



Into the Fray: What's Happening

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

**BUILDING A STRONGER &
MORE EQUITABLE LANCASTER**

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What's Happening RIGHT Now

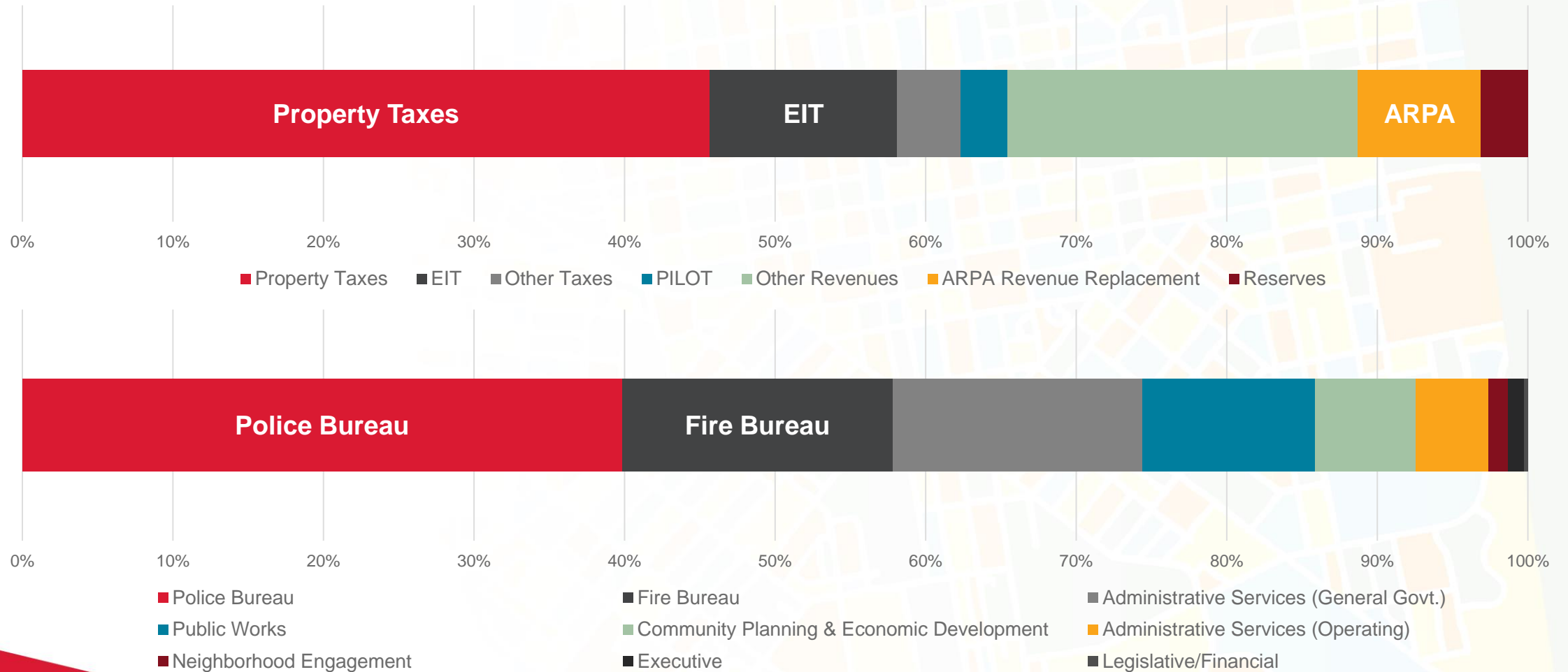
- Home Rule & Budget Planning
- Water Affordability
- Police Hiring
- Homelessness
- Comprehensive Plan Implementation

