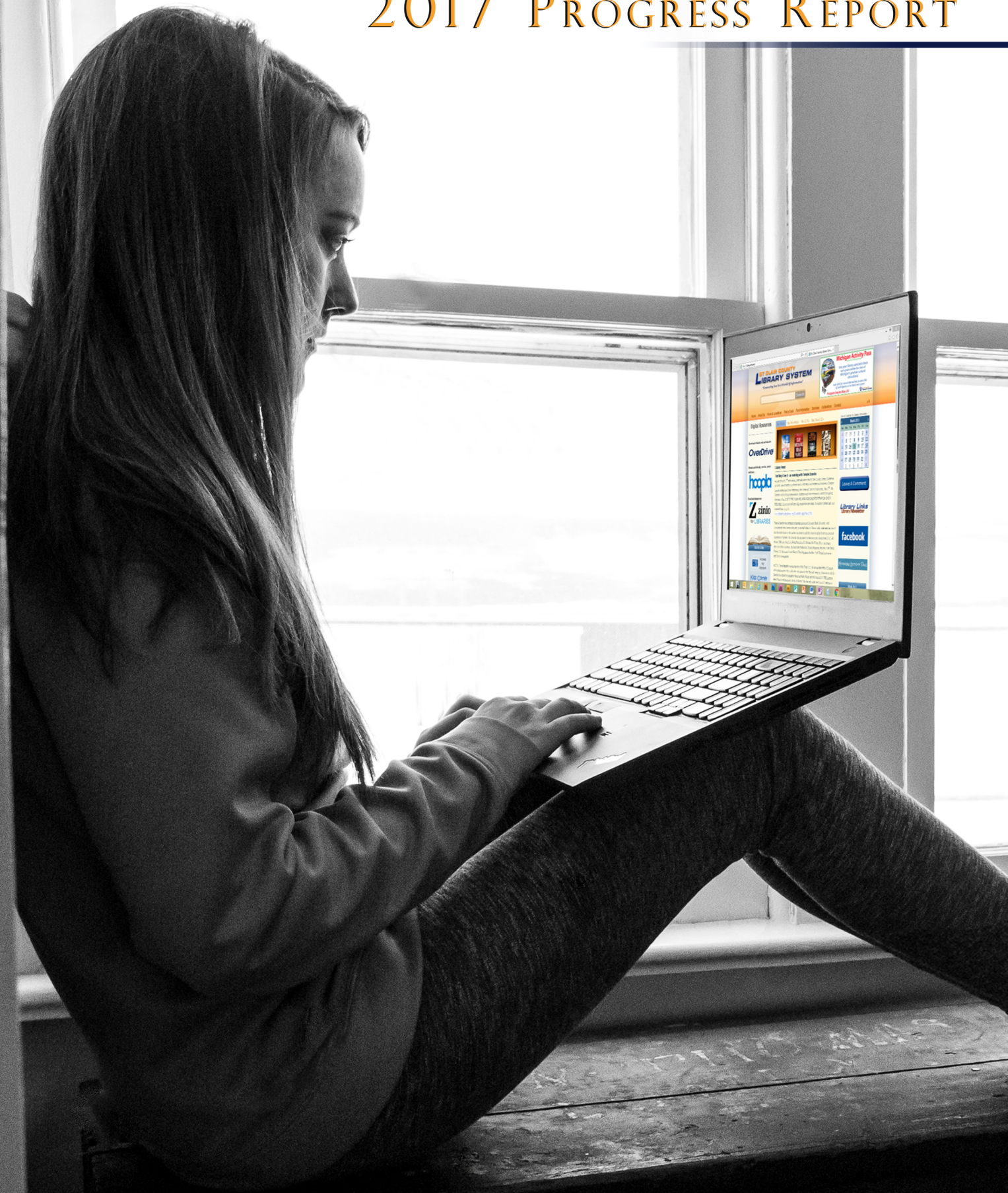


2017 PROGRESS REPORT



St. Clair County
LIBRARY SYSTEM

MISSION

Connecting you
to a world of information

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Since 1917, the St. Clair County Library System has played a key role in the history of St. Clair County. Patrons of all ages treasure the time they have spent at our branches and the memories they have made. I remember when I was growing up, I would spend many hours at my local library discovering fascinating books, which led to a lifelong love for reading. As the director of the St. Clair County Library System, it is a distinct honor to be part of the Library's 100th Anniversary celebration. 100 years is a significant milestone for any organization, and encourages us to keep working hard to ensure that the next 100 years are just as special. While much has changed over the past 100 years, your Library's devotion to serving our community and promoting free and open access to information and services has not changed.

