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## ABOUT THIS REPORT

The purpose of this report is to cover the accomplishments of the 2023 fiscal year and an overview of the city’s financial positions. The financial information presented is unaudited and in a summarized and condensed form, and does not substitute for the city’s Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), which is prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The ACFR can be found at [www.thorntonco.gov/government/finance/Pages/.finance\\_accounting.aspx](http://www.thorntonco.gov/government/finance/Pages/.finance_accounting.aspx).



City Council (from top to bottom, left to right): Mayor Jan Kulmann, Justin Martinez, Kathy Henson, Roberta Ayala, Jessica Sandgren, David Acunto, Tony Unrein, Chris Russell, and Mayor Pro Tem Karen Bigelow



# LETTER FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Residents of Thornton,

I am pleased to present Thornton's 2023 Annual Accomplishments Report, reflecting our many projects to support the community:

- Construction of the new Community Center in collaboration with Anythink Library continues with an opening date in late 2024;
- Transportation projects that increase mobility and safety for all users and/or provide for greater transportation corridor efficiency;
- Design for improvements to convert the City's original Fire Station #1 to the Ken Frieberg City Museum, which will help educate the community on Thornton's history;
- Continued investments in city-wide accessibility, including the addition or updating of curb ramps, sidewalk updates, updating the first-floor bathrooms at City Hall to make them more accessible, and improvements at two City pool facilities; and
- Remediation of the Thornton Shopping Center source area, including excavation and disposal

Our accomplishments demonstrate our commitment to continuously improve our community's quality of life.

Brett Henry  
Interim City Manager

## 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

### Public Safety Accomplishments

Our new Thornton Police Training Center continues to improve training for our officers, and we have broken ground on a new indoor firearms range. We added many new employees to our Police department, including two employees to the Victim Services Unit (which provides advocacy and services to crime victims), a sergeant, and four more training officers. In addition, we graduated 29 police recruits through in-house police academies; all of these positions improve public safety in Thornton.

Fire will improve service to the northeast portion of the city with the new Fire Station #8, which is currently under design. We also added six firefighters to increase staffing on Engine 76 and Engine 77 and graduated 14 firefighters.

### Grants

We applied for 46 grants and had a 79% award rate in 2023. 2023 was a record year in grant awards for our Parks & Recreation Department. The team was awarded \$11.6M from Adams County Open space, DRCOG (Denver Regional Council of Governments), and the Colorado Tree Coalition's grant programs. The Adams County grants include \$1.45M for field turf replacement, \$1.14M for trail rehabilitation, \$1.23M for playground renovations, and \$910K for Niver Open Space renovations. All of these projects serve to improve resident's access to recreation and open space.

We were also awarded DRCOG funding for many traffic and infrastructure projects. We applied for and received grant

funding under the DRCOG Transportation Improvement Program 1) to design protected/separated bike facilities on Colorado Boulevard between 88th Avenue and E-470 and 2) to design pedestrian and bike facilities and traffic calming on 124th Avenue between Claude Court and Colorado Boulevard and to construct the first two phases. This grant will fund 90% of both projects (\$2M and \$6.33M, respectively). This grant will help Thornton improve pedestrian and cyclist safety. We also applied for and received grant funding under the Federal Highway Administration Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) to install a traffic signal at the intersection of 168th Avenue and Colorado Boulevard to improve traffic safety. The HSIP grant will fund 90% of the total project cost (\$683K).

The Fire Department received a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for two Fire Extinguisher Training Props, which offers hands on true-to-life experience without placing the learner in harm's way. Nine training sessions were offered with nearly 200 individuals trained on how to properly and safely use a fire extinguisher. This program will be expanded further in 2024.

The Police Department also pursued and received several grants, from a Traffic Safety Grant (\$82.9K) to a multi-year Community Oriented Policing Services Grant for our Family Crimes Unit. Our Co-responder Program is also partially funded from the Peace Officer Mental Health Grant (\$410K) and State and County Opioid Abatement - Co-responder Grant (\$390K). The co-responder program promotes wellness and safety in our community by providing effective and compassionate behavioral health response and intervention.

# ABOUT THORNTON

Thornton is a diverse community with a strong commitment to quality of life. The community’s location provides an ideal environment for business and recreation. Located in the north Denver metropolitan area, Thornton shares boundaries with Westminster, Broomfield, Northglenn, Federal Heights, and Commerce City. The community’s natural setting of ridgelines, wildlife, waterways, rolling hills, and undeveloped land provide Thornton residents with amenities that contribute to a unique quality of life.

Thornton is the sixth largest city in Colorado with a population over 154,000 in 38 square miles. Over the last decade, Thornton’s population has grown by 25%. The median age of Thornton residents is 35.2, and median household income is \$105,116. There are over 54,300 residential housing units in Thornton.



Newly completed Fire Station #7

# AWARDS

Infrastructure staff won several awards: the APWA (American Public Works Association) Lifetime Achievement Award to Jim Kaiser, AWWA (American Water Works Association) Gimmicks and Gadgets winner to John Meyers, and AWWA Outstanding Distribution System Operator to Steve Crow.

School Resource Officer Mark Quintana was nominated for the Fox 31 News “Support the Shield Award” by staff at Silver Creek Elementary School in recognition of his commitment to his students at Silver Creek and his engagement with families and children over the summer.

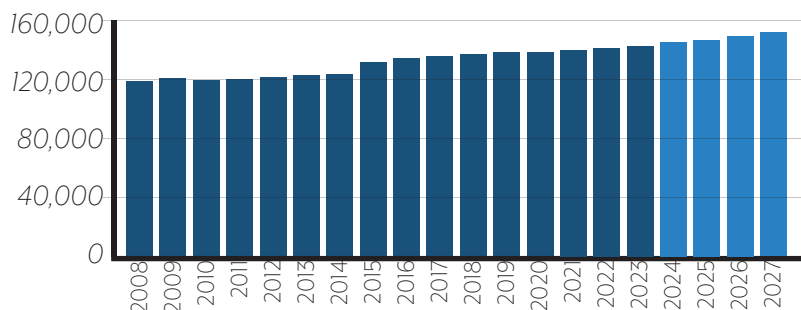
Parks, Recreation & Community Programs won the Adams County Arc of Excellence Award for Inclusive Community Programming in the Recreation Division, and they also received the Colorado House of Representatives Gold Seal for Dedication to Inclusivity and Equity.

On our facilities, the Margaret Carpenter Recreation Center won the Columbine Award for Design for the Renovated Aquatics Facility, and Thornton’s Fire Station No. 7 received an “Award of Merit” in the Engineering New Record Mountain States region. This industry competition honors the best construction projects across the region.

We received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Triple-Crown Award for our various financial and budget reports.

# GROWTH

Thornton’s population has grown steadily since the city was first incorporated in 1956, continuing through the 1970s and 1980s. Over the past 60+ years, Thornton has blossomed from a fledging residential development on the Denver outskirts into a full-service community that is forecasted to reach a population of over 190,000 by 2040.



# EMPLOYERS

Business services, retail, manufacturing, health care services, and construction comprise the largest share of employment locally with major employers including Google, Murphy Company, Amazon, Intrex Aerospace, Allegro Coffee, and Rocksol Consulting Group, Inc.

The top 10 employers include: Adams 12 Five Star Schools, Amazon, American Furniture Warehouse, Appliance Factory Outlet, City of Thornton, North Suburban Medical Center, King Soopers, Main Event, Topgolf, and Walmart Stores.



