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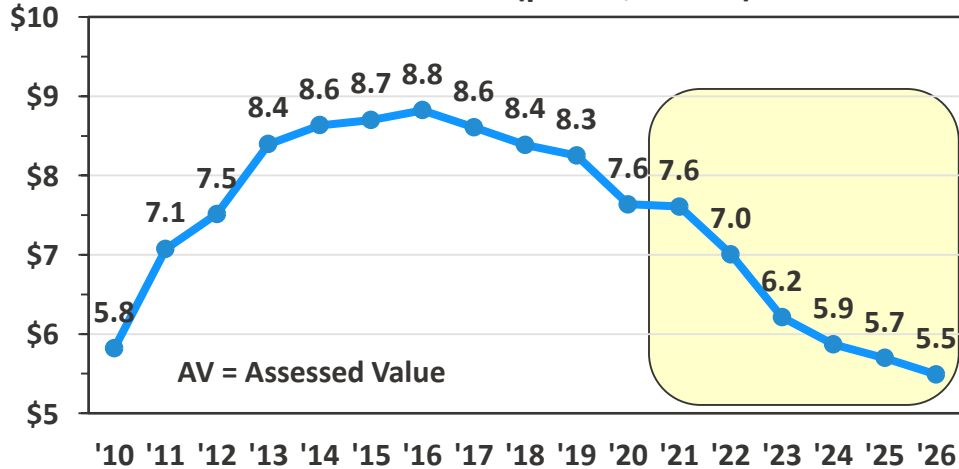
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# City Finances: Rising property values; Lowering tax rate

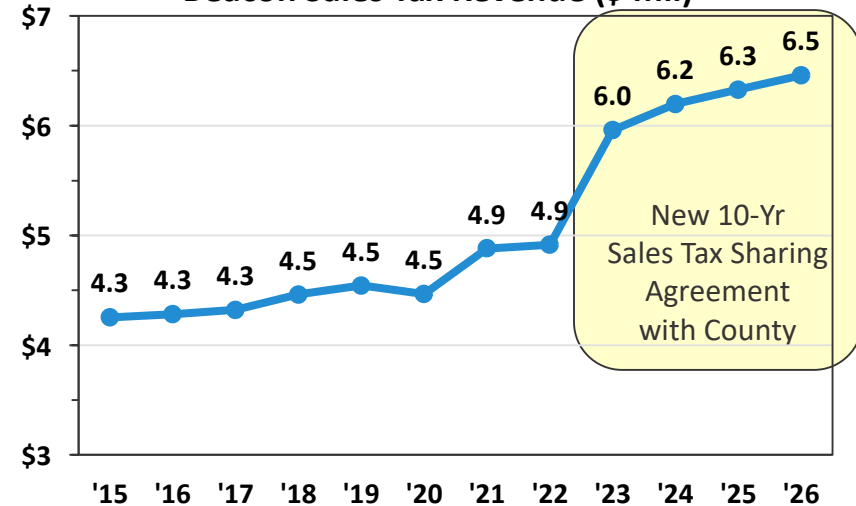
Homestead Tax Rate (per \$1,000 AV)



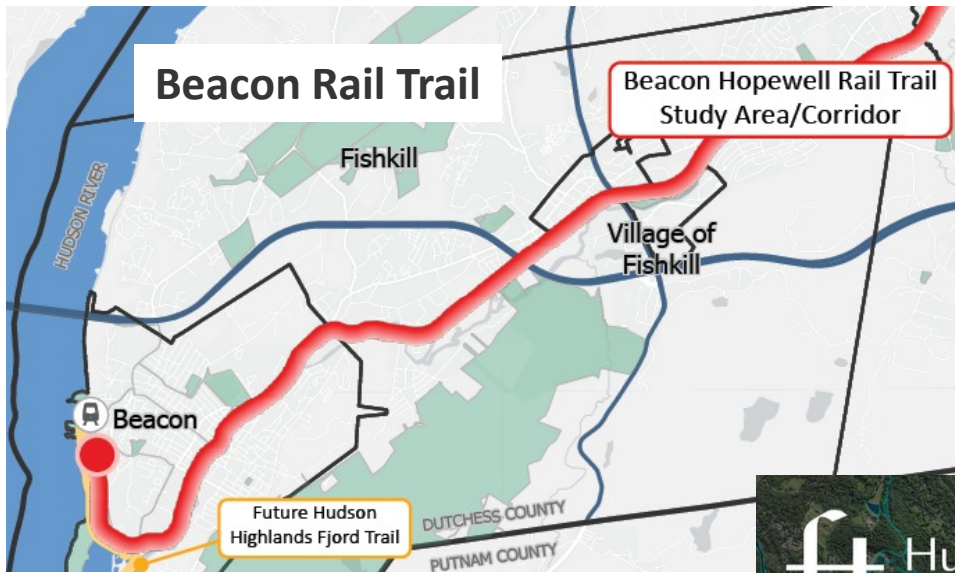
- Lower residential tax rate every year
- \$225 mil of new taxable properties in last 6 years → avoided 13% tax increase
- Property tax increase under state cap
- New sales tax revenue: >\$1.6M per year than base year 2022 and growing

