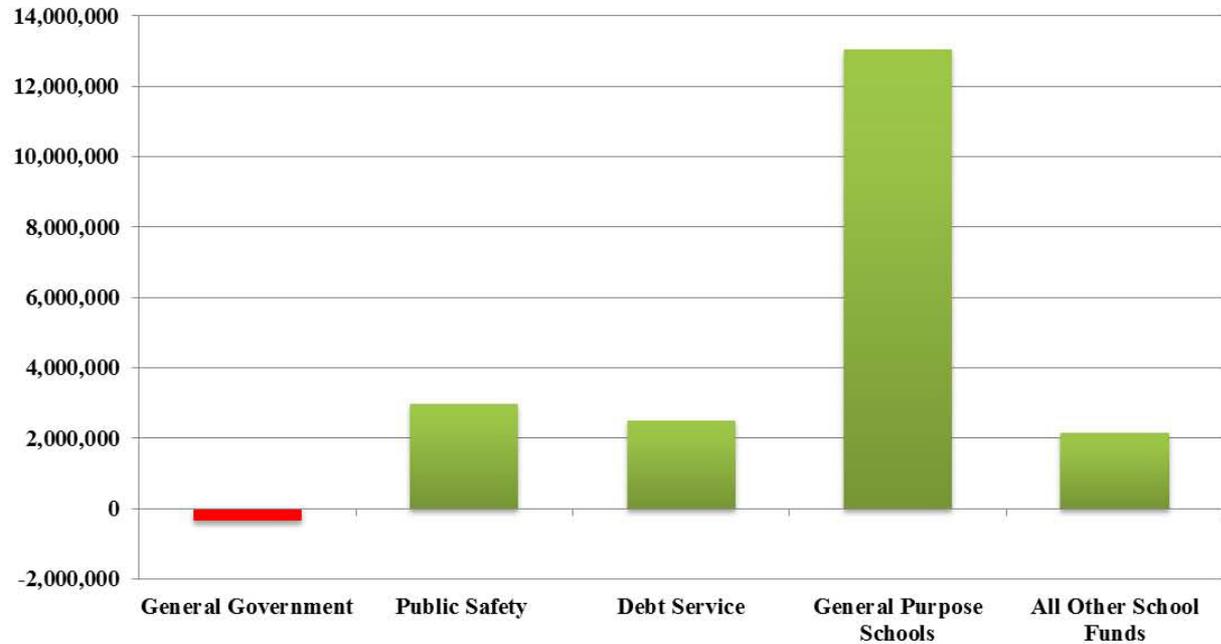
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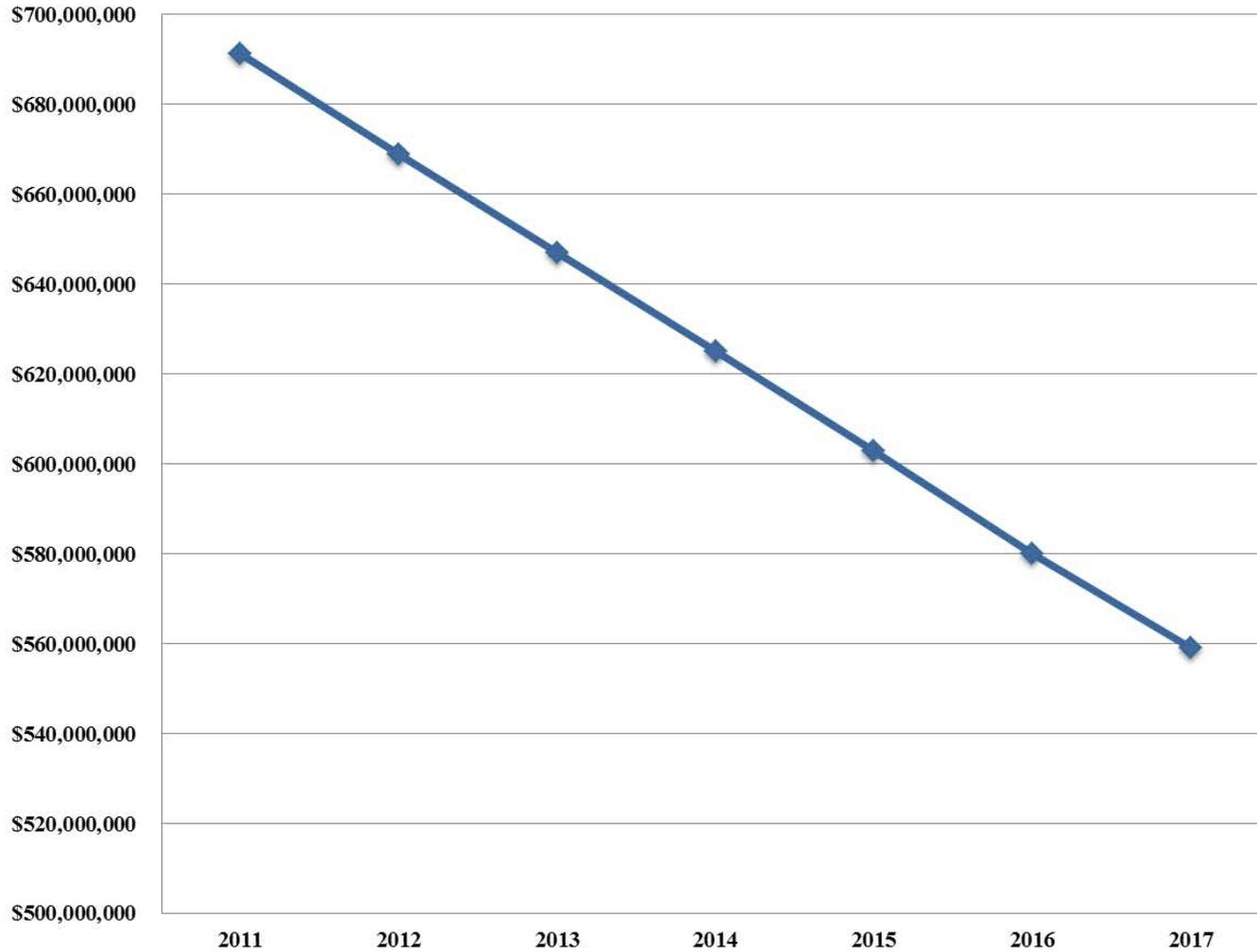
