

# STATE OF THE CITY

CABOT, ARKANSAS  
2016

MAYOR BILL CYPERT

February 15, 2016



*Health, safety, education, quality, professionalism,  
and progress every day!*

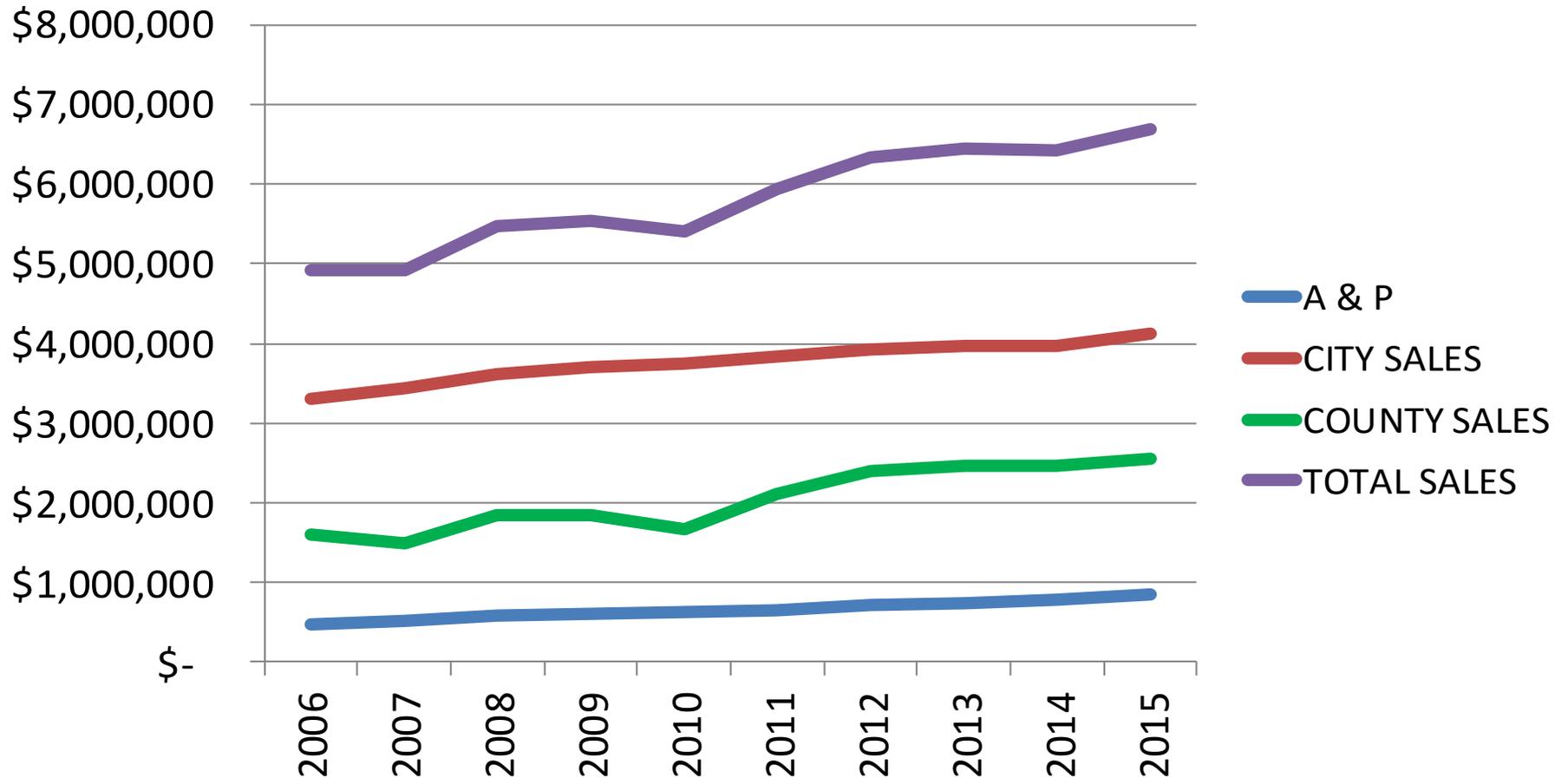
# **REVENUE, EXPENSES, GRANTS, SAVINGS 2015**

- **City sales tax revenue up 4.23% 2014 -2015**
- **County sales tax revenue up 3.99% 2014 -2015**
- **A & P tax revenue up 8.69% 2014 - 2015**
- **Total revenue and expenses basically on target**
- **In last five years city has received \$3,763,986 in grants**
- **Since 2011 \$241,526 annual and recurring and \$371,666 one time savings have been realized**

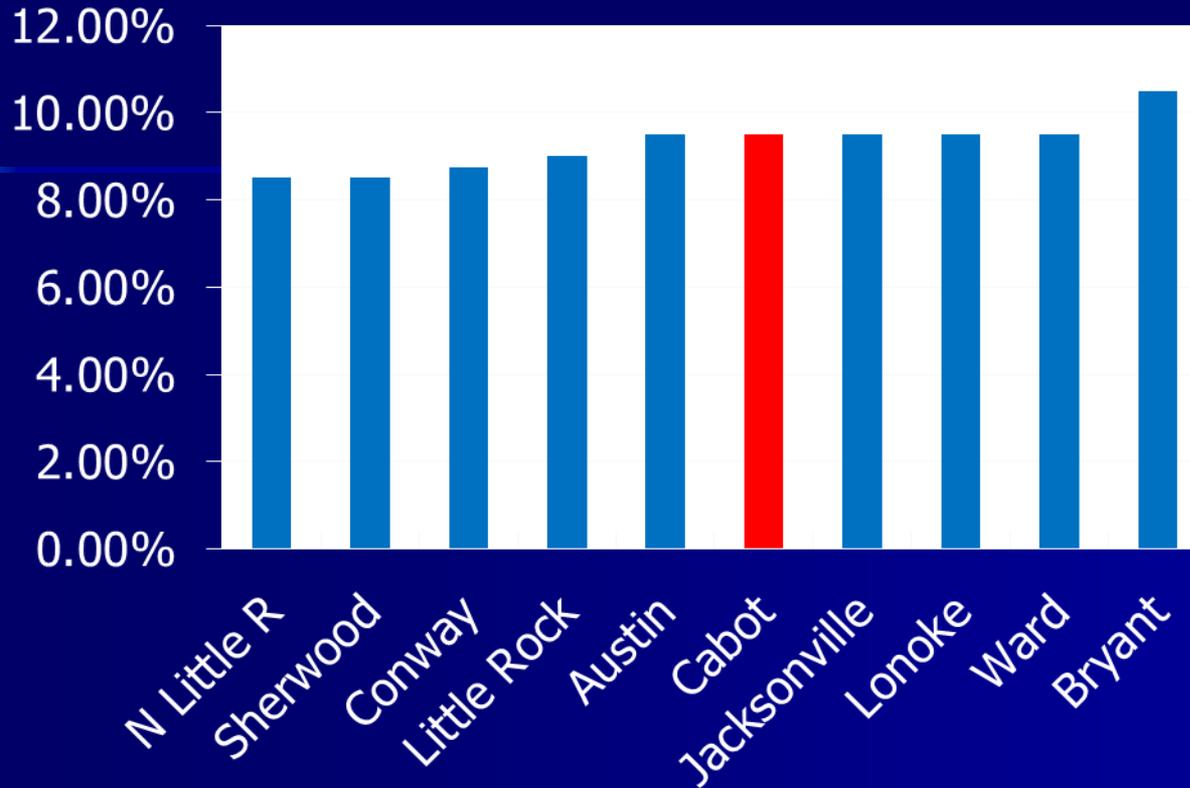
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## Tax Growth Rate History Since 2006

