

LIFE in the PRAIRIE



SUMMER 2020

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2019 Annual Report



Residents of Eden Prairie,

As you open this issue of our City newsletter, we begin a new season together. Much has changed over the past several months as we've navigated the COVID-19 pandemic, and there are surely more changes to come. While many aspects of our future are still unknown, it's important to stop and reflect on what remains constant for those of us who are fortunate to call Eden Prairie our home.



The people in our community never stop showing up for one another.

All you need to do is take a drive through town and note the hundreds of #InThisTogether yard signs, each representing part of a \$1,435 donation to Eden Prairie PROP, which helped feed hungry families in a time of desperate need.





There are heroes all around us who always come to the rescue.

Take for example, one Saturday in May when the Eden Prairie Fire Department announced it would be collecting much-needed facemasks for health care providers and at-risk populations as part of the Minnesota Homemade Mask Drive. Dozens of residents dropped off handmade masks, more than 2,800 total, which outnumbered the donations in any of our surrounding cities that day.

The young people in our community are valued and celebrated.

When some of our youngest residents were celebrating birthdays during the Stay-At-Home Order, parents called in a little help to make this year's celebration extra special. During these difficult times, perhaps there is no better way for our men and women of the Eden Prairie Police and Fire Departments to connect with young people in our community than to join in a birthday parade to say, "You are important, we're here for you!"



Thank you, Eden Prairie — for doing all of this and so much more — it is my honor to serve this outstanding community!

Sincerely,

Ronald A. Case

Mayor Ron Case



Summer Parks and Recreation Programs

To keep our community safe during the coronavirus pandemic, the City of Eden Prairie made the difficult decision to cancel a significant number of Parks and Recreation programs and events this summer.

This decision affects our community's summer concert series at the Staring Lake Amphitheatre, a time when we all look forward to gathering at one of the most beautiful spots in Eden Prairie to enjoy outdoor entertainment under the stars.

If there is any way we can resume these concerts later this summer we will absolutely do so, but not until conditions are appropriate for large-group gatherings.

Perhaps most difficult of all, we have decided the **Hometown Celebration**, which typically takes place July 3–4 at Round Lake Park, will be a virtual event this year. **PeopleFest! A Community Celebration of Culture**, which typically takes place in August, will also be a virtual event.

Although we can't be together physically for these annual celebrations, we can still come together as a community and celebrate in a different way.

As we move forward in this new and ever-changing environment, we will continue to make decisions based on the best information we have, and with the utmost concern for your health, as well as the safety of our staff members. We remain hopeful about possibly introducing new programming later in the summer if conditions are favorable.

I look forward to the day when we can open the doors to all of our facilities, invite you in to enjoy new and exciting programs, and once again provide the entire Eden Prairie community with all of the recreational opportunities that help contribute to your quality of life in Eden Prairie.

Until then, please take care of yourselves and one another. We are all in this together and we hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,



Jay Lotthammer
Parks and Recreation Director



ELECTION 2020

Vote Early by Mail

In Minnesota, you do not have to wait until Election Day to vote! To protect your health during the COVID-19 pandemic and vote early by mail, request an absentee ballot application at [MNVotes.org](https://www.mnvotes.org) or by calling **612-348-5151**.

edenprairie.org/Elections



City Named Top 150 Workplace

For the seventh consecutive year, the **Star Tribune** named the City of Eden Prairie among the **Top 150 Workplaces** in Minnesota. Each year, survey data gathered from thousands of employees at the top public, private and nonprofit organizations in the state determines the top-ranking workplaces, and the City of Eden Prairie consistently ranks among the best midsize employers.

edenprairie.org/Employment



The City has always promoted a supportive, encouraging and productive culture in the workplace, with a strong focus on customer service and stewardship. Now more than ever, these values are of utmost importance to us as an employer.

