

**PORT WASHINGTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT
2026 BUDGET WORKSHEET**



	2025			2026		% Difference ORIG BUDGET vs. PROPOSED
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	PROJECTED		PROPOSED		
Revenues						
Real Property Taxes	8,319,701	8,319,701		8,549,830		2.8%
Payment in Lieu of Taxes-LIPA	56,316	56,316		57,442		2.0%
Sewer Rent	225,000	320,752		260,000		15.6%
Sewer Charges	-	-		-		0.0%
Sewer Charges Other Governments	1,150,000	1,222,971		1,350,000	(8)	17.4%
Interest Earnings	125,000	160,000	(1)	125,000	(9)	0.0%
Sale of Equipment	-	-		-		0.0%
Refunds of Prior Years Expenses	-	-		-		0.0%
Premium on Obligations	82,557	82,557		295,542		258.0%
Other Income	-	1,000		-		0.0%
Appropriated Fund Balance	225,000	(422,697)		300,000		33.3%
TOTAL REVENUES	10,183,574	9,740,601		10,937,814		7.4%
Expenditures						
100 Personal Services	1,795,871	1,637,000		1,850,173	(10)	3.0%
800 Employee Benefits	1,499,025	1,392,360		1,542,340	(11)	2.9%
210 Equipment & Capital Outlay	1,099,200	1,244,000	(2)	1,305,000	(12)	18.7%
401 Stationery & Printing	-	-		-		0.0%
402 Postage	1,000	1,000		1,000		0.0%
403 Books, Publications, etc.	-	-		-		0.0%
404 Office Supplies & Expenses	6,400	6,400		6,800		6.3%
419 Telephone & Communications	29,392	29,392		22,430		-23.7%
420 Light & Power	528,800	501,700		531,800		0.6%
421 Water	56,000	83,000		63,000		12.5%
422 Heating	40,000	47,000		42,000		5.0%
426 Insurance, Fire & Liability	330,000	324,000		366,000	(13)	10.9%
429 Equipment Rental	70,000	25,000		25,000	(14)	-64.3%
440 Assessment Roll	4,650	4,650		4,650		0.0%
441 Legal Notices	1,000	1,000		1,000		0.0%
445 Conferences, Meetings, Schools, Etc.	29,600	27,657		28,700		-3.0%
447 Election Expenses	3,500	4,850		3,500		0.0%
451 Engineering	255,000	280,000		265,000		3.9%
452 Auditing	29,300	29,386		30,100		2.7%
453 Custodial	9,600	9,720		9,720		1.3%
454 Legal	59,700	58,850	(3)	60,000	(3)	0.5%
Matter related to Commissioner Kurz	-	52,550	(3)	25,000	(3)	100.0%
Insurance Maximum Coverage	-	(25,000)	(3)	-	(3)	0.0%
455 Medical	3,500	7,034		4,200		20.0%
458 Other Professional Services	120,000	73,100	(4)	24,900	(15)	-79.3%
Matter related to Commissioner Kurz	-	31,900		27,100		100.0%
466 Uniforms & Laundry	8,800	8,800		8,800		0.0%
467 Gas, Oil, etc.	23,000	23,000		23,000		0.0%
468 Chemicals & Testing						
Analysis	75,600	75,600		87,000		15.1%
Chemicals	155,000	150,000		176,000		13.5%
472 Service & Grease Traps	50,000	8,613	(5)	15,000		-70.0%
475 Repairs & Maintenance						
Alarm System	28,395	33,200		33,200		16.9%
Operating Equipment	45,500	48,990		45,000		-1.1%
Plant & Grounds	371,000	295,463		315,000	(16)	-15.1%
Wet Well Cleaning	203,000	123,000	(6)	100,000	(17)	-50.7%
Trunk Lines & Laterals	25,000	26,748		30,000		20.0%
483 Treatment & Disposal of Sewage & Sludge	930,000	803,897	(7)	1,000,000		7.5%
493 Permit Fees	10,000	10,000		10,000		0.0%
Contingency	50,000	50,000		50,000		0.0%
TOTAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	7,946,833	7,503,860		8,132,413		2.3%
DEBT SERVICE	2,236,741	2,236,741		2,805,401	(18)	25.4%
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS	-	-		-		0.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	10,183,574	9,740,601		10,937,814		7.4%



Port Washington Water Pollution Control District 2026 Proposed Budget Highlights

The preparation of the 2026 budget continues to pose a hardship due to the 2% tax cap, the aging of the District's infrastructure, equipment, the increase in employee benefits, debt service and an uncertain economy.

The District received authorization for a \$59 million bond in 2023 from the Town of North Hempstead to improve the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Wastewater Collection System and fourteen (14) of the District's Wastewater Pump Stations.

