Wheaton Urban District Community Conversation

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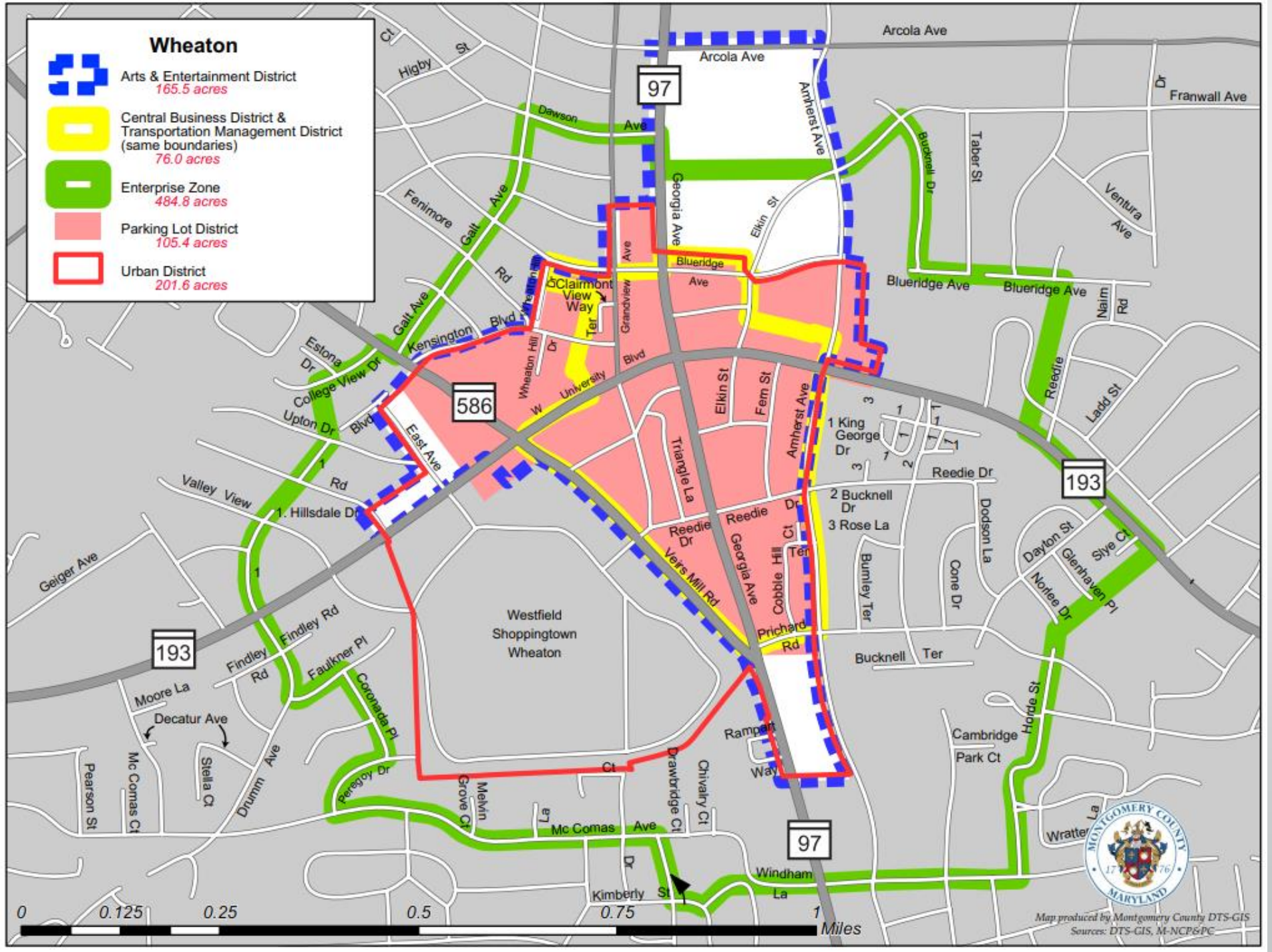
What are the Urban Districts?

