

2023-2024 Proposed Budget



CANTON
NORTH CAROLINA



To: The Honorable Mayor & Board of Aldermen/women

From: Nick Scheuer, Town Manager

May 25th, 2023

Mayor and Board of Aldermen/women:

In accordance with the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, the following budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2023 is presented for adoption.

A budget hearing will be held on May 25th, 2023 at 6:30pm at Town Hall. The date of Public Hearing was published as required by law.

On behalf of the Town of Canton I am pleased to submit to you the Proposed Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. This document's preparation was interrupted by the announcement of the impending closure of the Pactive-Evergreen Pulp and Paper Mill. We find ourselves in a manifest destiny moment for our Town, and we are thankful for your leadership and guidance in these unprecedented times. We have an opportunity to reshape and reimagine the future of Canton and while we will face many challenges over the next few years, we will come out on the other side a stronger community.

Given the many unknowns regarding the future of Canton, this budget is conservative in nature. While we don't anticipate significant revenue loss within the next fiscal year, we must begin now to prepare for what the future holds. Town Administration worked with our department heads to cut unnecessary spending while working to not impact the level of service that we provide to our residents. In our estimation of revenues for FY-2023-2024, we utilized conservative numbers in our forecasting with the understanding that we must prepare for all circumstances. This budget continues to be scalable like last year's, which allows us to monitor expenditures to ensure efficient stewardship of Town funds. Despite the unknown future, it is still incredibly important to make fiscally responsible investments in our infrastructure, services, and amenities, while continuing economic development and encouraging smart growth.

As the Town of Canton grows under your leadership, our greatest assets continue to be our people. Without our hardworking staff, Canton would not be the incredible Town that it is today. As we navigate large increases in the general cost of living, keeping salaries and wages competitive remains a challenge. This budget proposes a 2% cost of living increase, which is a compromise between our need to retain our employees, while also maintaining a fiscally responsible budget. We are also proud to continue the 3% 401K match for all employees who elect to contribute.

In addition to preparing for the Mill closure, we have many active flood recovery efforts going on. From Rhoda Street to the Colonial Theater, we have exciting projects in the works that will continue over the next few years. We now have a future Town Hall and Police Department. We are in active negotiations over the location of our new Canton Fire Department. These projects and many more will allow us to reimagine our facilities with both resiliency and improved community utilization. Because of the long-term nature of our recovery projects, these are not included within this fiscal budget.

This budget holds true to the commitment of this Board to improve the community in which we live, work and play. The FY 2023-2024 Budget once again promotes economic development through its incentive programs by including funding for Interior Building Improvement and Façade Grants to assist in the redevelopment and revitalization of Canton's downtown. This has been a feature offered by the Town, which has had great success over the last seven years and serves as a driver of new investment in our community. In addition to this program, we have partnered with the Cruso Endowment and other partners to make aesthetic improvements to the downtown through decorative street signs, park improvements, public art etc.

With all the investments in staffing, economic development, and infrastructure, it is easy to overlook the incredible impact our recreation facilities have on quality of life, economic development as well as improved health and wellness. We are partnering with the Kiwanis, Community Foundation of WNC, and many other partners to rebuild our playground at Recreation Park into an All-Abilities Playground. This is an incredible opportunity to create a space that will serve children of all abilities. Chestnut Mountain will continue to see amenities funded through various grants. From picnic shelters and ADA walking trails to major creek restoration along Hominy Creek, projects like these allow for economic diversification and leverage our incredible outdoor amenities.

The last few years have been full of challenges and triumphs. Despite the impending Mill closure and its unknown impacts, the future of Canton has never been brighter. We are thankful for the leadership you all have shown and look forward to executing your vision for Canton. There are incredible opportunities around the corner, and we look forward to growing this Town we love into something even greater.

As we move forward in 2023 and beyond, I would encourage us all to consider this quote from Nelson Mandela "It always seems impossible until it's done". Let's do the impossible!

It is with great honor and appreciation to the Town of Canton's Mayor, Board and staff that I present the following FY 2023-2024 Budget.

