

Justice & Public Safety

Major Functions

3 Branches (judges) of circuit court and 1 court commissioner
 Clerk of courts to record court proceedings and documents
 Coroner
 District Attorney
 Emergency management
 Probate processing
 Sheriff - Patrol, investigation, jail, dispatch, court security

Key Statistics - 2014

3,753 Hearings before the court commissioner
 16,831 New cases filed by Clerk of Courts
 735 Death investigations, including 24 autopsies
 2,792 Cases received by District Attorney
 1,357 Accidents handled by Sheriff's Department
 5,524 Citations issued by Sheriff's Department
 74,827 Calls handled through dispatch
 3,222 Bookings processed in the jail
 176 Average daily inmate population (139 Sauk County only)

Strategic Issues - Key issues facing Sauk County government (* Denotes ranked priority)

*Be able to effectively change behaviors of the drugged and drunk drivers. In order to attempt to create change, additional patrol officers are needed to create proactive enforcement rather than reactive enforcement.

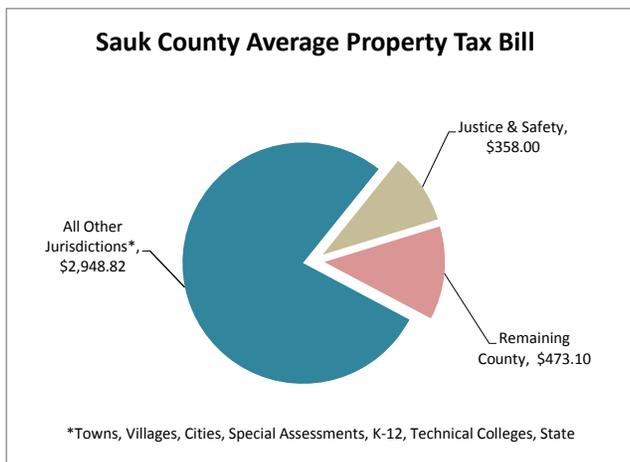
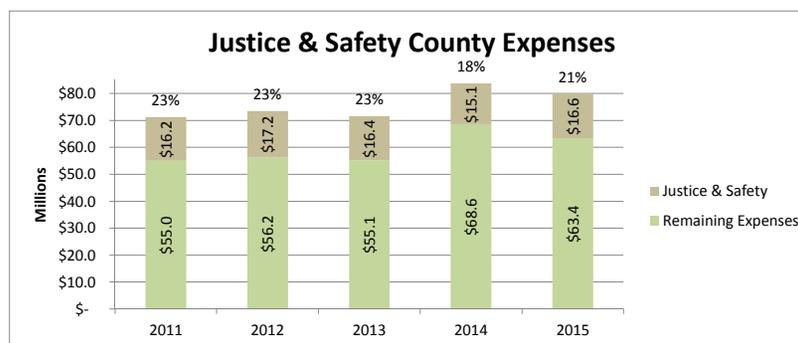
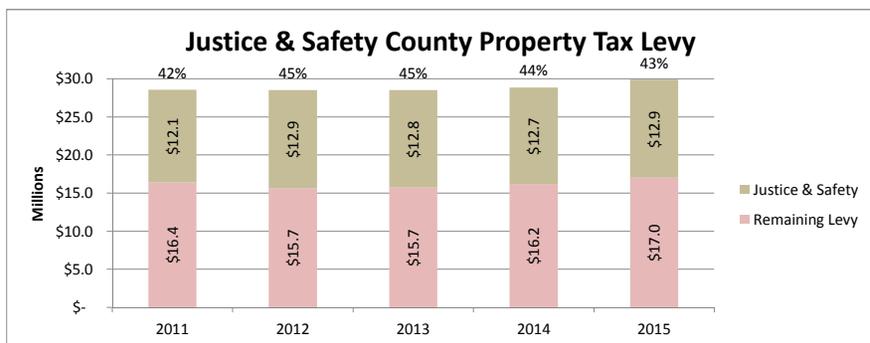
*Achieve and maintain adequate staffing to keep pace with service demands and emerging public safety issues.

