

Cape Elizabeth Fiscal Impact of Open Space



Purposes of the Project:

- 1. "quantifying the cost for services and revenues of land if it is developed versus being left undeveloped." (RFP, p. 1)
- 2. "provide a methodology for modifying the analysis to determine the costs and benefits of other development options that may be considered in the future." (RFP, p. 2)

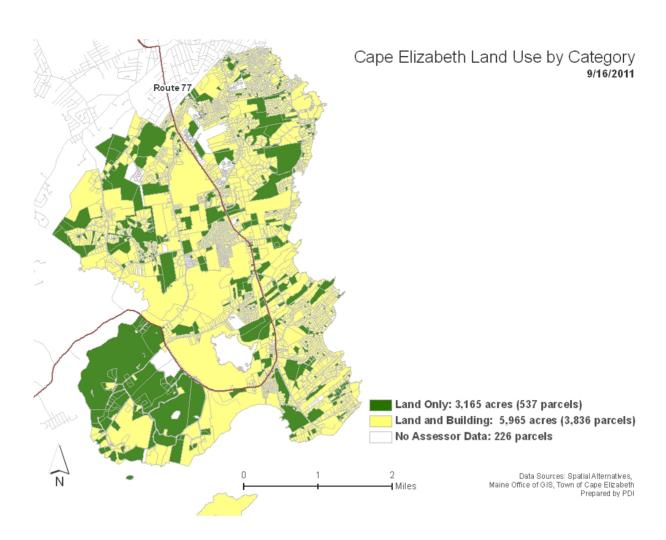


Methodology 1 Gather Current Data:

- 1. What is current distribution of land in Cape Elizabeth by category of use?
- 2. What has been the pattern of municipal spending in Cape Elizabeth by function?
- 3. What link can be made between spending and land use category?

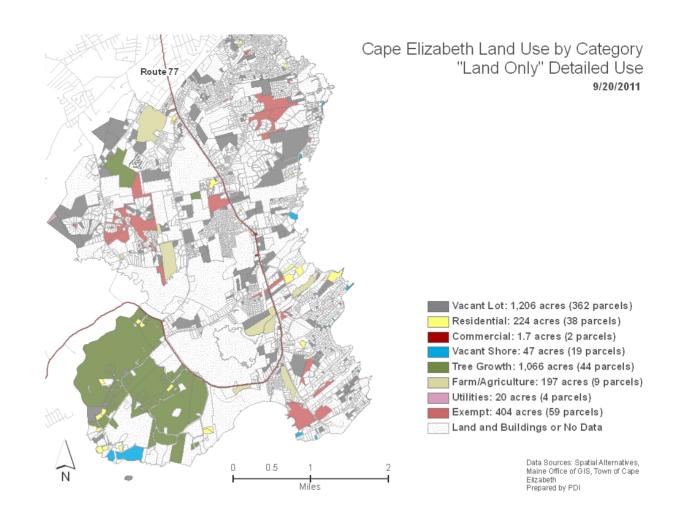


Gather Current Data 1: Land Only vs. Land & Building





Gather Current Data 1: Current Land Use by Type





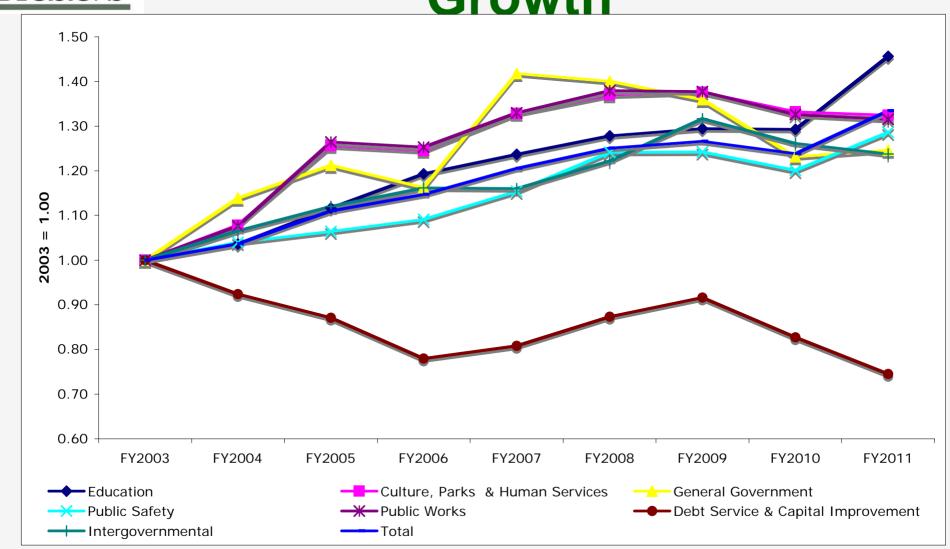
Gather Current Data 2: Spending by Function