Sincerely,

Nick Scheuer
Town Manager

2023-2024 BUDGET
SUMMARY OF REVENUES
ALL FUNDS

10	General Fund	\$8,273,240.00
30	Water & Sewer Fund	\$3,146,250.00
40	Recreation Fund	\$1,047,150.00
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TOTAL REVENUES		\$12,466,640.00

2023-2024 BUDGET
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES
GENERAL FUND

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ESTIMATE FOR 2023-2024</u>
10-301-2023	Current Taxes	3,400,000
10-301-0000	Delinquent Taxes	15,000
10-310-0000	Motor Vehicle Tax	170,000
10-315-0000	Rental Vehicle Tax	1,000
10-317-0000	Tax Penalties and Interest	8,000
10-325-0100	Business Registration Fees	3,000
10-329-0000	Interest Earned on Investments	50,000
10-329-0200	Interest Earned on Checking	300
10-331-0000	Rents	70,440
10-335-0000	Miscellaneous Revenue	2,500
10-336-1100	Governor's Crime Commission Grant	25,000
10-336-2100	Golden Leaf Foundation Grant	572,400
10-337-0000	Utilities Franchise Tax	725,000
10-338-0000	Piped Natural Gas Excise Tax	5,000
10-340-0000	Sales Tax on Telecommunications	30,000
10-340-0100	Sales Tax on Video Programming	30,000
10-341-0000	Wine and Beer Tax	18,000
10-343-0000	Powell Bill Street Allocation	150,000
10-344-0100	State Hold Harmless Distribution-Local Sales Tax	300,000
10-345-0000	Local Option Sales Tax - 1%	650,000
10-345-0100	Local Option Sales Tax - 1/2%	600,000
10-346-0200	Special Events Revenue	12,000
10-347-0000	ABC Revenues (Restricted)	2,400
10-347-0200	ABC Revenues (Disbursement)	20,000
10-350-0200	Misc. Revenue - Police Dept. Haywood County SRO	230,000
10-350-0300	Court Forfeitures	750
10-351-0000	Court Costs, Fees, and Charges	500
10-353-0000	Fire Protection Charges	110,000
10-355-0100	Planning & Zoning Permits	3,000
10-358-0000	Solid Waste Disposal Tax	2,000
10-359-0000	Refuse Collection Fees	270,000
10-359-0100	Other Refuse Collected	400
10-360-0000	Ordinance Violation Fees	100
10-361-0000	Donations - Historical Museum	250
10-335-0106	Labor Day Town Contribution	46,200
10-335-0100	Labor Day Gate Fees	20,000
10-335-0101	Labor Day Vendor Fees	10,000
10-335-0107	Labor Day Alcohol Sales	5,000
10-335-0104	Labor Day Sponsorships	50,000

GENERAL FUND (Continued)

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ESTIMATE FOR 2023-2024</u>
10-335-0105	TDA Grant - Labor Day	8,000
10-336-1600	ARP Funding	0
10-362-0000	Proceeds from Infrastructure Improvements	0
	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	7,616,240
10-398-0000	Fund Balance Appropriated - General Fund	657,000
10-398-0100	Fund Balance Appropriated - Powell Bill Fund	0
	TOTAL	<u>8,273,240</u>

2023-2024 BUDGET
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES
WATER & SEWER FUND

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ESTIMATE FOR 2023-2024</u>
30-329-0000	Interest Earned on Investments	30,000
30-335-0000	Miscellaneous	1,000
30-371-0000	Water Charges	2,198,000
30-371-0200	Sewer Charges	866,750
30-373-0000	Taps and Connection Fees	40,000
30-375-0000	Reconnection Fees	8,000
30-381-0000	Sale of Labor and Materials	2,500
	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	3,146,250
	Fund Balance Appropriated	0
	TOTAL	<u>\$3,146,250.00</u>

2023-2024 BUDGET
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES
RECREATION FUND

