



# Town of Clifton Park

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**BARRETT RELEASES 2023 CLIFTON PARK BUDGET**  
Budgets Continues With No General Fund Property Tax

Clifton Park Town Supervisor Phil Barrett has released the 2023 Town of Clifton Park Tentative Budget. The proposed budget will ensure another year of no General Fund Property Tax. The Town spending plan also does not exceed the New York State Tax Cap parameters. The budget does not utilize Town surplus funds to offset any portion of the spending plan.

The total proposed budget for the General Fund in 2023 is \$20,548,500 and includes \$1,055,000 of ARPA funds that remains from the Town's allocation from the Federal Government. This one-time infusion of funding during the budget process has been allocated for two general purposes. \$130,000 will be added to the paving budget and \$925,000 has been allocated for park improvements that include:

1. Off Road access and parking for the 41 acres of property the Town has purchased along the Mohawk River
2. Splash Water Park
3. Replacement of the playground on The Common
4. Pickleball Courts
5. Outdoor personal workout area

The five priorities to improve our parks are in various stages of consideration and will be assessed as details of a greater plan begin to emerge. Previously, the remaining portion of the Town's total ARPA fund allocation of \$3.8 million was allocated predominantly for infrastructure improvements. A Covid Non-Profit Grant Program utilized \$200,000 of the ARPA funds in an important effort to support our community.

The Town will remain without a General Fund Property Tax in 2023. The Highway Fund budget for 2022 is \$6,596,502 which is a 5.2% increase over the 2022 adopted budget. The Highway Fund Tax is proposed to increase from 29.69 cents/thousand of assessed value to 29.82 cents/thousand of assessed value. For a home valued at \$259,000, the total 2023 Highway Tax will drop to \$35.53. The Town continues to invest in infrastructure, vehicles and equipment annually to ensure personnel is equipped

to handle daily tasks and respond to timely situations.

The Town will continue to partner with local organizations for EMS Services. The tax rate will increase from 27.74 cents/thousand of assessed value in 2022 to 28.16 cents/thousand of assessed value or 1.5% in 2023. For a home with a total value of \$259,000, the tax decreased to \$33.55 for 2023. The EMS Tax Rate has remained level over the last two decades due to the burgeoning healthcare industry in Clifton Park, an expanding commercial tax base and responsible budgeting.

“Despite the challenges of the COVID pandemic, the 2023 budget further establishes Clifton Park as one of the most fiscally strong and lowest taxed communities in NYS, said Supervisor Barrett. We have proven over the last twenty years, through many challenges faced by our State and Nation, Clifton Park maintains focus and successfully executes our responsibilities on a daily basis to emerge stronger over time.”

The 2023 budget continues the Town’s strong commitment to maintaining and improving its infrastructure. Significant funding for stormwater, road repair and sanitary sewer maintenance remains in the 2023 budget.

The 2023 budget includes funding to accomplish specific projects and offer services including:

1. Hazardous Household Waste Day in September
2. New software for the parks and recreation office operations
3. Improvements to the Veterans’ Monument Island on The Common

It is important to note in reference to the Improvements to Veterans’ Monument Island, we began to sell engraved bricks recently for the project. We have sold over 100 bricks in a couple weeks and invite everyone to honor a Veteran through participation in this wonderful community project. The 6x9 engraved bricks can be purchased for \$100. Please visit [Cliftonpark.org](http://Cliftonpark.org) or attain a paper application at Town Hall to reserve a brick. Construction on the project will occur in 2023.

The Town will be working with the NYS Department of Transportation on planning improvements to the Clifton Country Road and RT 9 intersections with RT 146. \$12million has been secured to move the improvement of these two intersections to the next phase. The Town is not responsible for costs associated with the project. The Town will also be partnering with NYS DOT on intersection improvements along RT 146 at Waite and Tanner Roads as well as at Plank and Kinns Road after recently securing funding for planning the projects.

As Chairman of Saratoga County Public Works, Barrett along with a team at the Town and County levels, successfully secured funding for important projects in Clifton Park, Saratoga County and other municipalities in the County. “Our team at the Town and County worked together to solidify funding for key projects throughout the County, said Barrett. Key intersections along New York State and County roads in Clifton Park now have money to begin design work, which will lead to a public review process.”

“The Tentative Budget continues our focus on infrastructure, park enhancements and town operations to benefit our Town, said Deputy Supervisor Anthony Morelli. We will continue to focus on quality-of-life issues important to Clifton Park residents.”

“The Town of Clifton Park surpassed \$6 billion in total value this year, Barrett added, I am very proud of our record, our team and the many volunteers who serve our community in countless capacities.”