Department Name	Management & Budget
Account(s)	1310, 1340, 1355, 1364, 1680, 3650, 6989

Department Function

The focus of the Department of Management and Budget is to ensure the wise and prudent use of Albany County's financial resources; to manage the County's information technology resources in a strategic and secure manner; to provide up-to-date and accurate tax maps; and to enforce tax collections. Finally, the Department works on behalf of the people of Albany County to maximize tax dollars. The Department provides financial oversight, information technology, management, and assistance to all County departments. The Department of Management and Budget administers the financial affairs of Albany County and assists the County Executive in the preparation and administration of the executive Budget, Capital Program and Adopted Budget.

- Finance Division: collects taxes, fees, and other revenues; remits payment on approved vendor claims; manages all funds for the County; and oversees tax foreclosure and property disposition procedures.
- Division of Information Services: provides information, technology, and systems services in support of the County's departments and administrative units.
- Real Property Tax Service Agency: maintains and updates tax maps for Albany County, guides municipal assessors on the preparation and maintenance of assessment rolls, and provides training, administrative support, cooperation, and assistance to acting Boards of Assessment Review (BAR) in Albany County.

Current Year Highlights

Management & Budget

- Collaborated with the Comptroller's Office to strategically invest County funds – over 2023 and 2024, this has already earned the County over $26.5 million dollars.
- Completed mapping two human service departments' data systems. Released process tracing report identifying barriers to data sharing and recommendations for reorienting the information sharing posture of the County.

Finance

- Resumed focus on delinquent tax collections, and implemented organizational restructuring.
- Defined processes for receipt and distribution to municipalities of adult use cannabis tax revenue.

Information Services

- Updated the County's Enterprise Technology Strategic Plan, with a focus on data and cybersecurity.
- Recycled end of life equipment and implement print accounting software to minimize paper usage throughout the County.
- Conducted a cybersecurity tabletop with the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services.

Real Property Tax Service

- Partnered with Schenectady County Real Property and conducted our annual Board of Assessment Review member training in April 2024. Sixteen Albany County BAR members were trained.
- Albany County tax mapping has successfully migrated to ArcGIS. The migration to ArcGIS will allow us to provide additional spatial and assessment related information to our assessment community and county residents.

Next Year Projects

Management & Budget

- Refine KPI Initiative and Data Strategy through lessons learned to date.
- Implement centralized grants management system to increase successful applications and grantor compliance.

Finance

- Expand digital billing and payment systems and strategies.
- Work with the Comptroller's Office on expanding the use of ACH.

Information Services

- Update the County's Strategic Technology Plan and ensure alignment with other planning efforts.
- Upgrade camera system infrastructure and video surveillance management system software.
- Continue investments in cybersecurity by: implementing a web application firewall; deploying anti-virus on mobile devices, evaluating secure browser solutions, and providing a password manager to employees.

Real Property

- Continue to provide our services to county residents and our municipal assessors.

Link to Website	https://www.albanycountyny.gov/departments/management-and-budget/county-budget

