Providing a foothold for a river’s renaissance, the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge encompasses 48 miles of combined Detroit River and western Lake Erie waterfront. A first of its kind, this acclaimed urban wildlife sanctuary shelters diverse coastal wetland habitats, preserving a wild place for numerous avian and aquatic species.
Our mission is to lead the nation in providing exemplary and efficient services that continuously promote and enhance the highest quality of life for those who choose to live, work, visit and play in Wayne County.

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This past year has proved challenging for Wayne County. Our county, along with the State of Michigan and local municipalities share similar stories of growing obstacles, shrinking resources, and a feeling of uncertainty among our citizens. Foreclosures and unemployment have continued to soar; and property values have continued to fall. The decline in property tax revenues and reduced state funding has created deficits at all levels of local government.

We have addressed our budget deficit using various strategies. Personnel costs were reduced through pay cuts and staff reduction. Employee health care costs have been cut by $12 million per year at a time when most private companies are seeing significant increases. We have invested in technology to reduce overall costs.

Not only have we focused on reducing costs, the County has committed significant resources to the generation of revenue. In the last year, we brought $2 billion in new investment and thousands of new jobs to Wayne County. This is the largest one-year investment total in almost ten years. In addition, there is a diversification into alternative energy, advanced battery, and high-tech auto investment. Here are a few examples:

- Ford Motor Co. is investing $1 billion - the largest investment by an automotive manufacturer in the country - in its Michigan Assembly Plant, where it will build the European version of the Focus, as well as the electric Focus.
- Advanced lithium-ion battery manufacturer A123 Systems is investing more than $600 million by locating its regional headquarters and production plants, and its Center for Energy Excellence in Livonia and Romulus.
- GE is investing $100 million and looking to employ approximately 1,400 positions with an average salary of more than $100,000 at its Advanced Manufacturing and Software Technology Center in Van Buren Township. This facility will focus on renewable energy and other high-tech products.
- General Motors is investing $40 million in its new factory in Brownstown Township, where it will produce battery packs for its Chevy Volt electric car.
- The Wayne County Film Initiative helped bring us blockbuster films like the remake of “Red Dawn,” Golden Globe winner and Oscar nominee “Up in the Air” with George Clooney, and Dream Works’ big-budget action movie “Real Steel” from executive producer Steven Spielberg, which stars Hugh Jackman.

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- The Wayne County Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program (a free, one-of-a-kind program designed to help Wayne County residents in danger of losing their homes to foreclosure) assisted more than 1,500 residents, keeping more than 500 families in their homes, and protecting our neighborhoods.
- The Land Bank and the Nuisance Abatement Program are working together to redevelop our communities using $26 million in federal Neighborhood Stabilization Funds. They have already identified projects for every dollar, and it will all be allocated by September 2010.

Over the next 12 months, we will work aggressively to bring more business and jobs to Wayne County. We will continue to provide a safety net for citizens and families in need. In short, my administration will focus on building a better quality of life in the County and ensuring a brighter future for all our citizens.

Robert A. Ficano, Chief Executive Officer
our organization

WAYNE COUNTY CITIZENS

COUNTY COMMISSION
15 Officials

EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM
DIRECTOR
Ronald C. Yee

COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Robert A. Ficano

DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Azzam E. Elder

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
Carla E. Sledge, CPA, CGFM

CHIEF OF STAFF
Matthew A. Schenk

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Tadarial Sturdivant

CORPORATION COUNSEL
Marianne Talon

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROWTH ENGINE
Turkia A. Mullin

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Edith Killins

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financial overview

This Popular Annual Financial Report (Annual Report) is intended to provide the taxpayers, citizens, and other interested parties with a financial overview of the County's financial condition for the year ended September 30, 2009. The financial facts, figures, tables and graphs included in this report have been taken from the audited financial statements in the County's 2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

The County's CAFR, which provides complete financial information and disclosures in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), may be obtained from the Department of Management and Budget, Financial Reporting Division, at 500 Griswold, 20th Floor, Detroit, Michigan 48226. In addition, both the CAFR and this report may be viewed on the Charter County of Wayne, Michigan's website at www.waynecounty.com and on the data CD affixed to the back cover of this Annual Report.

