Property owners may be eligible for credits to reduce their tax liability. For a complete list of credits, please visit the County’s website at www.princegeorgescountymd.gov. In the Search Bar, type Property Tax Credits. A few of the more common credits and exemptions include the following:

**HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT**

After the first full tax year of ownership, the Homestead Tax Credit limits the annual increase in taxable assessment on owner-occupied residential properties to a fixed percentage. The State taxable assessment increase is limited to 10%. For FY2020, the County taxable assessment increase is limited to 3%. If the assessed value decreases, the Homestead Tax Credit will also decrease. To qualify for this credit, you must submit an application to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation. For more information, please refer to the State’s website at www.dat.maryland.gov and type Homestead Tax Credit in the Search Bar or call 1-866-650-8783.

**HOMEOWNERS TAX CREDIT**

A property tax credit is available to all residential homeowners who have a combined household income up to $60,000 and net assets that do not exceed $200,000. Net assets exclude the value of your home(s) and the value of your qualified retirement plan(s). To qualify for this credit, you must submit an application to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation by September 1st. For more information, please refer to the State’s website at www.dat.maryland.gov and type Homeowners Tax Credit in the Search Bar or call 1-800-944-7403.

**VETERANS EXEMPTION**

Veterans who have been certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as completely and permanently disabled are eligible for a full exemption of real property taxes on a single residential property owned and occupied by the certified veteran (or a surviving spouse). The property owner must submit a one-time application for this exemption to the State for approval. (The owner will be exempt from all taxes but will still owe all fees such as solid waste charges.) For more information, please refer to the State’s website at www.dat.maryland.gov and type Veterans Exemption in the Search Bar.

**CHANGE TAX BILL MAILING ADDRESS**

To update your mailing address, complete and print the Property Owner Change of Address Form located on the State website at www.dat.maryland.gov. Type Real Property Change of Address in the Search Bar or send a letter requesting an address change to the Supervisor of Assessments:

**MAIL:** 14735 Main Street, Ste. 354B, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

**FAX:** (301) 952-2995  **EMAIL:** sdat.princege@maryland.gov

The letter must be signed and must include:
- Name of property owner (or legal representative)
- Account number
- Property address
- Mailing address for future mailings
- Daytime telephone number

**COUNTY AND STATE CONTACT INFORMATION**

Assessment Information Website  www.dat.maryland.gov
Bay Restoration Charge: State Inquiry 1-800-633-8101
Clean Water Act Fee  301-883-5833
County Treasury Division  301-952-4030
Homeowners Tax Credit  1-800-944-7403
Homestead Tax Credit  1-866-650-8783
Park and Planning Tax  301-952-3560
Solid Waste Service Charge  311
State Assessment Office  301-952-2500
Stormwater/Flood Control Charge  301-883-6211
Tax Bill Website www.princegeorgescountymd.gov
WSSC Front Foot Benefit Charge  301-206-8032

**TAX BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS**

INTERNET: Make payment by e-Check, Debit Card, or Credit Card* (American Express, Discover, MasterCard or Visa accepted) at County website http://taxinquiry.princegeorgescountymd.gov/. Email: Make Check or Money Order payable to Prince George’s County, Maryland, include account number and mail to: P.O. Box 17578, Baltimore, MD 21297-1578. Do NOT mail cash. Payment must be RECEIVED by the due date to avoid late fees.

IN PERSON: Pay by Cash, Check, Money Order, Debit Card, or Credit Card* (American Express, Discover, MasterCard or Visa accepted) at the address on the front cover of this brochure. Free parking and shuttle buses are available at the Equestrian Center near the Route 4 exit ramp. Limited metered parking is available at the building.

*A service fee of $1.49 is applied to all e-Check payments and a 2.5% service fee is applied to all credit and debit card payments.

**LATE PAYMENTS**

Interest and penalties of 1.67% are added each month to overdue tax bills. The County will also attach a lien to the property for unpaid taxes. The lien will be sold to the highest bidder at the annual tax sale held the second Monday in May. Once the lien is sold, the property owner is responsible for paying the amount due for unpaid taxes and costs which may include, but is not limited to, additional interest and penalties, court costs and attorney fees, and all other expenses allowed by State law.
The Treasury Division of the Office of Finance is the Tax Collector for several governmental taxing authorities that include: Prince George’s County, State of Maryland, Incorporated Municipalities, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and the Washington Suburban Transit Commission (WSTC). The taxes you pay are determined by multiplying the assessed value by the applicable tax rate and dividing by $100.

**TAX RATES**

- **County Tax Rate**
  - $1.0000 per $100 Assessed Value

- **State Tax Rate**
  - $0.1120 per $100 Assessed Value

- **M-NCPPC Tax Rate**
  - $0.2940 per $100 Assessed Value

- **Stormwater/Flood Control Tax Rates**
  - $0.0540 per $100 Assessed Value – Area 1
  - $0.0120 per $100 Assessed Value – Area 2

- **WSTC Tax Rate**
  - $0.0260 per $100 Assessed Value

* The County tax rate is reduced for properties located within incorporated areas (municipalities).

**MUNICIPAL TAX RATE DIFFERENTIAL**

Prince George’s County levies a separate tax rate, referred to as the “municipal tax rate differential,” that applies to property located within a particular Incorporated Municipality. This differential reduces the County’s property tax revenues to recognize governmental services and programs that municipal governments perform instead of similar County services to the extent that such services are funded through property tax revenues.

**PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS**

The State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) determines the assessed value of all real property in the State of Maryland. When the value goes up, the increase is spread equally over a three-year period. When the value goes down, it stays at the reduced amount for a three-year period. The change takes effect on July 1st of the following year. The assessed value is printed in the top right section of the tax bill. For more information, please refer to www.dat.maryland.gov and type Assessments Guide in the Search Bar.

**OTHER CHARGES**

You may be subject to additional charges on your tax bill such as the State Bay Restoration charge if you utilize a private septic system, a Federally-mandated Clean Water Act fee to address stormwater runoff pollution, a Solid Waste charge for trash and recycling services or a Front Foot Benefit charge if your property is connected to water and/or sewer lines. There also may be special area taxes to pay the debt service on bonds that finance specific infrastructure improvements.

**GENERAL FUND REVENUES – FISCAL YEAR 2020**

Real property tax is one of the largest sources of revenue for the County as illustrated in the below chart:

($ in millions)

- **INCOME TAXES** $663.7 18.3%
- **PROPERTY TAXES** $945.7 26.0%
- **OTHER LOCAL TAXES & RECEIPTS** $500.6 13.8%
- **OUTSIDE AID FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION** $1,396.7 36.4%
- **INTERGOVERNMENTAL** $35.5 1.0%

**TOTAL**: $3,631,989,800

**GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES – FISCAL YEAR 2020**

The revenue generated through the various sources above is used to support a variety of government programming and services as illustrated below:

($ in millions)

- **GENERAL GOVERNMENT** $94.2 2.6%
- **NON-DEPARTMENTAL** $325.5 9.0%
- **HUMAN SERVICES** $38.3 1.1%
- **BOARD OF EDUCATION** $2,183.1 60.1%
- **COLLEGE & LIBRARY** $157.9 4.3%
- **INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT** $322.2 0.9%
- **ENVIRONMENT** $4.7 0.1%
- **PUBLIC SAFETY** $776.2 21.4%
- **COURTS** $19.9 0.5%

**TOTAL**: $3,631,989,800