#### Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority

**Budget 2022** 

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#### Considerations for Budget 2022

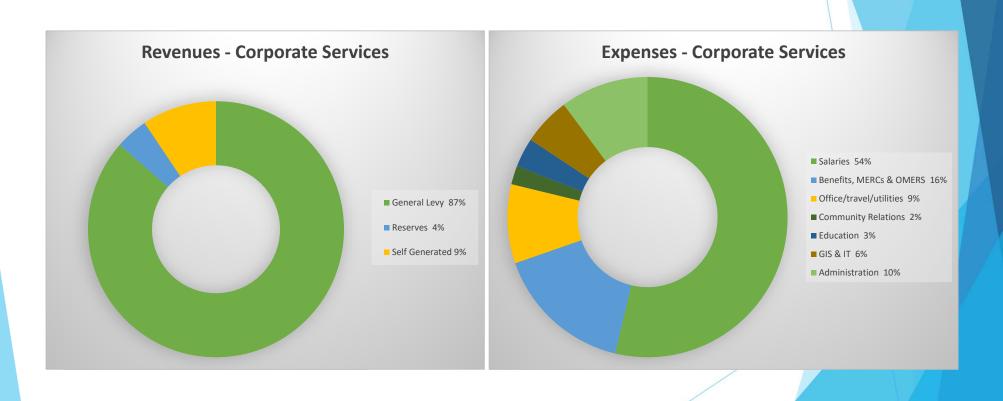
- Overwhelming amount of work Planning and Regulations, Land Management
- Retaining quality staff including salary step increases for performance
- Need to start scoping out requirements for compliance to amendments to Conservation Authorities Act
- Decreasing liability for the conservation authority





- Transition from benefits plan provider
- Training provided for campground reservation and system
- Website redesign and strategic plan
- Expanded Wild Encounters Outdoor School for homeschoolers & online learning
- Junior Nature Day Camp aimed at younger audience
- 2 Factor authentication & cloud backup of data to satisfy cyber insurance requirements
- Digitization of historical hard copy maps
- Back up server installation
- 7 Full Time Staff

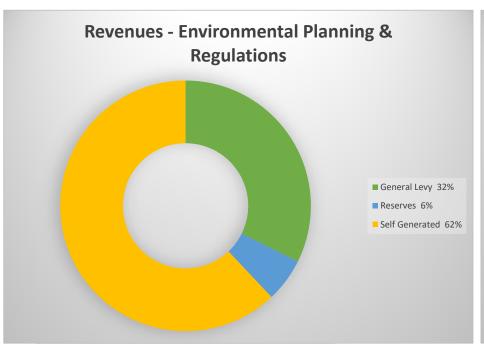
- Priorities: Implementation of new reservation system in cooperation with Lands staff, increase online banking capabilities allowing for fewer steps in processes and individualized permissions, investment strategy
- Professional development days education programming
- New education programming launched with new website including GPS certification programs & Great Lakes programs
- Main storage array replacement due to aging hardware
- Creation of new DEM/contour data using 2020 Ortho imagery
- Improvements to online mapping in conjunction with new website
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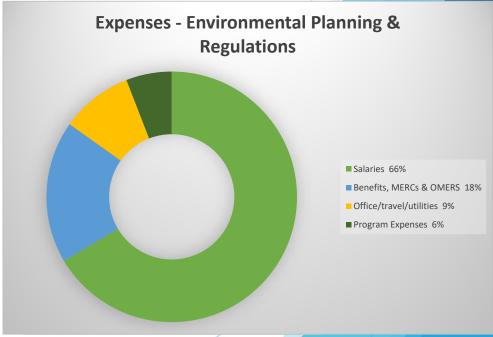


## ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & REGULATIONS

- Unprecedented numbers of permit and planning applications
- Purchase of Content Management System
- Begin updates to Environmental Planning and Regulations Policies Manual
- Begin User Fee Review to confirm that the fees for services rendered are appropriate
- Implementation of Violations Strategy
- Continue establishment of Planning Service Agreements
- 9 Full Time Staff

- Priorities: File organization and ensuring appropriate guidance for clients
- Design and population of Content Management System
- Complete updates to Environmental Planning and Regulations Policies Manual
- Begin assessment of risks associated with natural hazards including impacts of climate change
- 10 Full Time Staff One additional Resource Information Technician to help with file intake and file organization.