Lancaster home rule commission in favor of keeping at-large City Council seats

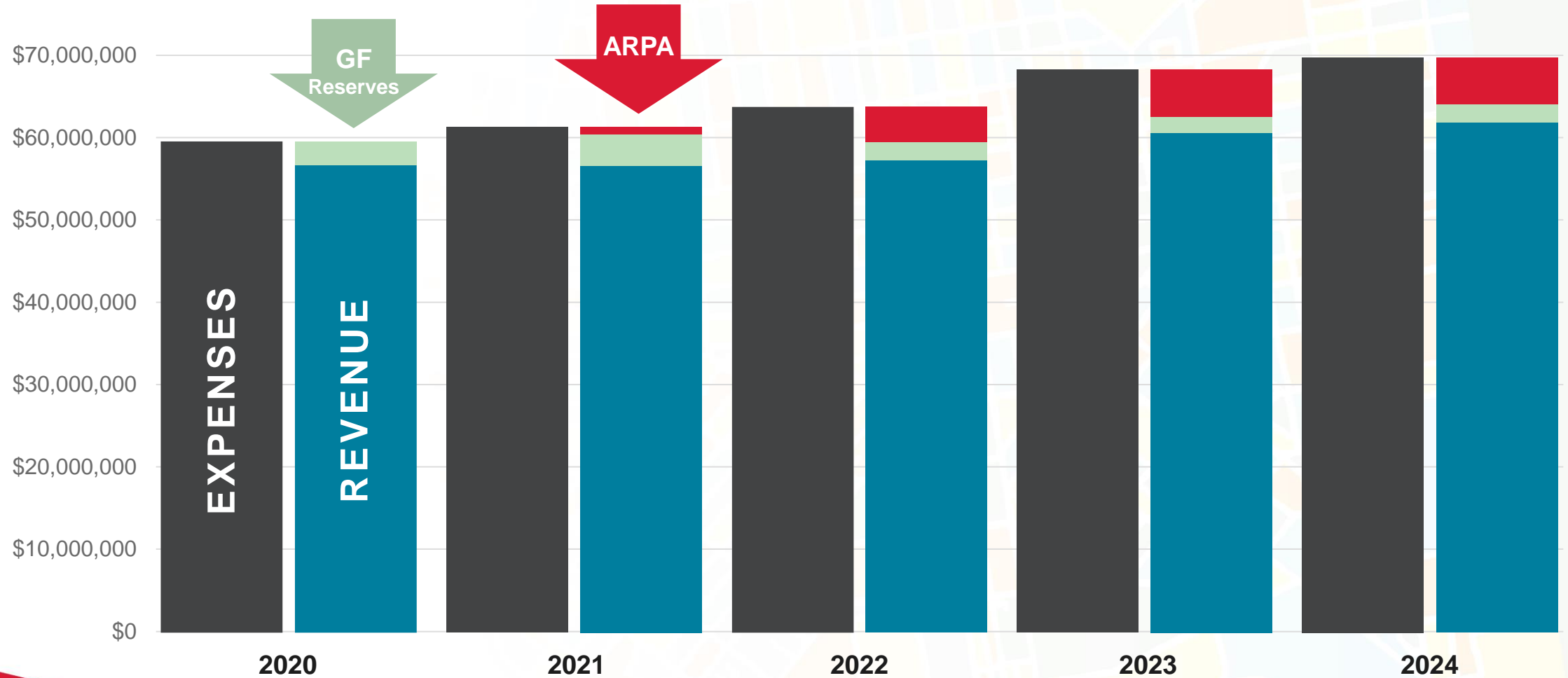
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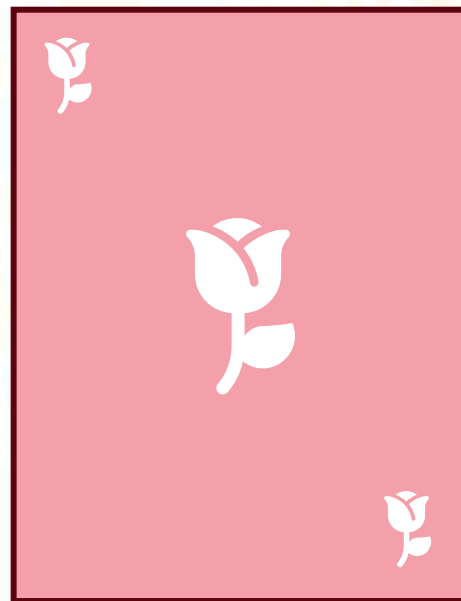