# ENSURE OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SAFETY

Thornton's Fire Department supports the public safety needs of the community by providing fire and emergency medical services quickly, competently, and compassionately.

The mission of the Police Department is to serve and protect our community. The department does this through a tradition of providing high-quality police services, deterring crime by engaging in effective partnerships, collaborative problem solving, and mentoring youth.



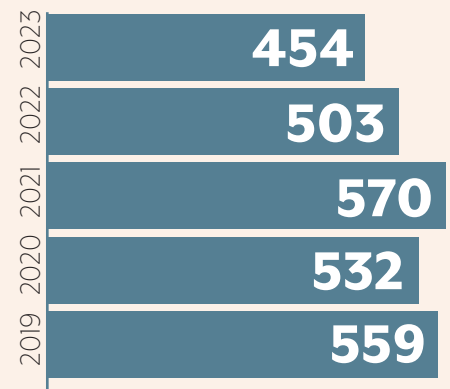
## BY THE NUMBERS

The Fire Department responded to **16,633** calls in 2023, including **6,857** medic unit transports. The Fire Department also conducted **1,240** fire safety inspections, contained **78%** of structure fires to the room of origin, and conducted life safety surveys at **1,143** existing businesses.

In 2023, the Police Department focused on traffic enforcement to promote a safer community with a **23%** increase in traffic stops and a **27%** increase in DUI arrests.

## RESPONDING TO CRISIS:

Mental Health Holds



# WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED?

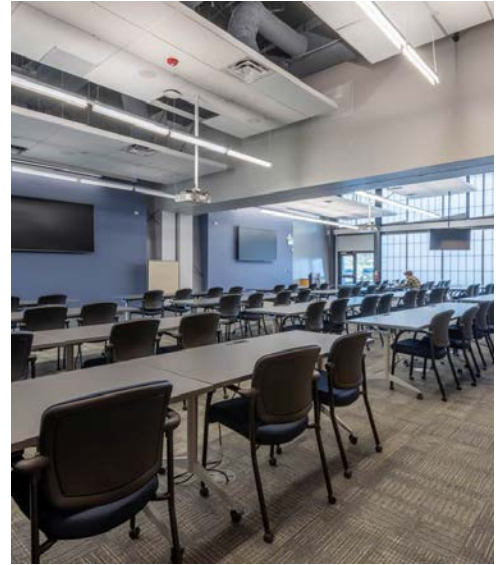
Public safety remains a priority for the city, and the Police and Fire Department continues to implement ways to improve public safety. PD is improving the safety of children by partnering with the CO Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the North Central Colorado Regional Child Abduction Response Team. PD has been trained in Integrating Communications, Assessment and Tactics (ICAT), which is an innovative, evidence-based approach to use-of-force training that provides first responding police officers with the tools, skills, and options they need to defuse a range of critical incidents successfully and safely.

Fire engaged with the community by hosting:

- “Stepping On” Fall Prevention classes with North Suburban Medical Center and Stop the Bleed and Hands-Only CPR at local businesses, community organizations and schools
- The Citizens’ Fire Academy, which returned after a three-year COVID hiatus and had 17 participants
- Education outreach by the T-Town Clowns to nearly 3,000 students in 14 elementary schools with safety tips and laughter

PD engaged with the community by:

- Organizing 200 meals for victims of crime in the 17th Judicial District during the holidays
- Creating community briefing videos following three officer involved shooting events to provide information to the community and creating multiple crime prevention videos and public safety announcements to educate the public on a wide range of topics from how to keep your vehicle and belongings safe to traffic safety initiatives



Above: Classroom in the Thornton Training Facility

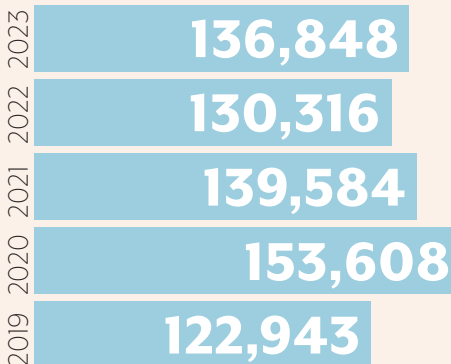
Left: Our new Fire Engine 77

Below: Our Police Officers engaging with the community at various events throughout the year

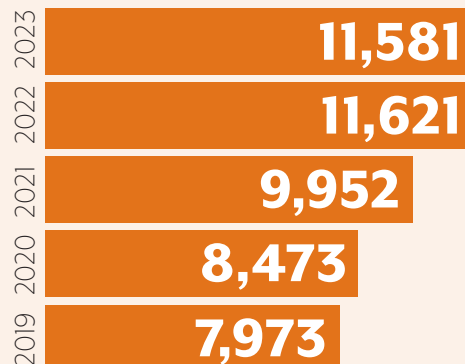


## NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE HELPED:

### PD calls for service

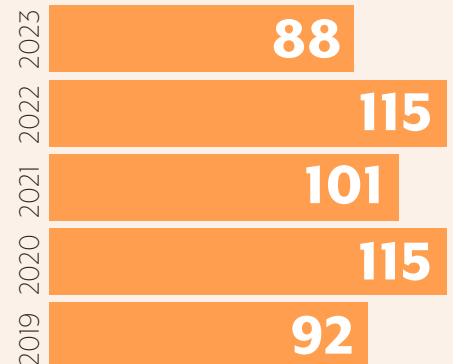


### EMS calls for service



## STRUCTURE FIRES:

### Number of structure fires





# INFRASTRUCTURE: WATER, ROADS, AND SERVICES

Thornton's infrastructure department includes the 4th largest water utility in the state in addition to a variety of public works services such as street maintenance, solid waste collection and recycling, separate sewer and stormwater collection, traffic mobility, and engineering services.

These services allow all residents the opportunity to enjoy safe and reliable drinking water, well-maintained streets, transportation mobility throughout the city, cost-effective trash and recycle collection, reduced flooding risk, and a reliable wastewater collection system.



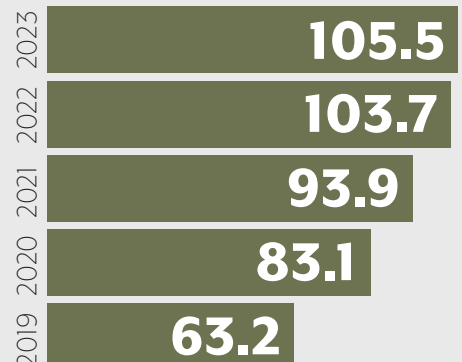
## BY THE NUMBERS

In 2023, we maintained **1,320** miles of road and **174** traffic signals, resurfaced **25** lane miles, and repaired **7,849** potholes. We swept **7,044** miles of streets and removed **2,590** tons of debris, a 65% increase over 2022. We cleared out **62** detention ponds and **2.3** miles of storm pipe.

We produced over **7 billion** gallons of water and conducted over **30,000** analyses on our water in 2023. We repaired **56** water lines, **4** sewer backups, and added **6,194** water meters in the city in 2023 for a total of **50,163** meters.

## HOW MUCH WE BUILT:

Total bike lane miles





# WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED?

Infrastructure's focus on customer service resulted in several wins for our residents. One of which was the city's floodplain management system and staff efforts that led to an increase in our FEMA system rating, increasing our resident's discount on FEMA Flood Insurance Premiums from 20% to 25%. We also won many transportation grants (summarized in the Grants section on p. 2).