The County's Funds

The accounts of the County are organized and operated on a fund basis. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting segregates monies according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance related legal and contractual provisions. The County’s governmental funds include the General Fund, special revenue, debt service and capital projects funds.

Special revenue funds are used to record activities that receive monies for restricted purposes, such as Roads, Health, Mental Health, and grant or specific tax-funded activities like Parks. Debt service funds account for the accumulation of resources for, and payment of, principal and interest on long-term debt. Capital projects funds are used to account for the purchase or construction of major capital facilities, such as roads, buildings, and equipment.

The revenues and expenses presented in this report are for the governmental activities of the County only – the General Fund, the special revenue funds, debt service, capital projects, and internal service funds of the County. This report is not intended to comply with GAAP as it does not include the County's component units, business-type activities, or its trust and agency funds. Additionally, note disclosures have been excluded from this report. For a complete description of significant accounting policies and other disclosures required by GAAP, refer to the County’s CAFR.

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

The Statement of Net Assets (governmental activities) summarizes County resources balanced against County debt and other liabilities as of September 30, using the full accrual basis of accounting. Full accrual accounting records revenues when earned and liabilities when incurred, regardless of the timing of cash flows. There are three components in the statement of net assets: (1) Assets, items owned or controlled; (2) Liabilities, debts owed; and (3) Net Assets, the residual interest in the items owned or controlled after deducting debts. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the County is improving or deteriorating.

Assets represent County resources used to provide future public services, or to pay liabilities incurred for services provided in prior periods.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the County's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year, using the full accrual basis of accounting.

Changes in net assets (governmental activities), restricted and unrestricted, represent the cumulative difference between revenues (funds received) and expenses (funds spent). Net assets amounted to $1.1 billion at September 30, 2009.
### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES)

For the Year Ended September 30th (in thousands)

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<td>Program Revenues</td>
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<td>Charges for services</td>
<td>$176,101</td>
<td>$177,484</td>
<td>$145,815</td>
<td>$164,019</td>
<td>$185,551</td>
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<td>Operating grants and contributions</td>
<td>873,408</td>
<td>880,502</td>
<td>869,537</td>
<td>872,845</td>
<td>872,743</td>
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<td>Capital grants and contributions</td>
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<td>24,411</td>
<td>15,347</td>
<td>12,681</td>
<td>10,281</td>
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<td>General Revenues</td>
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<td>Property taxes</td>
<td>381,351</td>
<td>401,764</td>
<td>485,554</td>
<td>455,109</td>
<td>436,160</td>
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<td>Sales taxes</td>
<td>5,455</td>
<td>21,701</td>
<td>21,985</td>
<td>22,252</td>
<td>22,354</td>
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<td>Excise taxes</td>
<td>6,454</td>
<td>8,408</td>
<td>7,403</td>
<td>7,274</td>
<td>6,953</td>
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<td>Airport parking taxes</td>
<td>12,553</td>
<td>15,276</td>
<td>13,866</td>
<td>12,698</td>
<td>10,170</td>
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<td>Investment earnings</td>
<td>21,525</td>
<td>28,390</td>
<td>37,697</td>
<td>33,317</td>
<td>29,597</td>
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<td>Other revenue and amortization of bond issuance costs</td>
<td>12,378</td>
<td>25,517</td>
<td>47,660</td>
<td>24,456</td>
<td>20,845</td>
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<td>Contributed assets</td>
<td>52,716</td>
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<td>-</td>
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<td>Transfers out</td>
<td>(87)</td>
<td>(359)</td>
<td>(1,195)</td>
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<td><strong>Total revenue</strong></td>
<td>1,559,086</td>
<td>1,583,094</td>
<td>1,643,669</td>
<td>1,604,651</td>
<td>1,594,654</td>
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| **EXPENSES**        |       |       |       |       |       |
| Legislative         | 10,697 | 11,873 | 9,871 | 8,972 | 9,189 |
| Judicial            | 109,282 | 119,539 | 98,345 | 96,897 | 97,825 |
| General government *| 150,409 | 131,833 | 174,234 | 155,202 | 172,158 |
| Public safety       | 165,074 | 177,999 | 177,762 | 166,593 | 155,603 |
| Public works        | 7,353 | 7,290 | 7,510 | 6,992 | 7,214 |
| Highways, streets and bridges | 136,775 | 142,452 | 140,230 | 164,345 | 153,093 |
| Health and welfare  | 935,874 | 979,211 | 950,270 | 932,319 | 901,420 |
| Recreation and cultural | 27,006 | 28,875 | 27,310 | 32,173 | 29,385 |
| Community & economic development | 20,338 | 47,784 | 17,763 | 17,966 | - |
| Interest on long-term debt | 17,880 | 21,111 | 18,465 | 27,412 | 24,701 |
| **Total expenses**  | 1,580,688 | 1,667,967 | 1,621,760 | 1,608,871 | 1,550,588 |