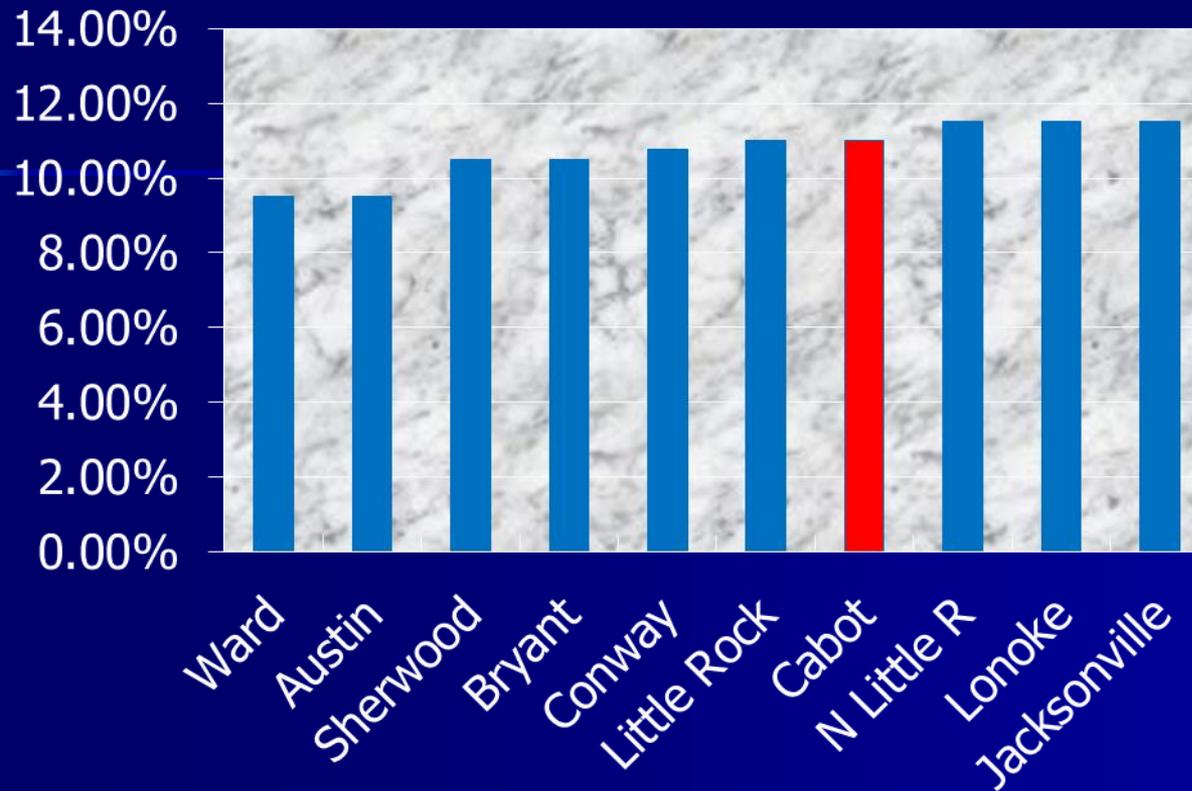
A & P 7.70% Annually  
City 2.53% Annually  
County 6.55% Annually



