



# Library Funding & Governance

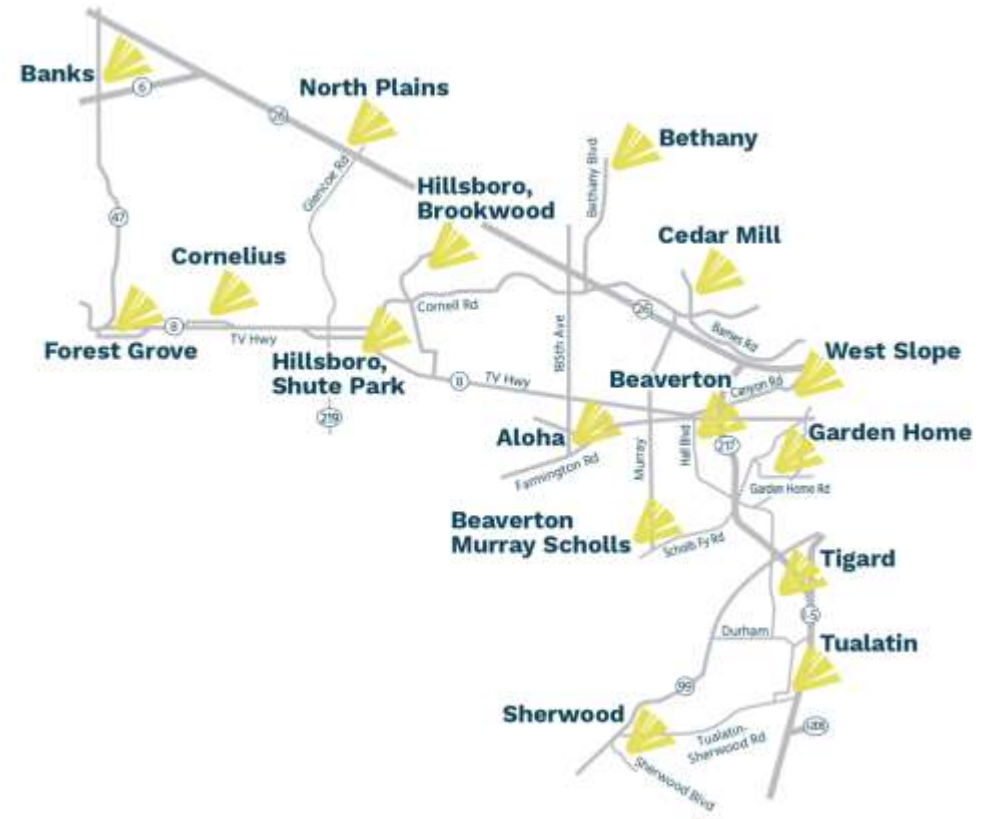
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# Washington County Libraries



## Public Library Partnership

- 9 municipalities
- 3 nonprofits
- WCCLS, department of Washington County
- Coordination through Executive Board (City Managers and nonprofit executives) and Policy Group (Library Directors)



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Cooperative Library Services



# Goals & Milestones



## Improve service consistency and equity across the county

- Current State Assessment Report – Nov. 2024
- Near-Term Funding and Base Service Levels Report – Jan. 2025
- Governance improvements – Current / Future Phase

## Support community needs by creating a library system with a fiscally sustainable future

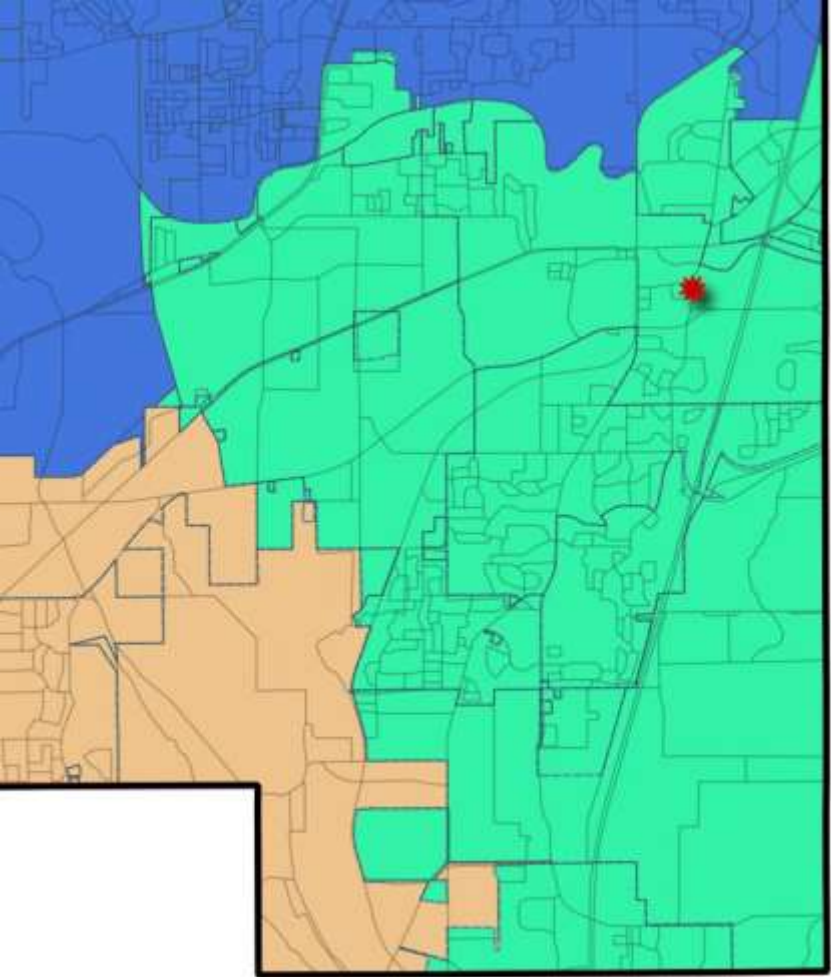
- Near-Term Funding and Base Service Levels Report – Jan. 2025
- Funding allocation methodology – Current Phase