2025 PROJECTED

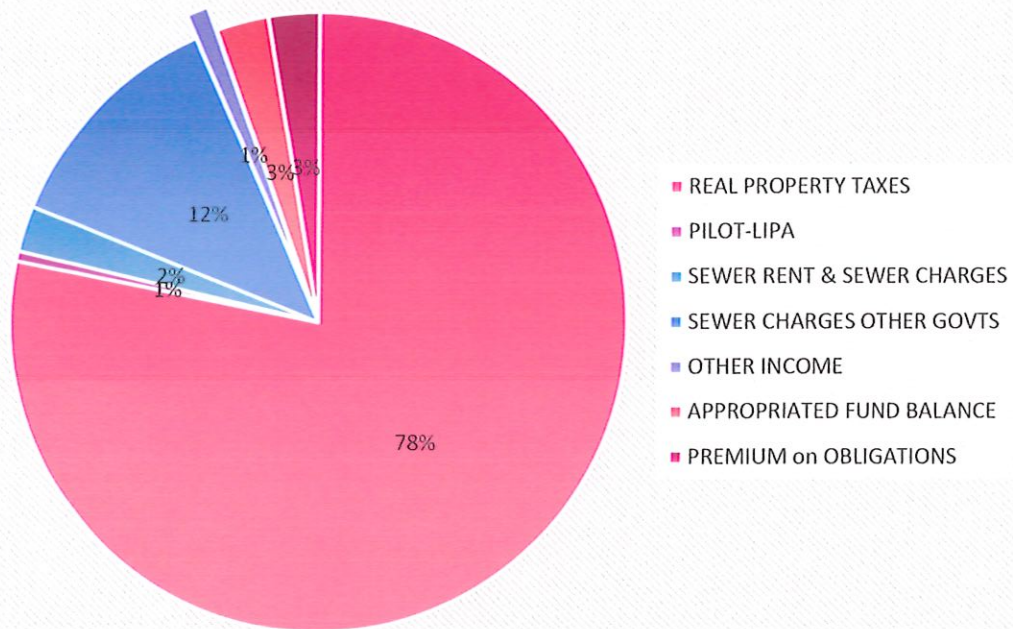
- 1) Projected interest earnings are higher than budget because interest rates did not drop in 2025 as anticipated.
- 2) The projected increase in equipment and capital outlay is due to various improvements at the pump stations and the plant, as follows: The Sewer Lateral Maintenance department includes: Impellar repair at Pump Station A; Rebuild of Pump #2 and two spare breakers at Pump Station C; Rebuild pump, LED fixtures and replace pump panel at Pump Station C; Rebuild pump #1, replace pump panel, and refurbish 50 hp motor at Pump Station F; piston valve repair and ATS at Pump Station G; ATS, rebuild Yeoman pump and check valve for pump #2 at Pump Station H; Door replacement & wet well lighting at Pump Station J; air cushion check valve and install of vinyl fence/gate at Pump Station O; trolley for the hoist at Pump Station R; pump and control replacement at Morewood Oaks; and, manhole repair at Mackey Avenue/Main Street. In addition, due to a long wait time, a vac truck budgeted for 2025, was ordered in 2024 so that it could be delivered in 2025. The Sewage Treatment Plant/Biosolids Department includes: UV system bulbs were more costly than in the past and PCS Pump coordination with SCADA is more costly than anticipated. Odor control box was purchased for biosolids. Costs were incurred for tree removal, pruning and sidewalk replacement at Sunset Park.
- 3) Legal Fees have increased in 2025 and have been budgeted for 2026 due to a legal matter involving the District, a District's licensee, commissioner and a resident.
- 4) A net decrease in Other Professional Services is due to the discontinuance of the grant specialist's services during 2025, and the addition of board meeting transcript and communications services.
- 5) Service and Grease Trap inspections are performed by the District's engineer and the services are paid through permit applications, thus reducing the cost to the District.
- 6) Wet Well Cleaning was re-assessed this year at several pump stations due to existing conditions, resulting in a projected decrease in costs this year.
- 7) The District entered into a sludge hauling contract last year with a new vendor (under a Suffolk County contract) resulting in a continued cost savings in Treatment & Disposal of Sewage & Sludge in the current year.

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- 8) Sewer Charges Other Governments are budgeted to increase due to anticipated increase in District expenditures in relation to the District's anticipated annual flow, resulting in an increase charge to other governments.
- 9) Interest Earnings are expected to decrease due to expected decreases in interest rates during 2026.
- 10) Increased hourly rates based on the collective bargaining agreement plus a budgeted hire of experienced personnel has resulted in an increase in Personal Services.
- 11) Employee benefits — including state retirement contributions, Social Security, and health insurance — continue to rise at a rate faster than wages and general inflation.
- 12) Budgeted increase in Equipment & Capital Outlay is as follows: The SLM department includes painting at Pump Stations A and J, fence replacement at Pump Station E, compressor replacement at Pump Station G, grinder and pump replacement at Pump Station K, new grinder at Pump Station L, pump discharge plug valve replacement at Pump Station O, and water service replacement at Pump Station R. The Sewage Treatment Plant/Biosolids Department includes re-build of the washer compactor, control panel replacement screen in primary treatment, coupling replacement in the BNR system, WAS flow meter repair in the recirculation building, replacement of pumps, piping valves and controls in the plant's drain pump station, and replacement of UV system bulbs.
- 13) Insurance, Fire & Liability premiums have experienced significant increases attributable to adverse market conditions within the insurance industry.
- 14) Equipment Rental has been budgeted due to possible emergencies for pump equipment failure due to the age of existing pump station wastewater pumps.
- 15) The budgeted decrease in Other Professional Services is due to the discontinuance of the grant specialist's services during 2025.
- 16) Repairs and Maintenance-Plant & Grounds are anticipated to decrease for 2026 based on past historical trends.
- 17) Wet Well Cleaning consists of wet well cleaning at six pump stations in 2026.
- 18) The increase in debt service is a result of the bond anticipation notes (under the \$18 million authorization) converted to serial bonds in 2023 and an increase in interest rates. Premium on Obligations on the sale of bond anticipation notes under the \$59 million bond authorization will be used to offset interest payments. Interest payments for the short-term borrowings, or BAN's, under the \$18 million and \$59 million bond authorizations will be ongoing.

The 2026 Proposed Expenditures increased 7.4% from 2025 and the tax levy increase of 2.8% is below the current year's tax cap limit. The District strives to maintain the same level of service and protection as mandated by the District's SPDES permit. Personal services, employee benefits, and capital outlay, in addition to sludge treatment and hauling and debt service remain a large part of the District's budget.

2026 Proposed Revenues



2026 Proposed Expenditures