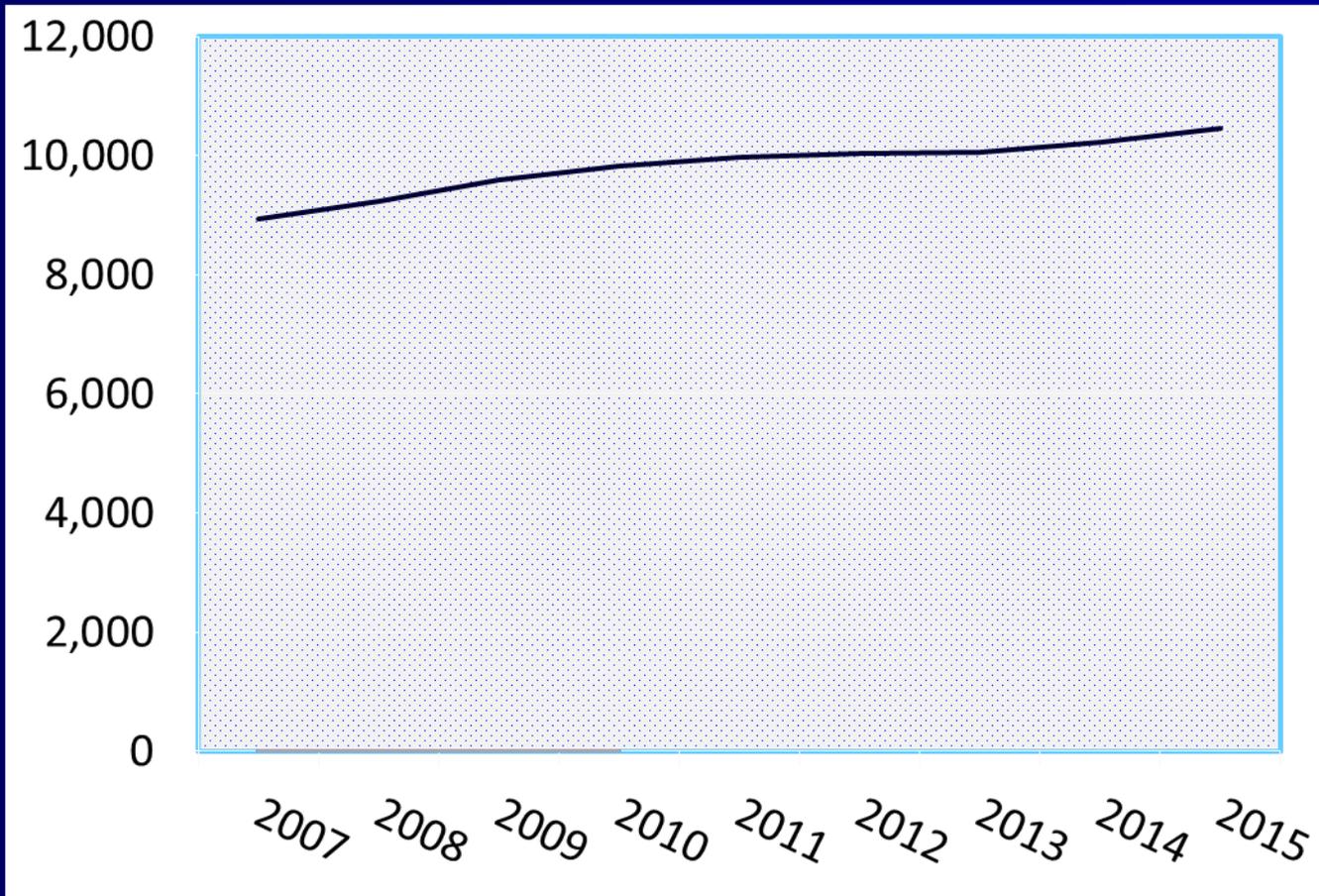
# ***Total Sales Tax W/O A & P***



# ***Total Sales Tax With A & P***

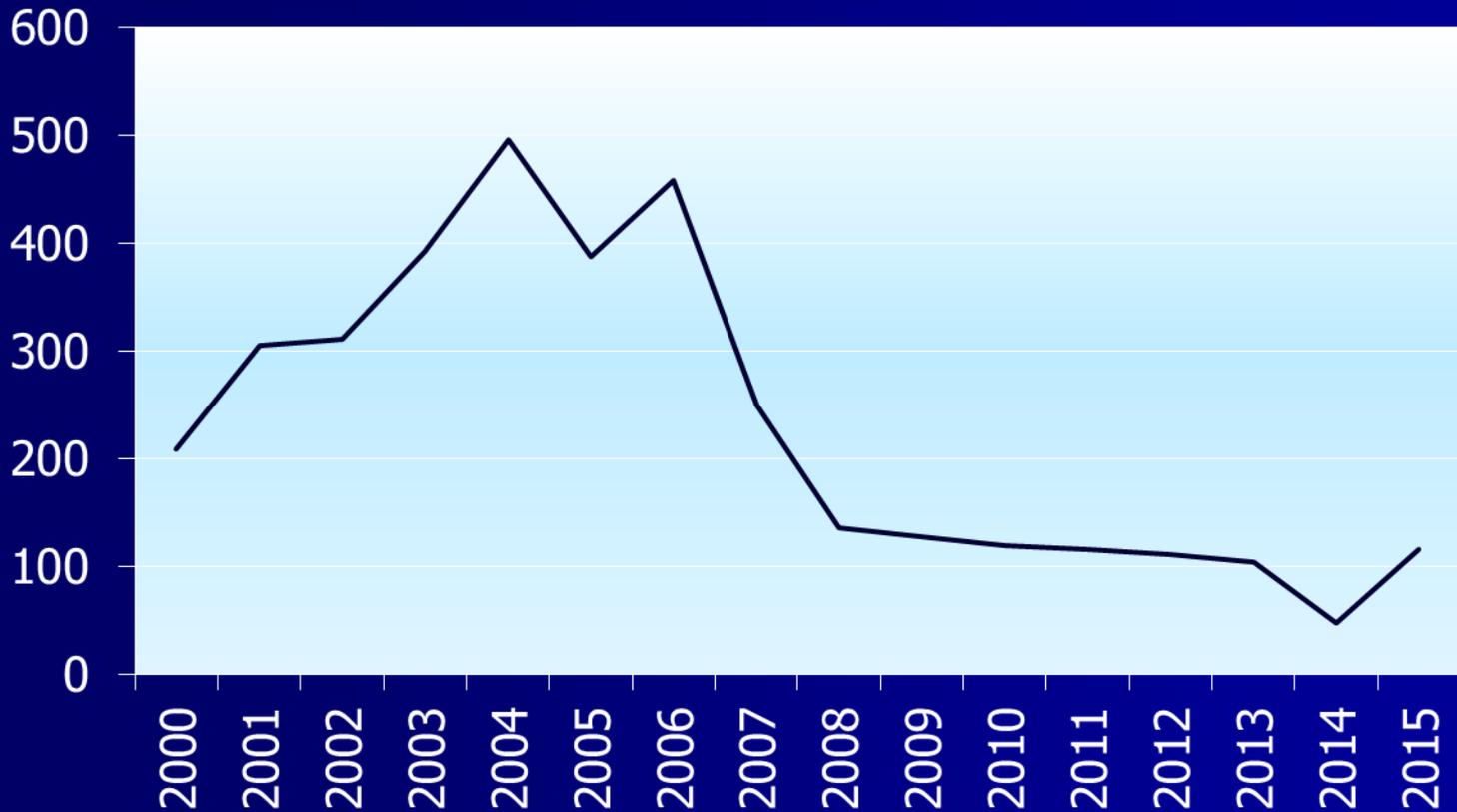


# CITY OF CABOT SCHOOL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT and PreK HISTORY 17.05% GROWTH