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SARATOGA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PASS 2025 BUDGET

BALLSTON SPA, NY – Saratoga County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed the county’s 2025 budget at its Special Board Meeting on December 11, 2025. The \$432 million budget reduces the property tax rate for the fourth consecutive year, maintaining the County’s position as having the lowest property tax rate of all upstate counties, and positions Saratoga County as having the lowest spending per resident of any county outside of New York City, while also continuing significant investments in vital services and programs.

Saratoga County’s per resident spending rate (\$1,810) is 13.8% lower than the next lowest county’s rate of \$2,061 per resident and 44.5% lower than the average rate for all 57 New York Counties outside of New York City, according to [analysis](#) performed by Saratoga County.

The 2025 budget keeps the levy within the state’s property tax cap and reduces the property tax rate by 5%, continuing to provide Saratoga County homeowners with the lowest property tax rate amongst upstate counties at \$1.87 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This equates to a 15% reduction in the property tax rate over the past four years.

Saratoga County Board of Supervisors Chairman Phil Barrett (Clifton Park) said, “The 2025 budget is a prime example of Saratoga County’s long history of conservative budget practices that prioritize efficient and effective use of taxpayer dollars. Even in the face of unprecedented unfunded mandates and high inflation, Saratoga County’s fiscally conservative practices create an environment where residents keep more of their hard-earned money while still benefiting from essential government services and thriving communities in every corner of the County.”

The County makes a conservative sales tax revenue projection for 2025 of \$170 million, amidst higher inflation, a sluggish economy, and uncertainty in future consumer spending habits. The conservative projection comes as the County saw a slower growth rate during the second half of 2024, a trend which officials expect to continue in 2025.

In 2025, unfunded state and federal mandates, which include services such as Medicaid, temporary assistance, and early intervention, among many others, will cost Saratoga County more than \$80 million.

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Despite rising costs of unfunded mandates, Saratoga County's conservative budgeting practices help the County to continue its considerable investments in critical programs and services that residents depend on including public safety, public health, and social services, and supports the county workforce with significant investments in personnel, benefits, and training across all departments.

For more information, to view the budget brief, and to read the full 2025 budget, please visit www.SaratogaCountyNY.gov.

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Note to Editor: 2025 Projected NY Counties Per Resident Spending chart attached