

FEDERAL SAVINGS

Forum Series Event

2010 State of the City presented by City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr.



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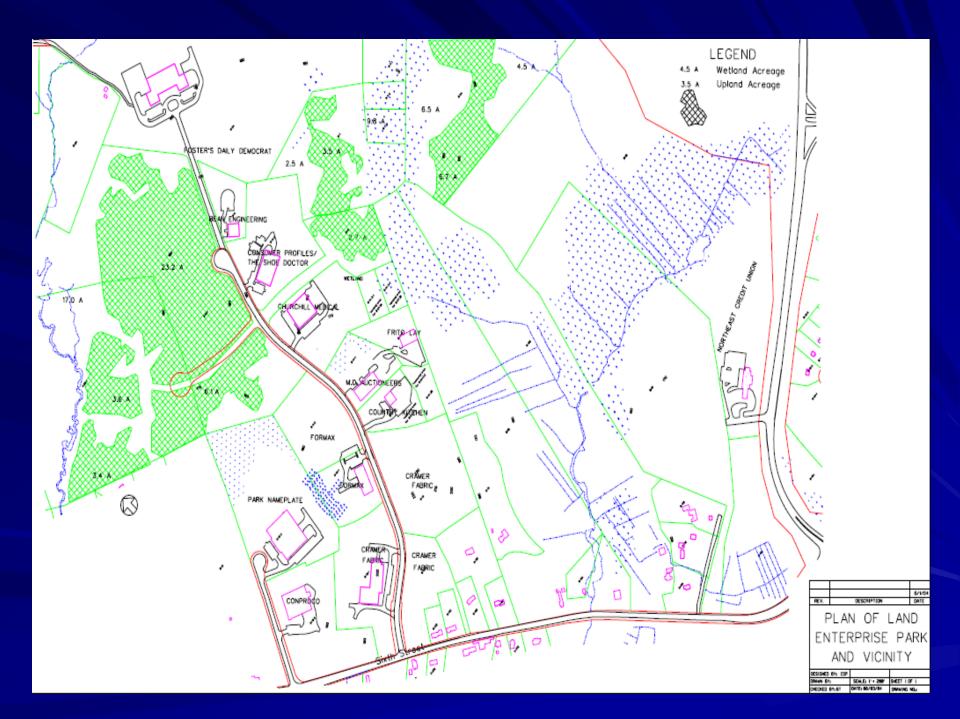




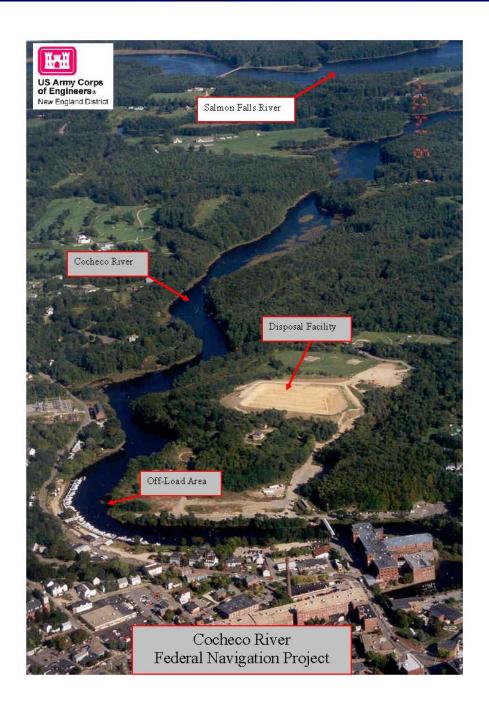
The decisions are difficult

The choice is critical









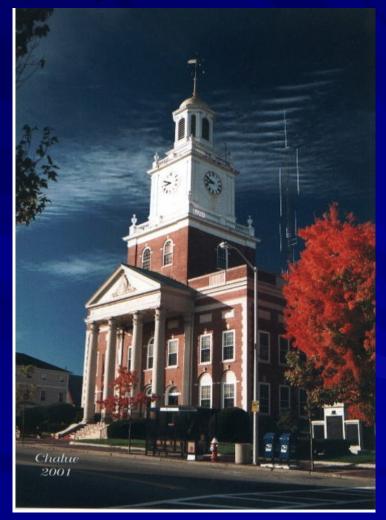
Projects and Activities

School Facility Investments North-end Water Tower Construction Public/Private Parking Opportunities Waterfront Activities Great Bay Estuary Water Quality Impacts Street Reconstruction Projects