| **CHANGE IN NET ASSETS** | (21,602) | (84,873) | 21,909 | (4,220) | 44,066 |

| **NET ASSETS AT OCTOBER 1** | 1,088,830 | 1,173,933** | 1,226,374 | 1,230,594 | 1,186,528 |

| **Net assets at September 30** | $1,067,228 | $1,089,060 | $1,248,283 | $1,226,374 | $1,230,594 |

* Non-departmental was formerly reported as a function in FY 2006 and prior. These amounts have been included in the general government line item above.

** As restated
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO THE TAXPAYER?
County government performs various functions such as police, corrections, road maintenance and repair and document recording, to name a few. Some functions and activities generate revenues which can either partially or entirely cover their costs, depending on governing laws and regulations. These revenues can consist of federal, state and local grants, charges for services and fines and fees. Tax dollars are used to “fill the gap” when other revenues can not (or should not) cover the entire cost of providing the service. In addition, the voters approve tax millages for specific purposes, such as parks and jails. In 2009, County-wide tax revenues were $381 million.

GENERAL FUND
The General Fund, a governmental fund, is the County’s primary operating fund. It accounts for all the financial resources and expenditures except those required to be accounted for in other funds. This fund is presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which means that expenditures are recorded when due and payable and revenues are recorded when available.

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES
Expenses are decreases in net financial resources requiring the current payment of cash or recognition of a liability. Expenses are incurred for salaries, supplies, services, capital outlay and debt service.

GENERAL FUND REVENUES
Revenues are increases in net financial resources. The County’s General Fund revenues consist primarily of property taxes. To a lesser degree, charges for services, state grants and contracts and other miscellaneous revenue contribute to total General Fund revenue.

FUND BALANCE
Typically, fund balance is the most discussed item in a government’s financial statements. It is the difference between a governmental fund’s assets and liabilities. It represents the accumulation of resources over time. Those resources are segregated into amounts that are available for spending (unreserved) and those that are not (reserved or designated). Governments seek to maintain adequate levels of fund balance to mitigate current and future risks and to ensure stable tax rates. Fund balance is also a crucial consideration in long-term financial planning.

Additionally, credit rating agencies carefully monitor levels of fund balance and unreserved fund balance in a government’s general fund to evaluate a government’s creditworthiness. Ratings agencies favor higher levels of fund balance, although other stakeholders (unions, taxpayers and citizens’ groups) may consider high levels excessive.
# Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance (General Fund)

