

# 2020 MORRIS COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET



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# 2020 MORRIS COUNTY BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

## MORRIS IS # 1 COUNTY IN NEW JERSEY

Item	2020 Budget	Highlight
Tax Effort	No county tax increase for existing taxpayer	Lowest County taxes in Northern NJ / third lowest in the State
Bond Rating/ Fund Balance	Growth in Fund Balance as debt is reduced since 2012	Record 44 <sup>th</sup> year of earning a AAA Bond Rating from both Standard and Poor's and Moody's
Remain a leader in providing Social Services	Innovation of Hope One, Navigating Hope, enhancements to Dover Social Services Out-Stationing, and expanding child care for low income families	Leading NJ and the nation in the fight against opioid addiction with a National Award presented to Sheriff Gannon and his team
THE Infrastructure County	\$38M to fund Road Resurfacing, Bridges, County Facilities, and Open Space	Structural integrity of Morris County Bridges is 70% superior to State Bridges
Education and Employment Skills	Significant Capital funding to enhance both CCM and the School of Technology to meet employers needs	Both CCM and the School of Technology are #1 in NJ receiving national honors

# CAREFUL FISCAL MANAGEMENT RESULTS IN NO 2020 TAX INCREASE TO EXISTING TAXPAYER

Year	2019	2020
Introduced Budget	\$315.3M	\$315.8M
Tax Increase to Existing Taxpayer	1.95%	-0.03%
Ratable Base	\$96.1B	\$96.3B
County Tax Rate	\$0.25	\$0.25

\* AVERAGE PRICE OF A HOME IN MORRIS COUNTY IS \$469,900

# FUND BALANCE: REMAINS EXACTLY WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE

- THE PRUDENT AND METHODICAL USE OF FUND BALANCE CONTINUES TO ENSURE STABILITY IN THE ANNUAL USE OF RESERVES AND SUPPORTS THE CONTINUATION OF THE COUNTY'S “**AAA**” **BOND RATING**
- AS A GENERAL RULE, RATING AGENCIES TYPICALLY SEEK “AAA” ENTITIES TO MAINTAIN 1 TO 2 MONTHS OF RESERVES
- ANNUALLY, MORRIS COUNTY CONTINUES TO USE THE PORTION OF THE YEAR ENDING FUND BALANCE THAT CAN REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO BE REGENERATED

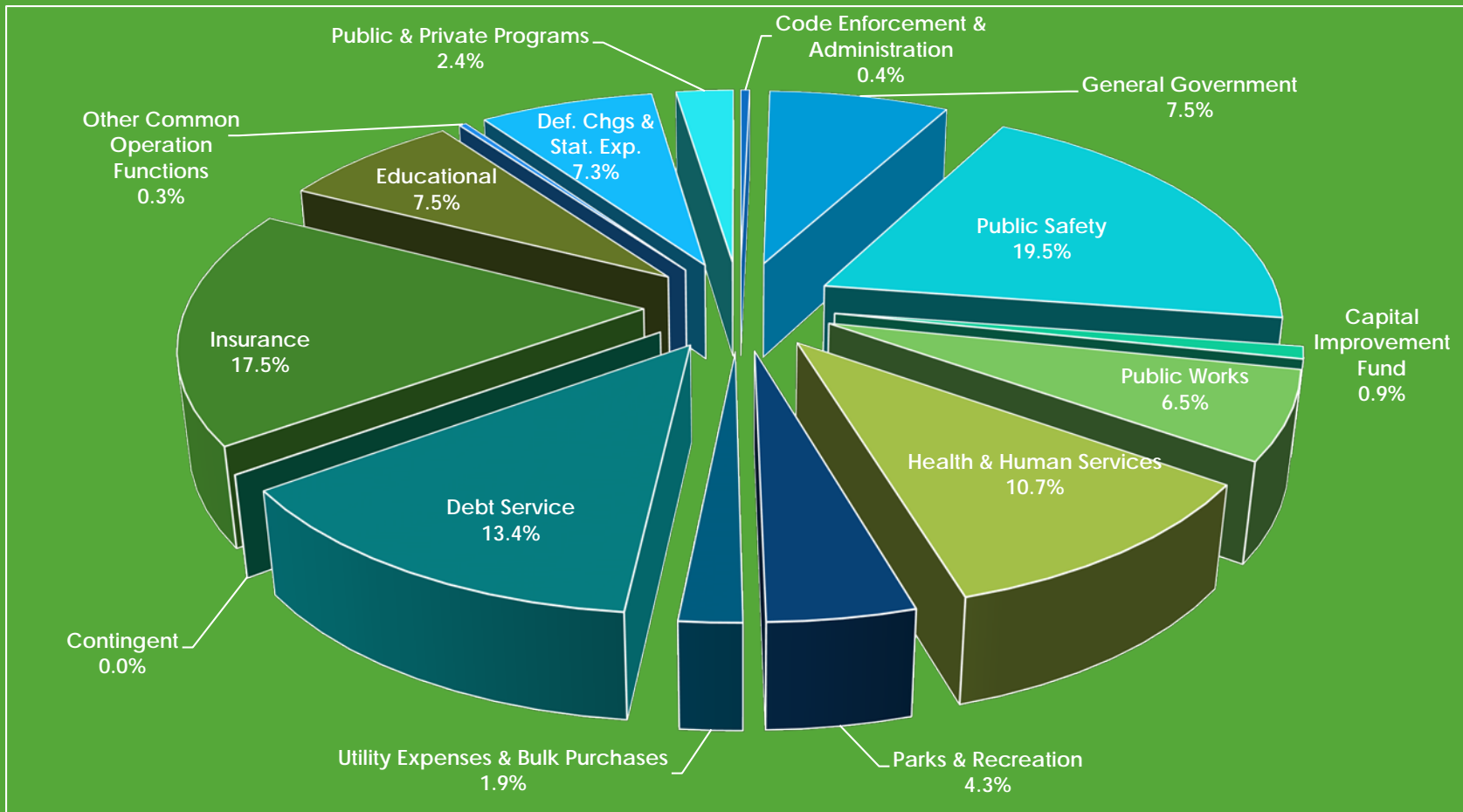
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Beginning Year Fund Balance	\$53.0M	\$53.3M	\$52.7M	\$53.4M	\$53.5M
Portion Used to Off-Set Tax Levy	\$24.0M	\$25.3M	\$25.3M	\$25.3M	\$27.1M
Fund Balance Regenerated	\$24.3M	\$24.7M	\$26.0M	\$25.4M	\$30.0M
Ending Year Fund Balance	\$53.3M	\$52.7M	\$53.4M	\$53.5M	\$56.4M*

