

2026 Draft Budget: Oxford County

County's Total Support

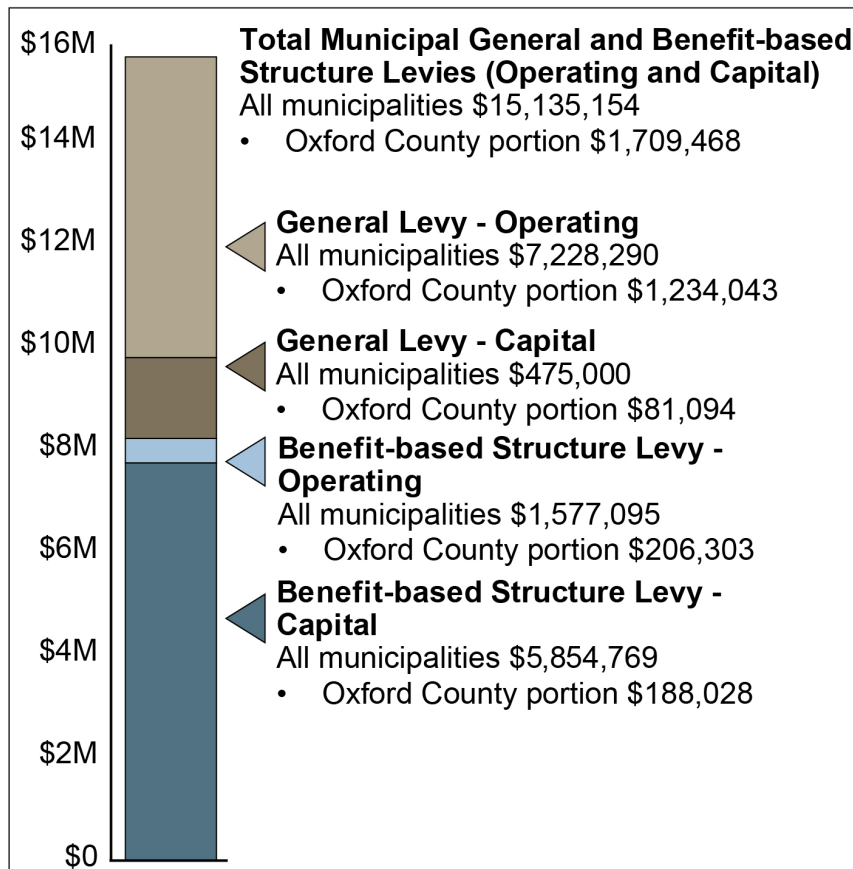
Support	2025 Approved	2026 Draft
Category 1 Programs and Services		
General Levy*	\$1,248,765	\$1,315,137
Benefit-based Structure Levy* (see table below)	\$196,350	\$394,331
Category 1 Levy Total	\$1,445,114	\$1,709,468
Category 3 Programs and Services		
Cost Apportionment Agreement	\$106,487	\$111,506
Total County Support	\$1,551,601	\$1,820,974

Benefit-based Structure Levy

The UTRCA has planned major infrastructure work for 2026. Inflation is driving up costs; construction prices in London are 14.5% higher than in 2023. Cost estimates are challenging due to the unique nature of repairs to flood and erosion control structures.

The UTRCA is working closely with municipalities to coordinate timing and implementation. It also seeks alternative funding to reduce municipal costs. Increases in levies will be seen particularly among those municipalities with benefit-based percentages on structures due to capital repairs.