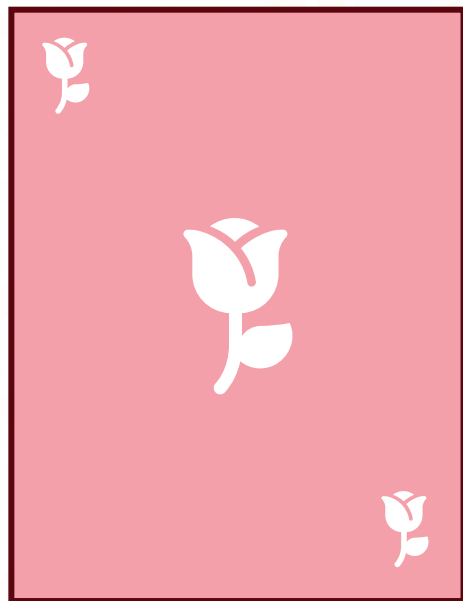
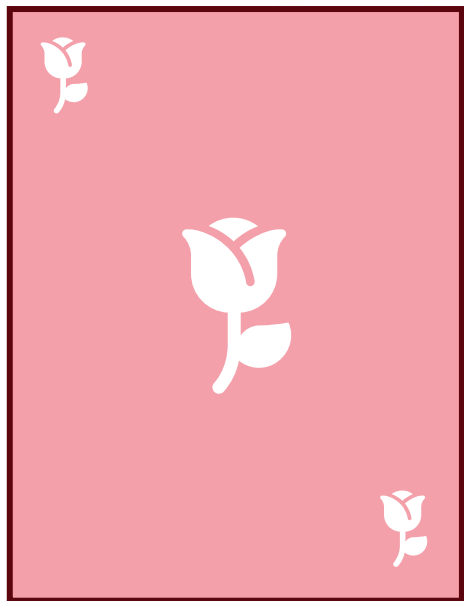
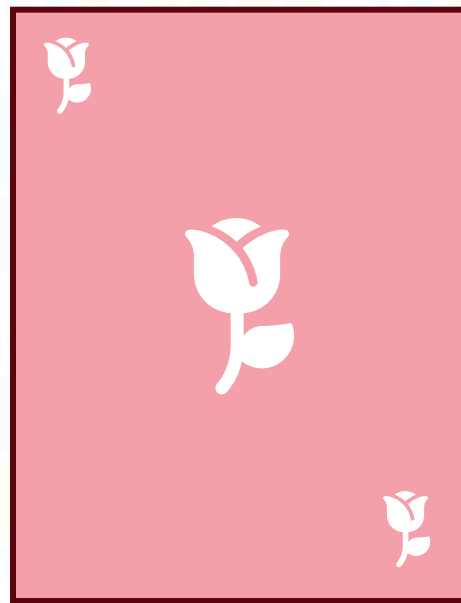
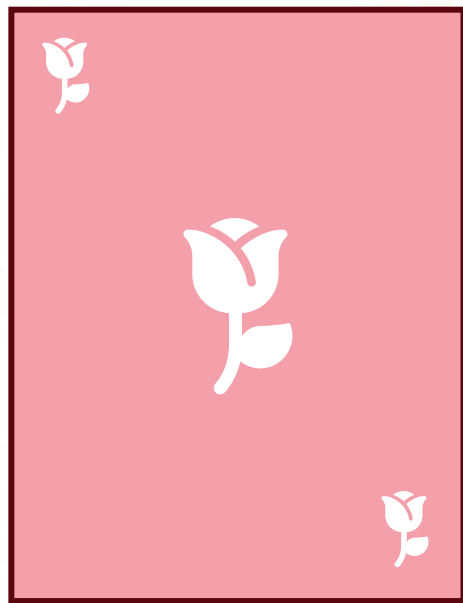
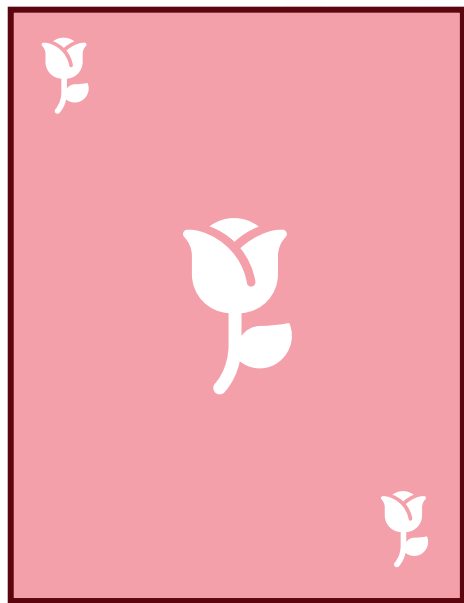