Mayor Ron Case





City Manager Podcast

Hosted by City Manager **Rick Getschow**, the **Real Talk with Rick** podcast features candid interviews with notable local leaders, elected officials, City staff and more. Catch the latest episodes on iTunes, Spotify and Spreaker — or simply ask your virtual assistant to “play the Real Talk with Rick podcast.”

edenprairie.org/RealTalk



Summer Street Maintenance Projects

Eden Prairie’s annual street maintenance program involves **overlaying** and **sealcoating** more than 30 miles of City streets each year. The goal is to preserve and protect the pavement to reach a 40- to 50-year life expectancy before a street requires complete reconstruction. Maps and updates about 2020 street maintenance projects are available online.

edenprairie.org/InfrastructureProjects

2019 Drinking Water Report

The City provides results of drinking water monitoring to advance consumer confidence and highlight the need to protect water resources. Drinking water monitoring from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2019, revealed Eden Prairie drinking water met or exceeded federal standards. A complete report is available online.

edenprairie.org/DrinkingWater

Adopt a Storm Drain

Help protect local waterways, adopt a storm drain in our community!

First, mark your drain with a message to remind others that only rain goes in the drain — the City provides a Storm Drain Marking Kit with supplies and instructions. Then, go online to claim your adopted drain and keep it cleared of debris year-round — the City provides supplies including safety vests.

edenprairie.org/StormDrain



edenprairie.org/SustainableEP

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RESIDENTIAL POSTAL CUSTOMER

COVID-19 Online Resources



On the Cover:
Staring Lake

Eden Prairie's Emergency Management Team is working closely with public health and safety partners in neighboring cities and schools, Hennepin County and the State of Minnesota to protect our community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

The City's COVID-19 website features frequently updated information, including:

- How to contact and do business with the City
- What you can do to help our community
- Resources for Eden Prairie residents and businesses
- Answers to frequently asked questions about the City's response to COVID-19

edenprairie.org/Coronavirus





City of Eden Prairie, Minnesota

2019

ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31, 2019



MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

I am pleased to present the City of Eden Prairie **2019 Annual Report**. Through a combination of graphics and plain language, this publication provides a high-level, easy-to-understand snapshot of the City's finances. Detailed information is available at edenprairie.org/Budget.

Sincerely,



Rick Getschow
City Manager



About the City of Eden Prairie

The City of Eden Prairie is home to more than 63,000 residents, 2,800 businesses, outstanding schools, and a multitude of natural and man-made amenities. With its flourishing economy, engaged community, and quality-of-life rating consistently higher than local and national benchmarks, life is good in Eden Prairie.

City Services Provided in 2019



1,875 fire calls



50,909 police calls



6,438 building permits issued



4,912 property appraisals completed



43 parks, 134 miles of trails, 580 lane miles of City streets maintained



4,274 hydrants flushed



50 miles of sanitary sewer cleaned

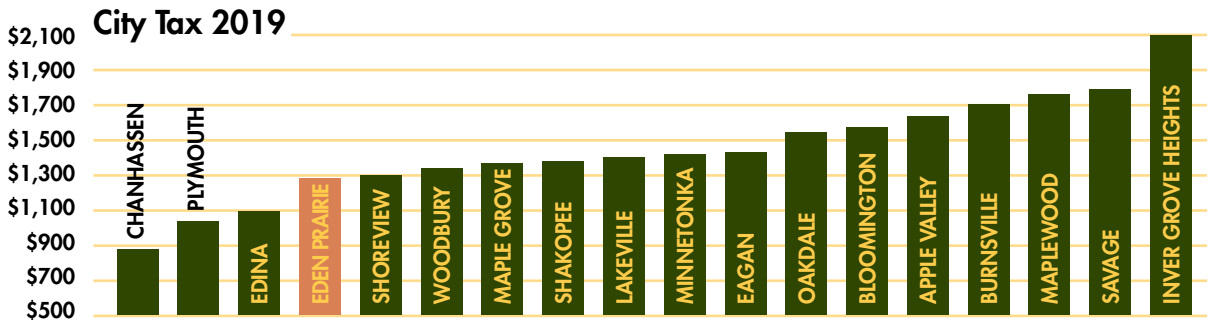
CITY FINANCES

This report provides financial results for the following accounts:

<p>General Fund</p> <p>City's primary operating fund</p>	<p>Capital Projects Funds</p> <p>Funds for acquisition or construction of major capital infrastructure</p>	<p>Debt Service Funds</p> <p>Funds collected from taxes and other sources to pay debt</p>	<p>Enterprise Funds</p> <p>User-fee funds collected from external customers</p>
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Property Taxes

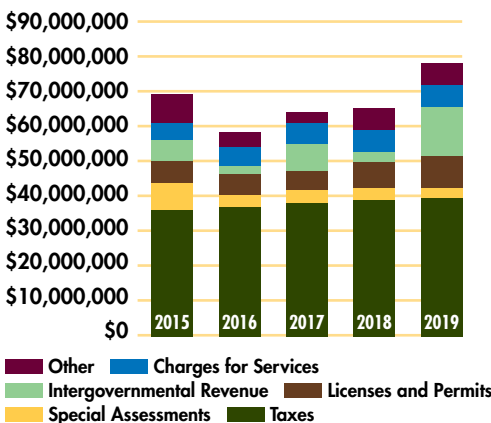
The median single-family home (MSFH) in Eden Prairie is valued at \$396,200, and the 2019 City property tax for a MSFH is \$1,276, an increase of 1.2% versus 2018. When compared to MSFH values of similar cities in the metro area, Eden Prairie property taxes are among the lowest.



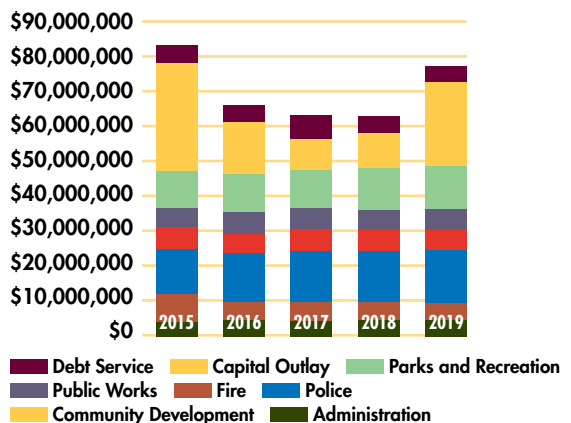
Governmental Revenue and Expenditures

Revenues for all funds except Enterprise, Internal Service and Fiduciary Funds totaled \$79,421,583, an increase of 20.6% versus 2018 attributed to municipal state aid for various construction projects. Expenditures for all funds except Enterprise, Internal Service and Fiduciary Funds totaled \$77,552,676, an increase of 22.6% versus 2018 attributed to construction costs for Eden Prairie Road, Southwest Light Rail Transit and Preserve Boulevard. The City is financially sound and maintained its net position for 2019.