City Finances

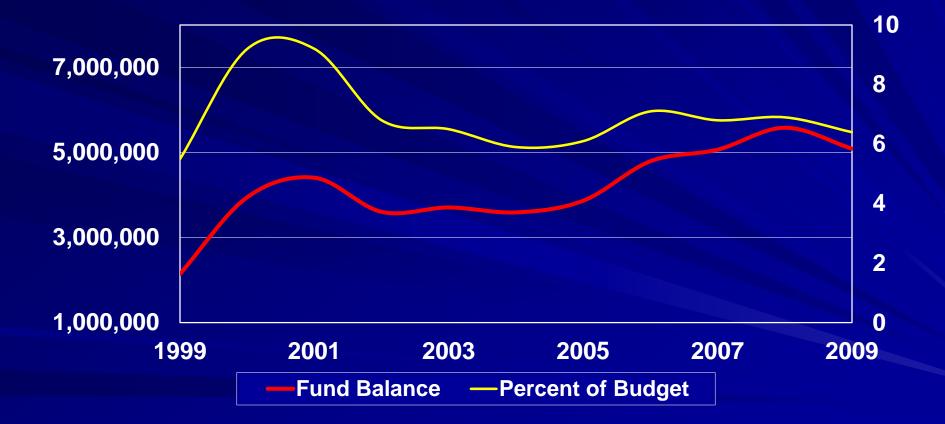


Standard & Poor's

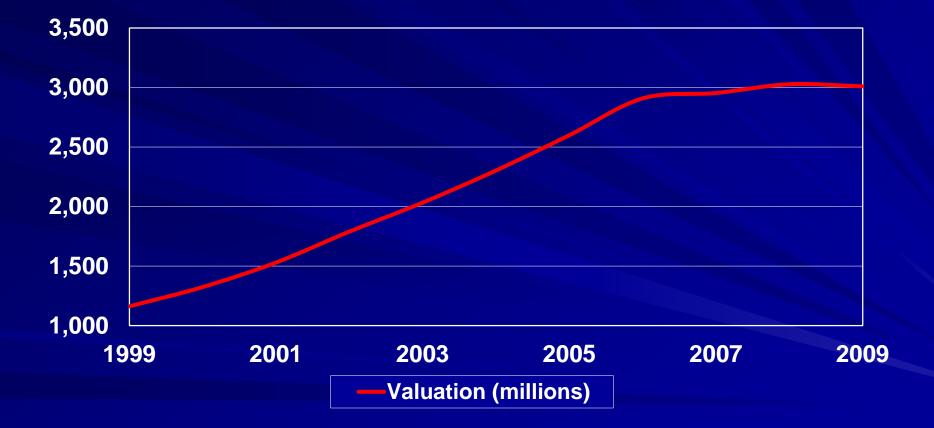
Sound local economy Maintains good financial position Balanced budgets Moderate debt burden

> <u>Moody's:</u> Financial operations remain stable Conservative management Debt burden is average