SINCE 2007



# CITY OF CABOT NEW CONSTRUCTION BUILDING PERMITS HISTORY

## PERMITS

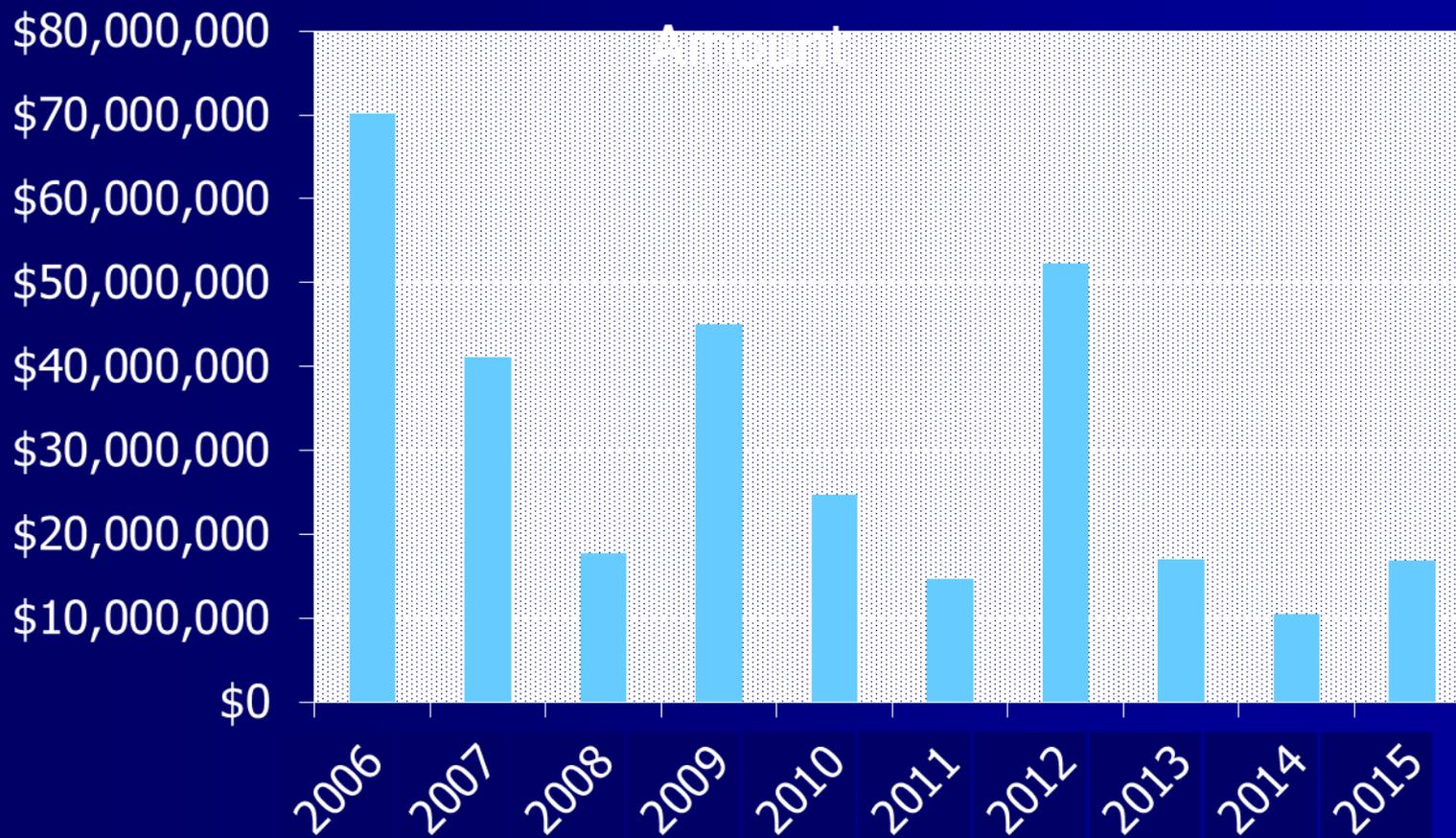


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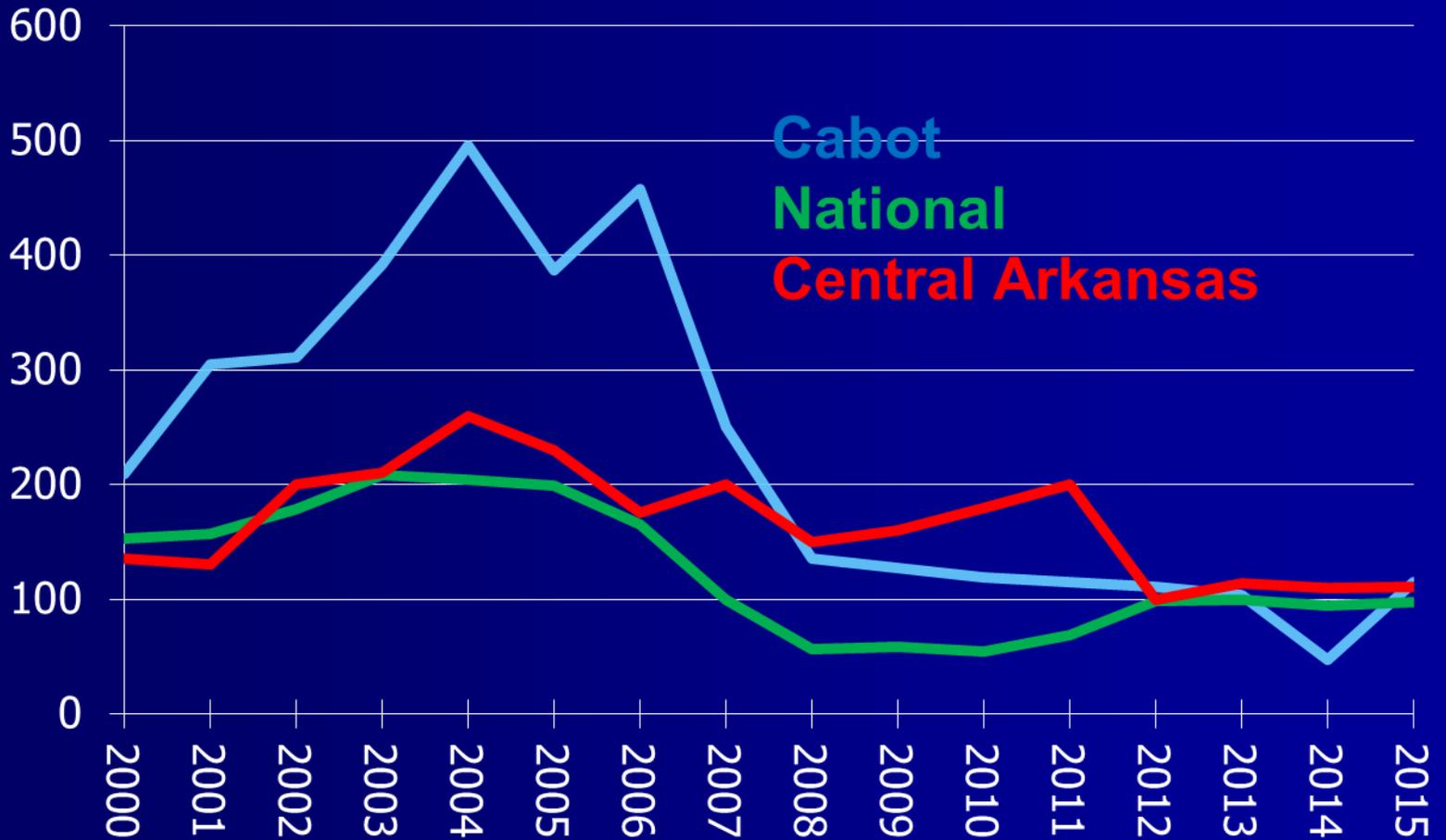
## BUILDING PERMIT NEW CONSTRUCTION