*To keep moving forward on the issue of Building Security.

Maintain a safe community with proactive policing with an emphasis on heroin usage and the crimes that occur from heroin addiction.

Analyze/identify the most effective means of approaching future criminal justice issues; specifically alcohol and drug related crimes (Specialty courts and human services programming for the clients of the court system).

Research combined approach for developing programs to reduce recidivism and find alternatives to incarceration that are cost effective and change behavior using culturally appropriate resources.



Justice & Public Safety - At a Glance...

		% of County Total	
	Property Tax Levy	\$12,870,027	43%
	Impact to an Average Residential Property Bill	\$358.00	
	Expenditures	\$16,579,040	21%
	Full-Time Equivalent Employees	178.32	29%

Health & Human Services

Major Functions

Access to services and resources for older adults, adults with disabilities, veterans and their families
 Child Support administration to assure children receive needed monetary support
 Protection of the health of residents and visitors through health and safety inspections, health outbreak monitoring, children's health programming
 Nursing home with 82 beds
 Services related to alcohol and other drug abuse, mental health, low income assistance, protective services

Key Statistics - 2014

48,442	Congregate or home-delivered meals served
3,490	Child support cases
155	Communicable disease cases reported
1,564	Immunizations administered
15%	Percentage of tobacco retailers investigated who sold to minors
166	Environmental health hazards found
2,110	Veterans benefit applications processed
6,594	Economic support caseload

Strategic Issues - Key issues facing Sauk County government (* Denotes ranked priority)

*Establish, develop and expand the Nurse Family Partnership program to assist first time high risk mothers. Near 40 years of evidence proves huge tax savings, while strengthening families, babies and communities in the future. (i.e. youth crimes and arrests (lowered by 40%) Cost "offsets to government, insurers, and out of pocket payments by families.

*Sauk County Health Care Center is pursuing the development of the continuum of care campus through exploration of adding an assisted living facility.

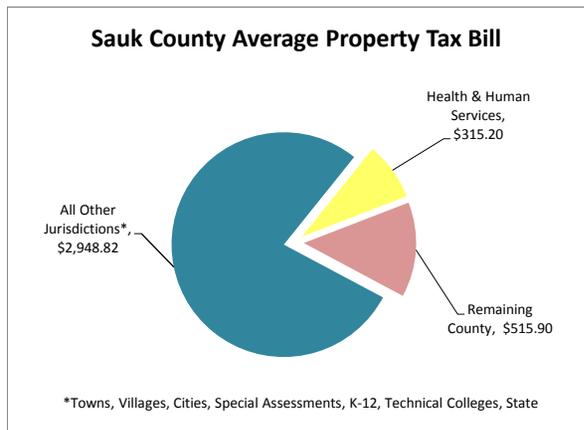
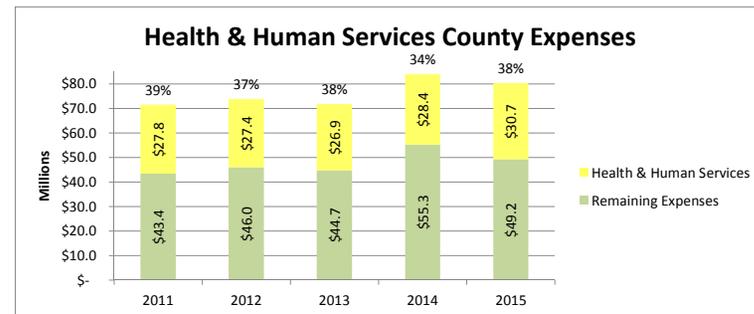
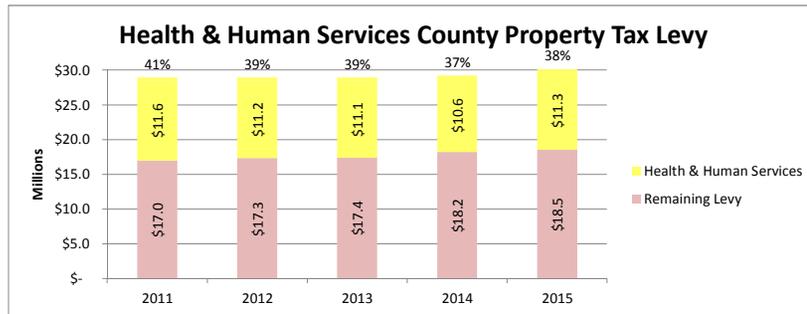
Expand the CARE (Community Activated Recovery Enhancement) comprehensive heroin treatment project to other areas of the county. Currently the project is active in the Sauk Prairie area.