With the help of our sponsors, Port Huron McLaren Hospital, Northstar Bank, and McDonald's, we have been able to make this past year a year to remember. In April hundreds of people attended our event "The Art of Racing in the Rain: An Evening with Author Garth Stein." This was the first event in our 100th Anniversary Speaker Series, which was then continued in May with Dr. Temple Grandin, author of *Thinking in Pictures*, and Jay Asher, author of *13 Reasons Why*, in September. Over one thousand people joined us by attending these programs; hearing and meeting authors who have impacted their lives. To conclude our 100th Anniversary Speaker Series we will have Gail Carson Levine, author of *Ella Enchanted*, on October 26th, 2017; she will be hosting a writer's workshop at 5:30pm followed by a presentation and book signing at 6:30pm, at the Blue Water Convention Center

Your St. Clair County Library System's longevity is without doubt a testament to the love our patrons have for their library system and its services, and to the remarkable relationships that have been developed over the years between our patrons and our staff. Because of this, and our respect for our communities, we will continue to provide excellent informational, educational and entertainment opportunities to you for many years to come. So from the bottom of my heart, thank you for supporting the St. Clair County Library System for the past 100 years; we look forward to the years ahead!

Sincerely,



Allison Arnold
Director
St. Clair County Library System





OUR VISION

The vision of the St. Clair County Library System is to be the county's foremost source for free, unbiased information. Our mission statement is "connecting you to a world of information," and we have dozens of staff trained to assist patrons with all their information needs.

The 11 branches of the St. Clair County Library System are a network of vital community centers that support continuous learning, individual growth, encouragement for reading, and community enrichment. Our library buildings are provided and maintained with pride through partnerships with local communities, and are spacious and inviting places for people to learn, create, discover, imagine, and grow.

In order to adapt to changing times and needs, a strategic master plan was developed by people dedicated to providing you with quality library service. Here are the eight goals from the five-year (2015-2020) plan:

GOAL 1: CREATIVE AND INSPIRING PRESENCE

Create a physical and virtual presence that is stimulating, welcoming, and inspirational.

GOAL 2: COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Enhance the St. Clair County Library System's role in improving the quality of life by developing relationships with existing and new stakeholders and encouraging participation in library programs and services.

GOAL 3: INNOVATION

Reinvent the St. Clair County Library System by fostering a culture of innovation.

GOAL 4: FINANCIAL STABILITY

Ensure financial stability for continuation of quality library services.

GOAL 5: PROMOTION OF SERVICES

Vigorously market library services, programs, and resources to ensure the library system is known throughout St. Clair County as THE provider of quality information.

GOAL 6: REDESIGN OF PHYSICAL SPACE

Space in St. Clair County Library buildings will be studied and redesigned to better serve patrons' needs.

