

## What are our Ulster County legislators doing about our property taxes?

- ✓ Hiring only for public safety and essential services
- ✓ Consolidating Departments, where it makes sense, to reduce expense
- ✓ Creatively reusing existing/new facilities to reduce overall expense
- ✓ Negotiating UC employee healthcare benefits to keep costs flat
- ✓ Urging the State to control pension expense
- ✓ Investigating revenue producing options for the old Ulster County Jail
- ✓ Considering alternative methods for increasing non-property tax revenue
- ✓ Reviewing all contracts and leases for savings

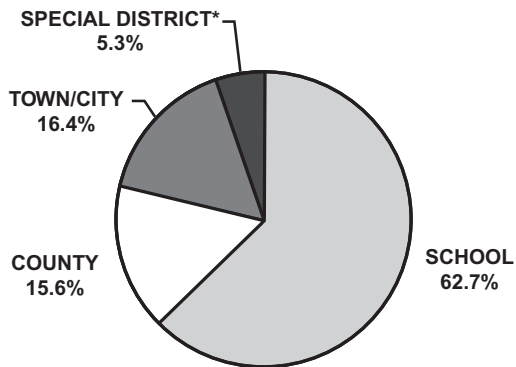
## What can we do?

- ✓ VOTE on November 7
- ✓ VOTE for accountability in County Government
- ✓ VOTE for candidates who support government mandates ONLY when funding is appropriated
- ✓ STOP the Federal and State Government practice of reducing their budgets by placing the mandated expenses on local governments
- ✓ VOTE for candidates who will fight for Tax Reform and a new way for NY State to fund local schools
- ✓ WRITE to your State and Federal legislatures expressing your concern on these issues

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**FALL 2006**

## What portion of our property taxes are for Ulster County?



### 2006 AVERAGE PROPERTY TAXES

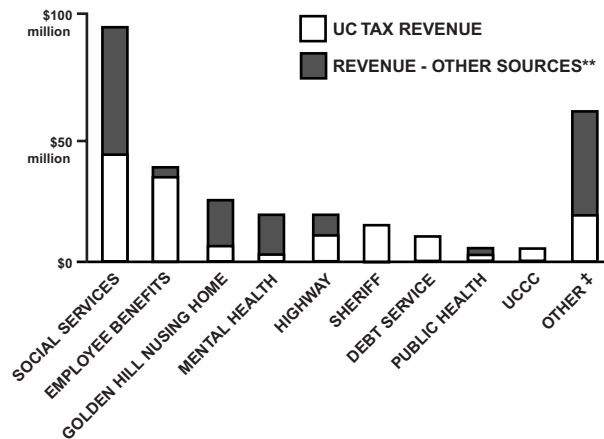
School taxes account for the majority of our property tax bill.

School taxes are determined by local school districts. School budgets are affected by funding and mandates from State and Federal government.

Town/City taxes are 2nd largest, Ulster County property taxes are 3rd largest, on average.

\*Special Districts include water districts, library districts, etc.

## How are our Ulster County tax dollars spent?



### 2006 UC BUDGET (\$300 Million)

Debt service includes only the current year's debt payment for the Ulster County Jail.

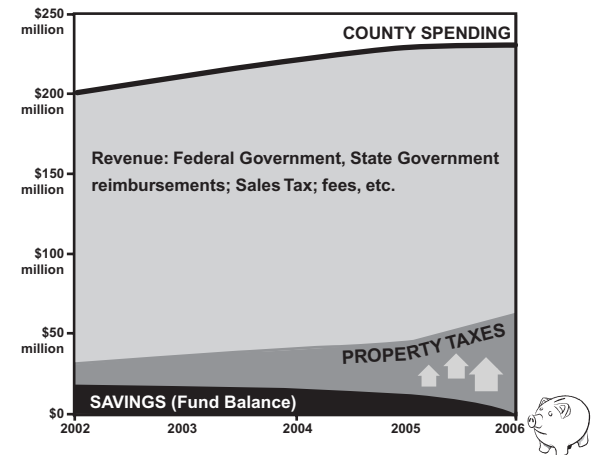
\*\* Revenue - Other Sources includes funding from NY State, U.S. Federal Government, fees, reimbursements, etc.

† Budget Item Other includes Board of Elections, county legislature, motor vehicles, assessment, and the expense of the courts - including district attorney, county attorney, etc.

**This year's budget does NOT include the final costs of the new Ulster County Law Enforcement Center.**

**The new Jail will add costs to our yearly county budget for the next 24 years in the form of leases, lawsuits, heating, new hires and increased debt service for the capital build.**

## Why are our Ulster County property taxes increasing?



### 2006 UC BUDGET (\$300 Million)

Previous administrations spent the County savings or fund balance (which is the difference between actual revenue and actual expenses.)

The decrease in savings is one of the reasons that taxes are going up.

Our UC property taxes bridge the gap between spending and revenue.

Revenue from Federal and State Government has been decreasing over the last 6 years.

Costs continue to rise including fuel, transportation, and energy.