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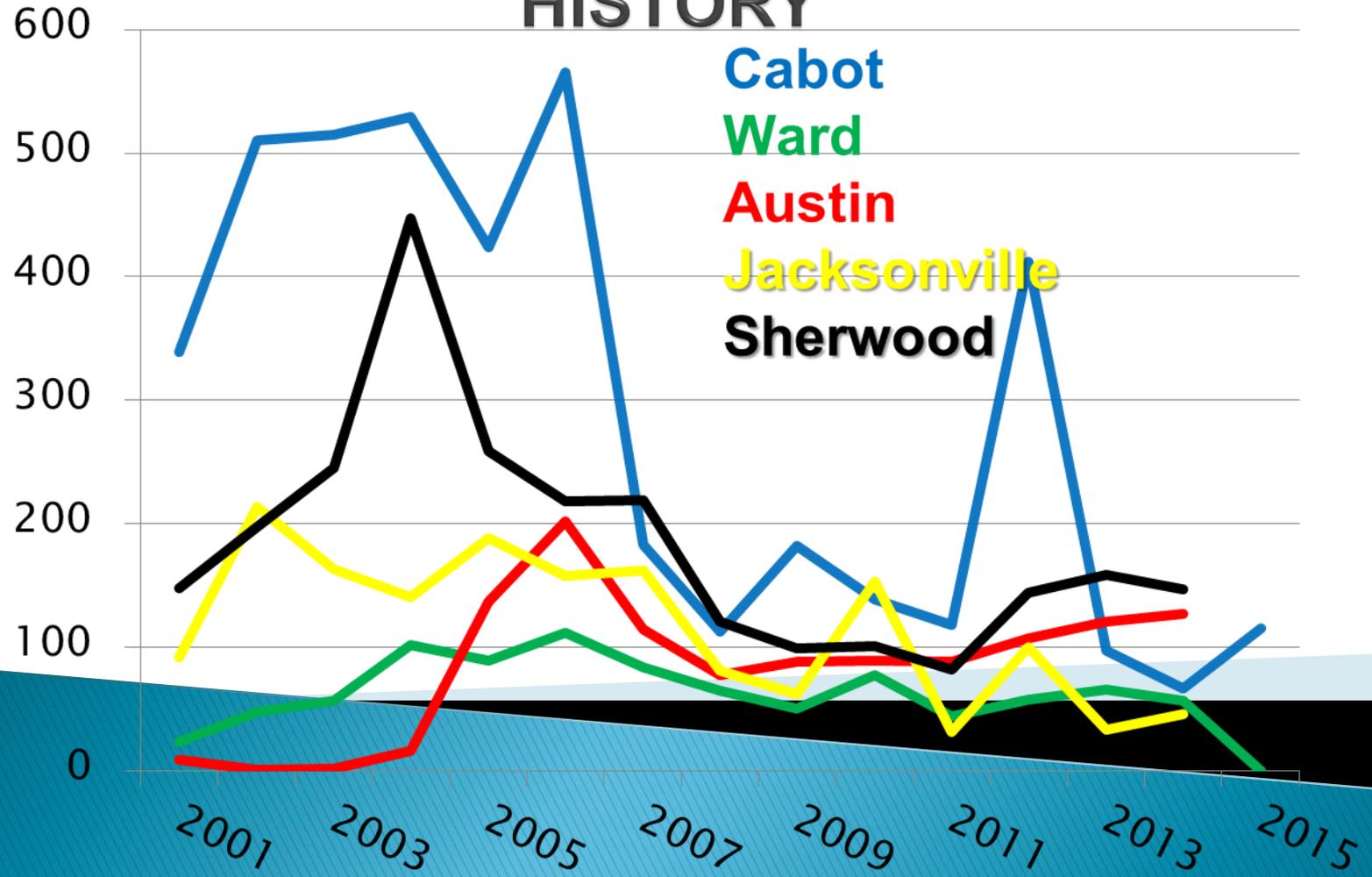
### HISTORY