Function	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011
Education	\$14,568,738	\$15,095,013	\$16,265,351	\$17,384,139	\$18,019,154	\$18,624,631	\$18,858,306	\$18,833,280	\$21,210,866
Culture, Parks &									
Human Services	\$1,493,723	\$1,610,083	\$1,875,607	\$1,859,906	\$1,983,632	\$2,046,023	\$2,055,290	\$1,989,464	\$1,978,466
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Public Safety	\$1,600,690	\$1,663,738	\$1,702,903	\$1,746,619	\$1,847,109	\$1,986,922	\$1,988,131	\$1,921,662	\$2,057,887
Public Works	\$1,464,232	\$1,576,613	\$1,851,356	\$1,834,073	\$1,946,448	\$2,020,190	\$2,016,575	\$1,941,627	\$1,925,984
Debt Service &									
Capital									
Improvement (3)	\$2,475,468	\$2,286,074	\$2,155,246	\$1,930,354	\$2,000,699	\$2,160,693	\$2,268,449	\$2,047,707	\$1,843,862
Intergovernmental	\$782,596	\$833,973	\$876,464	\$908,923	\$907,928	\$956,430	\$1,030,500	\$987,445	\$968,416
Total	\$23,695,399	\$24,556,709	\$26,315,353	\$27,186,584	\$28,562,478	\$29,629,273	\$29,998,701	\$29,334,531	\$31,617,876
Total Enrollment	1,779	1,807	1,828	1,847	1,801	1,780	1,748	1,710	1,695
Total Households	3,559	3,581	3,597	3,601	3,606	3,612	3,622	3,622	3,620
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Gather Current Data 2: Patterns of Spending Growth



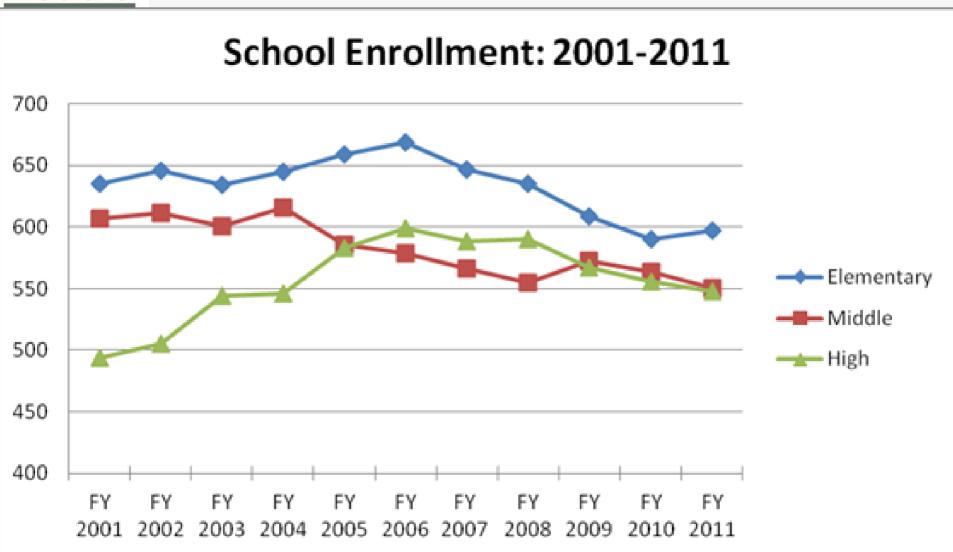


Identify Drivers of Spending

- Assume education spending is driven by enrollment;
- Assume culture/parks/human services is driven by number of households (HH);
- Assume general government, public safety, public works, intergovernmental, capital spending and debt service are driven:
 - a. 97% by number of households (HH);
 - b. 3% by \$ million cml./ind. valuation.