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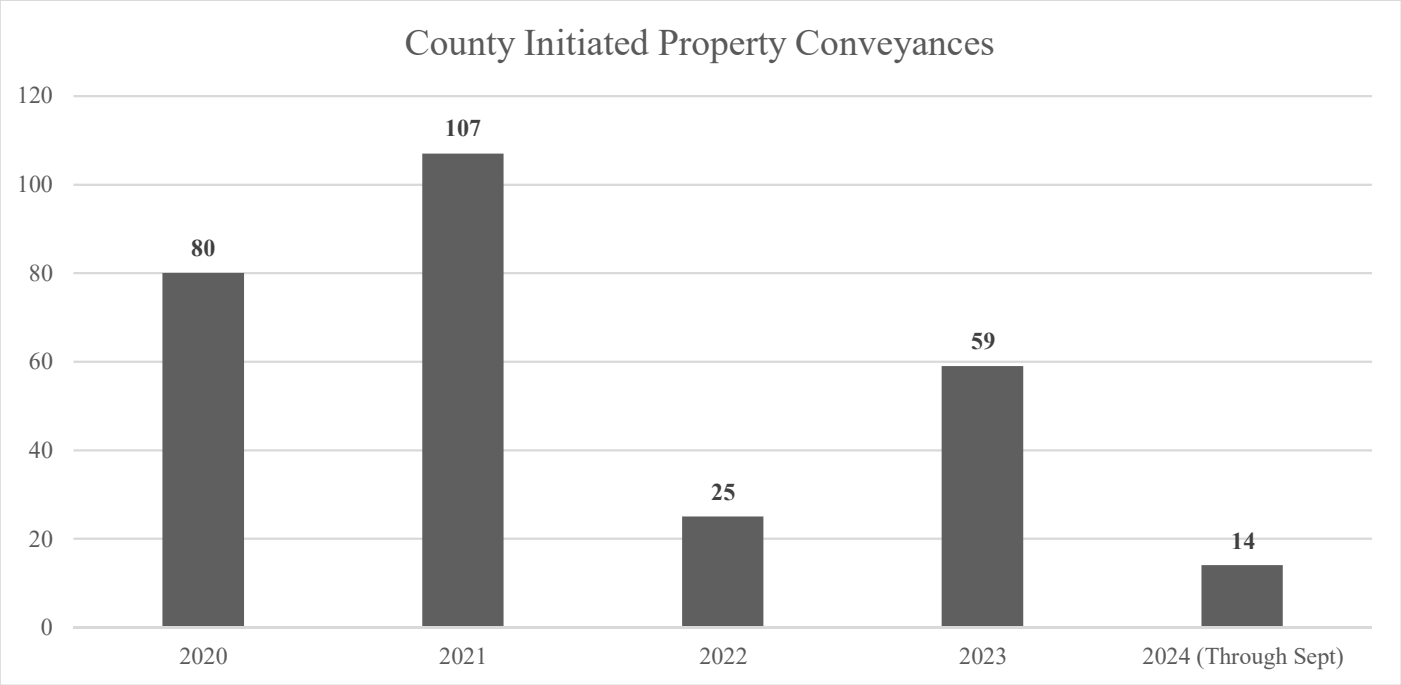
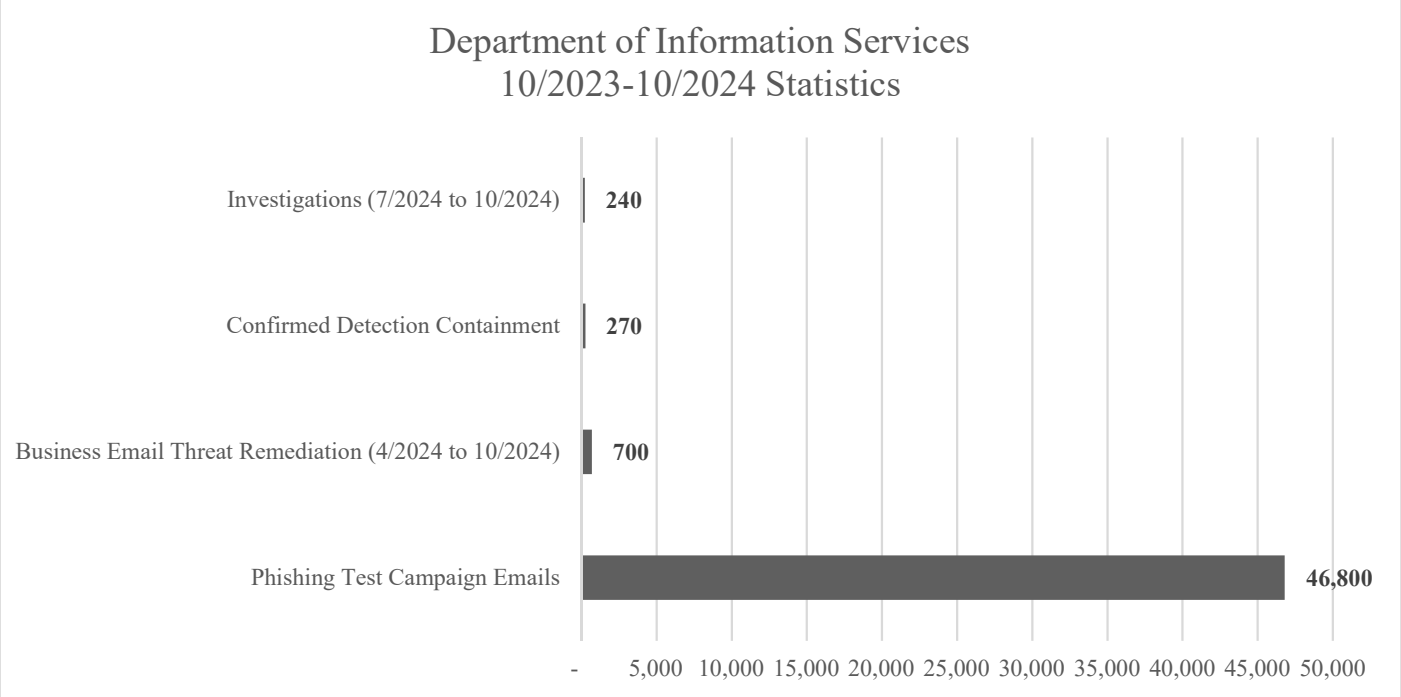
Programmatic Highlights





Although NYS' foreclosure moratorium due to the COVID-19 pandemic ended in January 2022, the County has not been able to get back to the same volume of "in rem" foreclosures as pre-pandemic, which in turn has impacted the County's ability to transfer foreclosed properties. When implemented thoughtfully and strategically, conveying these parcels allows the County to return vacant and abandoned "zombie" properties back to productive use, combatting blight and disinvestment.

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