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ESTIMATE FOR 2023-2024</u>
40-329-0000	Interest Earned on Investments	300
40-335-0200	Donations - Haywood County Allocation	0
40-335-0600	Shed Rentals	3,000
40-335-0700	Cruso Endowment Contribution	40,000
40-346-0000	Camp Hope Revenue	0
40-349-0000	NC Park & Recreation Grant	230,000
40-349-0100	RTP Grant	0
40-349-0200	SCIF Grant	0
40-363-0000	International Sport's Complex Fees	500
40-363-0100	Batting Cage Fees - IP Complex	1,000
40-364-0000	Armory Revenue	0
40-365-0000	Pool Admissions	50,000
40-365-0100	Pool Party Rentals	10,000
40-382-0000	Colonial Theater Revenue	0
40-397-0000	Transfer from General Fund	712,350
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	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	1,047,150
	Fund Balance Appropriated	0
	TOTAL	<u>1,047,150</u>

2023-2024 BUDGET
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

10-410-0000	Governing Body	65,700
10-420-0000	Administration	163,137
10-440-0000	Finance	389,871
10-470-0000	Legal	30,000
10-490-0000	Planning & Economic Development	444,477
10-500-0000	Municipal Buildings	147,900
		<hr/> 1,241,085

PUBLIC SAFETY

10-510-0000	Police	2,301,223
10-530-0000	Fire	1,032,990
		<hr/> 3,334,213

PUBLIC WORKS

10-550-0000	Traffic Engineering	1,059
10-555-0000	Central Services	187,523
10-560-0000	Streets	1,264,172
10-561-0000	Street Cleaning and Sweeping	191,000
10-565-0000	Horticulture	27,500
10-570-0000	Powell Bill	150,000
10-580-0000	Sanitation	250,000
10-581-0000	Landfill	22,000
		<hr/> 2,093,254

OTHER OPERATIONS

10-625-0000	Canton Historical Museum	35,909
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NON-DEPARTMENTAL

10-660-0000	Non-Departmental	856,429
10-660-8100	Debt Service Payment	0
10-660-9200	Transfer to Recreation Department	712,350
		<hr/> 1,568,779

TOTAL		<hr/> <hr/> 8,273,240
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2023-2024 BUDGET
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES
WATER & SEWER FUND

WATER & SEWER FUND

30-660-0000	Non-Departmental	93,280
30-660-8100	Debt Service Payment	316,706
30-720-0000	Administration, Engineering & Billing	309,001
30-810-0000	Water Supply, Pumping & Filtering	805,369
30-811-0000	Water Distribution & Wastewater Collection Systems	1,072,210
30-812-0000	Sewage Treatment	549,684
TOTAL		<u>3,146,250</u>

2023-2024 BUDGET
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES
RECREATION FUND

RECREATION FUND

40-660-0000	Non-Departmental	40,000
40-660-8100	Debt Service Payment	64,732
40-813-0000	Recreation Areas & Facilities	299,261
40-814-0000	Colonial Pathway Center	64,245
40-815-0000	Recreation Concessions	300
40-816-0000	Armory	36,400
40-817-0000	International Sport's Complex	71,230
40-818-0000	Recreation Planning and Administration	107,982
40-819-0000	Chestnut Mountain	363,000
TOTAL		<u>\$1,047,150.00</u>

2023-2024

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Service Area

GENERAL FUND

10-410-0000

GOVERNING BODY

NO. EMPLOYED (1)

ACCOUNT #

SALARIES

0

OPERATING EXPENSES

65,700

CAPITAL OUTLAY

0

TOTAL 65,700

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Service Area

GENERAL FUND

10-420-0000

ADMINISTRATION

NO. EMPLOYED (1)

ACCOUNT #

SALARIES

99,941

OPERATING EXPENSES

63,196

CAPITAL OUTLAY

0

TOTAL 163,137

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Service Area

GENERAL FUND

10-440-0000

FINANCE

NO. EMPLOYED (3)

ACCOUNT #

SALARIES

178,230

OPERATING EXPENSES

211,641

CAPITAL OUTLAY

0

TOTAL 389,871

2023-2024

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Service Area

ACCOUNT #

GENERAL FUND

10-470-0000

LEGAL

NO. EMPLOYED (1)

SALARIES

0

OPERATING EXPENSES

30,000

CAPITAL OUTLAY

0

TOTAL 30,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Service Area

ACCOUNT #

GENERAL FUND

10-490-0000

PLANNING & ECON

NO. EMPLOYED (3)