5-Year Revenue Comparison

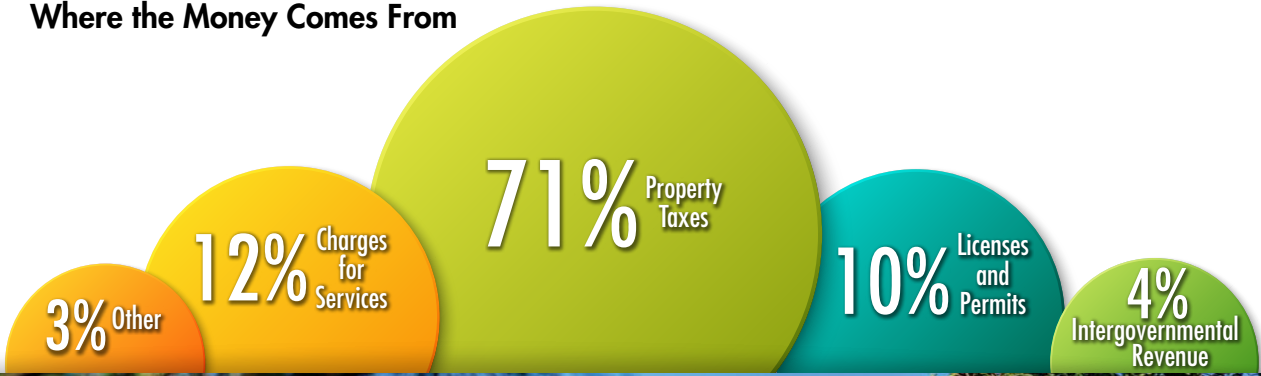


5-Year Expenditure Comparison



GENERAL FUND REVENUE

Where the Money Comes From



General Fund Revenues	2019	2018
Property Taxes	\$35,009,667	\$34,237,372
Charges for Services	6,132,338	5,976,951
Licenses and Permits	5,110,672	4,892,559
Intergovernmental Revenue	1,768,464	1,439,023
Other	1,238,199	985,245
Total	\$49,259,340	\$47,531,150

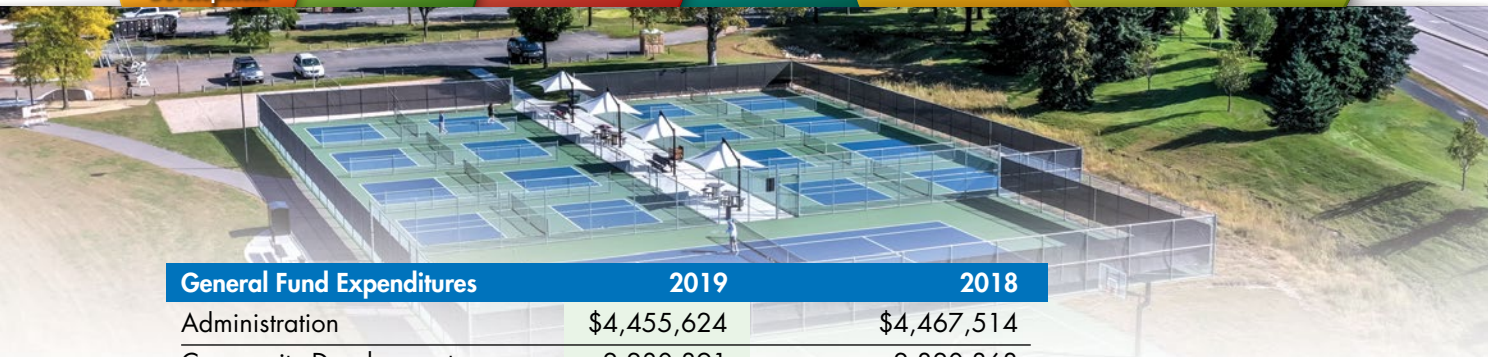
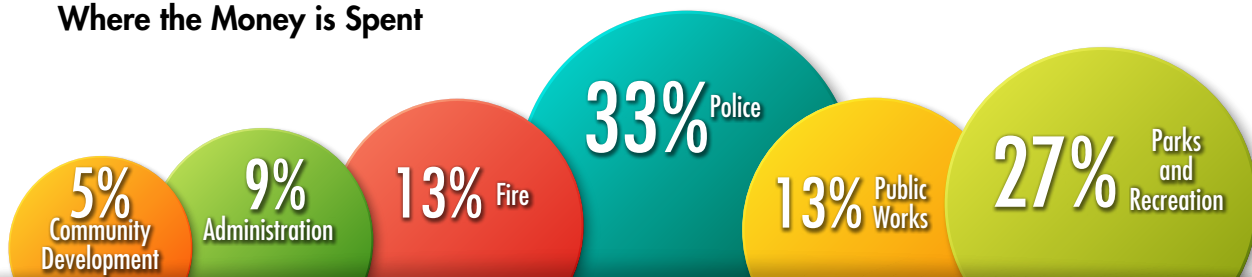
Budgeted Revenue: \$46,697,121

Actual Revenue: \$49,259,340

Actual revenue was 105% of budget; property tax and licenses and permits revenue, and investment interest exceeded expectations.