Environmental Services made our recycling routes more efficient to reduce labor costs and route miles. Compost tonnage also increased to almost 66 tons, a 30% increase from 2022

We provided 955 water efficiency rebates and services, resulting in saving 6.3 million gallons of water annually. Alongside this, we conducted the Thornton Water Outreach Initiative to increase awareness about water utility, the value of water, and water efficiency programs included a mailer, e-news, streaming TV video ads, and social media ads to reach all of our customers and drive more traffic to ThorntonWater.com.

On water quality and for the third year in a row, we saved more than 600,000 KWhrs of electricity through optimization of processes and pumping while maintaining all finished water taste and odor compounds below our maximum target level of 10 parts per trillion. The water quality division also won \$200,000 in grants for PFAS analysis and treatment, and continues to keep PFAS lower than the EPA standard.



Above: Compost drop off at 12450 Washington St  
Left: Staff repaving Thornton roads

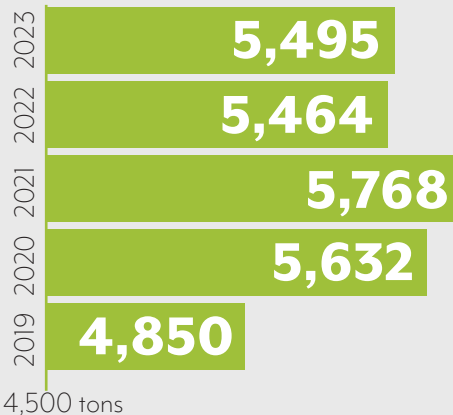


Above: new bike lane added at intersection of 134th Ave & Corona St  
Below: one of three canal structures built for municipal water usage



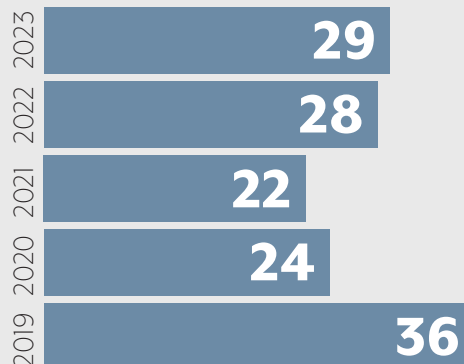
## HOW MUCH WE RECYCLED:

Tons of material recycled



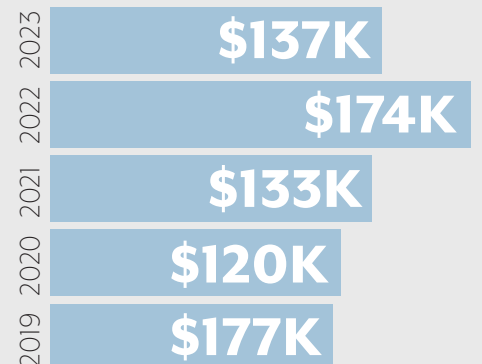
## HOW MANY STORMS WEATHERED:

Winter storm event responses



## HOW MANY WATER REBATES:

Dollar value of water efficiency rebates given to residents



# PLAN FOR OUR FUTURE & ECONOMIC GROWTH

The City Development Department is responsible for guiding the current and future growth, including promoting quality development that creates a safe, balanced community for living, working and playing. Staff manages the development processes, works with developers in the city, and enforce compliance with codes and ordinances.

Economic Development services support local businesses, job growth, and primary businesses. Staff also foster capital investment for new retail development and redevelopment of older areas of the city. During COVID, the department expanded small business support by creating the new Alliance Business Center, and 2023 was its third full year of operation.



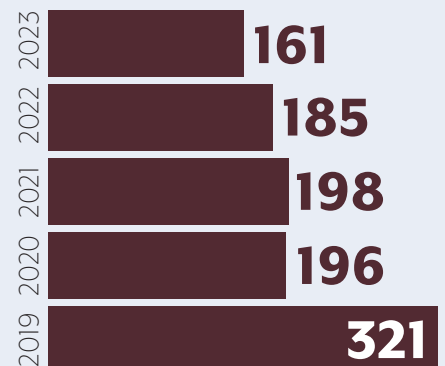
## BY THE NUMBERS

We issued **16** commercial permits in 2023, valued at **\$164M**. City Development removed **399** incidents of vandalism totaling **29,922** square feet of graffiti in 2023, a 15% increase in square footage from 2022.

The Alliance Business Center conducted **431** technical assistance meetings, workshops (**44** workshops with **426** attendees), networking events (**490** attendees), and facilitated **14** ribbon cuttings.

## BUSINESSES ADDED:

Newly licensed businesses in the city





# WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED?

Thornton is experiencing significant growth and evolving into a highly desired business destination. We anticipate continued interest in the I-25 corridor and community retail along Quebec and eastern Thornton. The city added over 160 businesses, including Living Spaces, Spice Kitchen and the King Soopers Marketplace. Several exciting new businesses such as Gordon Foods, Chicken N Pickle, and Snobahn announced that they were coming to Thornton.

We worked on many development projects, including the masterplanned community of Parterre, a Target Distribution Center, Adams 12 Independence Academy, and Quebec Highlands, a residential development. The latter two are under construction. In addition, remediation of the Thornton Shopping Center continues, where we relocated tenants and started the asbestos abatement and demolition process. A community engagement plan for reuse of the site will begin in 2024.

Many code changes happened this year, including updated energy codes, an artificial turf amendment, and are in the process of a Development Code Update as well as the creation of our first Historic Preservation Plan. All of these code changes and plans serve to make Thornton a residential and commercial destination.

Our Building Inspection team has gone above and beyond with customer service to the community by providing a weekend seminar on basement finishes and deck building, adding an estimated time of inspection, allowing roof permits to be completed virtually, and creating instructional



Above: Grand Opening of Rush Bowls at 13762 Colorado Blvd.  
Left: Spice Kitchen at 2100 E 104th Ave Thornton

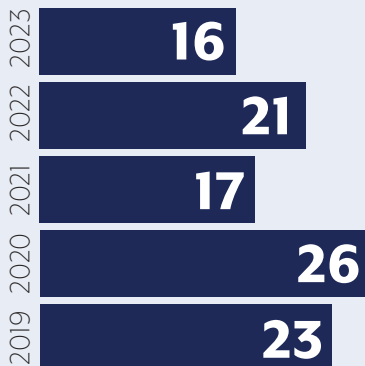


Above: asphalt completed at Willow Bend Subdivision  
Below: 7-Eleven at 52 W 84th Ave

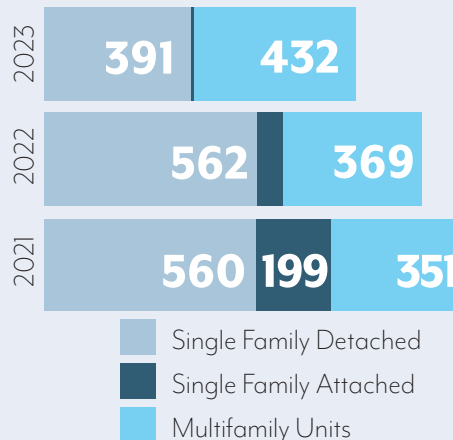


## PERMITS ISSUED:

### New commercial permits



### New residential permits



## ADDING NEW JOBS:

### New or Expanded Primary Employers

- Solid Power (battery manufacturer),
- Amann USA (thread & yarn), and
- Forge Nano (Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD) equipment)

Between these and five additional employers, we added over 400 new primary jobs to Thornton.