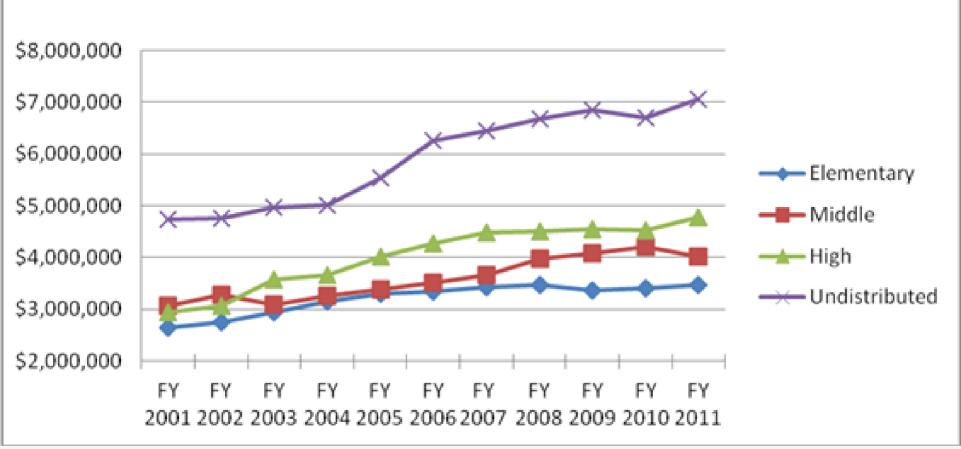
School Enrollment





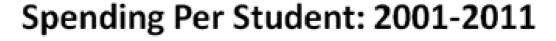
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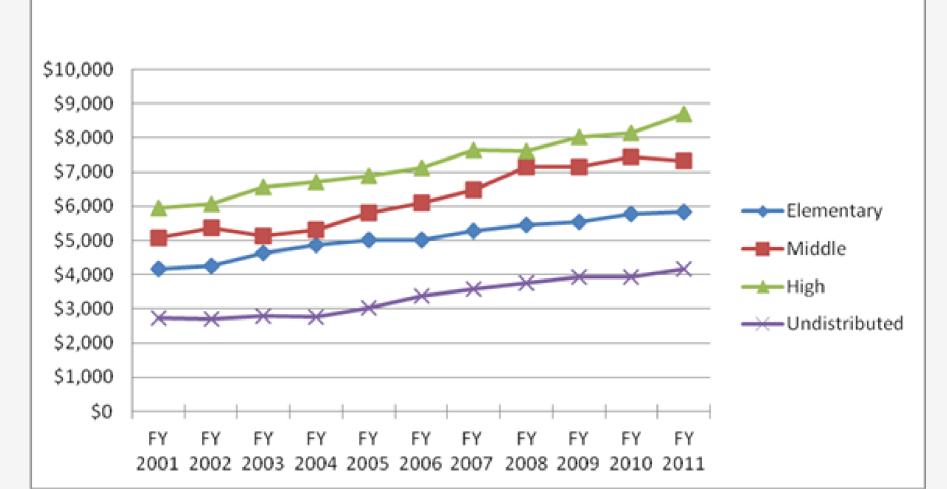
Spending by School Type: 2001-2011