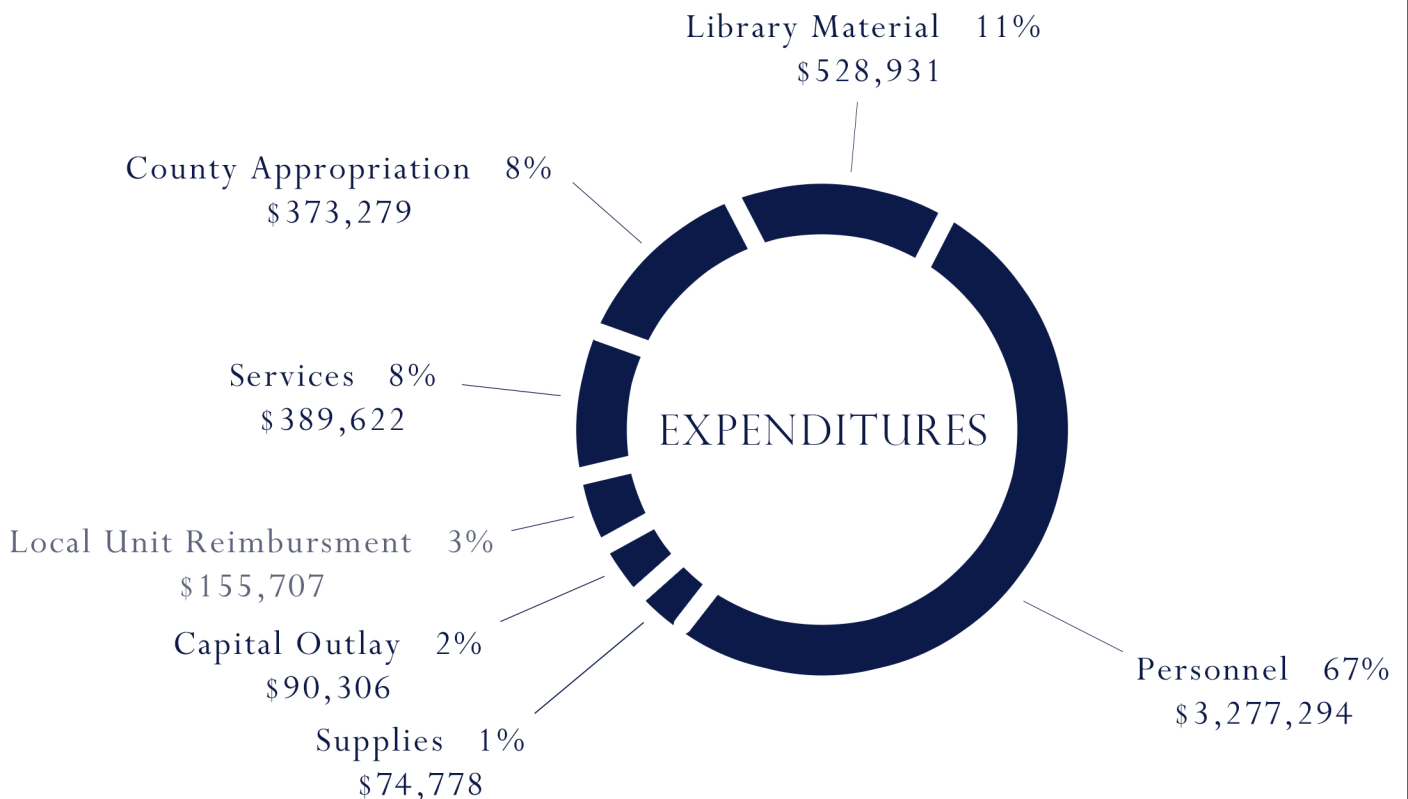
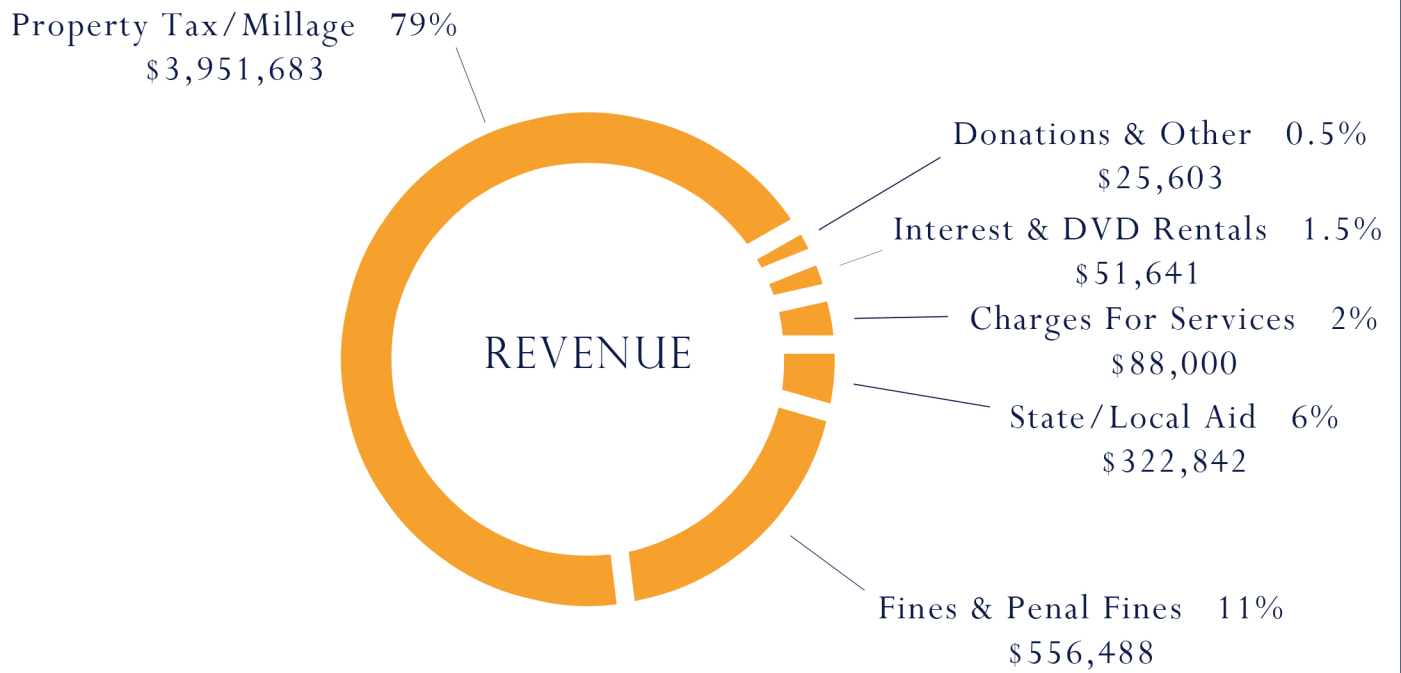
GOAL 7: POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT

The St. Clair County Library will provide a positive environment for library patrons and staff.