Operation, Maintenance and Capital	Levy
Ingersoll Channel	\$30,150
Pittock Dam	\$357,836
- Vegetation removal, safety improvements	
- Safety boom installation	
Wildwood Dam	\$6,344
- Additional stop log	
- Gates feasibility and Phase 1 repairs	
- Mould remediation	
- Vegetation removal, safety improvements	
Total Benefit-based Levy	\$394,330



*Municipal Levy

The UTRCA levies the member municipalities for operating and capital costs for mandatory Category 1 programs and services. There are two levy components:

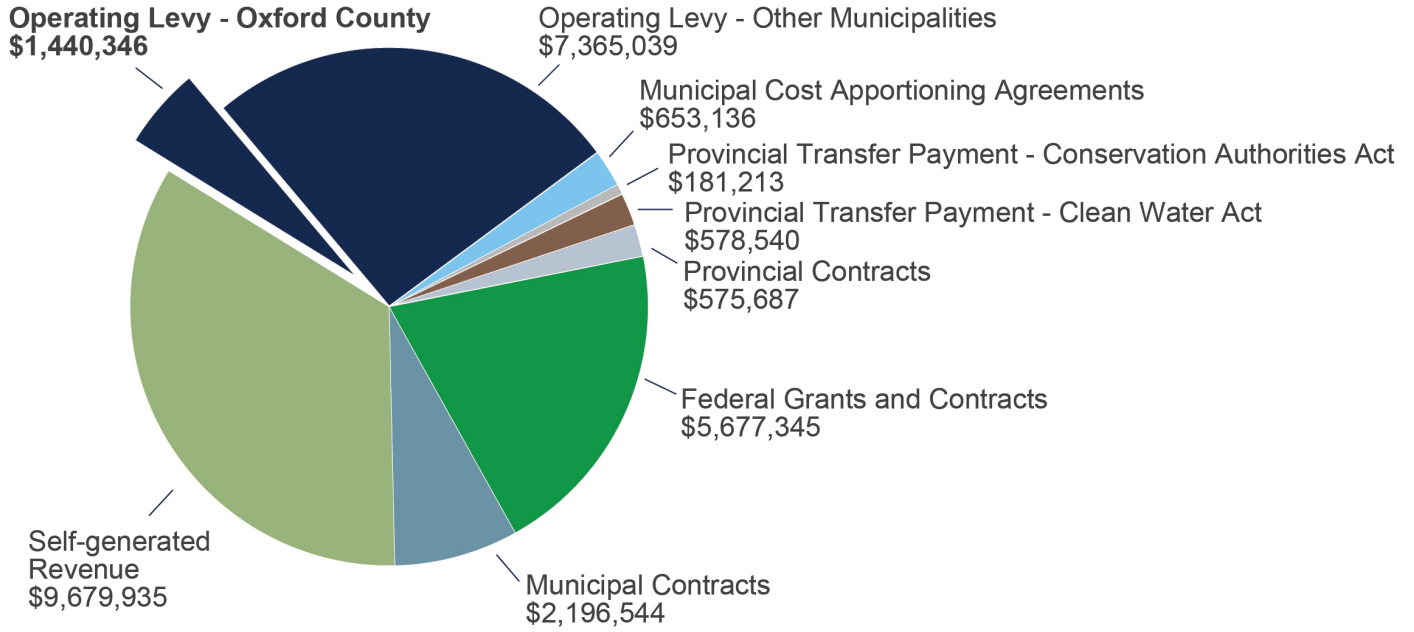
General Levy:

- Supports all Category 1 programs and services.
- Apportioned among member municipalities according to the Modified Current Value Assessment, in compliance with the Budget and Apportionment Regulation (Ontario Regulation 402/22).

Benefit-based Levy:

- Supports specific structures (i.e., dams, channels, dykes), which are all Category 1 costs.
- Local share of the costs is funded by the municipalities that benefit from the structure.

Category 1, 2 and 3 Programs and Services: Operating Funding Sources showing Oxford County portion of Operating Levy



Member municipalities are contributing \$9,458,521 (33%) of the UTRCA's total operating budget of \$28,347,785 through levy and cost apportioning agreements.

Category 1, 2 and 3 Programs and Services: Operating Expenses

Total Draft Operating Expenses: \$27,808,302

