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Jericho Underhill Park District (JUPD) Budget for Fiscal Year 2027

Towns of Jericho and Underhill, Vermont

In accordance with the JUPD Charter, I am pleased to present the proposed FY2027 budget. The Jericho Underhill Park District's mission is to serve the towns of Jericho and Underhill by managing Mills Riverside Park for education, conservation, and recreation, ensuring the park remains accessible, well-maintained, and sustainable.

The FY2027 budget reflects a collaboration among the JUPD Board of Trustees, the select boards and community members of both towns and partner organizations, Vermont League of Cities and Towns, Vermont Department of Forest, Parks & Recreation, Upper Valley Trails Alliance, Vermont & Jericho Underhill Land Trusts, Winooski Conservation District and the UVM Environmental Class. The result is a balanced, responsible plan that meets community needs while maintaining fiscal prudence.

Key Budget Principles

- **Fiscal Stability:** Revenues support expenditures without relying on one-time funds.
- **Essential Services:** Priority is given to public safety, infrastructure maintenance, and park improvements.

Financial Considerations

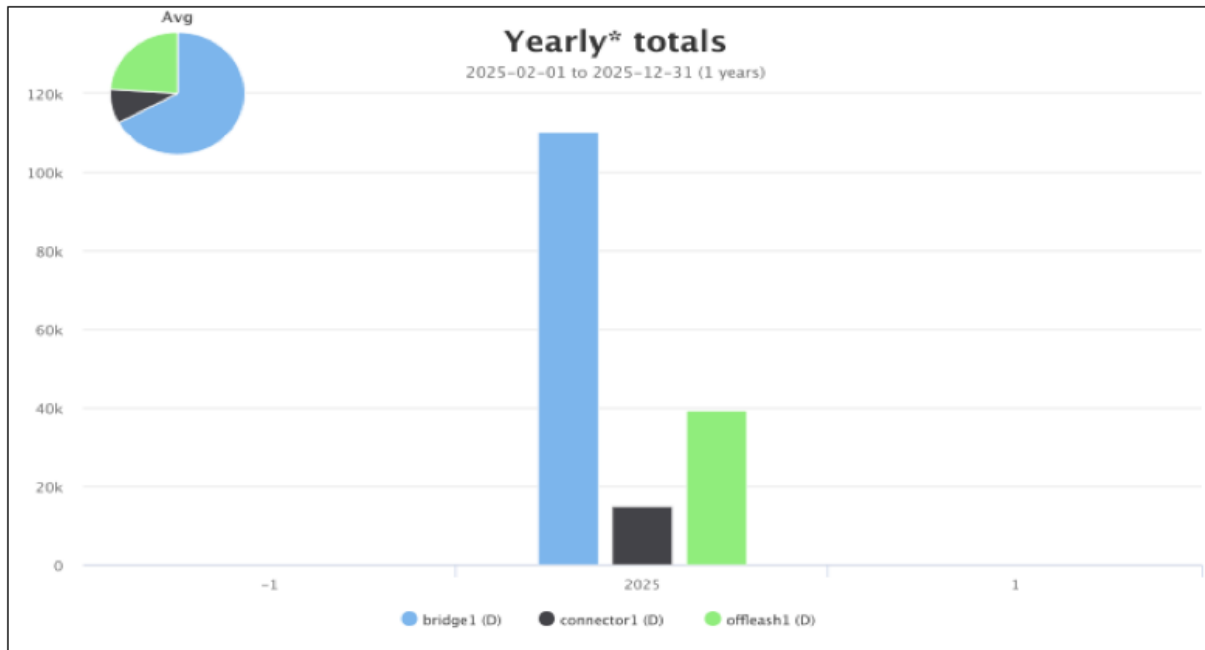
The budget addresses inflation, rising maintenance costs, and timing of grants, ensuring long-term sustainability. It builds on past achievements to justify funding requests and demonstrate clear returns on investment.

1. Technology Improvements

Past upgrades—Venmo, Document Repository, Cell phone, Trello, Google Voice, Zoom, QuickBooks and new operation procedures and policies —improved productivity, collaboration and community engagement. Continued funding will support data driven decision making.

