

DAMASCUS, VA
SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town Council of Damascus, VA will hold a public hearing for the purposes of public information and fiscal planning regarding the proposed Town Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

—The hearing will be held on June 2, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at the Rock School Auditorium.

The public hearing is held pursuant to § 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, and is for the purpose of allowing the public to comment on the proposed budget. All citizens have the right to attend the public hearing and to share their views on the proposed budget within such reasonable time limits as shall be established by the Town Council.

The proposed property tax levies for Damascus, VA for the 2025-2026 tax year that would be necessary to fully fund the proposed budgets if approved by the Town Council are as follows:

A unit levy for general town purposes of thirty-three cents (\$0.33) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of all taxable real estate and public utilities and fifty-two cents (\$0.52) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of all mobile home, personal property, and machinery and tools. Five cents (\$.05) per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation of motor vehicles owned by volunteer rescue squads and fire departments at 100% of fair market value as a separate classification of tangible personal property as provided in VA Code 58.1-3506(A)(15).

The proposed budget is available at Town Hall for review.

Town of Damascus - FY2026 Budget Synopsis			
GENERAL FUND REVENUE		BUDGET	
Revenue by Source Classification	2024 - 2025	2025 - 2026	
Real Estate Tax	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 228,250.00	
Personal Property	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 38,750.00	
Transient Occupancy Tax	\$ 127,245.00	\$ 100,600.00	
Business License Taxes and Fees	\$ 88,500.00	\$ 67,000.00	
Meals Tax	\$ 190,000.00	\$ 175,000.00	
Cigarette Tax	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	
Washington County Sales Tax	\$ 59,000.00	\$ 47,500.00	
Trail Days Festival	\$ 167,000.00	\$ 170,000.00	
State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA)	\$ 601,323.26	\$ 338,000.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 206,035.37	\$ 207,134.00	
Reserves	\$ 407,048.82	\$ 310,893.00	
Grant Award Capital Projects	\$ 90,430.00	\$ 550,000.00	
TOTAL	\$ 2,287,582.45	\$ 2,365,127.00	

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES		BUDGET	
Expenditures by Activity	2024 - 2025	2025 - 2026	
Administration	\$ 487,498.96	\$ 316,509.46	
Mayor & Council	\$ 25,596.00	\$ 25,621.00	
Grant Award Capital Projects	\$ 90,430.00	\$ 550,000.00	
Public Works	\$ 417,710.02	\$ 414,255.23	
Police	\$ 371,397.82	\$ 411,515.30	
Fire & Rescue	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 26,000.00	
Parks & Recreation	\$ 205,396.39	\$ 216,301.01	
Swimming Pool	\$ 57,230.00	\$ 66,925.00	
State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA)	\$ 601,323.26	\$ 338,000.00	
TOTAL	\$ 2,287,582.45	\$ 2,365,127.00	

70 FUND REVENUE		BUDGET	
	2024 - 2025	2025 - 2026	
FEMA/VDEM	\$ 0.00	\$ 340,500.00	
Damascus Strong Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 234,270.00	
TOTAL	\$ 0.00	\$ 574,770.00	

70 FUND EXPENDITURES		BUDGET	
	2024 - 2025	2025 - 2026	
FEMA/VDEM	\$ 0.00	\$ 325,000.00	

Damascus Strong Fund	\$	0.00	\$	234,270.00
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TOTAL	\$	0.00	\$	559,270.00
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Please place in the **Thursday, May 15, 2025** edition of the SWVASun in a **non-legals** section. Send the invoice, along with a tear sheet, to:

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