# MAINTAIN STRONG PARKS AND RECREATION

Thornton Parks, Recreation & Community Programs provide a wide array of activities and programs to meet the parks and recreation demand in the community. We also offer Active Adult Services, Arts and Culture, and Community Connections. Community Connections serves as a one-stop resource shop to meet individual needs for food, clothing, shelter, and social/mental health supports.

In 2023, we added many new events at our Active Adult Center (AAC) such as Beach Vibes & Good Times, 5K Team event, Whiskey Trivia & Tasting, Golden Bachelor Viewing Party, Family Feud, Grandkids Movie in the Park, and Corn Fest. Beyond AAC events, we added the city's first Annual Barrel and Beer Festival, which had 812 attendees, and the first Annual Fuel and Fury Car Show with 220 Cars.



## BY THE NUMBERS

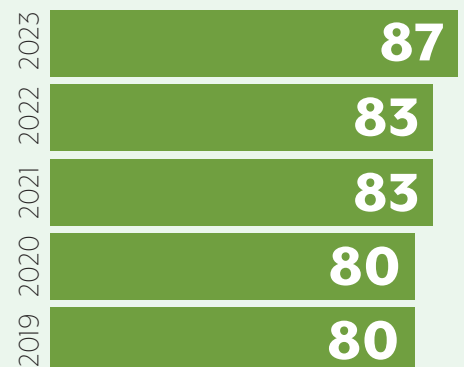
Thornton maintains over **157** miles of trails within the city and had a record **42,851** rounds at our Golf Course.

In 2023, Recreation centers saw a **29%** increase in daily users from 2022. We had **4,900** attendees at **14** Movies in the Park and **132,499** attendees at **3** festivals and **6** special events.

The Active Adult Center had **85,112** daily users, a **28%** increase from 2022, and **673** new memberships. They also held **35** special events.

## HOW MUCH WE MAINTAINED:

Parks and sports facilities



# WHAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED?

Recreation is vital for the health and wellbeing of our community, and we are proud to support our community in being active, including offering new programming such as Ping Pong for the Mind and Body and pickleball classes, drills, and leagues. Our Adaptive and Inclusive Recreation (AIR) program continues to grow with 12 different programs with a participation of 1,828 students. Our Thornton Arts Academy remains strong with a 10% growth and had 51 programs offered throughout the year.

Our Thorncreek Golf Course hosted a record number of rounds in 2023 and had great participation in their Ladies, Senior, Men's, and Couples Leagues as well as clinics, tournaments, and patio events. We also implemented an Annual Tree Planting program in Golf and planted over 20 trees in the #6 green vicinity.

The Active Adult Center made their services even more efficient by implementing an online lunch registration program, improving the Soup-to-Go Program (32% increase in sales), increasing their rental services (47% revenue increase), expanding social drop-in activities (35% participation increase), and developing new and creative special events.

We grew our public art collection by installing four outdoor sculptures at 88th and 104th RTD transit stations, Carpenter Recreation Center, and Trail Winds Recreation Center.



Above: Thornton's newest event, Barrel and Beer Festival  
 Left: Construction of the new Community Recreation Center  
 Below: Attendees at our Trunk or Treat event

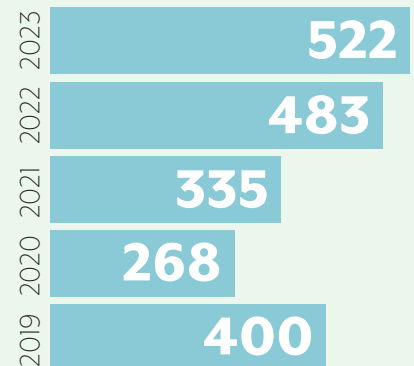
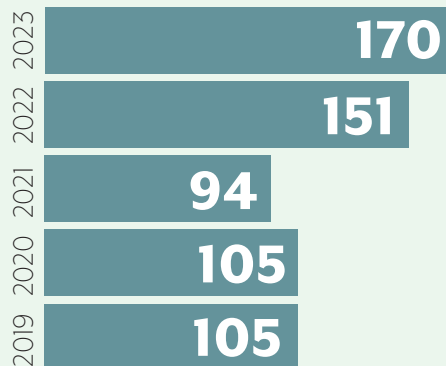
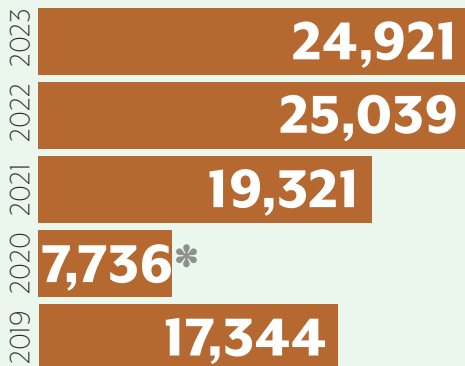


## HOW MANY PEOPLE WE HELPED:

Meals Served by the Active Adult Center (AAC)

Reduced Rate Assistance Program (RRAP) for qualified Households

Reduced Rate Assistance Program (RRAP) for qualified Individuals



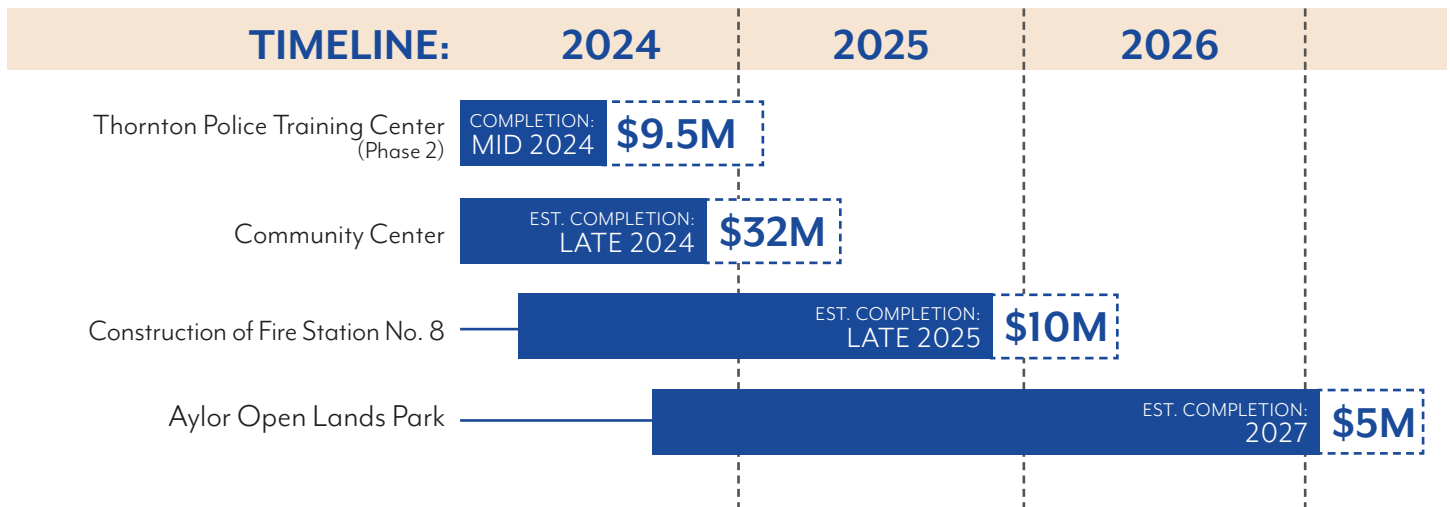
\*This drop in numbers is due to the closure of the AAC during the pandemic before curbside service began.