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<td>Taxes</td>
<td>$370,350</td>
<td>$389,230</td>
<td>$456,659</td>
<td>$432,240</td>
<td>$405,415</td>
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<td>Licenses and permits</td>
<td>411</td>
<td>204</td>
<td>372</td>
<td>244</td>
<td>267</td>
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<td>Federal grants</td>
<td>7,989</td>
<td>8,912</td>
<td>7,131</td>
<td>6,474</td>
<td>6,830</td>
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<td>State grants and contracts</td>
<td>53,346</td>
<td>52,822</td>
<td>55,212</td>
<td>51,843</td>
<td>51,754</td>
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<td>Local grants and contracts</td>
<td>1,003</td>
<td>1,075</td>
<td>1,430</td>
<td>1,715</td>
<td>1,321</td>
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<td>Charges for services</td>
<td>66,343</td>
<td>70,161</td>
<td>66,925</td>
<td>70,483</td>
<td>80,691</td>
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<td>Interest and rents</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>275</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>2,189</td>
<td>3,184</td>
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<td>Other revenues</td>
<td>22,646</td>
<td>24,620</td>
<td>21,418</td>
<td>21,012</td>
<td>17,559</td>
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<td><strong>Total revenues</strong></td>
<td><strong>522,088</strong></td>
<td><strong>547,299</strong></td>
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<td>Legislative</td>
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<td>11,629</td>
<td>11,807</td>
<td>10,992</td>
<td>11,024</td>
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<td>Judicial</td>
<td>87,692</td>
<td>98,332</td>
<td>96,909</td>
<td>95,525</td>
<td>96,377</td>
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<td>General government *</td>
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<td>107,505</td>
<td>106,556</td>
<td>112,149</td>
<td>118,674</td>
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<td>Public safety</td>
<td>143,683</td>
<td>153,074</td>
<td>144,048</td>
<td>138,130</td>
<td>127,800</td>
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<td>Public works</td>
<td>1,217</td>
<td>1,098</td>
<td>1,051</td>
<td>1,164</td>
<td>1,318</td>
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<td>Health and welfare</td>
<td>86,397</td>
<td>90,201</td>
<td>88,520</td>
<td>83,107</td>
<td>91,213</td>
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<td>Community and economic development</td>
<td>4,883</td>
<td>2,800</td>
<td>1,800</td>
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<td>Capital outlay</td>
<td>2,065</td>
<td>3,345</td>
<td>5,258</td>
<td>3,789</td>
<td>899</td>
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<td>Debt service</td>
<td>156</td>
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<td><strong>Total expenditures</strong></td>
<td><strong>444,767</strong></td>
<td><strong>467,984</strong></td>
<td><strong>455,949</strong></td>
<td><strong>444,856</strong></td>
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## Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures

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<td>Transfers in</td>
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<td>72,401</td>
<td>71,676</td>
<td>67,744</td>
<td>98,774</td>
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<td>Transfers out</td>
<td>(141,038)</td>
<td>(151,645)</td>
<td>(223,223)</td>
<td>(209,030)</td>
<td>(213,956)</td>
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<td>Proceeds from sale of capital assets</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>29</td>
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<td><strong>Total other financing uses</strong></td>
<td><strong>(95,957)</strong></td>
<td><strong>(79,194)</strong></td>
<td><strong>(151,518)</strong></td>
<td><strong>(141,282)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Net change in fund balance</strong></td>
<td><strong>(18,636)</strong></td>
<td><strong>121</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,680</strong></td>
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## Fund Balance at October 1

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<td>Fund balance at September 30</td>
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*Non-departmental was formerly reported as a function in FY 2006 and prior. These amounts have been included in the general government line item above.*
Wayne County boasts a world-class international airport, renowned health care systems, prestigious educational institutions, sports venues, arts and culture, and numerous tourist attractions. The Executive and Legislative branches of Wayne County work closely with its 43 municipalities on infrastructure and government policies that encourage and support thriving communities complete with industrial, commercial and residential initiatives.

**economic condition**

The region is experiencing an economic downturn. The distressed economy is impacting the revenue available to provide County services. The County's largest revenue source, property taxes, represents approximately seventy percent of total General Fund revenue. Property tax revenue is based on the taxable value of the region’s real and personal property. Taxable values decreased by four percent in 2009 and are expected to decrease by nine percent in 2010. In addition to the declining taxable values, property tax revenue is further impacted by an increased number of delinquencies, caused by a rise in home foreclosures.

Declining investment values caused by the volatility in the financial markets have further reduced overall County revenues and increased the costs related to pension and other post employment benefits. These costs are tied to the results of investments.

State Revenue Sharing traditionally represented approximately eight percent of total General Fund revenue; however, effective in fiscal year 2004-2005, the State suspended revenue sharing to counties and provided a funding mechanism to replace revenue sharing payments. This funding mechanism was depleted during the fiscal year, and the County experienced a twenty-eight percent decrease in revenue sharing in 2009.