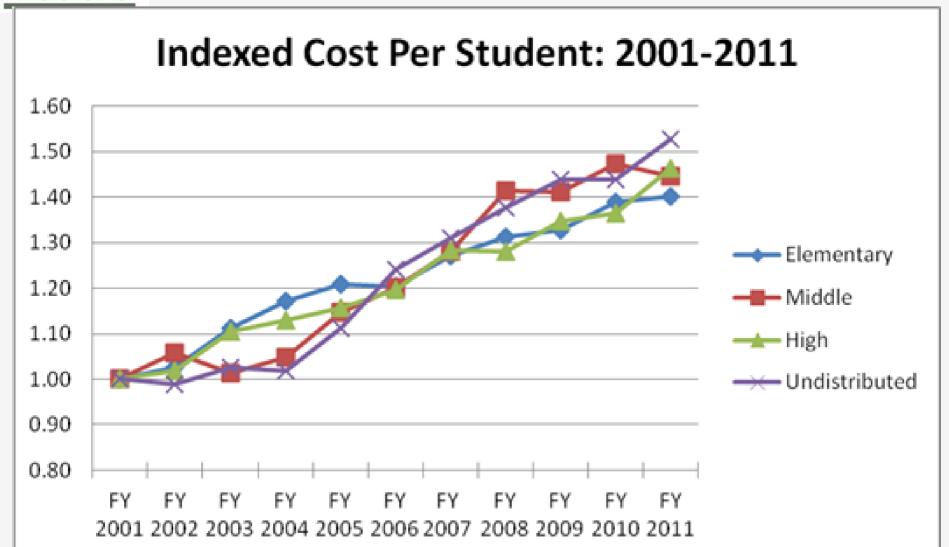
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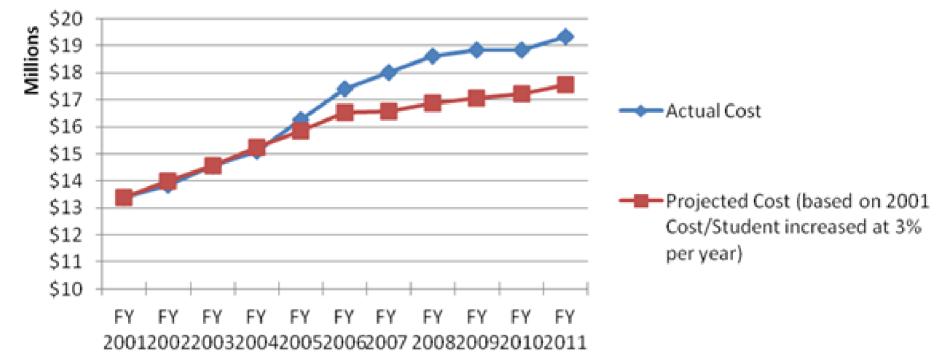
Relative Spending per Student FY01 = 1.00