- Montgomery County has four Urban Districts: Bethesda, Friendship Heights, Silver Spring, and Wheaton
- Bethesda/Silver Spring/Wheaton UDs created in 1986 to maintain & enhance these urban centers
- Bethesda, Silver Spring, and Wheaton Urban Districts provide:
  - Streetscape, sidewalk, & tree maintenance
  - Cleanliness (e.g. trash removal) & security
  - Public amenities (plantings, seating, shelters, art)
  - Promotion of commercial & residential interests
  - Placemaking, cultural, and community activities


Wheaton
Arts & Entertainment District
165.5 acres
Central Business District & Transportation Management District (same boundaries)
76.0 acres
Enterprise Zone
484.8 acres
Parking Lot District
105.4 acres
Urban District
201.6 acres
Arcola Ave
Franwall Ave
Dawson Ave
Georgia Ave
Amherst Ave
Elkin St
Bucknell Dr
Taber St
Ventura Ave
Blueridge Ave
Naim Rd
Reedie Dr
Ladd St
Clairmont View Way
Grandview Ave
Wheaton Hill Dr
Kensington Blvd
Galt Ave
Ferrimore Rd
Estona Dr
College View Dr
Upton Dr
East Ave
University Blvd W
Elkin St
Fern St
Triangle La
1 King George Dr
2 Bucknell Dr
3 Rose La
Dodson La
Dayton St
Glenhaven Pl
Slye Ct
Nortee Dr
Valley View Rd
1 Hillsdale Dr
Geiger Ave
Findley Rd
Faulkner Pl
Moore La
Decatur Ave
Coronada Pl
Stella Ct
Drumm Ave
Pearson St
Mc Comas Ct
Peregoy Dr
Melvin Grove Ct
Mc Comas Ave
Drawbridge Ct
Chivalry Ct
Rampart Way
Veirs Mill Rd
Cobble Hill Ter
Prichard Rd
Bumley Ter
Cone Dr
Bucknell Ter
Cambridge Park Ct
Horde St
Wratten La
Windham La
Kimberly St
Westfield Shoppingtown Wheaton
97
586
193
0
0.125
0.25
0.5
0.75
1
Miles
Map produced by Montgomery County DTS-GIS
Sources: DTS-GIS, M-NCP&PC

Wheaton Urban District Stats

201.6 acres

24 personnel, including 10 Clean Team & 10 Safe Team members

Administered by Mid-County Regional Services Center, advised by Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee (WUDAC)

Wheaton UD-Sponsored/Promoted Events Include:

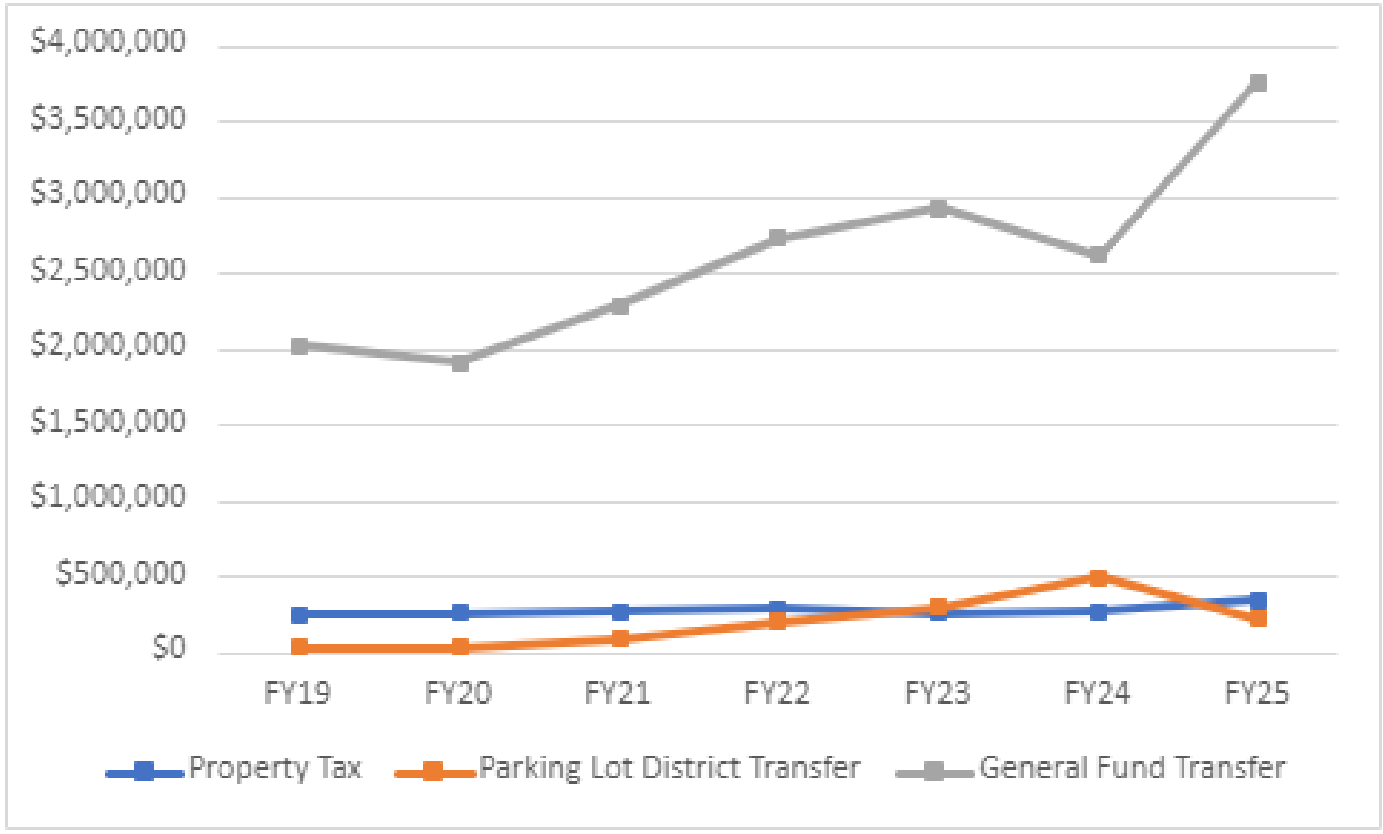
- Taste of Wheaton
- TGIF Summer Series
- Wheaton Arts Parade and Festival
- HalloWheaton
- Hispanic Heritage Month Festival and Health Fair