2024 Budget Revenue vs Expenses



Budget Revenue vs Expenses Over Time





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**INCREASE
REVENUE**



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**REDUCE
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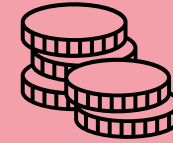
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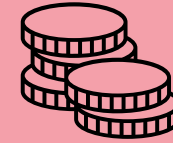
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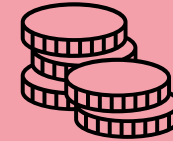
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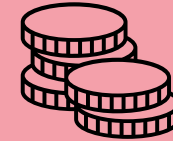
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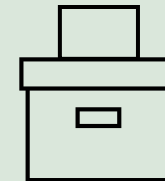
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HOME RULE



Brief Recap: What is Home Rule?

- A Home Rule Charter transfers the basic authority to act in municipal affairs from state law, to a local charter, drafted, adopted and amended by the municipal voters. It is effectively our constitution.
- Literally: *Make the Rules at Home*
- It allows for flexibility in defining structure, powers, taxation and other functions of government

What Could Home Rule Change? Tax Revenues

Real Estate Tax



Set by Mayor/Council
Currently 12.64 Mills

Earned Income Tax



Set by State Law
0.6% for City residents only

Local Services Tax



Set by State Law
\$47/year for those who work in the City

Real Estate Transfer Tax