*\*THE 2020 YEAR ENDING FUND BALANCE OF \$56.4M IS AN ESTIMATED FIGURE.*

# WHAT THE 2020 MORRIS COUNTY BUDGET FUNDS

- CRITICAL COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS
- HUMAN SERVICE PROGRAMS
- PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES
- PLANNING/LIBRARY/COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES
- CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

# WHAT THE 2020 MORRIS COUNTY BUDGET FUNDS



# 2020 BUDGET

## CRITICAL COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

- THE 2020 BUDGET CONTAINS \$48.9M OF COMMUNITY-BASED HUMAN SERVICE, EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, AND ECONOMIC INITIATIVES THAT SERVE ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN MORRIS COUNTY INCLUSIVE OF:
  - \$13.7M FOR THE 20,100 ACRE MORRIS COUNTY PARK COMMISSION
  - \$11.8M FOR THE COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS
  - \$10.4M FOR COMMUNITY-BASED HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES
  - \$ 6.2M FOR THE MORRIS COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY
  - \$ 6.0M FOR THE MORRIS COUNTY LIBRARY AND HERITAGE COMMISSION
  - \$750K FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

# SHARED SERVICES FOR TOWNS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN 2020 BUDGET

- THE ADDITION OF A 5<sup>TH</sup> BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) UNIT TO PROVIDE BACK UP BLS/EMS SERVICES FOR ALL MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES
- ALLOCATED FUNDING TO ABSORB THE 2020 MUNICIPAL 911 EMERGENCY DISPATCH COST INCREASES
- \$200,000 ALLOCATED TO FUND AERIAL SPRAYING FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL IN RESPONSE TO A SHORTFALL IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY'S BUDGET
- \$150,000 IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- \$25,000 ALLOCATED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LAKE HOPATCONG FOUNDATION, SUSSEX COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES SURROUNDING THE LAKE TO COMBAT THE HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM (HAB)



# NEW SOCIAL SERVICES INITIATIVES IN 2020 OPERATING BUDGET

- EXPANDING SOCIAL SERVICES BY CREATING ENHANCED OUT- STATIONING IN THE DOVER AREA AS WELL AS A NEW HOPE 1 VEHICLE TO ADDRESS THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC
- THE ROLL OUT OF THE “STAR PROGRAM” (SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION AND REENTRY), A PARTNERSHIP OF THE COURTS, SHERIFF’S OFFICE, AND HUMAN SERVICES AIMED AT REDUCING RECIDIVISM AND IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY
- EXPANDED INVESTMENTS IN COMMUNITY BASED HUMAN SERVICE PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE CHRONICALLY MENTALLY ILL BY FUNDING THE SAFE HAVEN PROGRAM.
- ENTERING INTO A PARTNERSHIP THAT WILL DOUBLE THE CAPACITY OF CHILD DAY CARE SERVICES PROVIDED FOR AT RISK FAMILIES IN THE MORRISTOWN AREA, WHICH WILL OPEN IN SEPTEMBER 2020
- INCREASED STAFFING IN THE MORRIS COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES OFFICE