Beacon Property Tax	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Property Tax Growth	2.6%	4.6%	1.7%	2.0%	3.8%	4.8%
• New Construction	2.2%	1.7%	3.0%	2.4%	1.9%	2.1%
CPI Inflation (%)	4.7%	8.0%	4.1%	2.9%	2.7%	~3%

Beacon Sales Tax Revenue (\$ mil)



# Trails: Beacon Becoming a Trail City



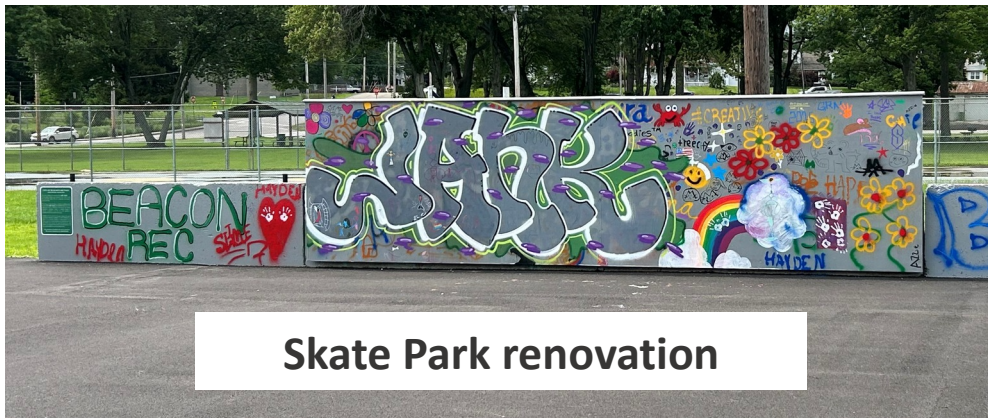
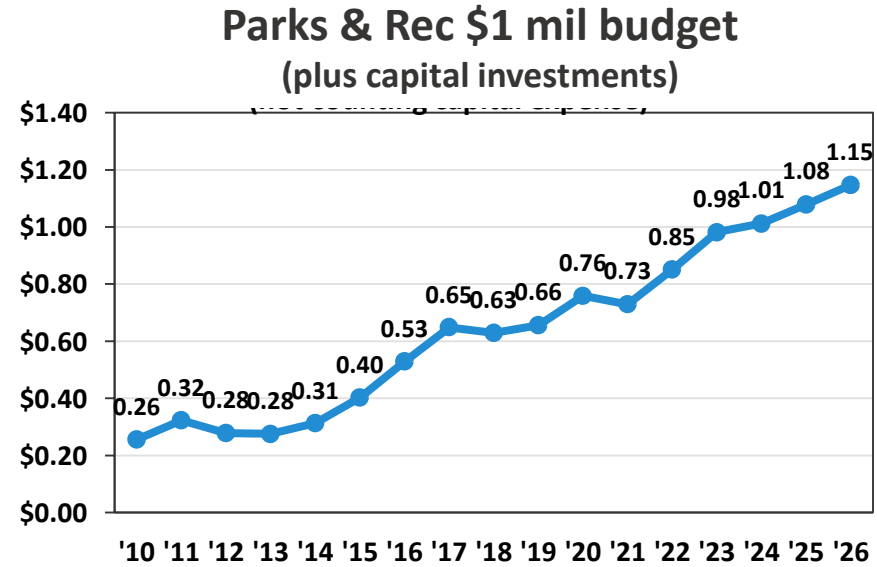
- City commits to rapid construction of Beacon Rail Trail – from Hudson River and train station to parks, Main Street and Route 52
- Fjord Trail announces accelerated construction of Beacon sections, bathrooms adjacent to train station