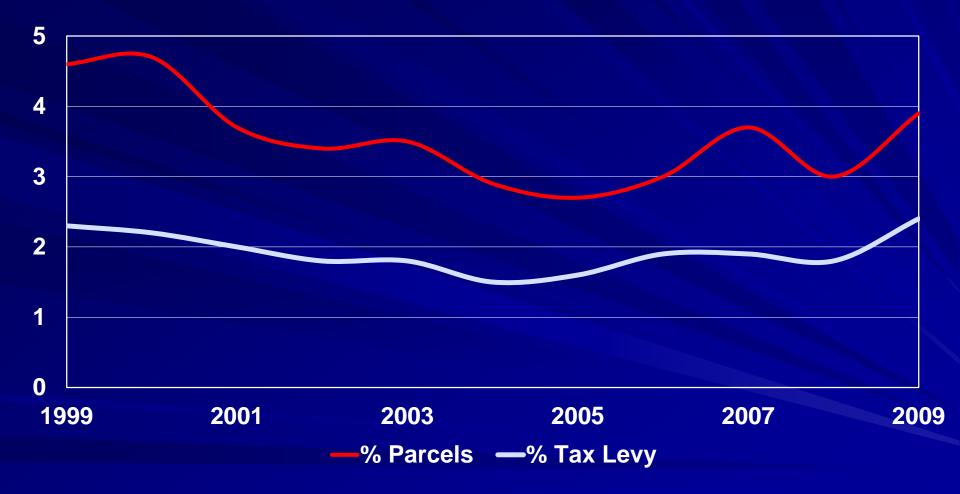
General fund balance



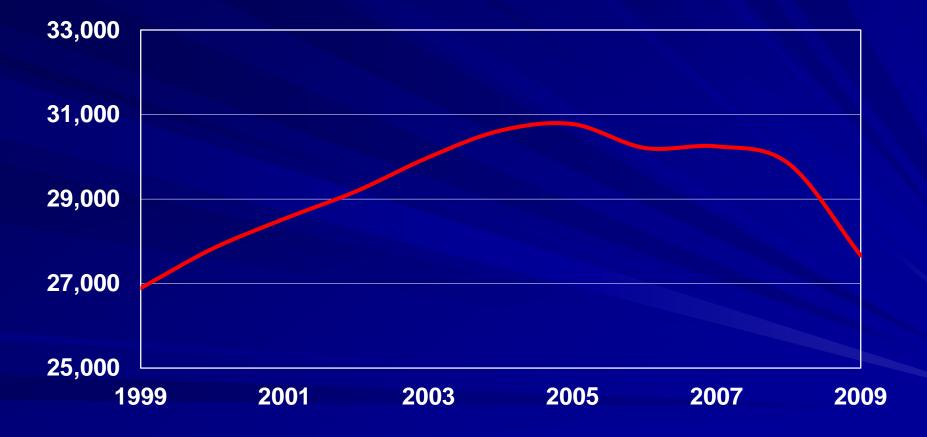
Full value assessments



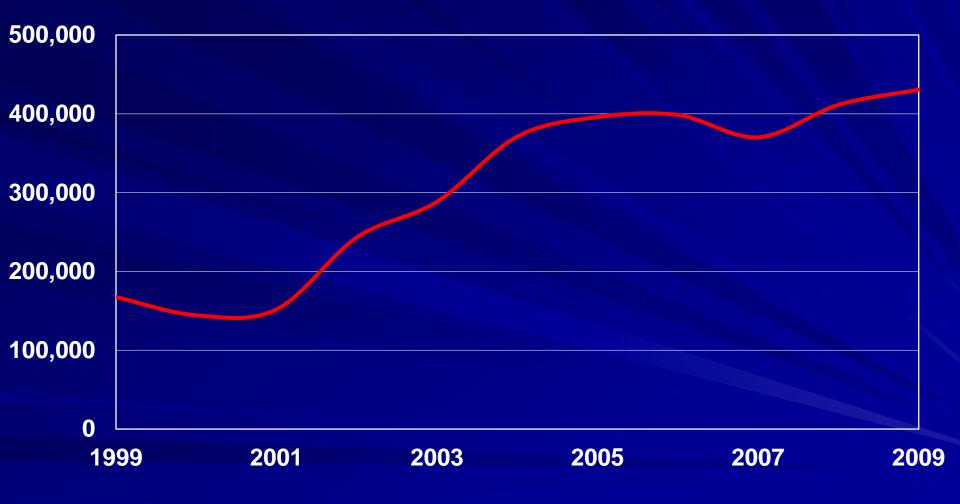
Unpaid property taxes



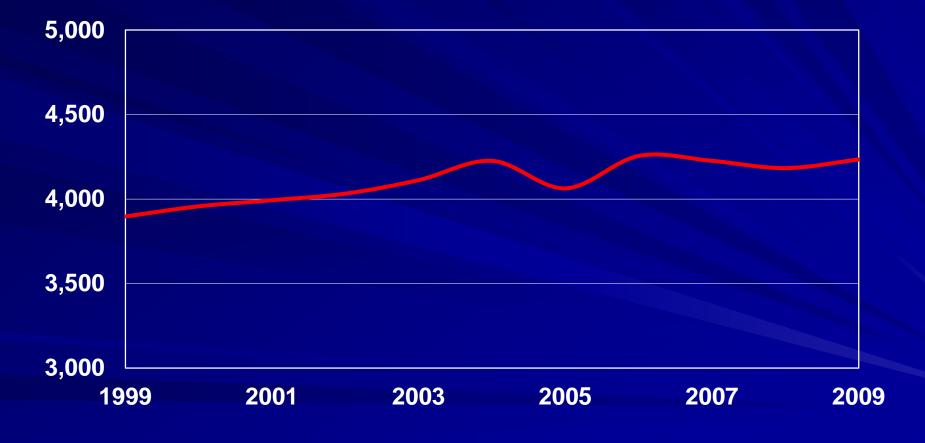
Vehicle registrations



General assistance expense



Student enrollment growth



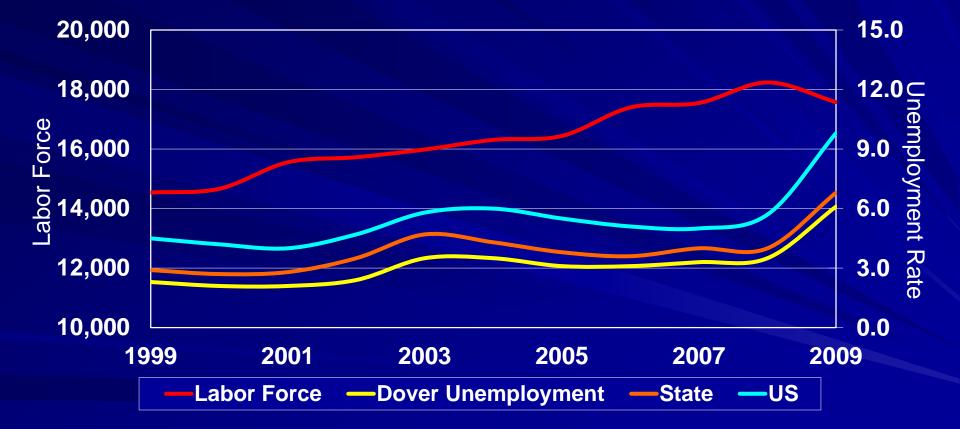
Source: Dover School Department

Development activity



Source: Dover Planning Department

Labor force & unemployment



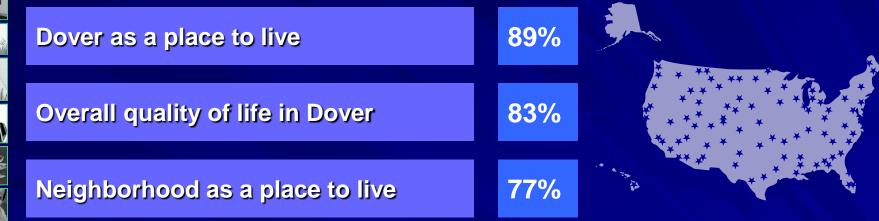
Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics

NH/Dover Advantage

Lowest Tax Burden – 1st Standard of Living (by poverty rate) – 1st Most Liveable State – 1st Safest State – 1st Child & Family Well-Being – 1st Healthiest State – 2nd Per Capita Income – 10th College Educated Population – 9th