# 2020 CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW

\$52.9 MILLION TOTAL, \$38.3 MILLION COUNTY FUNDING AFTER GRANTS

- \$23 MILLION FOR ROADS, BRIDGES, RAILROADS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-UP
- \$9.3 MILLION FOR CCM & VO-TECH
- \$8.7 MILLION FOR FACILITIES
- \$7.8 MILLION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
- \$2.4 MILLION FOR TECHNOLOGY & MAINTENANCE VEHICLES
- \$1.7 MILLION FOR PARK COMMISSION



# OUR INVENTORY OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS IS EXTENSIVE AND DIVERSE

- 287 MILES OF COUNTY ROADS THROUGHOUT ALL MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES
- 1,000 BRIDGES AND CULVERTS THROUGHOUT ALL MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES
- 3 FREIGHT RAILROADS
- 960 VEHICLES AND OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT
- 3.3 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF BUILDINGS / STRUCTURES
- FACILITIES REQUIRED BY THE JUDICIARY, SHERIFF, LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
- ALL TREES WITHIN THE COUNTY'S ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY
- MOSQUITO CONTROL SERVICES THROUGHOUT ALL MORRIS COUNTY

# RESURFACING OF COUNTY ROADS FULLY FUNDED

## 2020 Capital Budget contains:

- \$9.0M for roadway resurfacing covering 32.6 miles in 16 municipalities
- \$3.7M for drainage and intersection and roadway improvements



North Road in Chester Twp

## Planned Projects Include:

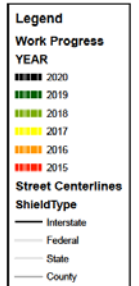
- Kinnelon Road, Borough of Kinnelon
- Mt. Hope Avenue, Rockaway Township
- Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park
- Long Hill Road, Harding and Long Hill Townships

*Inclusive of all grants received*

# MORRIS COUNTY PAVING PROGRAM



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# MORRIS COUNTY LEADS THE STATE IN BRIDGE UPGRADE PROJECTS

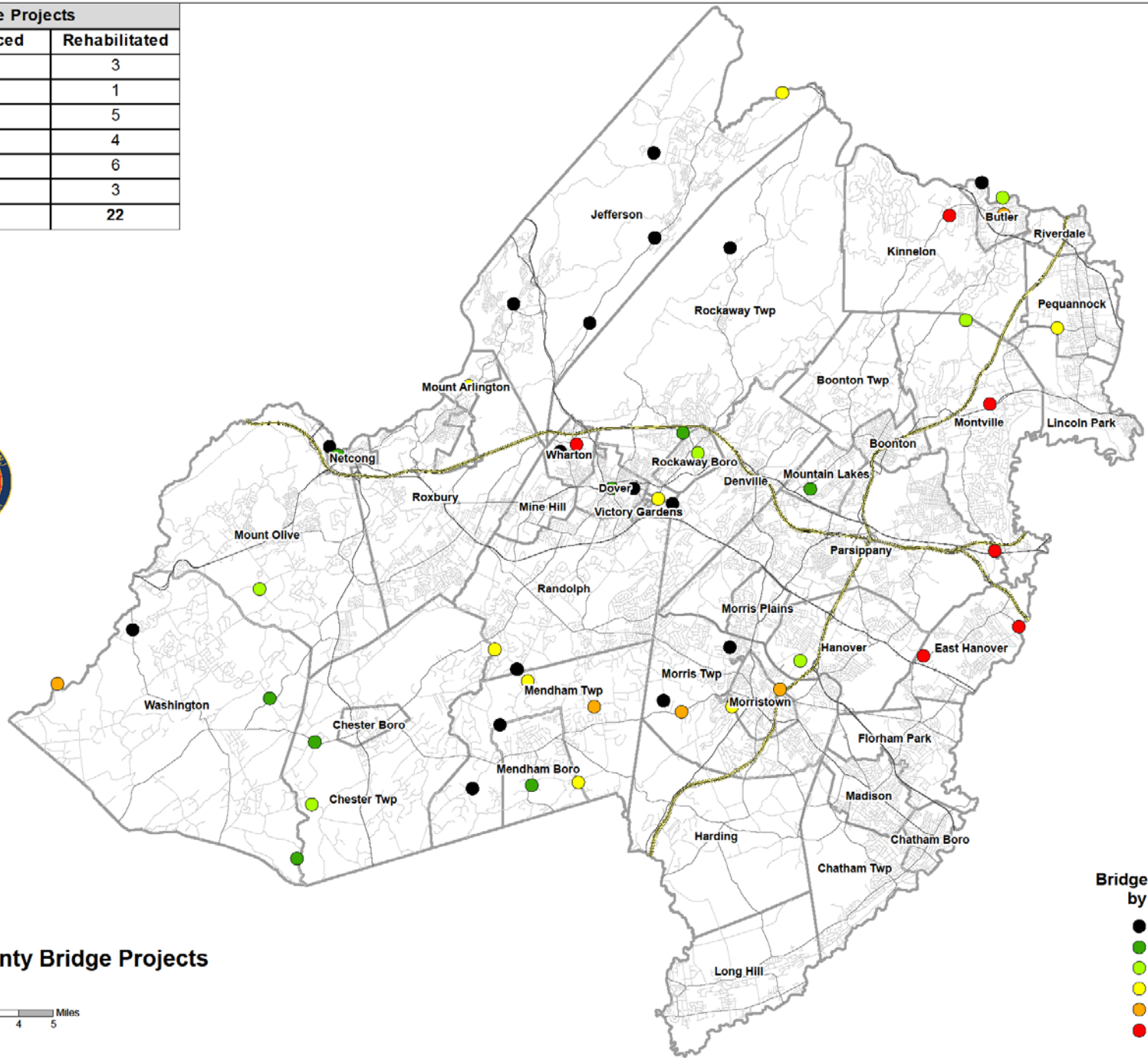
The 2020 Capital Budget contains \$6.1M for bridge and culvert projects including:

- Berkshire Valley Road, Jefferson Township
- Parsippany Road over Troy Brook, Parsippany-Troy Hills
- Schooley's Mountain Road over S. Branch of the Raritan River in Washington Township



Black River Road Bridge in  
Washington Township

Bridge Projects		
Year	Replaced	Rehabilitated
2015	3	3
2016	4	1
2017	4	5
2018	2	4
2019	2	6
2020	14	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>22</b>



Morris County Bridge Projects



**Bridge Projects by Year**

- 2020
- 2019
- 2018
- 2017
- 2016
- 2015

# MORRIS COUNTY EDUCATION IS NUMBER ONE IN NEW JERSEY

- COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS
  - ✓ \$5.3M FOR ACADEMIC BUILDINGS
  - ✓ \$3.4M FOR ACCESSIBILITY & HVAC
- MORRIS COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY
  - ✓ \$500K FOR HVAC
  - ✓ \$2.6M PROVIDED IN 2019 FOR FRONT ENTRANCE AND SECURITY UPGRADES



*Groundbreaking for CCM  
Advanced Manufacturing  
& Engineering Center  
1/30/19*



# PUBLIC SAFETY INVESTMENTS HELP TO KEEP MORRIS COUNTY'S CRIME RATES AMONG THE LOWEST IN THE STATE

- \$5.2M ALLOCATED AS PART OF MULTI YEAR INTEROPERABLE 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM UPGRADE
- \$1.3M DEDICATED FOR JAIL IMPROVEMENTS AS THE JAIL GENERATES SIGNIFICANT REVENUE FROM SHARED SERVICES
- \$725K DIRECTED TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN THEIR SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE TO MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES



# SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS IN COUNTY FACILITIES, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, AND MAINTENANCE VEHICLES

- \$6.9M IN BUILDING PROJECTS INCLUDING \$1.2M FOR HISTORIC COURTHOUSE
- \$1.8M FOR SPRINKLERS AND FIRE ALARMS
- \$1.4M IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENTS
- \$1.0M FOR MAINTENANCE VEHICLES

NEW COURTHOUSE PROJECT IS UNDERWAY, AND IN DESIGN PHASE



# #1 PARK SYSTEM IN NEW JERSEY



- \$400K FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE AND PAVING
- \$1.26M FOR PARK MAINTENANCE VEHICLES AND MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT
- \$1.125M PROVIDED FOR LEE'S PAVILION



Morris County Park Commission  
Lewis Morris Park, expanded in  
Mendham Township in 2019

# 2020 MORRIS COUNTY BUDGET IN SUMMARY

## PRUDENT FISCAL MANAGEMENT RESULTS IN STRUCTURAL STABILITY:

- NO TAX INCREASE TO THE EXISTING TAXPAYER
- A MISSION-DRIVEN ALLOCATION OF FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS TOWARDS:
  - MAINTAINING / UPGRADING COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE
  - ADDRESSING HUMAN SERVICE NEEDS
  - PROVIDING SERVICES TO COMBAT THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC
  - ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVES
  - EXPANDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES
  - PRIORITIZING EDUCATIONAL / CULTURAL INVESTMENTS
  - RESPONDING TO THE GAPS CREATED BY STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING REDUCTIONS

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QUESTIONS ?????