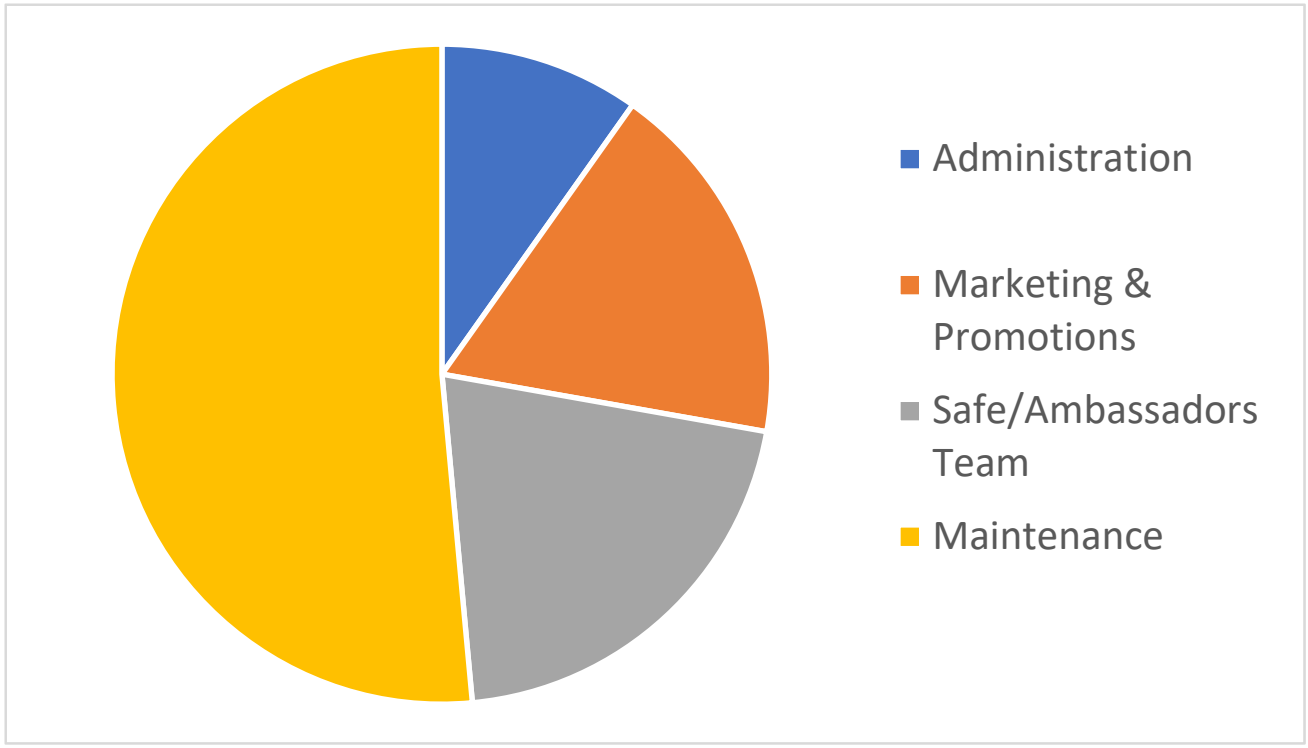
Funding Sources

Urban Districts receive revenue from a variety of sources, primarily:

- Urban District property tax (3 cents per $100 in Wheaton)
- Parking Lot District revenue transfer
- County general fund