# Investment in Our Parks and Recreation



**South Ave Park bathrooms**



**Skate Park renovation**



**New Backboards**



# Ongoing Quality of Life

**City  
Emergency  
SNAP  
Funding**

ALL 3  
REQUIRED

USCISE ETC.  
**PHOTO ID**

**PROOF OF RESIDENCY**

CURRENT MAIL

**SNAP CARD**

BEACON FARMERS MARKET

KEY FOOD MARKETPLACE

COMMON GROUND FARM

Beacon Natural Market

BEACON NATURAL MARKET

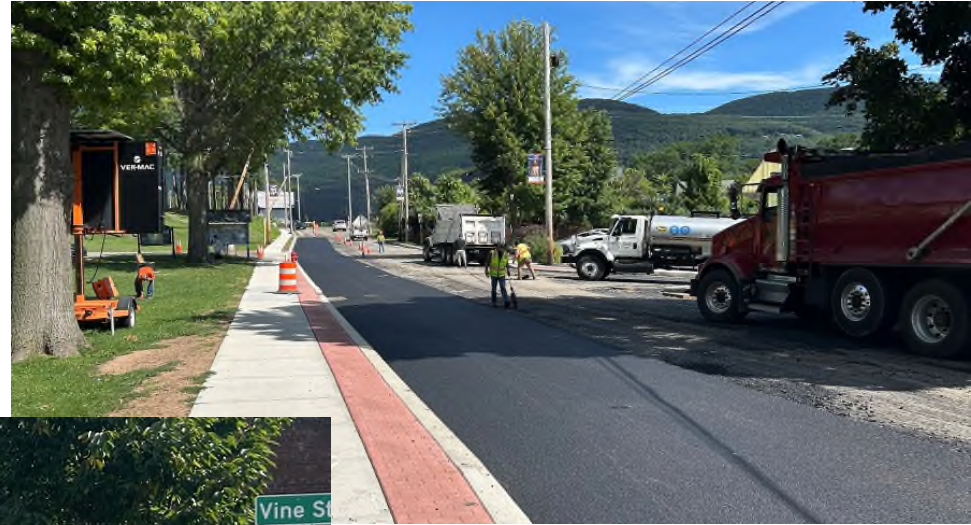
BEACON NATURAL MARKET



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# Rebuilding Our Infrastructure: Fishkill/Teller Ave

- 99% state/federal funding
- Replaced all water/sewer lines
- New sidewalks to City line



# Continuing Infrastructure Investment



Wastewater Centrifuges



Wastewater Settling Tanks



West Main Pump Station



Ongoing repaving, sidewalk rebuild



# Climate Leadership, Sustainable Community

- Recertified Silver Status, NYS Climate Smart Community
- Installed solar atop City highway garage
- City electric is 100% renewable; growing
- EV/hybrid fleet, EV charging stations
- Expanding tree, composting & pollinator garden programs



# Beacon's Revitalized, Historic Main Street

 **TRAVELLER'S ELIXIR**

8 Beautiful Main Streets

"Beacon brings...its industrial vibe and loads of creative energy."



15 Best Main Streets

"Small city charm blends with an art lover's paradise..."

Walk Score

**96**

**Walker's Paradise**

Daily errands do not require a car.



Main St 1990s

 **WorldAtlas**

11 Friendliest in NY:

"Beacon ... now runs on art, river access, and a downtown built for walking."



**NEW YORK**



**Firehouse Design Award**



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# Thank You Beacon



**Hocus Pocus Parade**



**Pitching Rail Trail to Gov. Hochul**



**Police Bike Patrol**

**We are all honored to serve you.**

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