2. Park & Trail Stewardship

Investments such as TRAFx visitor counters, a new Welcome Garden, trail enhancements, and culvert & drainage repairs have increased community use and protected public assets. Ongoing support for these efforts ensures continued value and engagement.



**Yearly Totals Chart – In 2025 110,000+ people cross over the bridge!
(A 26% increase since 2021 post COVID19 -> Today)**

This data comes from newly installed TRAFx visitor counters.
*Based on Average Daily Traffic (ADT).

3. Strategic Sustainability

Projects supported by trail grants, riparian buffer improvements, infrastructure repairs – pavilion, bridge and future improved accessibility and sustainability goals demonstrate effective stewardship and fiscal responsibility. These form the foundation for a new long-term strategic plan.

FY2027 Budget Highlights

The proposed FY2027 operating budget totals **\$116,665**, reflecting a conservative financial strategy aligned with operational needs.

Revenues:

All revenue sources are projected to increase by 10%, with exceptions noted on page 4.

Donations, rentals, and grants provide 35% of revenue. Town assessments, 65%.

- Jericho: **\$46,984.37** (three payments of \$15,661.46)
- Underhill: **\$28,797.87** (four payments of \$7,199.47)

Expenditures:

Contracts and maintenance represent 38% of total expenses, are projected to increase by 3%. The remaining 62% supports the five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) made up of both current year projects and savings to reserves for future projects.

Conclusion

I extend sincere appreciation to the JUPD Board of Trustees, the Select Boards, and residents of both towns for their continued support.

JUPD remains committed to transparency and community collaboration. We invite residents to review this proposed budget and share feedback at the hearing on November 19, 2025 and to vote on approving the JUPD budget on January 07, 2026. Together, we can ensure Mills Riverside Park continues to thrive as a space for recreation, conservation, and community connection.

Respectfully submitted,

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Revenues

Accounts	FY25	FY26 - Adjusted	FY27 Proposed	% change
Income				
44000 Donations				
44001 Concert	558	1,951	2,147	
44002 General	3,284	2,187	2,405	
44003 Covered Bridge				
Total 44000 Donations	3,842	4,138	4,552	10%
44500 ARPA Award				
44501 Jericho				
44502 Underhill				
44600 Grant Match	30,000	0	22,439	0%
45000 Town Assessments				
45001 Jericho	38,830	42,713	46,984	
45002 Underhill	23,799	26,179	28,797	
Total 45000 Town Assessments	62,629	68,892	75,781	10%
46000 Other Income				
46001 Interest	2,144	2,500	2,751	
Total 46000 Other Income	2,144	2,500	2,751	10%
47000 Rental Income				
47001 Pavilion/Eagle Meadows/Front	2,498	3,230	3,553	
47002 Fields	3,990	4,359	4,795	
47004 Commercial Permit	100	226	248	
47005 Portalet Usage Fee	2,450	1,926	2,119	
47006 electrical	75	289	318	
47007 Fire Pit			0	
47008 Vendors @park	100	100	110	
Total 47000 Rental Income	9,213	10,130	11,142	10%
48000 Use Of reserved Funds				
48002 Bridge	10,435			
48003 Trails		26,399		
48005 JUPD Sponsored Events		1,286		
Total 48000 Use Of reserved Funds	10,435	27,685		0%
49000 Poster Sales (gross)		8,215		
Total Income	118,263	121,560	116,665	-4%
50000 Cost Of Goods Sold				
50001 MRP Poster Artist Fee (60%)		4,973		
50003 Marketing plus		92		
Total Cost of goods sold		5,065		0%
Gross Profit	118,263	116,495	116,665	0%

Notes:

1. FY26 - adjusted for Trail work on Field Stone East being performed
2. FY27- Use of reserves and poster sales do not increase 10% year to year.