# CITY OF CABOT NEW CONSTRUCTION BUILDING PERMIT HISTORY TREND

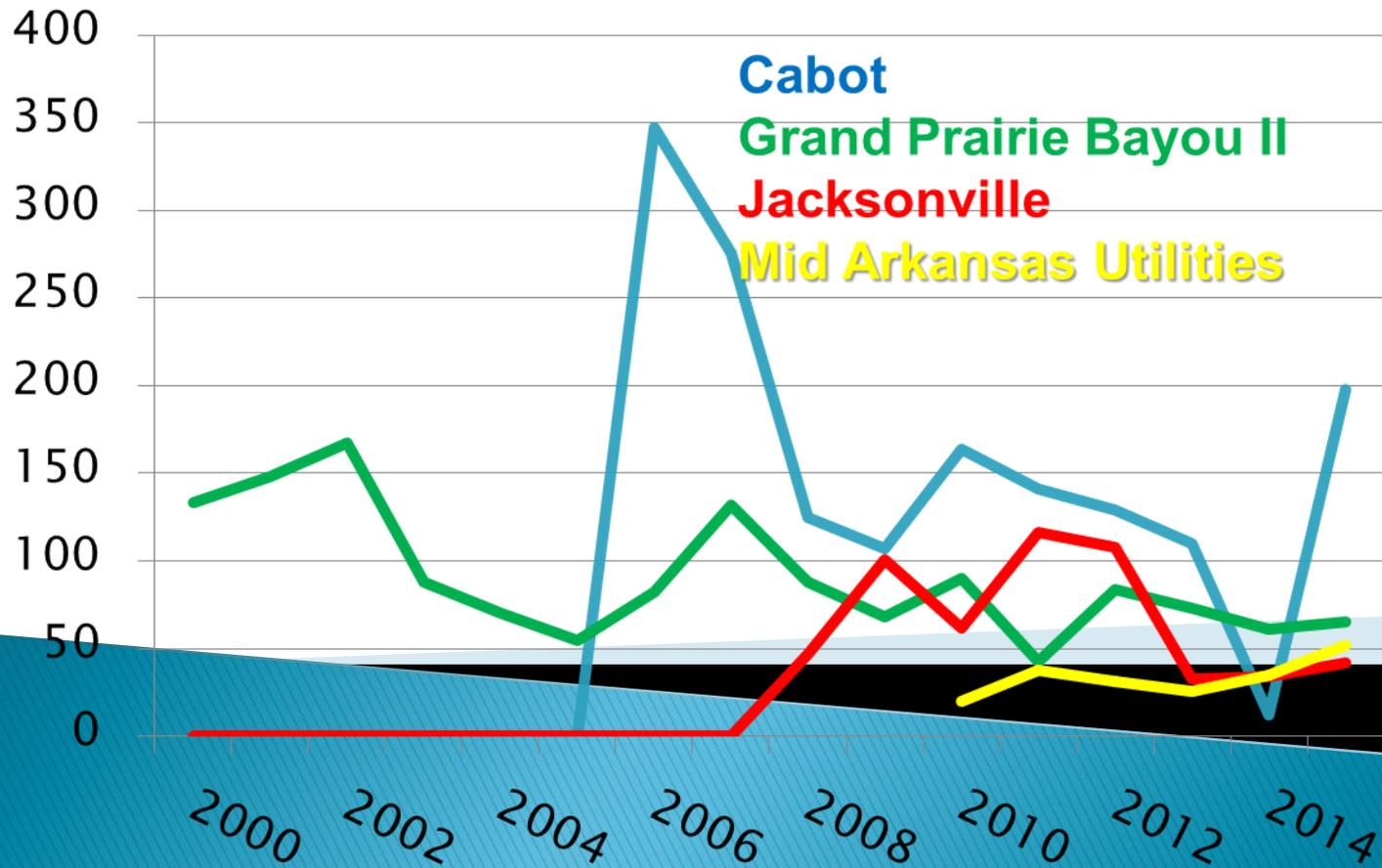


# CITY OF CABOT NEW CONSTRUCTION BUILDING PERMIT HISTORY



*Statistics from HomeFacts, where "0", information not available*

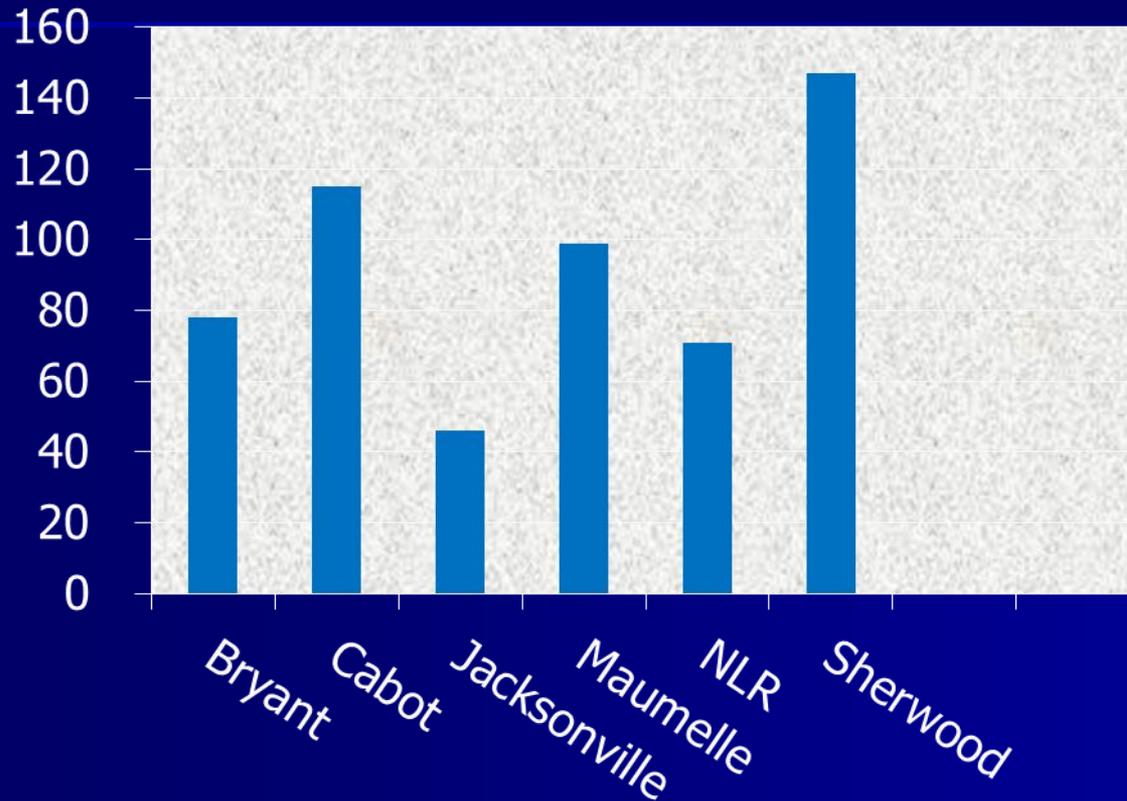
# CITY OF CABOT WATER CONNECTIONS HISTORY