Better coordinate the Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Program for adults with mental health/substance abuse difficulties with the Community Support Program for adults with serious and persistent mental illness. These are both Medicaid funded programs with different supervisors operated by the Human Services Department. We need to engage in a process that will promote them operating in a more coordinated and seamless fashion.

Environmental Health Issues: To grow and expand the program to meet the needs of the community by obtaining Full Agent Status and moving to a level III Health Department. To ensure the protection of our community and tourism economy while guaranteeing local control and having the ability to set the rates on licenses with no levy increase.

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Health & Human Services - At a Glance...

		% of County Total
 Property Tax Levy Impact to an Average Residential Property Bill	\$11,331,521 \$315.20	38%
 Expenditures	\$30,725,949	38%
 Full-Time Equivalent Employees	298.13	49%

Public Works & Transportation

Major Functions

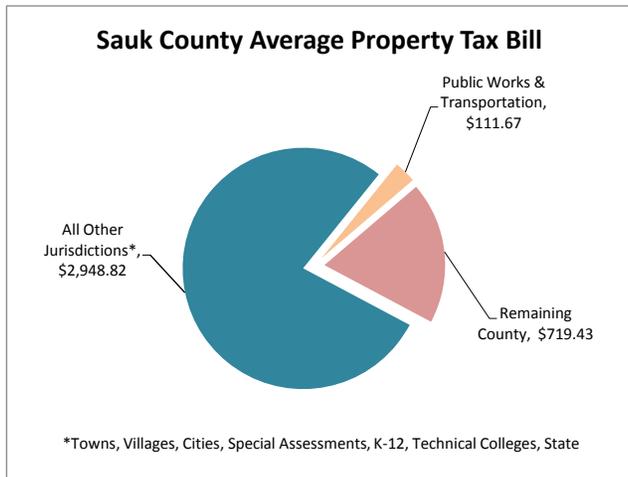
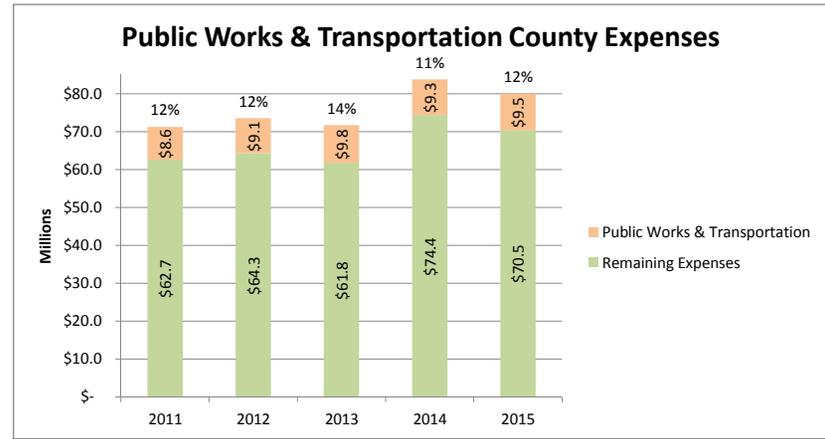
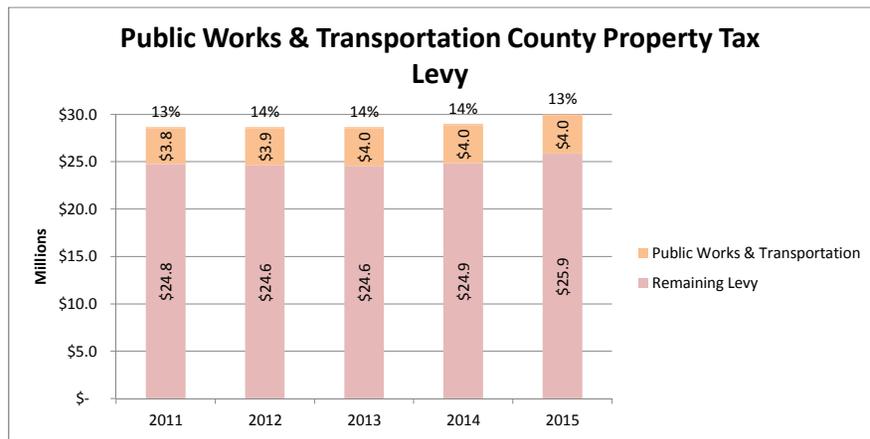
- Maintenance and snow plowing on County roads
- Maintenance of 2 closed landfill sites
- Assist in funding 4 airports
- Assist in funding rail