Overall quality of community



Would recommend living in Dover to someone **89%**

Remain in Dover for the next five years 84%

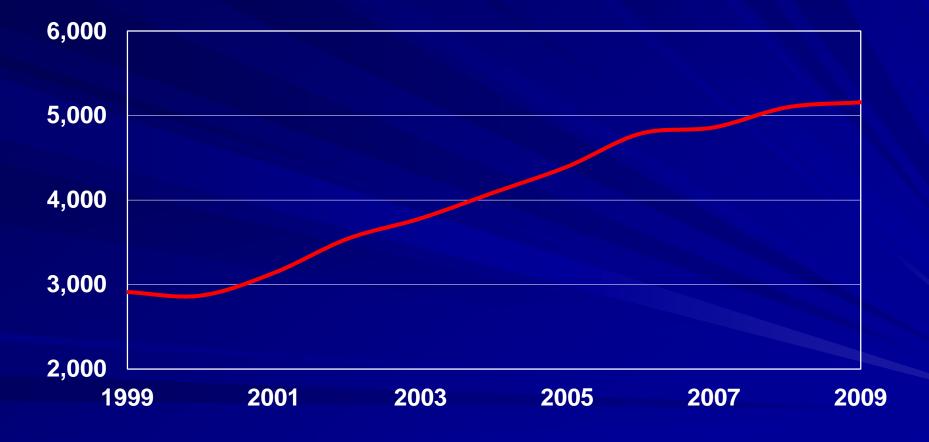
Percent "excellent" or "good

Ratings consistent with national benchmarks

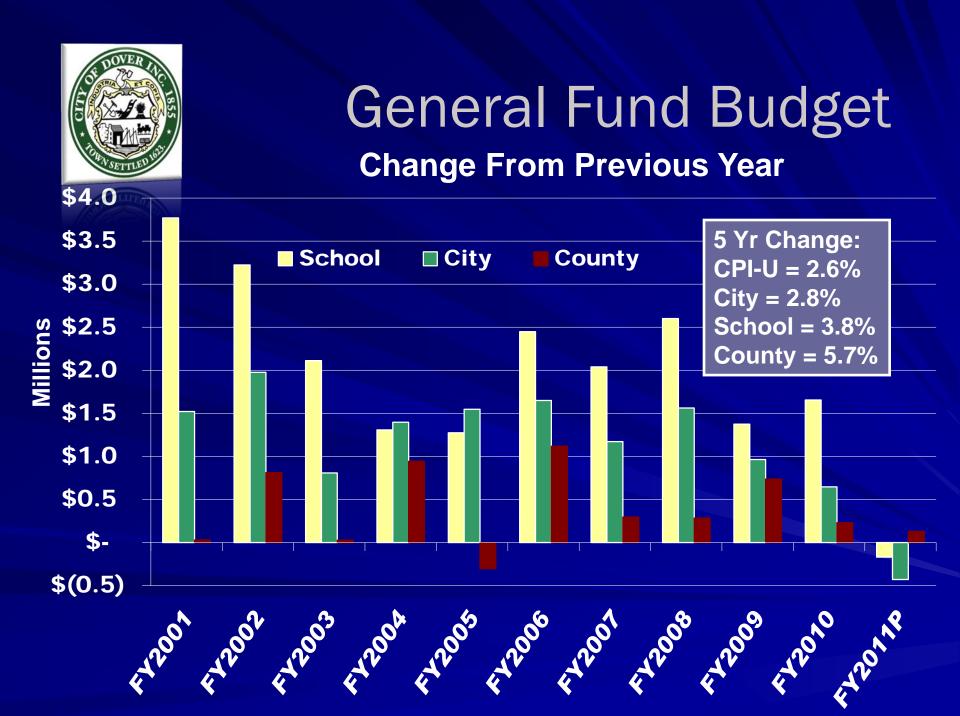
2009 Property Tax Per Capita

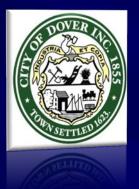
Portsmouth	\$3,122
Londonderry	\$2,587
Keene	\$2,435
Merrimack	\$2,338
Salem	\$2,183
Laconia	\$2,181
Concord	\$2,097
Dover	<u>\$2,073</u>
Derry	\$2,017
Nashua	\$1,883
Manchester	\$1,592
Rochester	\$1,523

Average Home Tax Bill



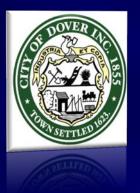
Cost Saving Initiatives





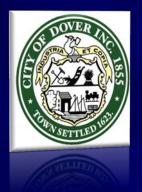
Budget Development Issues

Declining Non-Tax Revenues Downshifting of State budget crisis Tax Cap Limitations