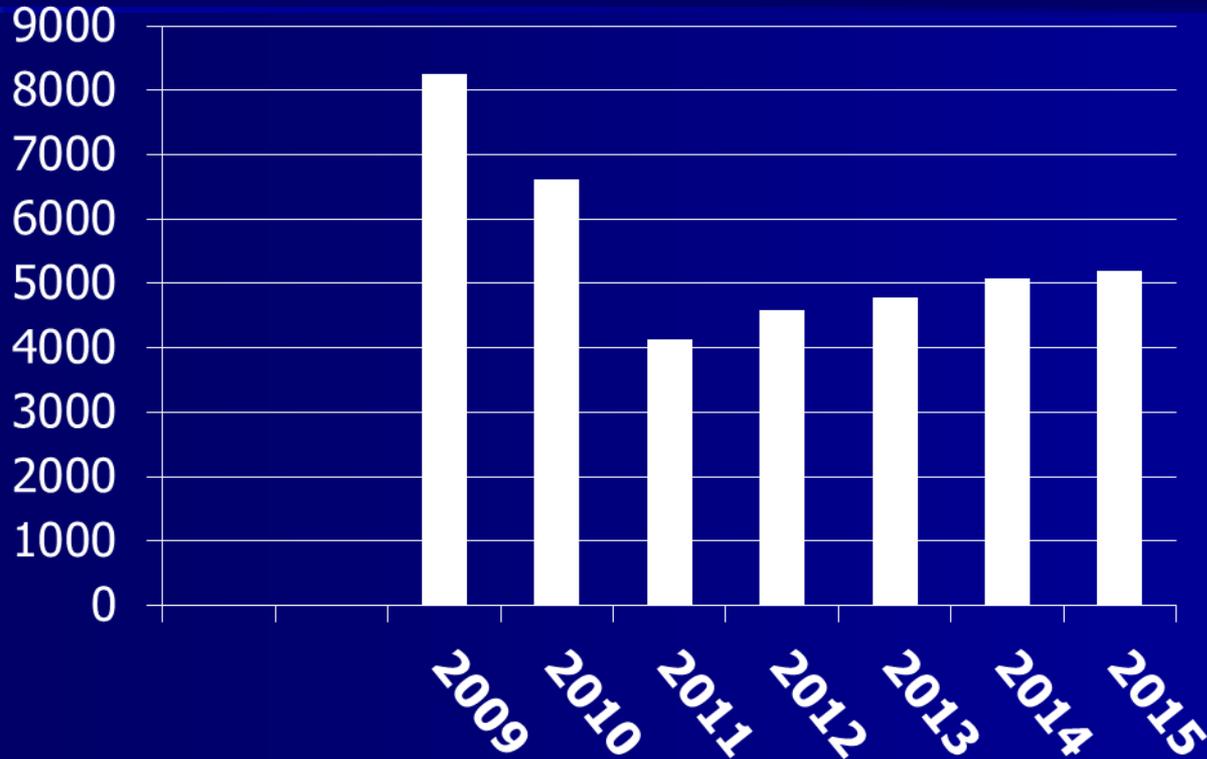
*Ward and Austin not available*

# ***NEW CONSTRUCTION BUILDING PERMITS***

***Most recent annual available***

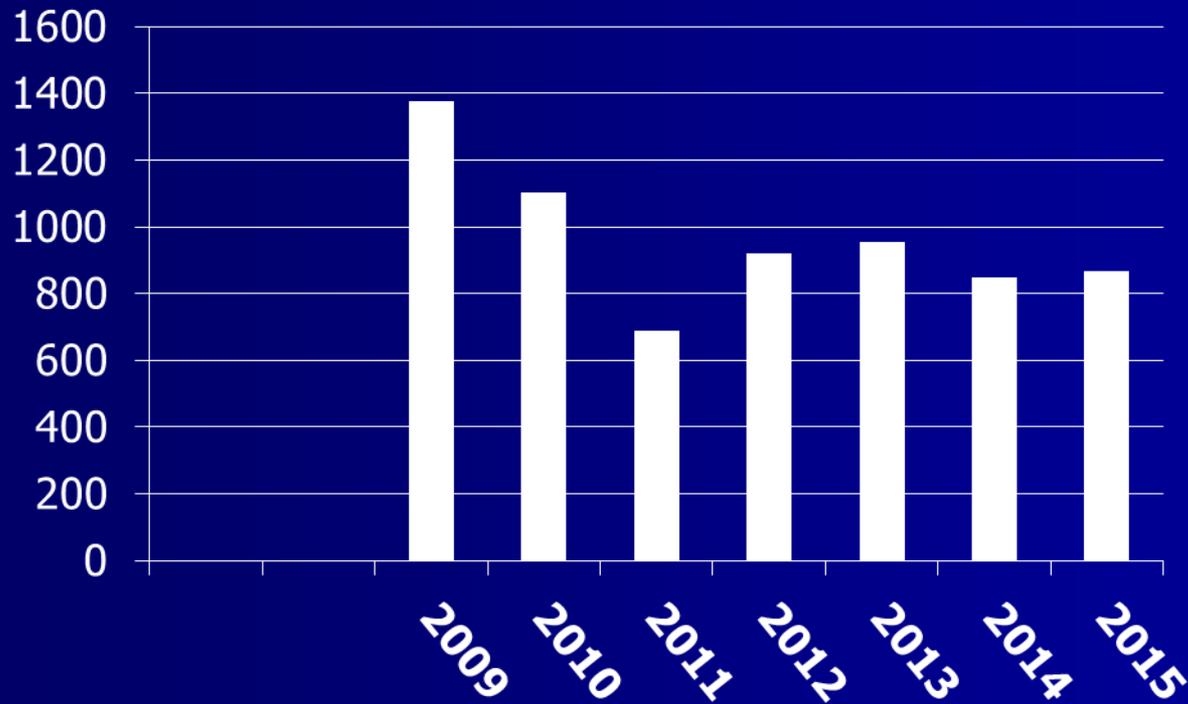


# ***CABOT DISTRICT COURT CASE FILINGS***

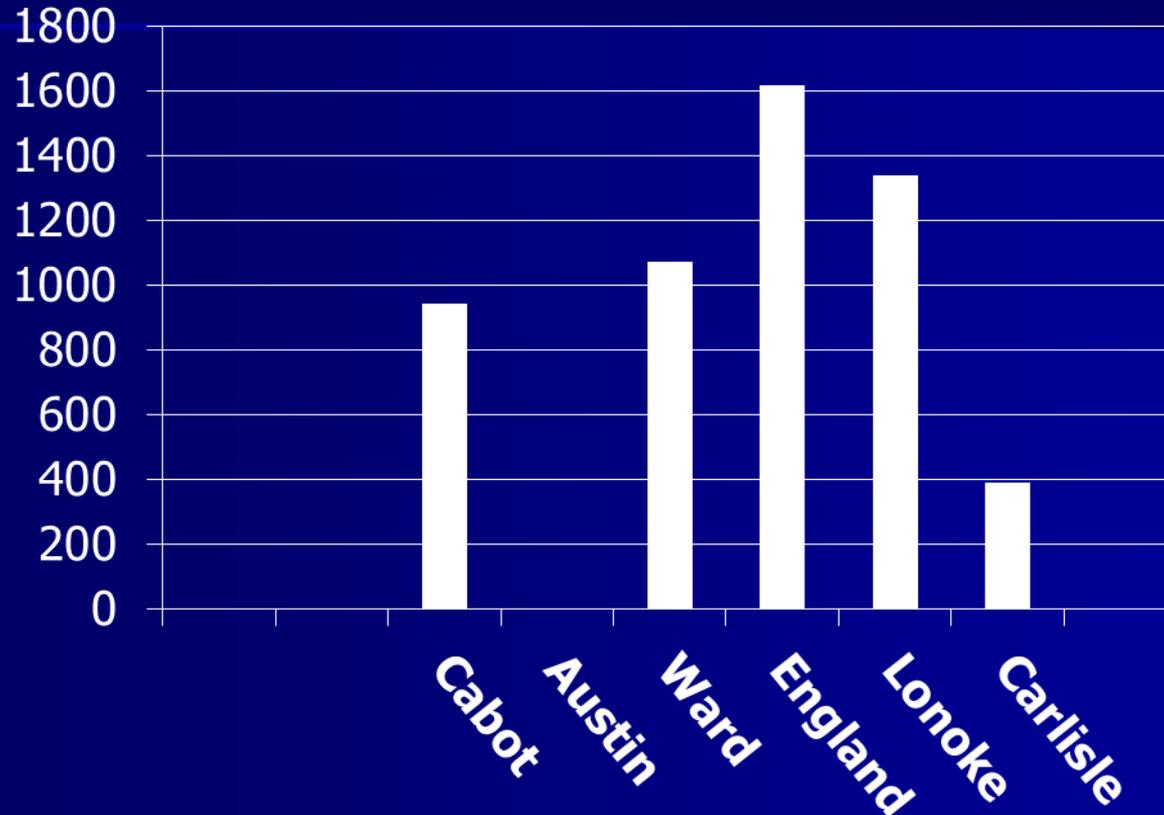


**As reported to the Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts  
By the Cabot District Court**

# ***CABOT DISTRICT COURT FILINGS PER STAFF***

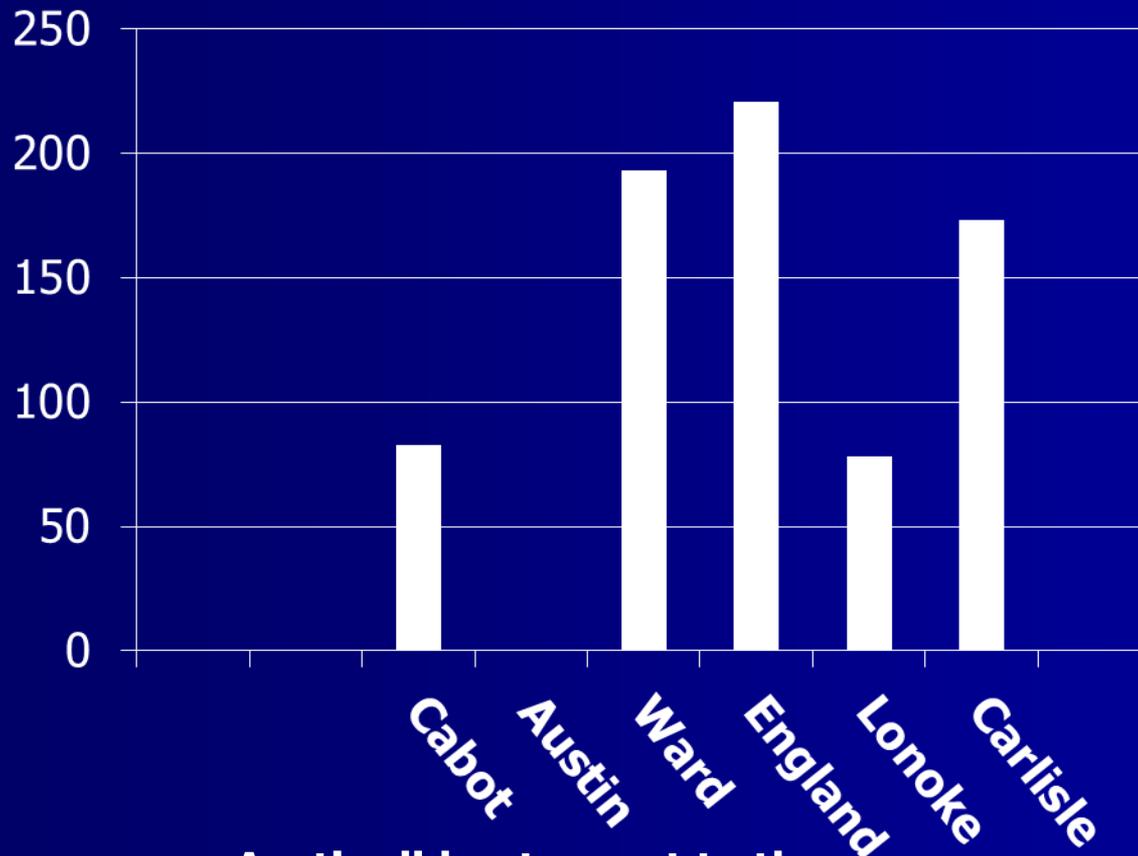


# ***LONOKE COUNTY DISTRICT COURTS FILINGS PER STAFF 2015 Filings***



**Austin did not report to the  
Administrative Office of the Courts in 2015**

***LONOKE COUNTY DISTRICT COURTS  
Revenue per Filing Reported by the  
Administrative Office of the Courts  
Fines and Costs Collected  
2015***



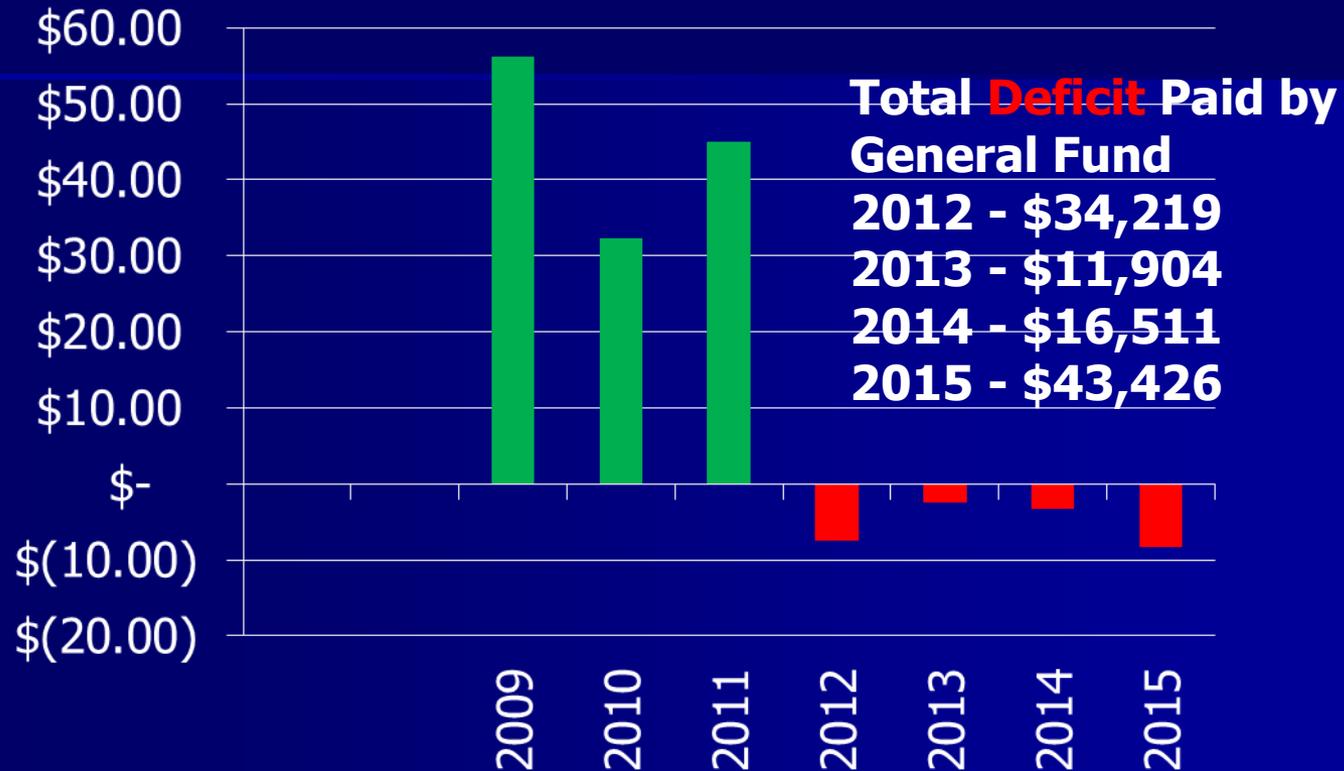
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# ***CABOT DISTRICT COURT REVENUE (DEFICIT FROM GENERAL FUND)***



***Total Deficit 2012 – 2015 \$106,060***

# ***CABOT DISTRICT COURT REVENUE PER FILING***



- **2012** Lonoke County, per State Statute, cut funding by \$122,102 annually
- **2012** Reduced staff from 6 to 5, 2014 increased to 6
- Filings reduced in part by technology preventing hot checks
- Filings reduced by law enforcement taking cases to other district courts or reduction in citations being written due to lack of confidence in court



# POSITIVE FACTS

- **School district of 10,463 students including Prek**
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Largest district in state and largest employer in the County**
  - The large school district attracts retiring grandparents**
  - Cabot school athletics consists of 81 teams in 15 sports**