Key Statistics - 2014

- 3,461 Tons of salt used for winter maintenance
- 4,700 Cubic yards of sand used for winter maintenance
- 129,271 Gallons of diesel fuel used
- 1,579 Lane miles of roadway maintained for winter maintenance
- 27 Centerline miles of roadway rehabilitated

Strategic Issues - Key issues facing Sauk County government (* Denotes ranked priority)

*Identify key areas of development for county parks and recreation based on analysis of opportunities identified in the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and the Comprehensive Plan. Maintain the existing level of service provided by the Highway Department given significant increases in operational costs and changing technology which may reduce available resources. Continuously explore evolving green energy practices to include development of a plan to move Sauk County facilities toward carbon neutrality through business and public partnerships and implement these practices internally when feasible.



Public Works & Transportation - At a Glance...

		% of County Total	
	Property Tax Levy	\$4,014,583	
	Impact to an Average Residential Property Bill	\$111.67	13%
	Expenditures	\$9,473,073	12%
	Full-Time Equivalent Employees	59.5	10%

Conservation, Development, Recreation, Culture & Education

Major Functions

Planning & Zoning - permits, code enforcement
 Encourage recycling, proper hazardous waste disposal, clean sweep
 Maintain the 6 county-owned dams
 Provide technical and monetary assistance for conservation practice installation
 Campground with 70 units at White Mound Lake, and other county parks/boat landings
 Economic development loans
 Grants for arts and humanities programs
 Educational programming - Ag & natural resources; 4-H; family living; community and economic development; tourism; and horticulture

Key Statistics - 2014

321 Land use permits issued
 141 Sanitary septic permits issued
 5,044 Septic system verifications
 90 Water pollution control practices designed and installed
 10,000+ Acres of nutrient management plans for cropland
 212 Miles of snowmobile trails maintained

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*Develop "Placemaking" as a regional initiative to align county-wide assets to showcase the County as premier place to live, work and play.