The decline in revenue sources discussed above combined with increasing costs of providing services is creating a gap in funding. Managing our programs with less is a necessity, especially when the need for those programs is greater than ever. The County has, and will continue, to examine the services it provides and determine which services are the most critical for the citizens of Wayne County.
The County’s unemployment rate has continued to climb in 2009, similar to the State of Michigan and the United States. However, the State and County have each experienced higher jobless rates than the rest of the nation due to their reliance on the automotive and related industries. The County is currently working with other governments both within Michigan and internationally to bring new business to the region to promote an expanded industry base. By branching out into diverse industries such as life sciences (biotechnology research, pharmaceuticals, medical devices), film, and alternative energy, the County hopes to curb the trend of rising unemployment.

The rise in unemployment has contributed to the increase in home foreclosures. In January 2010, one in every 409 American households received either a default notice, bank repossession, or auction sale notice, according to RealtyTrac’s U.S. Foreclosure Market Report. Foreclosure filings nationwide are up thirty-one percent over January 2009. The State of Michigan had the seventh highest foreclosure rate with one in every 258 households receiving a foreclosure filing.

To address the foreclosure crisis, the County has implemented the ‘Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention’ program. This program offers lender intervention on behalf of the resident, targeted counseling, educational seminars and other tools for saving a home at or in foreclosure. The program is linked to a network of certified counseling agencies through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Michigan State Housing Development Authority. This program is open to all Wayne County residents and further information can be obtained on the program’s website at www.fightmortgageforeclosure.com or by calling (313) 833-2948.
Humbug Marsh is located near the mouth of the Detroit River, in the cities of Gibraltar and Trenton. The Marsh was designated as a mitigated wetland to replace wetlands in Wayne County that were filled to create landfills. This wetland provides a critical habitat for plants and animals as well as plays an important role in maintaining our water quality.

**county services**

County government may not get the attention of state or national levels of government, but it provides a tremendous range of vital services that residents would quickly miss if those services were to disappear. Many roads, parks, jails, health and even Headstart programs would not be operated or maintained adequately if county government failed to function.

The County of Wayne provides an essential, if often undervalued, role in providing a wide variety of services to its communities and constituents.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

General government services are one of the largest categories of services provided by the County. As the executive branch of County government, this group of departments provides the administrative support for running government and includes the elected officials for the county.

Most notable is the Office of the County Executive, headed by County Executive Robert A. Ficano. This office administers 9 executive departments of the County. (See organizational chart on page 2.)

Certain of these departments provide the general and administrative support for the County’s operations, such as the:

- **Department of Corporation Counsel**
  Serves as the chief civil legal officer to the County.

- **Department of Management and Budget**
  Provides assessment and equalization, professional accounting, risk management and other financial support services.

- **Department of Personnel/Human Resources**
  Recruits, trains, develops, negotiates, and administers compensation to County employees.

- **Department of Technology**
  Manages, develops, and maintains the County’s data, software, and hardware systems.

The Budget and Planning Division received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officer’s Association of the United States (GFOA) for the fifteenth consecutive year.

In support of the CEO’s initiative to position Wayne County as a competitive film venue, the Department of Technology designed and developed an interactive website to promote this effort.
Also included in general government services are the other elected officials of the County:

**County Clerk**
Responsible for the general recording and safekeeping of official records such as birth and death certificates, in addition to court documents. The Clerk is also responsible for coordinating and administering all Federal, State and County elections conducted in Wayne County. The Wayne County Clerk’s marriage licensing, and birth and death services are accessible on the internet at www.waynecounty.wc/clerk.

**County Treasurer**
Responsible for the receipt, custody and investment of all County funds and for the collection of taxes. The Treasurer’s Office website, www.treasurer.waynecounty.com, includes a property listing and allows for the online payment of delinquent property taxes.

**Prosecuting Attorney**
Responsible for safeguarding the community by demanding accountability for those who commit crimes.

**Register of Deeds**
Responsible for the recording of documents related to property transactions, such as land contracts, mortgages, liens and lease agreements. Wayne County Register of Deeds land records are searchable at www.waynecountylandrecords.com.

The County Clerk opened the Northville Township Vital Statistics Satellite Office to better service Out-County residents.