# CAPITAL PROJECTS: WHAT HAS THORNTON BUILT?

The city of Thornton maintains a five-year capital improvement program (CIP) that staff updates annually. The initial year of the CIP is adopted and approved by City Council as a component of the annual budget. Capital improvement expenditures provide for

the acquisition, expansion, and rehabilitation of the city's physical assets. The appropriations for each individual capital project do not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and instead are available until the project is completed or canceled.

## ONGOING PROJECTS



## OTHER PROJECTS

Construction is fully underway for the new Thornton Community Center, which will have an adjoining Anythink Library, fitness areas, gymnasium, makers market, meeting rooms and a boxing gym area. The library is starting construction fall 2024 and is planning a two-year construction period.

In 2023, we opened up Lambertson Farms to the public, which features interior trail loops. This work provides the opportunity for our community to engage in this space and enjoy the natural resources on this site.

The Niver Creek Open Space included the install of the city's first Permeable Paved parking area in the city. It also consists of adding open space improvements and passive recreation amenities, including a Niver Nature Heritage Trail trailhead parking area, nature play areas, boardwalks, shade shelters, and overlooks of the creek. It will be completed in mid-2024.

The Aylor Open Lands Park Phase 1 project will include the street and pedestrian entrance, parking lot, trail head, soft trail, and construction of the Anythink Nature Center Library.

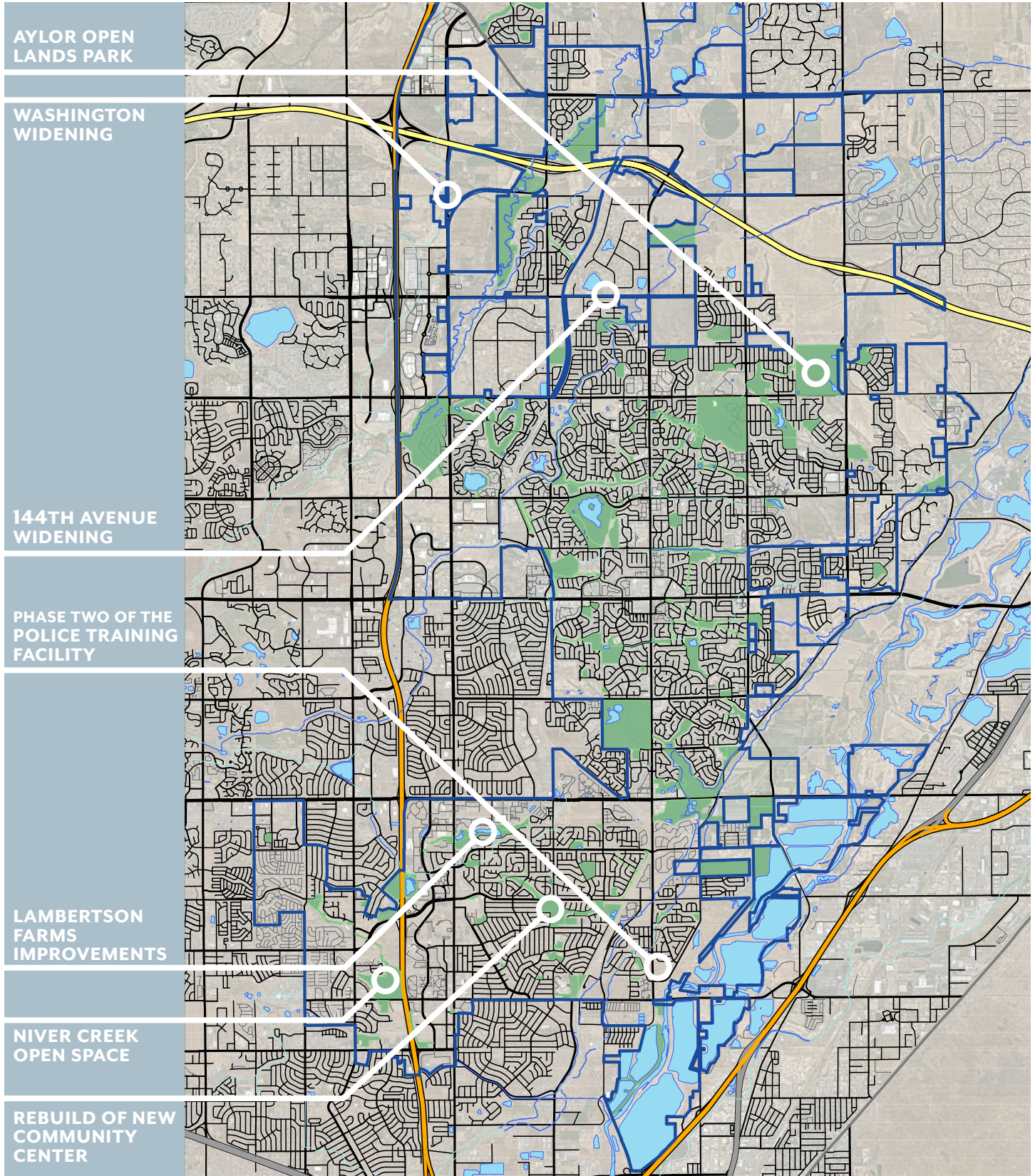
We completed 26 infrastructure projects totaling \$51.9M, including transportation projects such as the Washington Street widening project (\$18.4M) and the 144th Avenue widening from York St to Colorado Blvd (\$5.7M).

To better control vehicle movements and provide safer pedestrian crossing, new traffic signals were installed at the 136th Avenue and Trenton Street, the 112th Avenue and Birch Drive, the 130th Avenue and Holly Street, and the 120th Avenue and Niagara Street intersections.

To prepare for the conversion of the Water Supply and Storage Company system water to Thornton municipal use, we completed construction of three canal structures and one groundwater recharge facility.