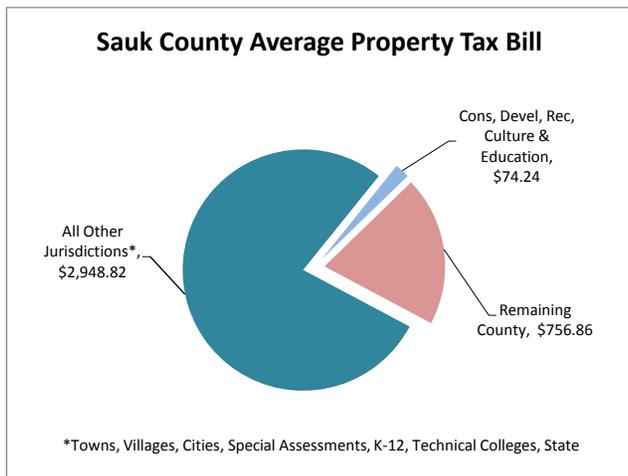
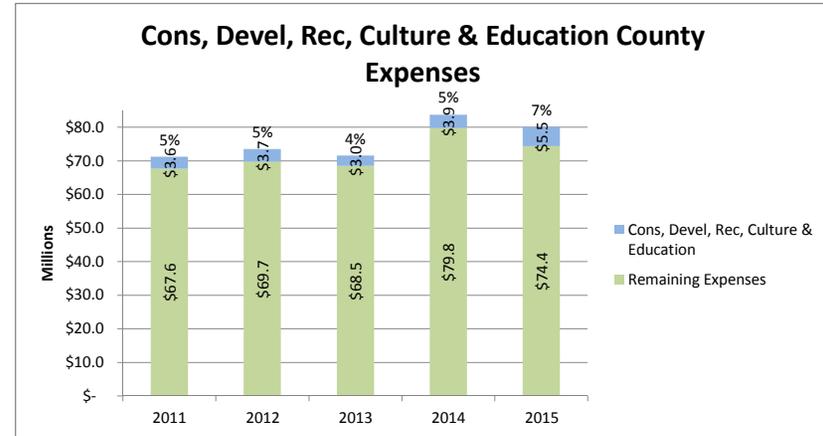
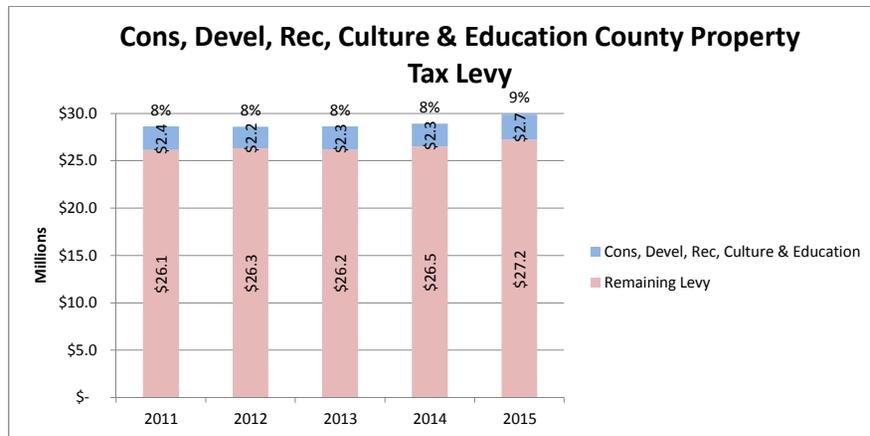
*Provide for the continued development of the regional recreational trails (Great Sauk Trail).

Help develop and cultivate Sauk County leaders to ensure our communities, organizations, and individuals can make informed, evidence-based decisions.

Bolster the economic impact of agriculture in Sauk County.

Plan for cohesive development by working with community partners.

Use local resources and assets to leverage funding from the state and federal level for natural resources, agricultural, and environmental programs. (Includes developing public/private partnerships to retain essential conservation practices, and funding.)



Public Works & Transportation - At a Glance...

		% of County Total	
 Property Tax Levy Impact to an Average Residential Property Bill	\$2,668,765	9%	
	\$74.24		
 Expenditures	\$5,508,654	7%	
 Full-Time Equivalent Employees	20.68	3%	