The County Treasurer accepted over 2,000 hardship applications, held the 2nd Annual Tax-A-Thon in conjunction with WXYZ-Channel 7 and responded to over 2,000 calls for assistance.
JUDICIAL SERVICES
The resolution of civil, domestic, criminal and juvenile matters falls to two courts managed by the County: the Third Circuit Court and the Probate Court.

Third Circuit Court
This court is the largest circuit court in Michigan, with sixty-three judges and nearly seven hundred employees. The Chief Judge oversees its three divisions:

Civil Division – The Civil Division has fourteen judges and resolves general civil cases over $10,000. This division acts as the appellate court for civil appeals from the district courts throughout Wayne County.

Criminal Division – The Criminal Division’s twenty-seven judges have sole jurisdiction over felonies and high misdemeanors. This division acts as the appellate court for criminal appeals from the district courts throughout Wayne County.

Family Court Division – The Family Court Division has responsibility for hearing both domestic relations (eleven judges) and juvenile cases (nine judges, including two cross-assigned Probate Court judges) that involve the members of a single family. By separating these cases from other court matters, the County hoped to create a greater sensitivity and understanding of the circumstances a family unit is facing. This division’s domestic, juvenile, and Friend of the Court operations address domestic relations, juvenile delinquency, adoption, abuse and neglect, spousal support, child support, custody and parenting matters.

Probate Court
The Probate Court’s eight judges preside over all matters related to settlement of estates and trusts and the appointment of trustees, guardians and conservators. This court is the busiest court in the state, processing one third of total probate filings. Online access to case information may be viewed at www.wcpc.us.

The Friend of the Court launched a new community-based project “For Our Children” which consists of a consortium of representatives from a variety of community agencies, groups, government entities, and the media.

This valuable project allows the Friend of the Court the opportunity to increase public knowledge of available programs, create a visible presence in the community, and improve public relations and the delivery of services.
HEALTH AND WELFARE

The County’s health and welfare activities focus on those most in need of protection: infants, adolescents, the elderly and the disabled. Departments include:

- Health and Human Services
- Children and Family Services

Certain other services, such as environmental clean-up programs, are provided through the Department of Environment.

Core programs include:

**Headstart** provides comprehensive child development services in the areas of education, nutrition and social services.

**Cooperative Extension** (through Michigan State University) provides educational services for families, such as peer counseling for breast feeding mothers, and food safety and nutrition programs.

**Prevention Services, Alternative Work Force Program and Juvenile Services** provide a coordinated community justice, educational and rehabilitative service delivery network for our troubled adult and youth.

**Library** provides reference material and children programming services for citizens, including the blind and physically handicapped.

**Mental Health** provides a wide array of special support and services for citizens with severe emotional disturbances and developmental disabilities.

**Patient Care Management and Public Health** provides innovative health care and dental services to indigent residents and small businesses, disease education and prevention, and environmental health services.

**Senior and Veteran Services** provides adult day care, meal delivery, prescription drugs, and referral and outreach services for senior citizens and financial and burial assistance for indigent soldiers, sailors, marines, nurses, and their families.

**Medical Examiner** provides investigative and notification services for deceased loved ones and their families.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Patient Care Management Services (PCMS) and HealthChoice provided free healthcare screenings to over 7,000 Wayne County residents through health fairs and the Cover the Uninsured Week Health expo.

Children and Family Services (CFS) has partnered with Michigan State University Extension (MSU-E), resulting in a federally funded mentoring program. CFS’s relationship with MSU-E allows CFS to bring 4-H activities, nutrition and gardening services to more than 30,000 youth and adults throughout Wayne County.
The Sheriff’s Office Dispatch and Communication Center is a 24/7 service center utilizing an advanced computer aided dispatch system (CAD). The system provides dispatch, communication and records management for the WCSO. The Sheriff’s Office is a significant participant in the regional CAD system and is one of the founding members of the southern Wayne County information system consortium. Further, the Center has implemented a new digital radio system providing statewide coverage and interoperability with other agencies.

DID YOU KNOW?

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport North Terminal

PUBLIC SAFETY

Major emergencies, disasters and terrorist threats or attacks are not issues we like to think about or plan for. However, that is the crucial role of the Department of Homeland Security/Emergency Management, whose mission is to preserve and protect the lives and property of Wayne County citizens.