# MAP OF CAPITAL PROJECTS: FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE

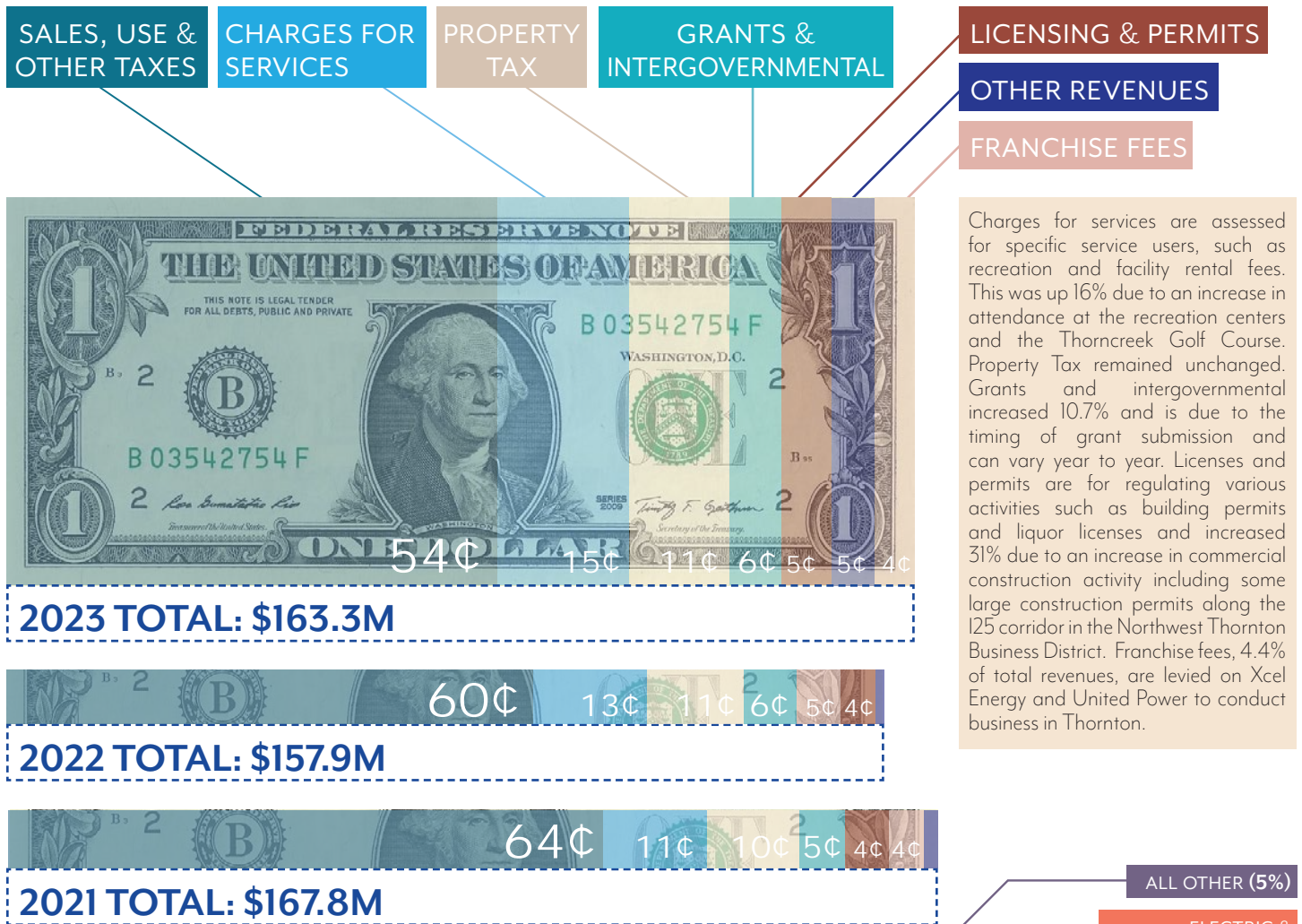




# WHAT REVENUES PROVIDE CORE SERVICES?

The chart below shows General Fund revenues by source, which increased 3.4% from 2022. The general government sales and use taxes are split to fund general operations in the General Fund and capital projects in the Governmental Capital Fund. In 2023, 65% of the general government sales and use tax went to the General Fund (included in the chart below) and 35% went to the Governmental Capital Fund. The

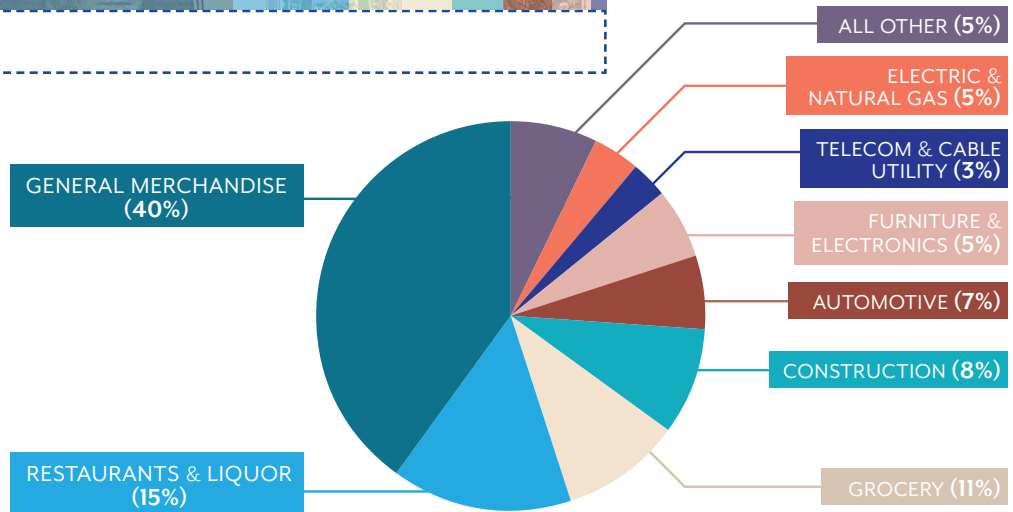
general government sales and use taxes decreased 2% from 2022. In the General Fund, sales, use, and other taxes decreased 7.4% due to a planned reduction in the sales and use tax allocation percentage to the General Fund from 72% in 2022 to 65% in 2023. This allocation is evaluated annually to ensure adequate funding for general operations and capital projects. Total sales tax in Thornton is 8.5%. 3.75% is for



Charges for services are assessed for specific service users, such as recreation and facility rental fees. This was up 16% due to an increase in attendance at the recreation centers and the Thorncreek Golf Course. Property Tax remained unchanged. Grants and intergovernmental increased 10.7% and is due to the timing of grant submission and can vary year to year. Licenses and permits are for regulating various activities such as building permits and liquor licenses and increased 31% due to an increase in commercial construction activity including some large construction permits along the 125 corridor in the Northwest Thornton Business District. Franchise fees, 4.4% of total revenues, are levied on Xcel Energy and United Power to conduct business in Thornton.