Reports available at <https://www.wccls.org/about-wccls/washington-county-libraries-writing-our-future-together>



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# Service Boundaries



Proposed service area for Tualatin Public Library

- Defines geographic area served by each library
- Determines each library's official service population
- Likely to be a component of new funding allocation methodology



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# *Funding Methodology*



## Elements Under Consideration



Service Population

FTE for Base Services

Facility Square Footage  
(nonprofits only)



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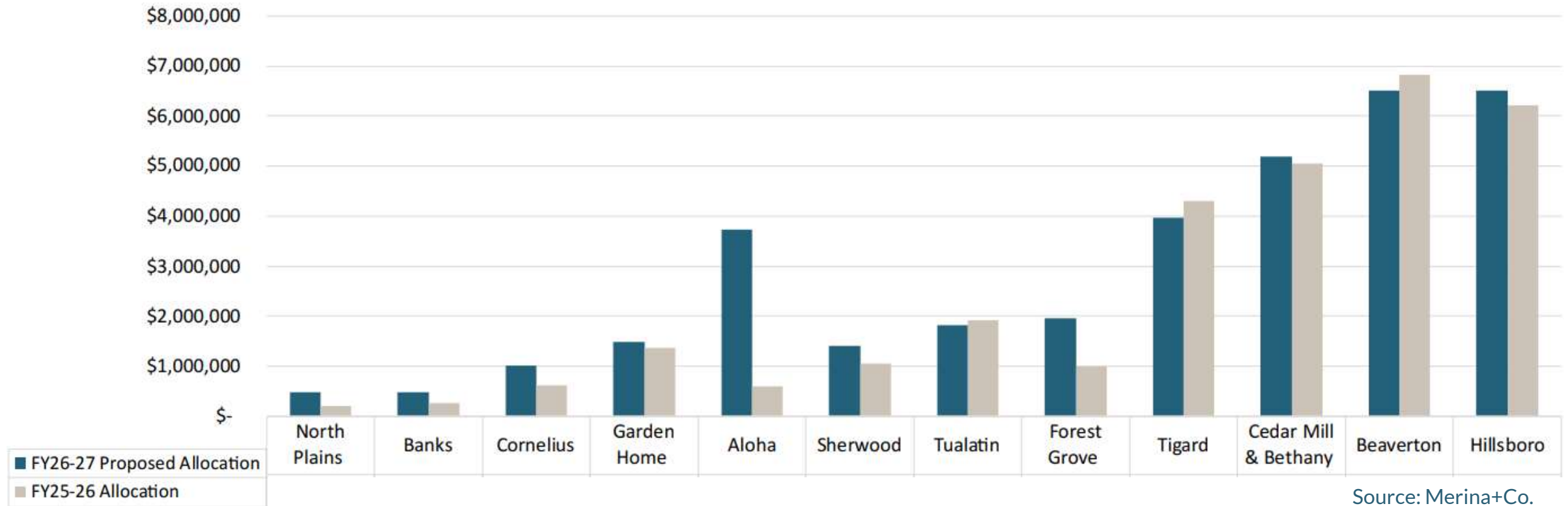


# Funding Allocation Methodology

*Preliminary Results*

**NOT FINAL**

Preliminary Funding Allocation Results



Source: Merina+Co.