Set by State Law
0.5% of sale price

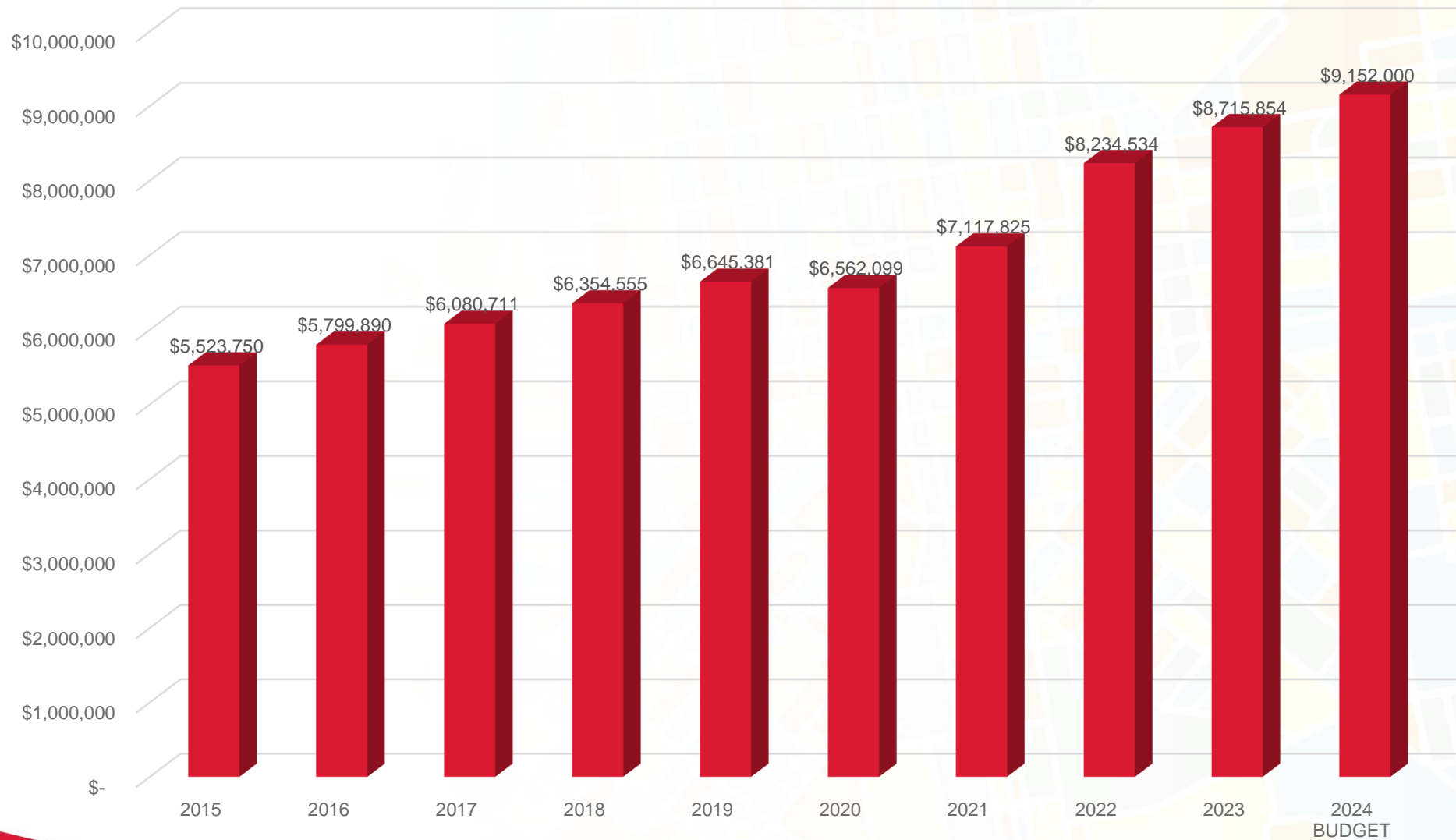
Total Assessed Value of Real Estate



Total Assessed Value of Tax-Exempt Real Estate



Earned Income Taxes



Revenues

PROPERTY TAX

- Paid by property owners
- Tied to property value
- 1 mil increase = \$2.5M
(1 mil is essentially a 10% increase)

EARNED INCOME TAX

- Paid by all residents who live in Lancaster City
- Taxable income only
- 0.3% increase could generate \$4.5M

12% increase in Property Taxes	Generates \$4.5M	\$185.62 <i>average increase per property owner</i>
0.3% increase in Earned Income Tax	Generates \$4.5M	\$183.31 <i>average increase per taxpayer</i>

Developing Two Budgets for 2025

Only Property Tax Increase

25% increase (1 mil = \$2.5M or
10 percent increase)

HOME RULE BUDGET

A budget including potential
home rule provisions.

What if...

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Only Expense Reductions

15% reduction in
staffing (63 positions)



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South Water Street Elevation



South Prince Street Elevation



A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN *for the CITY OF LANCASTER, PA*

OUR FUTURE LANCASTER

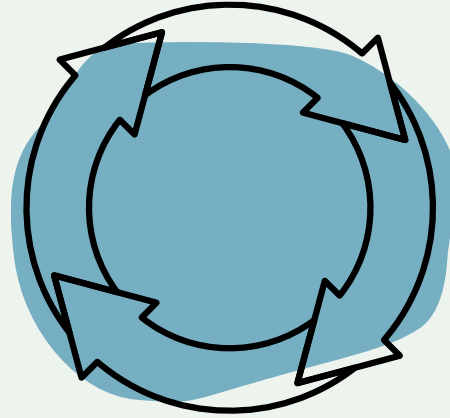
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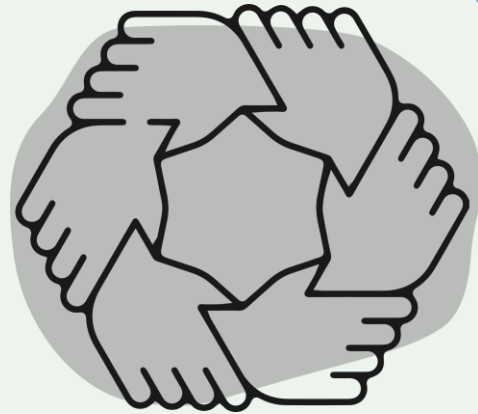
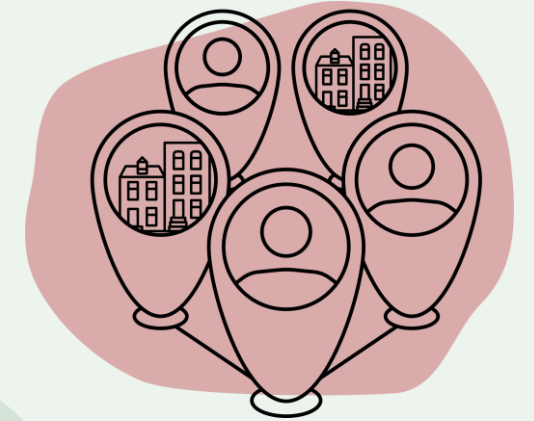
STRENGTHENING NEIGHBORHOODS & HOUSING



EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY



CONNECTING PEOPLE & PLACES



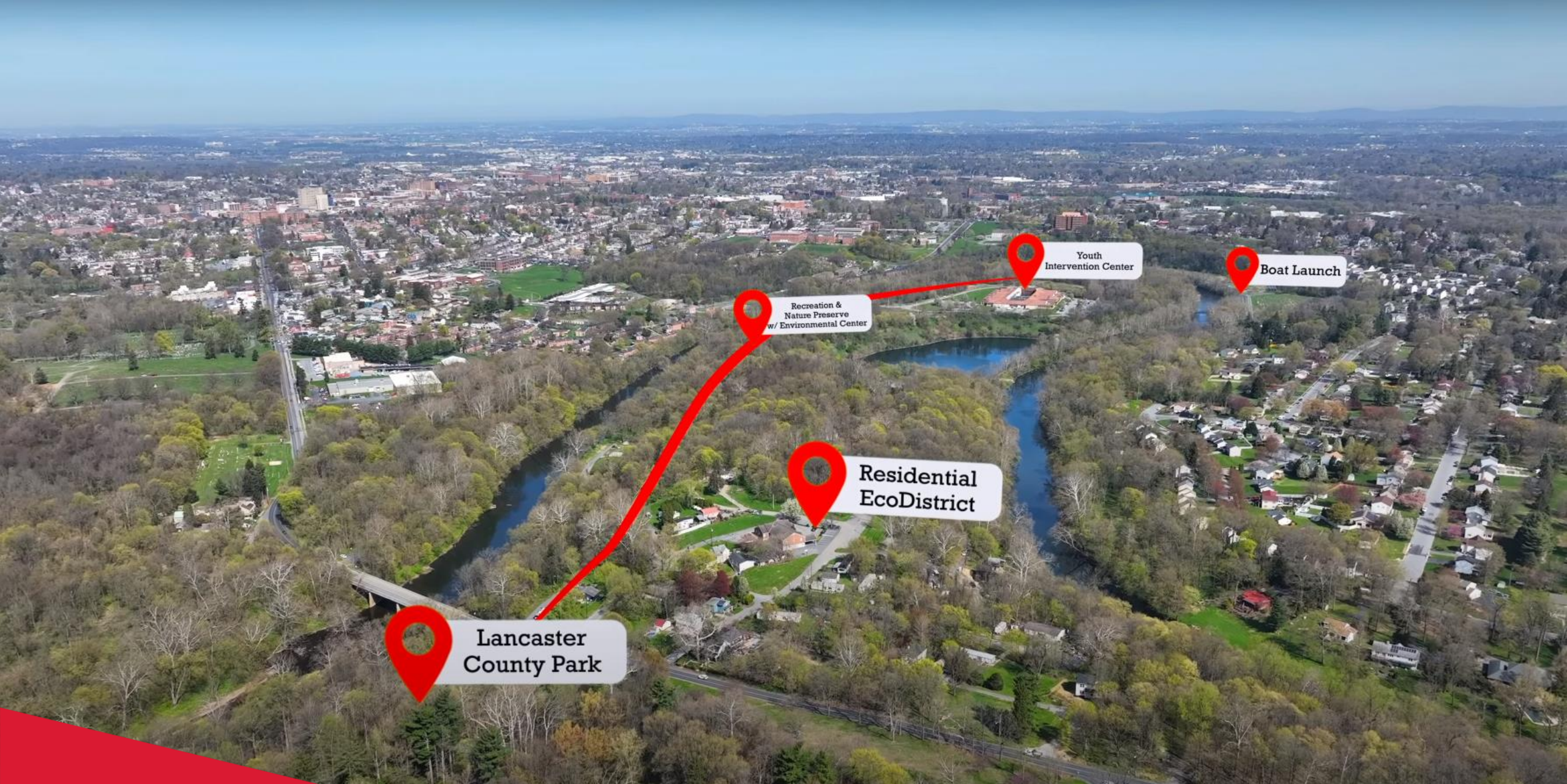
BUILDING COMMUNITY & CAPACITY

GROWING GREENER



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Other Special Projects

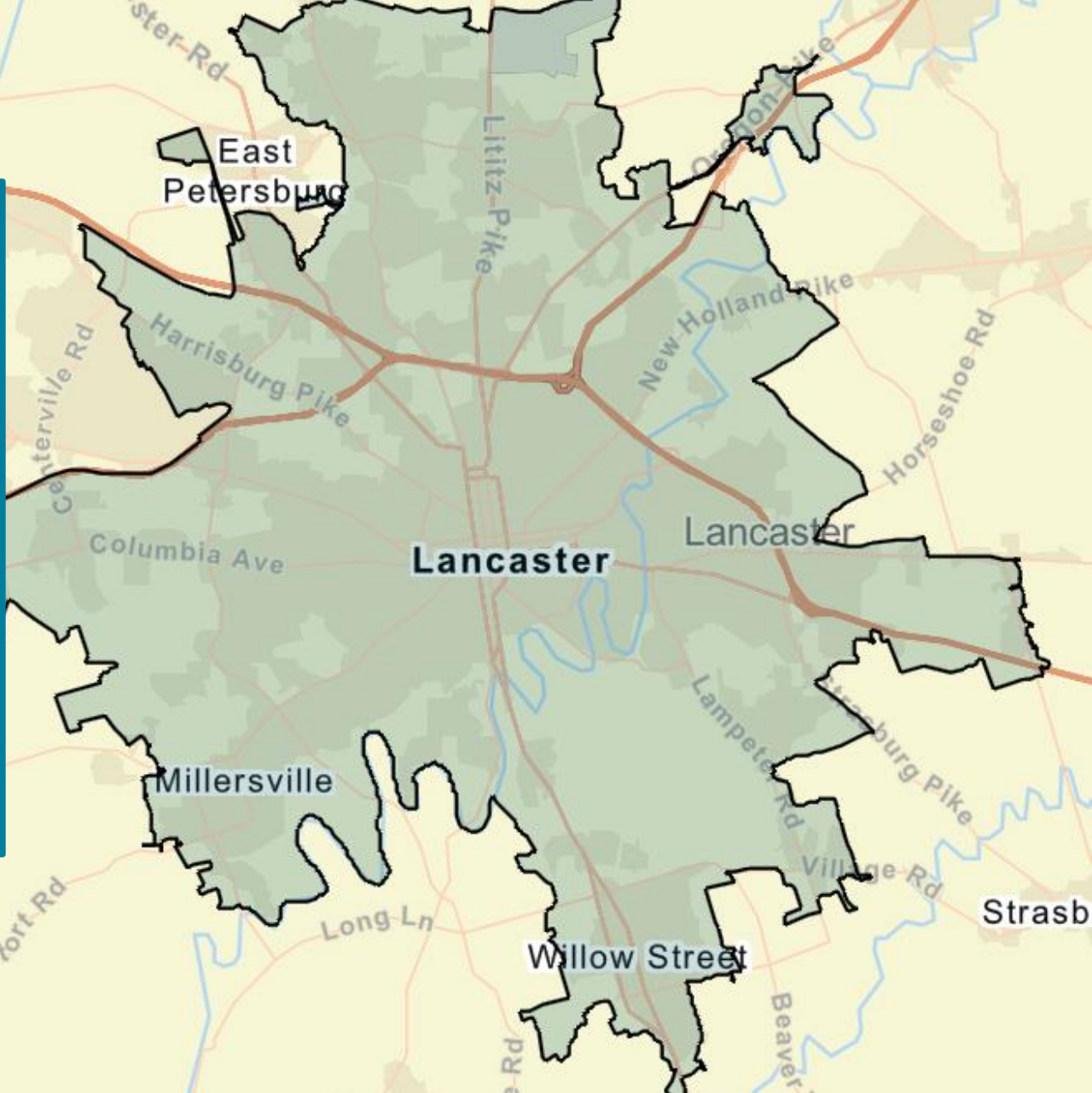


HEALTHY LIVES, HEALTHY LANCASTER

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Healthy Lives, Healthy Lancaster (HLHL) is a City of Lancaster initiative to assess the health and wellbeing of residents in Lancaster City and work with community partners to build a safe and healthy community for everyone.