### 2023 SALES TAX

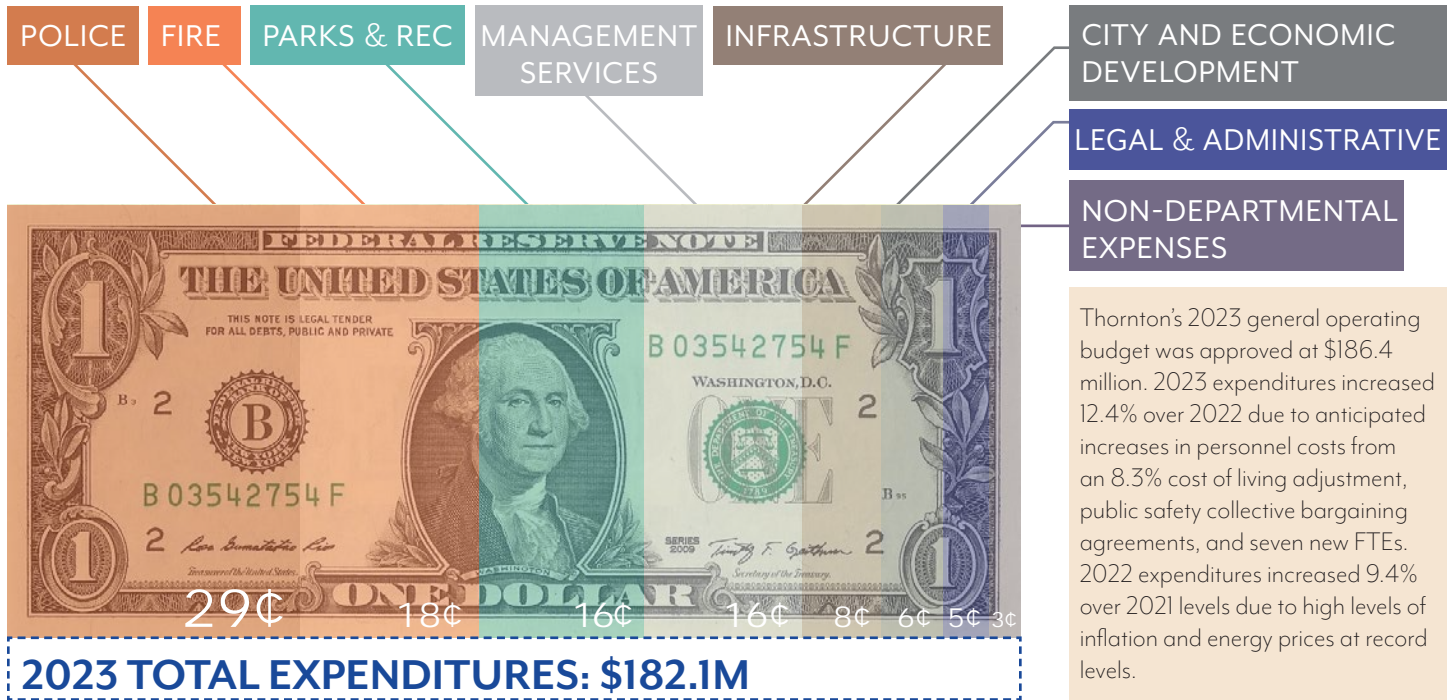
The pie chart below breaks out what types of industries support our sales tax base. This mix is particularly important during a recession as certain types of sales tax generators are more stable in rough economic times, such as general merchandise, grocery, restaurants, and liquor.



# WHAT CORE SERVICES DO WE PROVIDE?

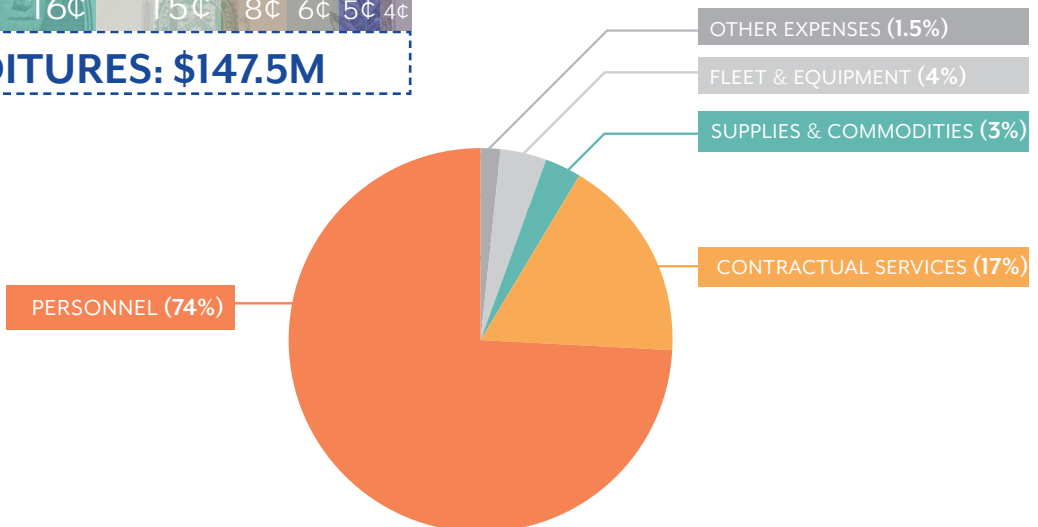
Every year, the city manager submits a budget for Council's adoption. The proposed budget must be balanced, where ongoing revenues must meet or exceed ongoing expenditures. This budget takes into account feedback from the community as well as goals and policy direction from council, while remaining fiscally responsible.

The pie chart below breaks down the general operating budget, which is important for modeling the city's finances into the future as certain types of costs are more flexible or increase at different rates over the years. As an example, the cost of supplies will generally rise with inflation, whereas the cost of labor rises with the labor market.



## 2023 EXPENSES

The majority of the city's costs come from personnel. In 2023, 74% of the city's general operating actuals went to fund the salary and benefits of its 949.25 general fund full-time employees, as well as part time or seasonal employees.

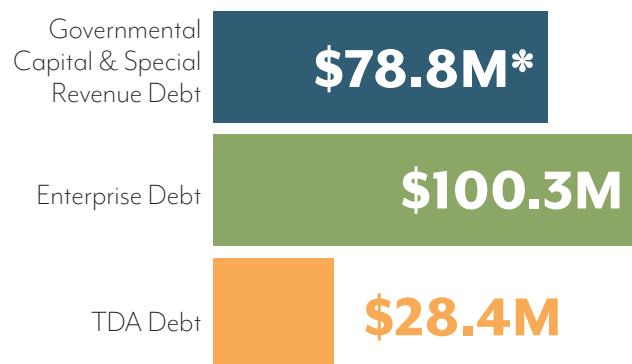




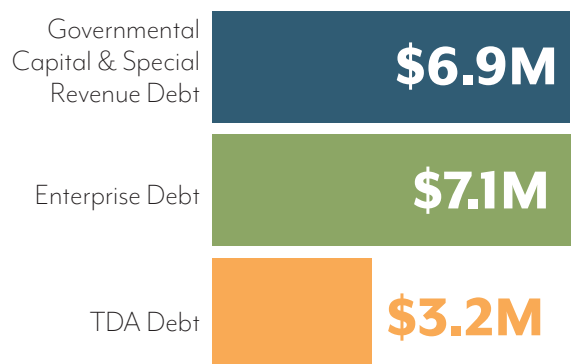
# RESPONSIBLE FISCAL MANAGEMENT

## 2023 TOTAL DEBT & PAYMENTS

**2023 TOTAL DEBT: \$207.6 M\***



**2023 ANNUAL PAYMENT: \$17.1 M**

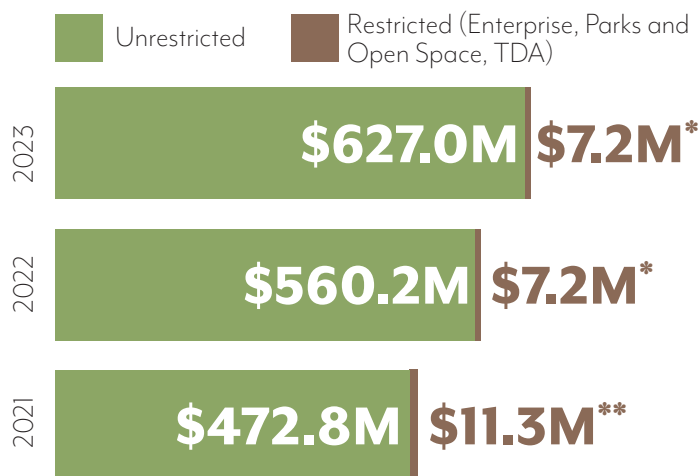


Each of Thornton's debt issuances is rated AA- or better by Moody's Investors Service and Standard & Poor's. This highly favorable investment rating allows the city to pay less interest on its debt issuances. On December 31, 2023, the city's total

\*Does not include the IGA Repayment with Westminster for 144th and I-25, as this is a contractual obligation and not a debt issued by the City.

debt was \$207.6 million, of which \$107.25 million was related to government activities and \$100.33 million to enterprise (business-type) activities.

