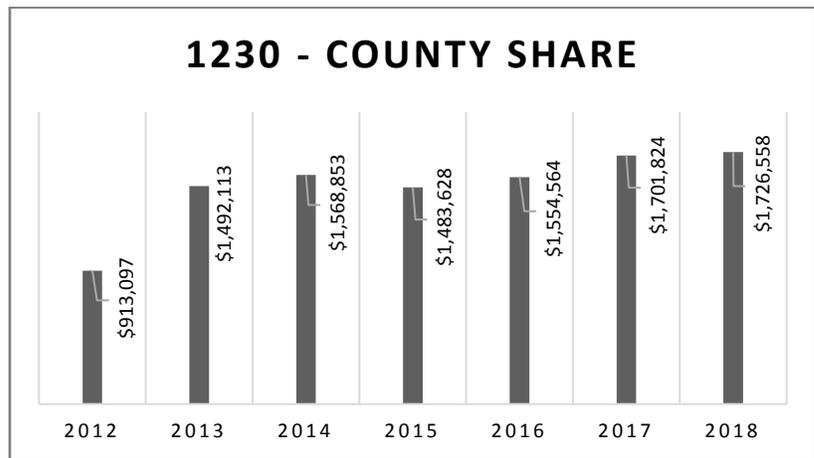


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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the County Executive is to ensure the efficient, responsible and transparent operation and delivery of services for and with Albany County's diverse community.

WHO WE SERVE

Albany County government serves a diverse population of 304,204 as per the 2010 census. Residents are spread out over three cities, six villages and ten towns in an area that covers 582 square miles.

ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

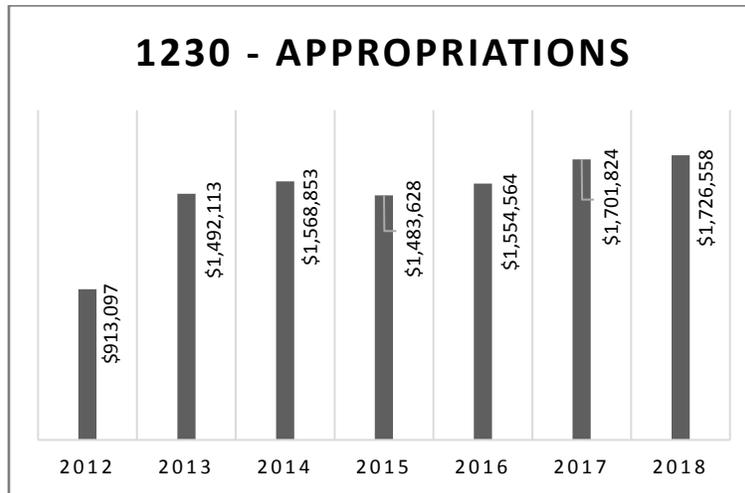
The County Executive is the Chief Executive Officer of County government, elected by the voters of Albany County to a four-year term of office. Responsibilities of the Office include directing, coordinating and monitoring the activities of all County administrative units under the County Executive's control; appointing administrative heads of departments; approving and executing contracts and agreements for the County as authorized; directing the creation of the Proposed Annual Budget; maintaining communications with federal, state and local governments; and directing special projects requiring coordination among County departments.

2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

- Piloting the creation of an equity agenda with SUNY Albany's Center for Human Services Research to assess how the county can improve policies and programs for residents.
- Assembling an Opioid Task Force charged with bringing new initiatives and programs to curb the growing abuse of opioids and deaths related to this epidemic. The Task Force in turn has created Project Orange, a partnership between Albany County and local pharmacies that distributes free disposal resources to individuals with opioid prescriptions.
- Introduced Age Friendly Albany County, part of AARP's Age Friendly Community program which focuses on enhancing community and health services, transportation, social inclusion and other domains of livability for older Albany County residents.
- Earned the NYSERDA Clean Energy Community Designation and implemented a Countywide property assessed clean energy financing program.
- Continuing the success of Project Growth, a restorative justice program that educates and trains youth to increase employability and decrease recidivism.
- Expanding youth recreational opportunities offered by the county's partnership with the Amateur Athletic Union across the county. These programs, run by the County Recreation Department, serve youth from all walks of life ensuring that all children in the county have the same opportunities to grow through sports.
- Expanded awareness of the Veteran Service Bureau through town hall meetings throughout the county
- Convening a Suicide Task Force to address the growing issue of suicides in Albany County. The Task Force has identified key populations through improved data gathering and worked with Coroners to improve the sharing of information.
- Finalizing improvements to the Albany County Nursing Home to ensure that residents not only receive the highest care possible but also have the best living accommodations available.

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- Improving the Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail with a host of amenities including a bike fix-it station, etiquette signs, benches and a little library.
- Opened the Albany County Center for Essential Supportive Services to provide Hilltown residents a local resource for information and assistance with human services.



2018 GOALS AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS

- Finalize the creation of a County Mental Health court, an alternative to incarceration option that will deliver vital services rather than jail time to the most vulnerable of our populations.
- Complete construction of the Times Union Atrium which will dramatically improve the look and function of the Times Union center, a major economic driver of downtown Albany.
- Introduce new amenities to the Albany County Rail Trail including a bicycle rental hub and fitness stations to encourage fitness for county residents and visitors.
- Expand recreational programs to older county residents through combined efforts by the Departments of Aging and Recreation.
- Promote sustainable transportation in Albany County by installing EV charging stations at selected county properties and purchase electric vehicle for the county fleet.

SUMMARY OF BUDGET CHANGES

The 2018 Executive budget for the Albany County Executive's Office does not include any substantive programmatic changes.