Expenses

Accounts	FY25	FY26 - Adjusted	FY27 Proposed	% change
Expenses				
100000 Transfer to Reserves				
100002 Bridge		30,000	30,000	
100003 Trails	30,000	0	27,383	
Total 100000 Transfer to Reserves	30,000	30,000	57,383	91%
60000 Contract Work				
60001 Concerts	800	1,000	1,000	
60008 Web services	888	848	873	
60009 Portalets	6,090	5,940	6,118	
60010 Mowing	8,184	8,184	8,184	
60016 Utilities	336	336	347	
60024 Park & Drive (Snowplowing)	3,395	3,000	3,090	
60026 Dog Waste Pickup & Supplies	2,559	2,644	2,723	
Total 60000 Contract Work	22,251	21,952	22,335	2%
70000 Maintenance				
70003 Trails	1,497	1,500	1,545	
70004 Ponds & Culverts	850	877	900	
70006 Fields	3,933	4,050	4,173	
70007 Park & Drive	2,244	3,500	3,605	
70011 Grounds	2,817	3,000	3,090	
70012 Buildings & Structures	265	2,000	2,060	
70015 Trees - Non-EAB related	4,575	500	515	
70016 Riparian Buffer		250	258	
70017 Signage		250	258	
70018 Bridge		250	258	
Total 70000 Maintenance	16,182	16,177	16,662	3%
80000 Capital Projects				
80002 Bridge	10,325			
80003 Trails	10,044	26,399		
80004 Ponds & culverts	10,950			
80005 JUPD Sponsored Events		1,286		
80006 Fields				
80007 Park & Drive				
80008 Web Services				
80011 Grounds	11,148	500		
80012 Buildings & Structures	7,242	4,550	800	
80013 technology		150		
80015 EAB Tree project	475	6,125	6,125	
80020 Project Plans in Proces		4,221	8,075	
Total 80000 Capital Projects	50,184	43,231	15,000	-65%
90000 Business expense				
90001 software licenses	1,659	1,759	1,806	
90002 Postage, PO Box	84	100	103	
90003 Insurance	1,561	1,710	1,762	
90005 VLCT Membership	1,130	1,155	1,190	
90006 Publicity & Signage	575	411	423	
90007 Bank/Accounting Fees	24	0	0	
Total 90000 Business expense	5,033	5,135	5,284	3%
Total Expenses	123,650	116,495	116,665	0%

Notes:

1. FY26 - adjusted for Trail work on Field Stone East being performed
2. Capital Projects & Transfers to Reserves are based on Capital Improvement Planning and do not increase 3% year to year.

Capital Projects & Reserve 5-year plan

Capital Plans	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	Total Cost
Projects						
Bridge - Engineering Review		375			375	750
Trails - Meadow accessibility phases 1a & 1b		46,616				46,616
Buildings & Structures - picnic tables w/accessability	800	800	800	800	800	4,000
Ash Tree Management	6,125	6,125	6,125	6,125		24,500
Project Planning	8,075	8,000	8,075	8,075	13,825	46,050
Total Projects	15,000	61,916	15,000	15,000	15,000	121,916
Building Reserves:						
Trails - Future work and grants	27,383	11,513	10,000	10,000	10,000	68,896
Bridge - Catastrophic Event	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	150,000
Reserve Planning - Future Projects		1,000	12,593	22,879	33,755	70,227
Total Reserve Building	57,383	42,513	52,593	62,879	73,755	289,123
Total Cost of Projects & Reserves	72,383	104,429	67,593	77,879	88,755	411,039
Source Of Funding:						
Operating Funds	49,944	57,813	67,593	77,879	88,755	341,984
Grant	22,439	37,293				59,732
Reserve - Trails		9,323				9,323
Total Source of Funding	72,383	104,429	67,593	77,879	88,755	411,039

Notes:

1. Projects – Consist of known projects and a placeholder for to be defined.
2. Building Reserves consists of:
 - a. Bridge replacement in the event of catastrophic event
 - b. Trails - Carry out climate-resilient upgrades & build accessible trail sections
 - c. Future Project Planning

Projects & Building Reserves are funded from a mixture of operations, grants and reserves.