## 2023 CASH & INVESTMENTS



Investment policies are governed by City Council-adopted policy. The principal objective of the city's cash and investment strategy is preservation of investment principal. Thus, the policy allows for only fixed-income investments, such as state or local government debt, U.S. agency obligations, or U.S. corporate debt. Equity investments, such as common stock or mutual funds, are not allowed under the city's policy.

On December 31, 2023, the fair market value of the city's cash and investments was \$622.68 million. The yield on market for the total assets in the portfolio for 2023 was 3.08%. Total interest only earnings were \$19.8 million (excludes unrealized gain or loss on investments).

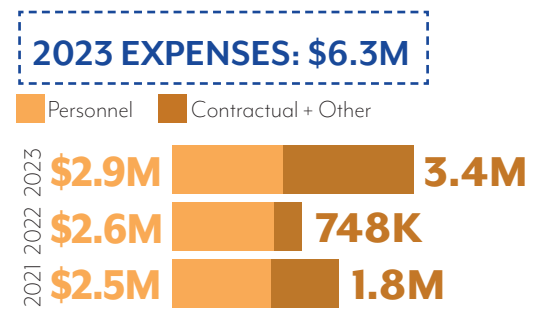
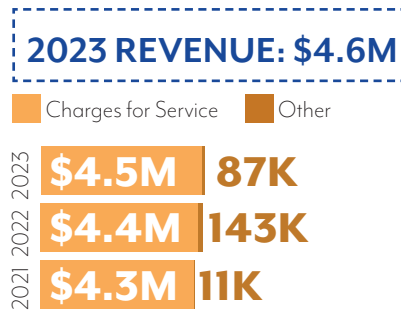
\* Restricted includes \$3.4M for Water Fund bond reserves and \$3.7M for TDA bond reserves.

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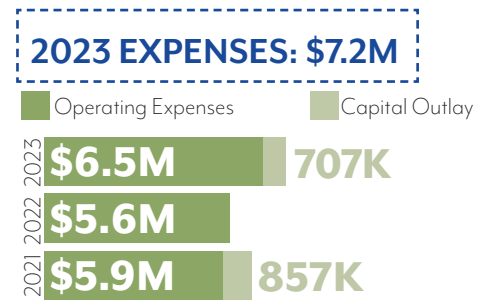
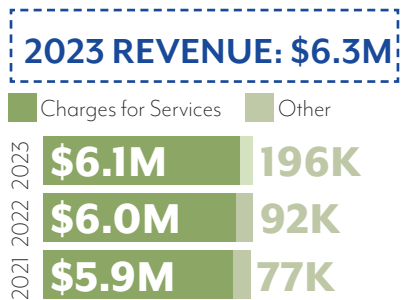
# ENTERPRISE FUNDS: REVENUES AND EXPENSES\*

For all funds, capital improvement projects fluctuate year to year based on capital needs of the city.

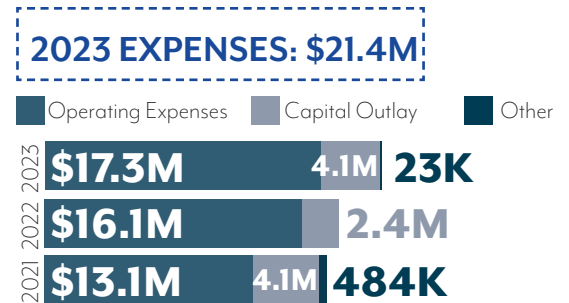
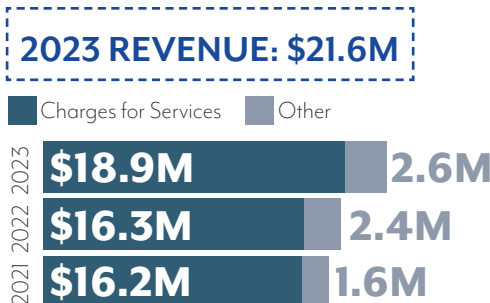
The **STORMWATER FUND** was established in 2019 and is responsible for the city's drainage system.



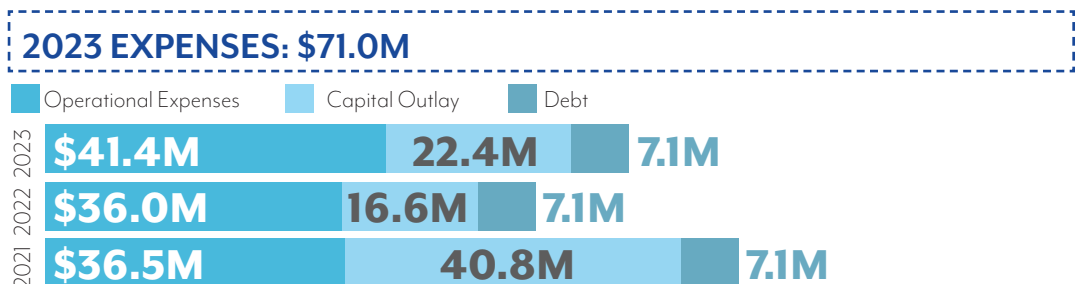
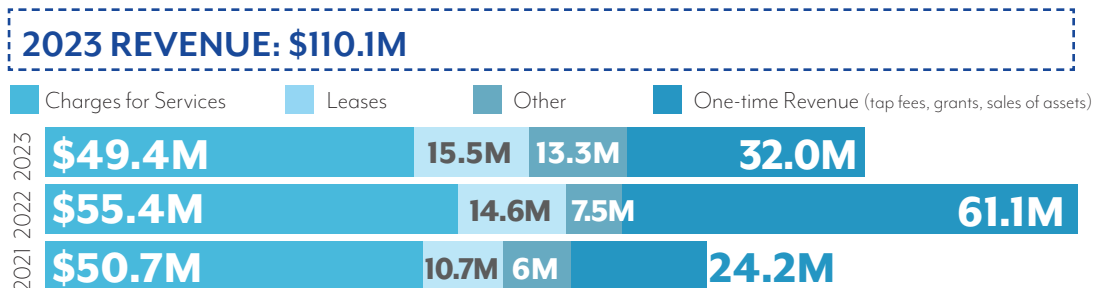
The **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FUND** provides curbside trash and recycling collection services to over 32,200 homes. Increases in revenue are due to a growing customer base.



The **SEWER FUND** is responsible for operating and maintaining the city's wastewater collection system. Charges for service increased as a result of a 13% rate increase effective January 1, 2023 and a growing customer base.



The **WATER FUND** operates, maintains, and plans for the future of Thornton's water utility. Charges for Services were down from 2022 due to a decrease in water consumption from an unusually long rainy season. 2022 revenues also included a one-time sale of assets for \$30.7M. One-time revenues cover multi-year capital improvement projects, which vary considerably year to year.




\*This does not include non-cash items, such as capital improvement contributions or depreciation.


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
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