Wheaton UD Funding by Major Revenue Source, FY19-FY25

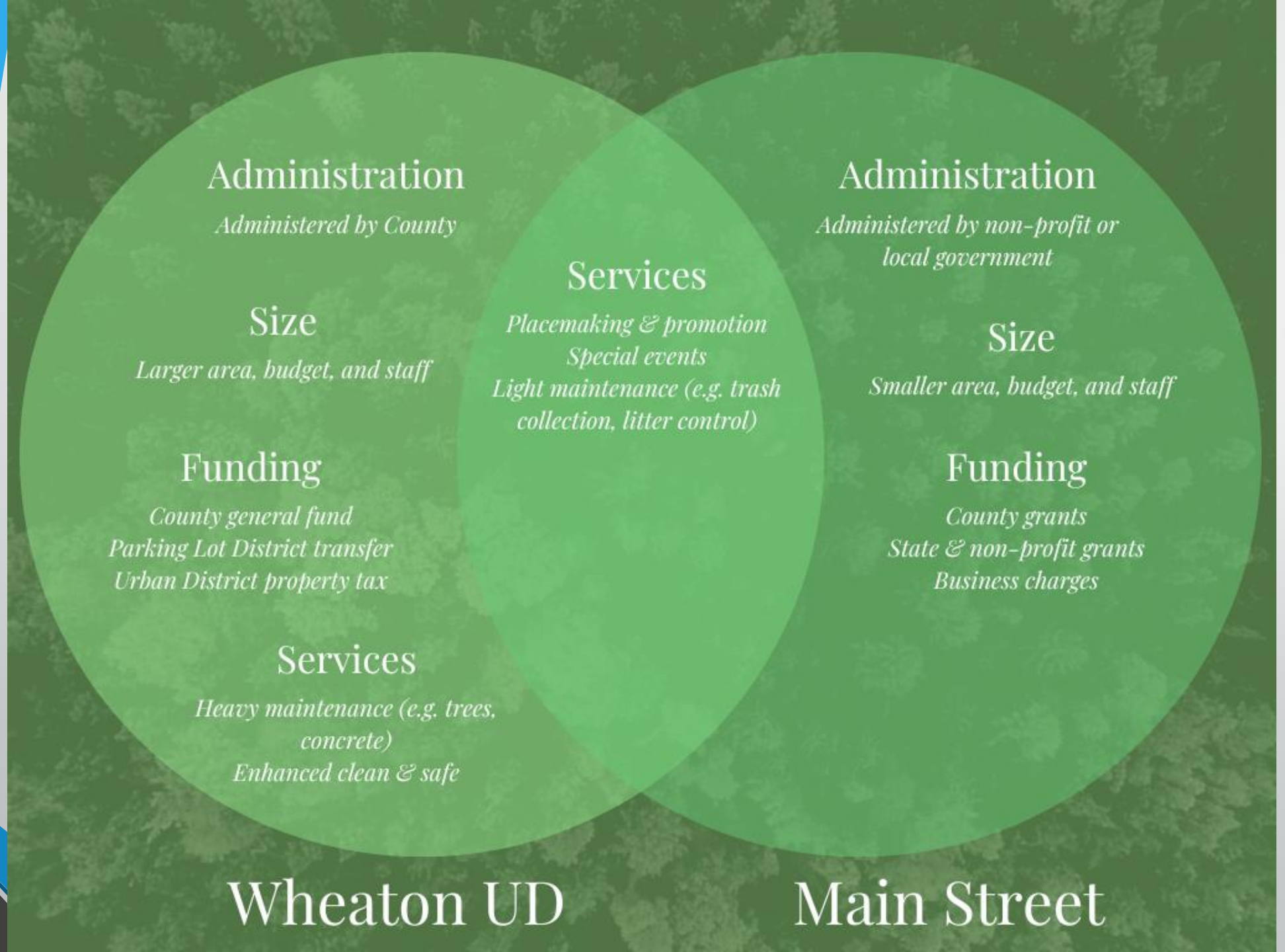




Wheaton UD Budget, FY25

What is a Main Street?

- Local programs designed to strengthen the economic potential of main streets and neighborhoods
- Promote economic vitality, design, promotion, organization, cleanliness, and safety
- Less focused on heavy maintenance and operations than Urban Districts
- Maryland has 34 communities designated as Main Streets, including Takoma Park
- Umbrella organizations: Main Street America and Main Street Maryland
- More info: https://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/programs/MainStreet.aspx


Administration
Administered by County
Size
Larger area, budget, and staff
Funding
County general fund
Parking Lot District transfer
Urban District property tax
Services
Heavy maintenance (e.g. trees, concrete)
Enhanced clean & safe
Services
Placemaking & promotion
Special events
Light maintenance (e.g. trash collection, litter control)
Administration
Administered by non-profit or local government
Size
Smaller area, budget, and staff
Funding
County grants
State & non-profit grants
Business charges
Wheaton UD
Main Street

Questions/Comments

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