LEAD	GALVANIZED METAL	COPPER	PLASTIC
			
Dull, silver-gray, often curved	Dark gray or black, straight and rigid	Brown, can have green spots	White, straight and rigid
Easily scratched, shows shiny silver 	NOT easily scratched, will remain gray 	Will show bright copper, like a penny 	Will scratch off pieces if scratched hard enough 
Not magnetic 	Magnetic 	Not magnetic 	Not magnetic 





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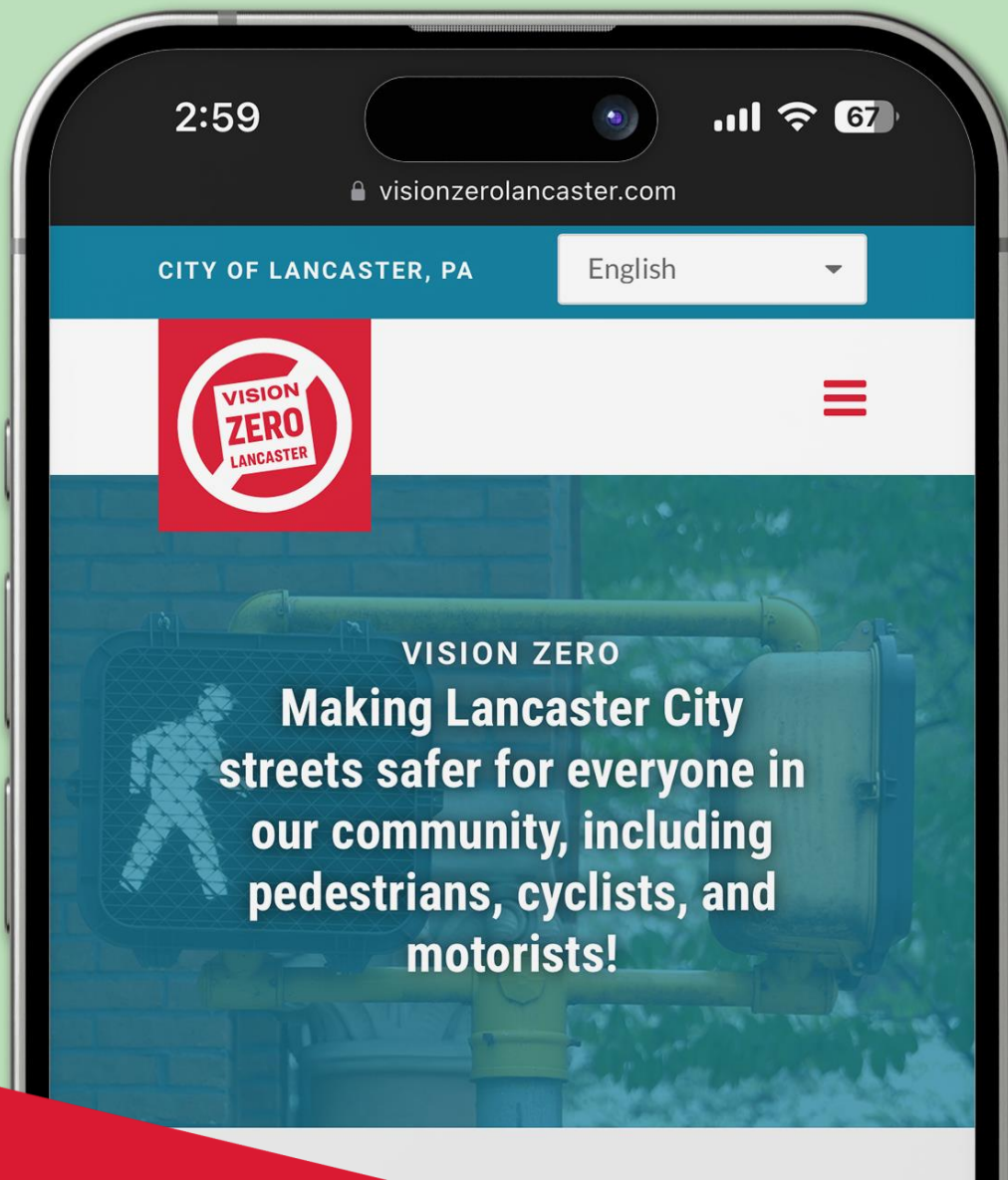
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