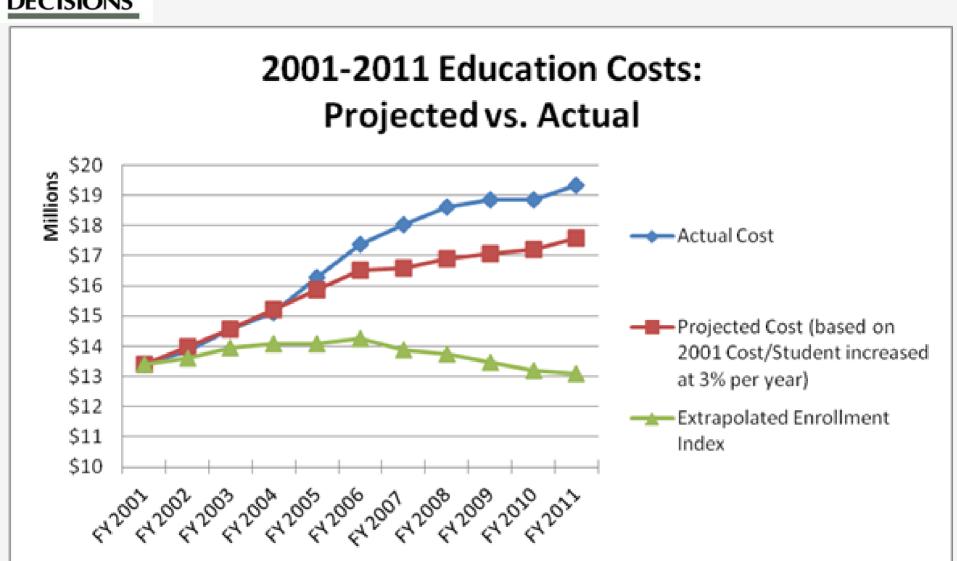
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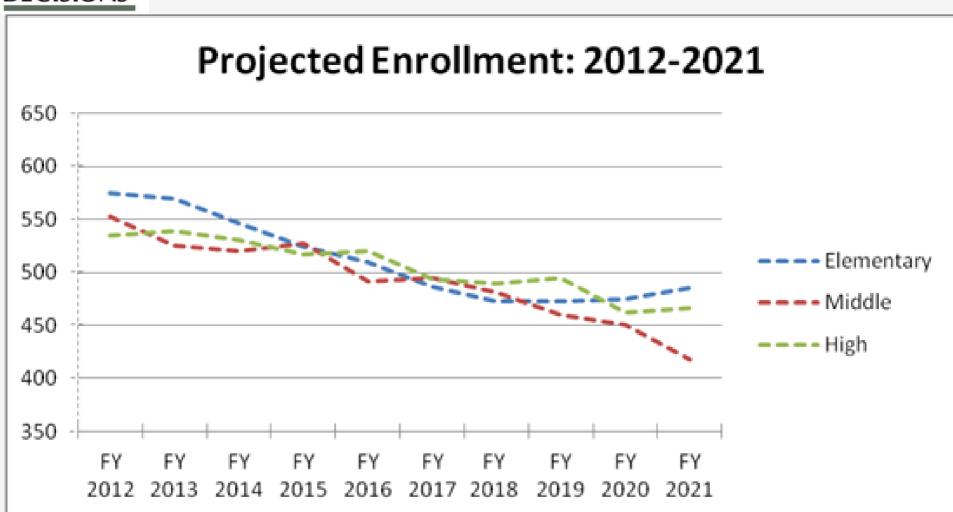


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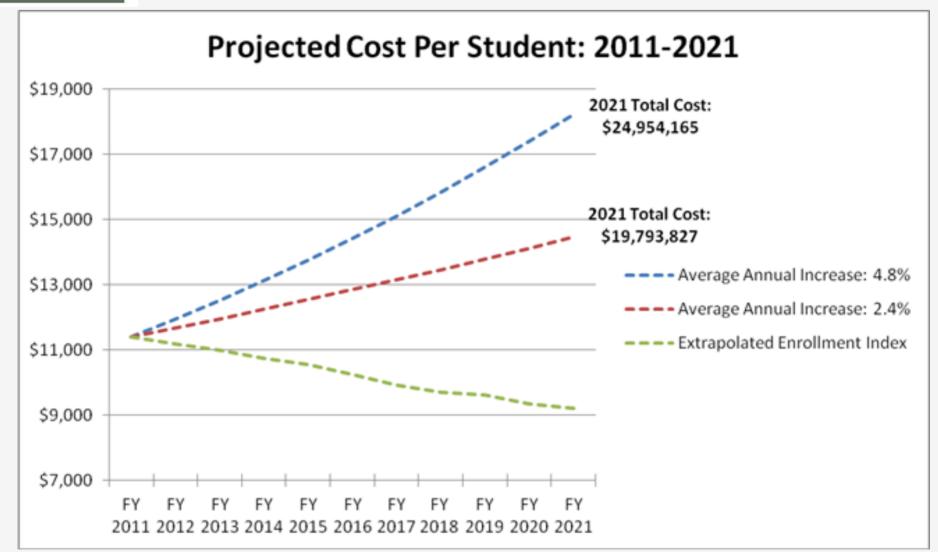