SALARIES

127,450

OPERATING EXPENSES

317,027

CAPITAL OUTLAY

0

TOTAL 444,477

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Service Area

ACCOUNT #

GENERAL FUND

10-500-0000

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

NO. EMPLOYED

SALARIES

0

OPERATING EXPENSES

147,900

CAPITAL OUTLAY

0

TOTAL 147,900

2023-2024

PUBLIC SAFETY

Service Area

GENERAL FUND

POLICE
NO. EMPLOYED (23 FULL-TIME/4 PART-TIME)

ACCOUNT #

10-510-0000

SALARIES

1,270,014

OPERATING EXPENSES

994,209

CAPITAL OUTLAY

37,000

TOTAL 2,301,223

PUBLIC SAFETY

Service Area

GENERAL FUND

FIRE
NO. EMPLOYED (12 FULL-TIME)

ACCOUNT #

10-530-0000

SALARIES

573,230

OPERATING EXPENSES

459,760

CAPITAL OUTLAY

0

TOTAL 1,032,990

PUBLIC WORKS

Service Area

GENERAL FUND

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

NO. EMPLOYED

ACCOUNT #

10-550-0000

SALARIES

0

OPERATING EXPENSES

1,059

CAPITAL OUTLAY

0

TOTAL 1,059

2023-2024

PUBLIC WORKS

Service Area

GENERAL FUND

CENTRAL SERVICES

NO. EMPLOYED (1)

ACCOUNT #

10-555-0000

SALARIES

57,376

OPERATING EXPENSES

130,147

CAPITAL OUTLAY

0

TOTAL 187,523

PUBLIC WORKS

Service Area

GENERAL FUND

STREETS

NO. EMPLOYED (14 FULL-TIME/3 PART-TIME)

ACCOUNT #

10-560-0000

SALARIES

564,100

OPERATING EXPENSES

674,072

CAPITAL OUTLAY

26,000

TOTAL 1,264,172

PUBLIC WORKS

Service Area

GENERAL FUND

STREET SWEEPING

NO. EMPLOYED (NO FULL-TIME)

ACCOUNT #

10-561-0000

SALARIES

0

OPERATING EXPENSES

187,000

CAPITAL OUTLAY

4,000

TOTAL 191,000

2023-2024

PUBLIC WORKS

Service Area

GENERAL FUND

HORTICULTURE

NO. EMPLOYED

ACCOUNT #

10-565-0000

SALARIES

0

OPERATING EXPENSES

27,500

CAPITAL OUTLAY

0

TOTAL

27,500

PUBLIC WORKS

Service Area

GENERAL FUND

POWELL BILL

NO. EMPLOYED

ACCOUNT #

10-570-0000

SALARIES

0

OPERATING EXPENSES

100,000

CAPITAL OUTLAY

50,000

TOTAL

150,000

PUBLIC WORKS

Service Area

GENERAL FUND

SANITATION

NO. EMPLOYED

ACCOUNT #

10-580-0000

SALARIES

0

OPERATING EXPENSES

250,000

CAPITAL OUTLAY

0

TOTAL

250,000

2023-2024

PUBLIC WORKS

Service Area

GENERAL FUND

LANDFILL

NO. EMPLOYED

ACCOUNT #

10-581-0000

SALARIES

0

OPERATING EXPENSES

22,000

CAPITAL OUTLAY

0

TOTAL 22,000

OTHER OPERATIONS

Service Area

GENERAL FUND

HISTORICAL MUSEUM

NO. EMPLOYED (1 PART-TIME)

ACCOUNT #

10-625-0000

SALARIES

14,500

OPERATING EXPENSES

21,409

CAPITAL OUTLAY

0

TOTAL 35,909

GENERAL FUND

Service Area

GENERAL FUND

NON-DEPARTMENTAL

NO. EMPLOYED

ACCOUNT #

10-660-0000

SALARIES

0

OPERATING EXPENSES

1,568,780

CAPITAL OUTLAY

0

TOTAL 1,568,780

2023-2024

ENVIRONMENTAL

Service Area

WATER & SEWER FUND

NON-DEPARTMENTAL

NO. EMPLOYED

ACCOUNT #

30-660-0000

SALARIES

0

OPERATING EXPENSES

93,280

DEBT SERVICE

Debt Service Payment-Principal

277,736

Debt Service Payment-Interest

38,970

316,706

CAPITAL OUTLAY

0

TOTAL 409,986

ENVIRONMENTAL

Service Area

WATER & SEWER FUND

ADMIN WATER BILLING

NO. EMPLOYED (3 FULL-TIME)