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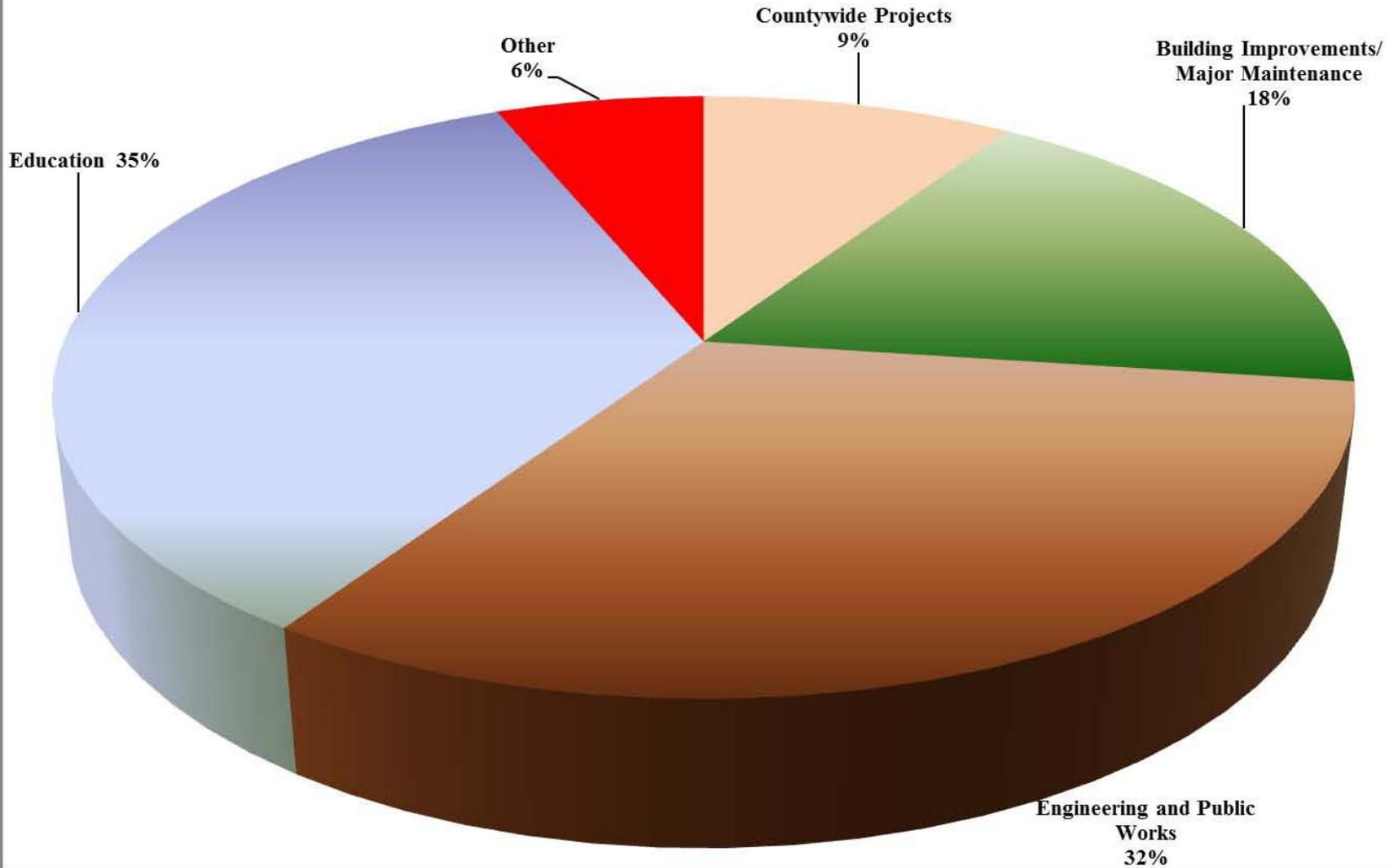
Change in Budget FY 2012 to FY 2013