Projected Enrollment





Projected Education Spending





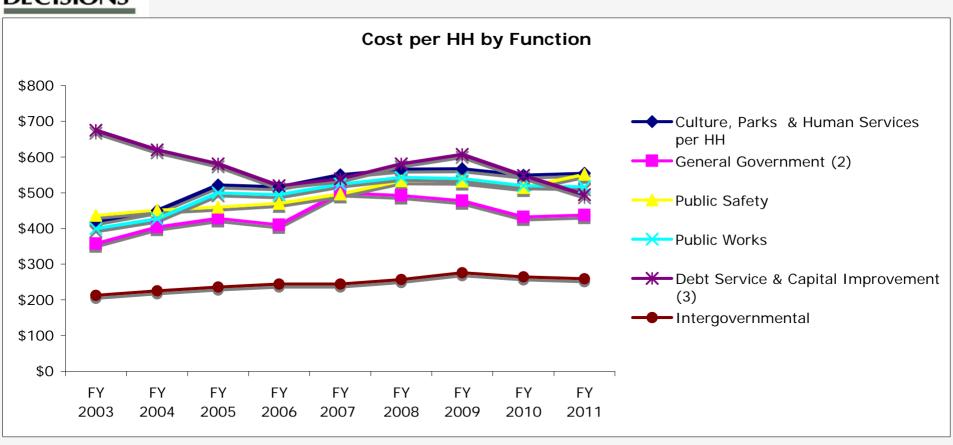
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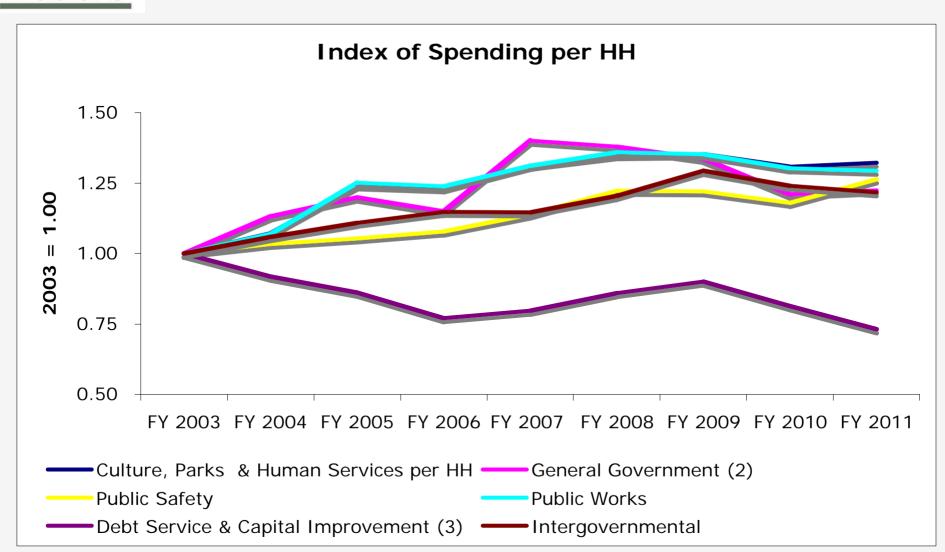


Municipal Spending





Relative Municipal Spending





Average Cost by Function

		FY10 per \$1
		million NR
Function	FY10 per HH	Valuation
Culture, Parks & Human		
Services	\$549	n.a.
General Government	\$432	\$1,137
Public Safety	\$515	\$1,354
Public Works	\$520	\$1,368
Debt Service & Capital		
Improvement	\$548	\$1,443
Intergovernmental	\$264	\$696
Total	\$2,828	\$5,999



October Meeting: Next Steps, Land

- 1. What land does the committee hope to acquire for open space?
- 2. What use would town make of this land:
 - a. purely passive?
 - b. trails, parks, recreation?
 - c. other?
- 3. What costs would be associated with purchase and operation of chosen uses?



November Meeting: Next Steps, Fiscal

- 1. Refine average cost per HH by housing category and location.
- 2. Assess adequacy of current municipal capital stock.
- 3. Project spending "drivers"
 - a. households
 - b. students;
 - c. commercial property.
- 4. Will future marginal costs be above or below current average costs.



December Meeting: Final Report

- Projected Baseline Municipal Revenues & Costs (business as usual);
- 2. Projected Municipal Revenues & Costs with open space purchases;
 - a. acquisition and operational costs of open space;
 - b. changes to revenue and expenses;
 - c. net fiscal impact.
- 3. Explanations of Methodology and Key Variables:
 - a. changes in spending drivers
 - b. average and marginal costs;
 - c. alternate uses of open space;
 - d. structure of educational program.



Questions & Discussion