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

Where the Money is Spent



General Fund Expenditures	2019	2018
Administration	\$4,455,624	\$4,467,514
Community Development	2,280,391	2,320,363
Police	15,204,092	14,517,004
Fire	5,915,595	6,119,385
Public Works	5,891,040	5,872,135
Parks and Recreation	12,489,302	12,158,792
Total	\$46,236,044	\$45,455,193

Budgeted Expenditures: \$47,003,046

Actual Expenditures: \$46,236,044

Actual expenditures were 98.4% of budget; overall results were as expected.

2019 Capital Improvement Expenses: \$27,946,884

Significant Projects Over \$500K

Preserve Boulevard Reconstruction	\$7,063,708
Southwest LRT	5,210,193
Eden Prairie Road Improvements	2,986,366
Pavement Management Projects	2,563,234
Ground Storage Reservoir	1,986,884
Staring Lake Park Shelter Reconstruction	1,705,823
Railroad Quiet Zone	915,926
Singletree Lane Improvements	731,467

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

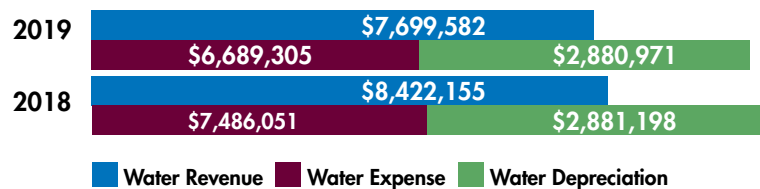
Enterprise Funds account for the City's utilities (water, wastewater, storm drainage) and liquor operations, which are run like businesses, relying on fees and charges for revenue to cover expenditures.

Utilities

Eden Prairie's water, wastewater and stormwater utilities serve approximately 20,000 residential, commercial and industrial accounts. The City's water storage capacity is 8.5-million gallons and is supplied by a system of 15 wells that are permitted to pump 28-million gallons per day.

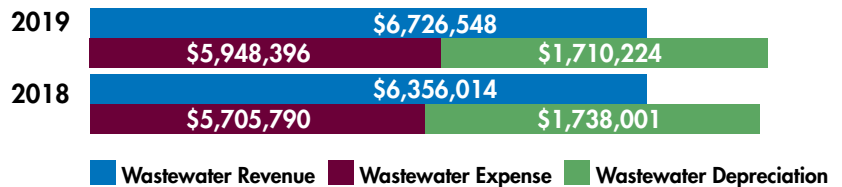
Water Utility Financial Results

Water usage decreased from 2.3-billion gallons to 2-billion gallons; while rates increased in 2019, water utility revenue decreased \$722,573 versus 2018. Total operating expenses (excluding depreciation) were 98.1% of the \$6,817,317 budget, and \$796,746 less than 2018.



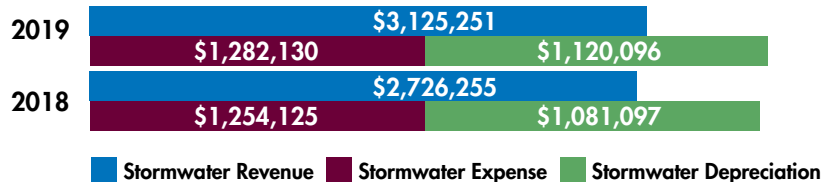
Wastewater Utility Financial Results

In 2019, wastewater revenue increased \$370,534, or 5.8% versus 2018; rates also increased. Total operating expenses (excluding depreciation) were 98.8% of the \$6,018,616 budget, and \$242,606 more than 2018. Disposal charges are the largest expense, totaling \$4,461,591. Metropolitan Council Environmental Services establishes monthly disposal costs on a metro-wide basis. For 2019, the disposal fee increased 6.6%.