Projected Five Year Debt Payment Plan Total - \$110 Million Reduction



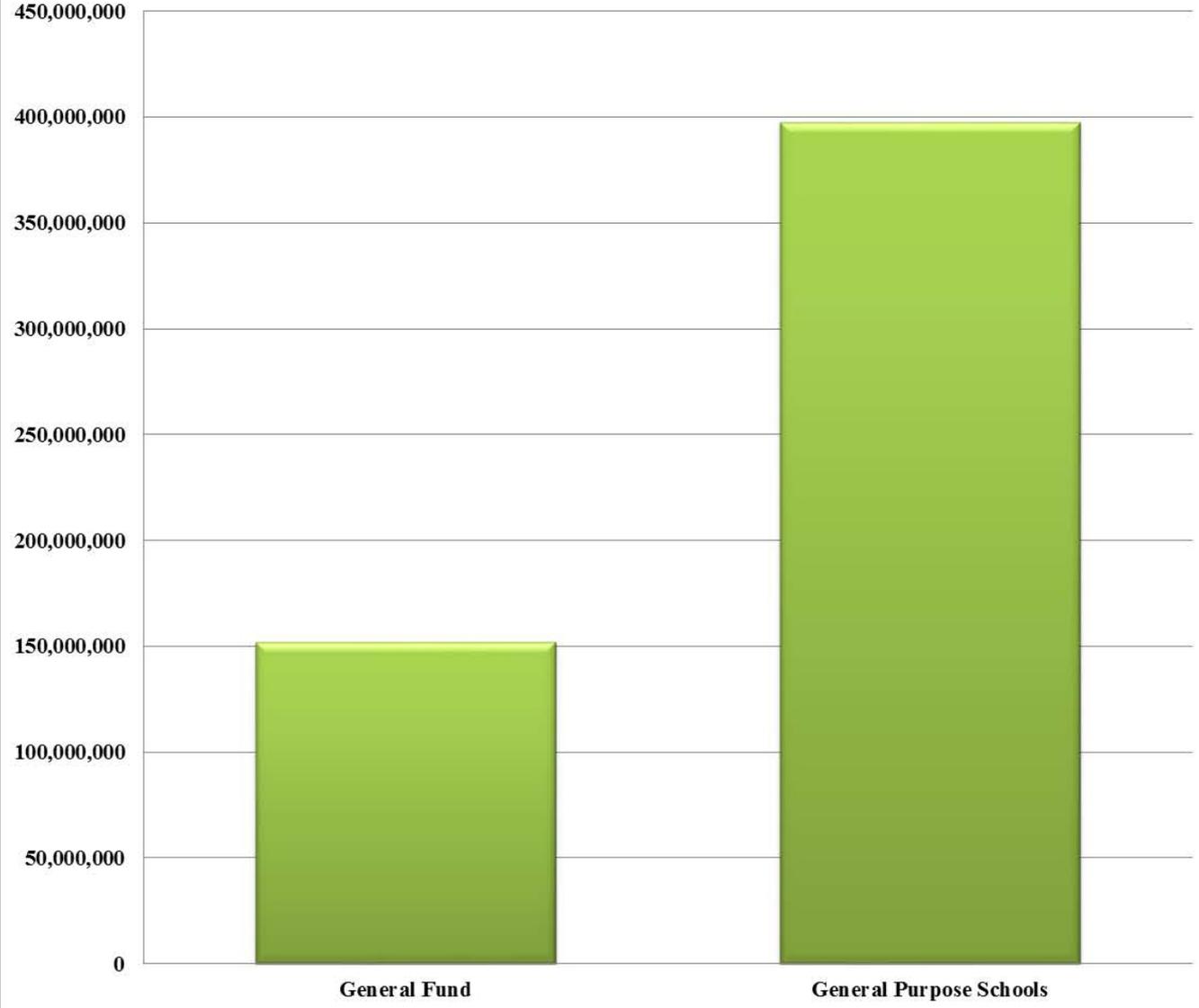
Recommended Capital Improvements FY 2013