Other Public Safety services include the County Jail and Youth Home Mental Health Services.

The most evident Public Safety service is the Wayne County Sheriff’s Office (WCSO). The Sheriff provides quality law enforcement to the citizens of Wayne County, as well as safe, secure and humane detention facilities for those citizens who find themselves temporarily on the wrong side of the law. The Sheriff’s operations are administered through its court, executive, field services and jail divisions.

Court Division maintains security and order in the courtrooms of the Third Circuit and Probate Courts. Various units within this division deliver official notices, subpoenas and other court documents. They also locate and arrest individuals delinquent in court-ordered child support payments and locate individuals under felony warrants.

Executive Division provides administrative guidance, policy direction and enforcement for Sheriff employees.

Jail Division oversees the operation of the three jail detention facilities in accordance with the provisions of the Michigan Constitution.

Field Services Division provides a full range of crime prevention, ground and waterway patrol, and investigative services. This division also houses the special operations units, such as the covert Drug Enforcement Unit and the Internet Unit.

PUBLIC SERVICES

In one of the County’s most visible roles, the Department of Public Services (DPS) maintains the County’s road system – over 1,400 miles of primary and local roadways and 462 miles of State trunk lines and freeways. Because of the key role roads play in the safety of our residents and visitors as they travel to work, school and shopping, this department is vital to many of us each day. The Department is also responsible for maintaining the County’s parks and recreational facilities, as well as certain other County facilities to provide better and safer working conditions for employees and visitors.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Development Growth Engine (EDGE) promotes economic growth through business and community development strategies that retain and create jobs and encourage a high quality of life.

To further its objectives, EDGE provides grants to participating communities and non-profit agencies for the implementation of eligible housing rehabilitation projects.

It also fosters organizations whose goal is to create affordable housing and opportunities for residents to become first-time homeowners. Programs such as the Urban Recovery Partnership work to preserve and enhance existing neighborhoods.

In cooperation with other development organizations, EDGE seeks to attract, retain, and assist businesses in Wayne County.
THE LEGISLATIVE ARM
The legislative arm of County government is the Wayne County Commission, a body of fifteen elected officials representing districts throughout the County and serving two-year terms. The Commission is responsible for:
- overseeing the County’s $2.1 billion budget
- approving contracts
- executing ordinances and resolutions
- approving appointments to various boards.

Its mission is to ensure that Wayne County citizens receive their full value for each dollar expended by the County.

The Commission accomplishes this mission through standing committees that meet bi-weekly:

1. Ways and Means
2. Audit
3. Economic Development
4. Environment, Drains and Sewers
5. Government Operations
6. Health and Human Services
7. Public Safety, Judiciary and Homeland Security
8. Public Services

These meetings are open to the public.

Special committees, task forces and commissions are established by the Commission. The Commission also holds town meetings to address critical issues affecting the citizens of Wayne County.

The Office of the Auditor General examines and evaluates County activities and operations aimed at improving the accountability of the use of public funds.

Policy and Research Division provides support to Commission members through assessment, evaluation and analysis of contracts, proposals and other actions coming before the Commission.

Please refer to the next page for a list of County Commissioners and the districts they serve.
commissioners and districts

Edward A. Boike Jr.
CHAIRMAN
15TH DISTRICT

Keith D. Williams
VICE CHAIR
6TH DISTRICT

Ilona Varga
VICE CHAIR PRO TEMPORE
5TH DISTRICT

Timothy P. Killeen
1st District

Bernard Parker
2nd District

Moe Blackwell
3rd District

Jewel C. Ware
4th District

Burton Leland
7th District

Alisha R. Bell
8th District

Dianne Webb
9th District

Laura Cox
10th District

Kevin McNamara
11th District

Joan Gebhardt
12th District

Gary Woronchak
13th District

Joseph Palamara
14th District
The new Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority (DWCPA) Public Dock and Terminal will provide residents and visitors direct access to the river. Great Lakes cruise ships, dinner cruisers, tour boats, tall ships and other vessels will be able to dock at the facility, which also includes a new headquarters for the DWCPA.