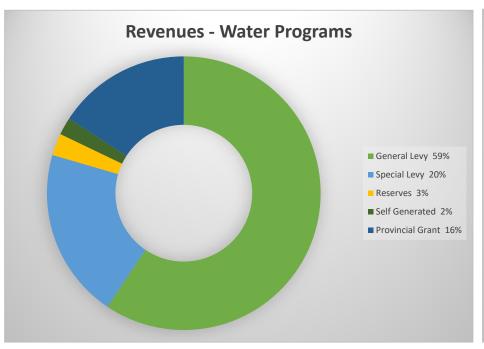


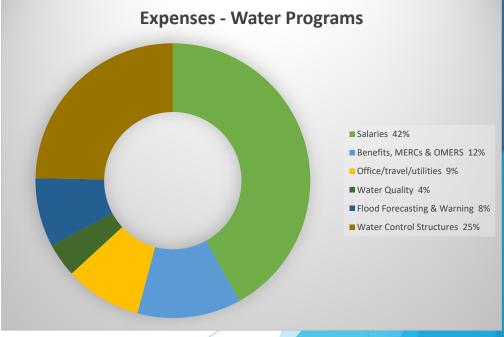


# WATER RESOURCES

- H-Beam installation to Upper Durham Dam
- Public Safety Assessment and Plan to Upper Durham Dam
- Upgrade to pedestrian walkway over Upper Durham Dam to comply with Bridge Code
- 5 Year update of Upper and Lower Durham Dams Structural Review of Concrete Components
- Initiated assessment at Neustadt Flood Control Structure
- Initiated discussions about improvements to Paisley Flood Control Dyke
- Established policies and procedures for water quality and quantity monitoring in the Teeswater watershed for NWMO
- Installation of 3 new stream gauges: one at Mount Forest, two on Teeswater River
- Participation in the Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Network, the Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network, and the Ontario Benthos Biomonitoring Network
- Provincial Flood Forecasting and Warning Program
- Flood and Erosion Control Infrastructure Operation
- Participate in Healthy Lake Huron partnership with Lake Huron Conservation Authorities
- 3 Full Time Staff

- Priority: Floodplain mapping improvements
- Retaining an engineer to lead the Water Resources Team
- Construction of a hydrological model for the Saugeen watershed
- Complete repairs to Neustadt Flood Control Structure
- Installation of signage at Lower Durham Dam
- Assessing Water and Erosion Control Structures as assets
- Assess scope Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy
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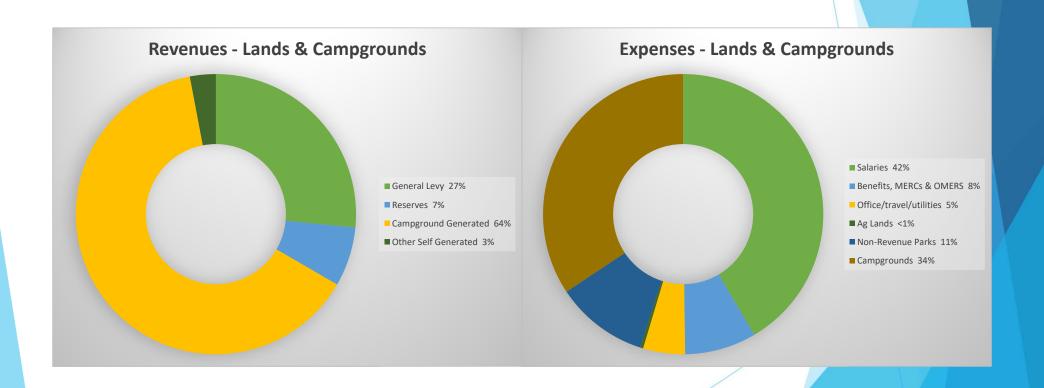


#### LANDS



- Refurbishment of Saugeen Bluffs campground main shower and washroom for accessibility
- Repairs to the Upper Durham Dam Pedestrian Walkway
- Partial replacement of a Sulphur Spring CA Boardwalk
- Installation of Playground Equipment
- General Property Management
- Replacement of Stoney Island CA bridges

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- Refurbishment of Mildmay-Carrick Trail System
- Completion of Master Plans for Campgrounds
- Begin Scoping the Lands Strategy Required under new Conservation Authority Act Regulations
- Begin Scoping the needs for a Management Plan for each property owned or controlled by the conservation authority.
- General property management

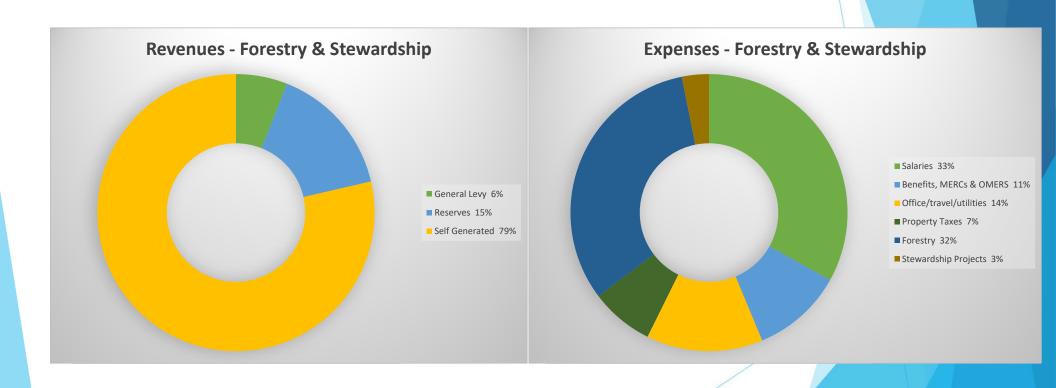


### FORESTRY & STEWARDSHIP



- Tree planting for private landowners
- Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program Plan Preparation
- Increased demand for Private land tree marking and tendering
- Significant increase in large scale landscape stock planting projects in Spring and Fall
- Management activities and maintenance of CA Managed Forests

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#### MOTOR POOL





- New tractor purchased for Durham CA
- Two new fleet vehicles purchased



- Priorities: Purchase of sander, snowmobile trailer & float
- Purchase of new fleet vehicle
- Asset management plan development