GOAL 8: SERVICES ASSESSMENT AND IMPROVEMENT

The St. Clair County Library will assess four services for improvement each year.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM



A YEAR IN REVIEW

572,936

visits to the library

6,440,001

online visits to the library

2,281

customers attended technology classes

130,321

hours of computer usage at the library

646,748

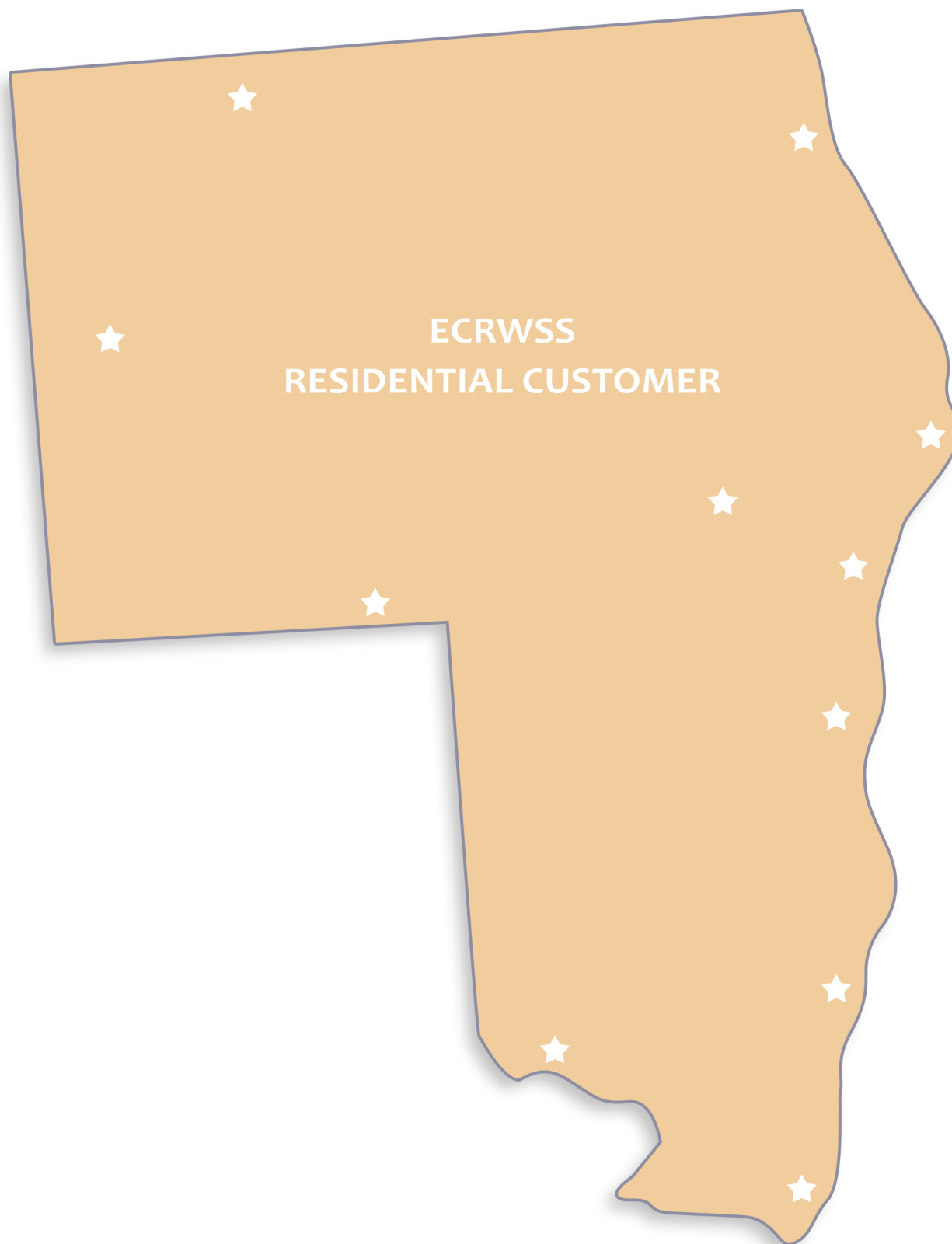
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