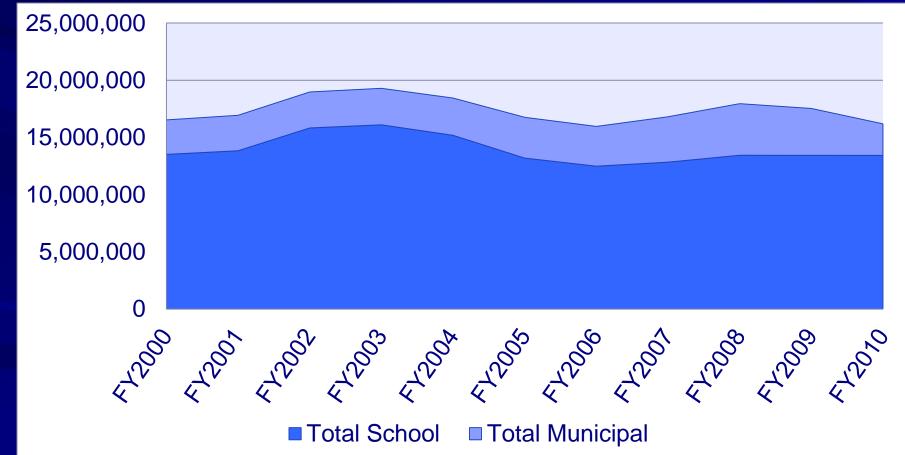


FY2011 Budget

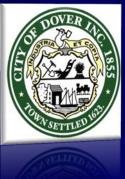
Revenue Constraints
Investment income reduction
MV registration reduction
Declining SAFER fire staffing grant
Elimination of Police program grant
Elimination State of NH revenue sharing



Declining State Aid



FY2011 Tax Cap Calculation



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Calendar Year 2009 CPI-U Average		0.0%	
	Sub-total	<u>\$0</u>	
Net	Taxable New Construct/Demo Value	\$15,000,000	
	FY2009 Actual Tax Rate	\$23.33	
	Sub-total	<u>\$349,950</u>	

Max Increase Allowed for Total FY2011 Property Tax Levy

\$349,950



Proposed Property Tax Bill

Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Taxpayer

City of Dover, NH

Average Residential Assessment = \$224,891	FY11 Tax	\$ Change	% Change
City	\$1,925	\$2	0.1%
School	\$2,728	\$16	0.6%
County	\$623	\$11	1.8%
Total Property Tax Bill	\$5,276	\$29	0.6%

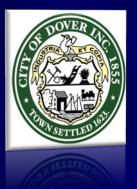
Citizen Survey Service Priorities

Highest Priority:

- Emergency ambulance response (advanced life support)
- Emergency police/fire response (crimes in progress, fire, rescue)
- Street snow plowing
- Business retention and economic development
- Street, sidewalk, curb maintenance

Lower Priority:

- Availability of public meeting space for organizations and non-profit groups
- Community Fitness Center/Gymnasium and related recreation activities
- Outdoor pool and related summer only recreation activities
- Library public computer availability
- Indoor pool and related year-round activities



Eliminate Planner

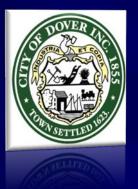
 Reassign parking responsibility to Police

 Eliminate Heavy Equipment Operator

 Reduce recycling center hours

 Eliminate Working Foreman

 Reassign responsibilities to maintenance & clerical



Eliminate 4 FT Admin & Clerical positions
 Replace with reduced hours and benefit cost
 City Hall hours reduced to 4 days/week
 Reduce Library staff hours

 Continue reduced Saturday hours

 Eliminate all aquatics staff

 Close pool facilities



Eliminate 3 Police Officers

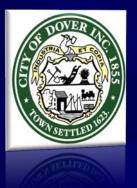
 Eliminates downtown liaison officers
 Eliminates outreach officer and civilianizes position

 Reduce Fire & Rescue Overtime

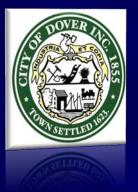
 On-duty staffing reductions

 Eliminate PT Dispatcher

 Replacing Police Chief Secretary



Capital Outlay and Capital Reserve
 Street maintenance reduced \$330,000
 Capital reserve reduced \$261,780
 Police vehicles funded by special revenue
 Debt Service
 Energy Performance Contract Savings



Other Specific Activities/Program Reductions

- Eliminate Main Street grant
- Eliminate Cocheco Arts Festival subsidy
- Seek sponsors/donations for 2011 fireworks

"The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government."

Thomas Jefferson