Stormwater Utility Financial Results

In 2019, stormwater revenue increased \$398,996, or 14.6%, due to a rate change. Total operating expenses (excluding depreciation) were 90.3% of the \$1,419,298 budgeted and \$28,005 more than 2018.



MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE OPERATIONS

The City's three municipal liquor stores constitute one of the largest municipal off-sale operations in Minnesota.

Eden Prairie Liquor profits contribute to the financial well-being of the City by funding important capital projects. City leaders believe municipal-owned liquor operations help to protect the health and safety of youth by placing emphasis on preventing sales to underage people.

Overall liquor store sales totaled \$10,783,296 in 2019, a 2.1% increase versus 2018; the City transferred \$800,000 in profits to the Capital Improvement Project fund. Over the past 10 years, more than \$9-million in liquor store profits have funded various capital projects, including Riley Lake Park renovations, trail maintenance and the Staring Lake Park pickleball courts.



LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-Term Debt Outstanding	2019	2018
General Obligation	\$8,115,000	\$9,120,000
Special Assessment	5,975,000	7,860,000
Tax Abatement	15,900,000	16,345,000
Revenue	6,725,000	2,435,000
Total	\$36,715,000	\$35,760,000

+2.7% versus 2018

The City issued \$4.9-million of Water Revenue Bonds for the new Pump Station and Water Storage Reservoir.

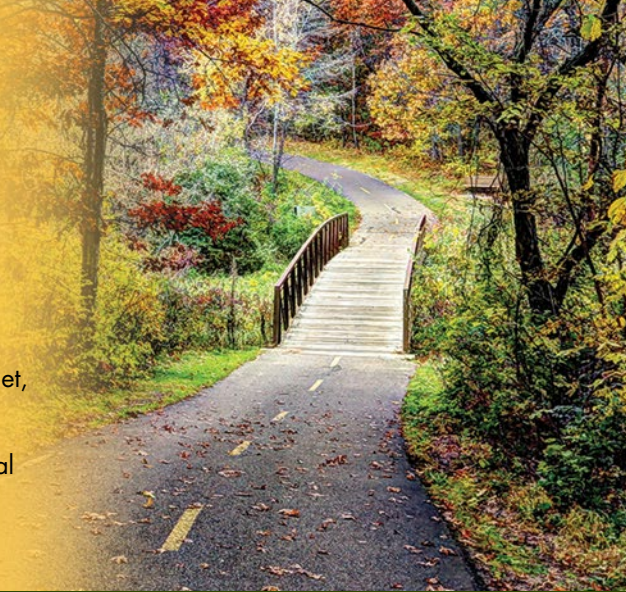
Since 2003, **Moody's Investors Service** has assigned its highest rating, **Aaa**, to the City of Eden Prairie's bonds. Since 2014, Eden Prairie has maintained a **AAA** bond rating from **Standard and Poor's Financial Services**. Reasons for the consistent bond ratings include Eden Prairie's substantial and diversified tax base, strong financial operations, low debt burden, and strengths in flexibility with budget reserves, liquidity, management stability and financial policies.



AWARDS

The City received the following awards (valid for one year only) from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA):

- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, for the year ended Dec. 31, 2018.
- Distinguished Budget Presentation award for the Two-Year Budget, for the fiscal years beginning Jan. 1, 2018, and 2019.
- Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, for the fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 2018.



ABOUT THIS REPORT

The information for this report is from the City of Eden Prairie's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which was prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and applicable legal requirements for the year ended Dec. 31, 2019. This report provides information to the public about City of Eden Prairie services and the costs to provide these services. For a complete review of the City's financial position for 2019, consult the CAFR.

edenprairie.org/Budget