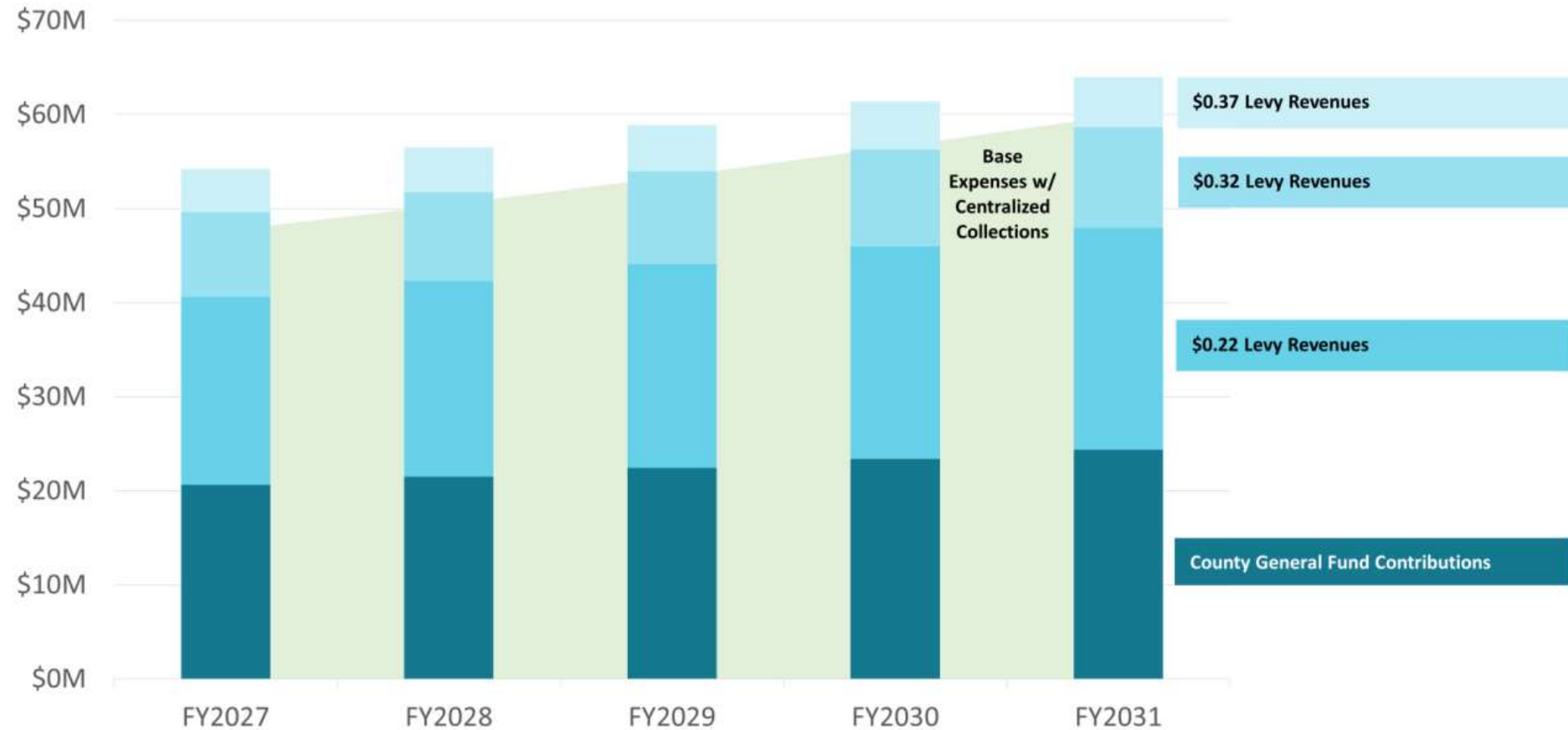
# Collection Management

- WCCLS plans to hire a consultant this fall to plan the transition to centralized collection management
- WCCLS projects July 2027 for implementation
- The Current State Assessment listed approaches that maintain unique library identities and decisions that reflect local community values as strengths
- WCCLS and Tualatin surveys show:
  - The collection is what patrons value the most about Tualatin Library
  - Selection of materials is the second highest factor when patrons choose which library to visit
- Tualatin is asking for more partnership and collaboration on planning this transition



# Cost for Base Service Levels

*How much does it cost for the Cooperative to provide Base Service Levels?*





# Local Option Levy



- Current library levy rate = 22¢ per \$1000 of assessed value
  - Provides 43 percent of WCCLS budget in FY24-25
  - Expires June 2026
- Next levy cycle = July 2026 to June 2031
- Board of County Commissioners considering a levy replacement (at increased rate) for library *and* public safety
  - Library: 15¢ increase to 37¢ per \$1000 AV
  - Public Safety: 19¢ increase to 66¢ per \$1000 AV
  - Levies would be to maintain current service levels
  - Public Hearing on levy measures scheduled for June 24





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*Questions?*