ACCOUNT #

30-720-0000

SALARIES

162,534

OPERATING EXPENSES

146,467

CAPITAL OUTLAY

0

TOTAL 309,001

ENVIRONMENTAL

Service Area

WATER & SEWER FUND

PUMPING & FILTERING

NO. EMPLOYED (5)

ACCOUNT #

30-810-0000

SALARIES

243,500

OPERATING EXPENSES

561,869

CAPITAL OUTLAY

0

TOTAL 805,369

2023-2024

ENVIRONMENTAL

Service Area

ACCOUNT #

WATER & SEWER FUND

30-811-0000

WATER DISTRIBUTION & WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEMS

NO. EMPLOYED (8 FULL-TIME)

SALARIES 275,000

OPERATING EXPENSES 617,210

CAPITAL OUTLAY 180,000

TOTAL 1,072,210

ENVIRONMENTAL

Service Area

ACCOUNT #

WATER & SEWER FUND

30-812-0000

SEWAGE TREATMENT

NO. EMPLOYED

SALARIES 0

OPERATING EXPENSES 387,500

CAPITAL OUTLAY 162,184

TOTAL 549,684

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2023-2024

<u>RECREATION & CULTURE</u>	<u>RECREATION FUND</u>	<u>NON- DEPARTMENTAL</u>
Service Area		<u>NO. EMPLOYED</u>
<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	40-660-0000	
	<u>SALARIES</u>	0
	<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>	40,000
	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	
	Debt Service Payment-Principal	51,667
	Debt Service Payment-Interest	13,066
		64,733
	<u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u>	0
	TOTAL	104,733

<u>RECREATION & CULTURE</u>	<u>RECREATION FUND</u>	<u>RECREATION PARK & FACILITIES</u>
Service Area		<u>NO. EMPLOYED (12 PART-TIME)</u>
<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	40-813-0000	
	<u>SALARIES</u>	57,000
	<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>	192,261
	<u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u>	50,000
	TOTAL	299,261

2023-2024

RECREATION & CULTURAL

Service Area

RECREATION FUND

COLONIAL THEATRE

NO. EMPLOYED

ACCOUNT #

40-814-0000

SALARIES

0

OPERATING EXPENSES

64,245

CAPITAL OUTLAY

0

TOTAL 64,245

RECREATION & CULTURE

Service Area

RECREATION FUND

CONCESSIONS

NO. EMPLOYED

ACCOUNT #

40-815-000

SALARIES

0

OPERATING EXPENSES

300

CAPITAL OUTLAY

0

TOTAL 300

RECREATION & CULTURE

Service Area

RECREATION FUND

ARMORY

NO. EMPLOYED (1 PART-TIME)

ACCOUNT #

40-816-0000

SALARIES

0

OPERATING EXPENSES

36,400

CAPITAL OUTLAY

0

TOTAL 36,400

2023-2024

RECREATION & CULTURE

Service Area

RECREATION FUND

IP SPORTS COMPLEX

NO. EMPLOYED (2 PART-TIME)

ACCOUNT #

40-817-0000

SALARIES 20,000

OPERATING EXPENSES 41,230

CAPITAL OUTLAY 10,000

TOTAL 71,230

RECREATION & CULTURE

Service Area

RECREATION FUND

REC PLANNING &

ADMINISTRATION

NO. EMPLOYED (1 FULL-TIME)

ACCOUNT #

40-818-0000

SALARIES 61,000

OPERATING EXPENSES 46,982

CAPITAL OUTLAY 0

TOTAL 107,982

RECREATION & CULTURE

Service Area

RECREATION FUND

CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN

NO. EMPLOYED

ACCOUNT #

40-818-0000

SALARIES 0

OPERATING EXPENSES 33,000

CAPITAL OUTLAY 330,000

TOWN OF CANTON 2023-2024
All Funds