General Purose Schools Annual Budget Increase

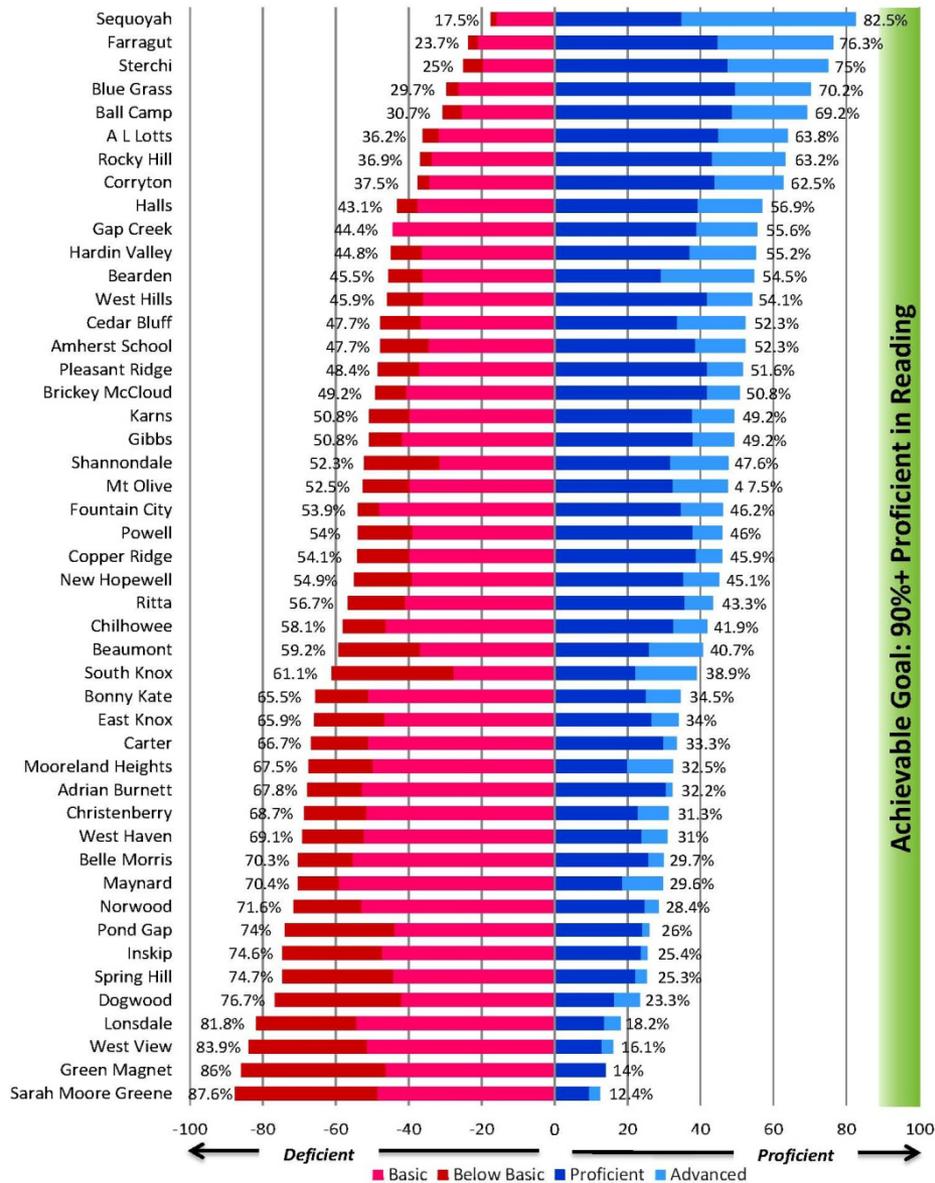


Comparison - County & Schools General Funds



General Fund includes Mayor, Sheriff, Health, Attorney General, Judges, Courts, Clerks, Parks, Finance, etc.

Knox County: 3rd Grade Reading Proficiency Rates, 2011



Source: Education Consumer's Foundation