  - 9 2015 National Merit Finalists**
- **Primary and secondary trade area population 91,000 plus**
- **School District population 41,000 plus**
- **450 Chamber of Commerce Members**
- **1,057 business licenses on record**
- **9,887 Water customers**
- **In top 20 of largest cities in Arkansas**
- **In 2015, 33 Chamber ribbon cuttings**
- **Second safest large city in Arkansas** 2014 FBI Crime Stats



# ASSETS

- **The LRAFB and economic impact of near one billion to the central Arkansas economy, approximately 40% of Cabot residents connected to base, 6<sup>th</sup> largest employer in Arkansas**
- **Small hometown family oriented atmosphere with big city amenities nearby**
- **One of the top BMX bike tracks in the central United States**
- **Sound water and wastewater infrastructure with long term capacity, strategic plans and funding**
- **One of the best school districts in the country comparable in size per capita student**

# **ASSETS, Continued**

- **Thirty plus evangelical church congregations in the city limits**
- **A caring and volunteering community with pride**
- **Close proximity to recreational lakes, fishing, deer hunting, duck hunting, and world class medical facilities (UAMS)**
- **Significant annexation and development potential within Cabot WaterWorks service area**
- **Major electrical power line and substation**
- **State-of-the –art Cabot Public Library**

# **ASSETS, Continued**

- **State-of-the-art Armory with meeting facilities and more opportunities for military connections**
- **A trained workforce with good work ethics**
- **Close to higher education and technical education facilities**
- **Lonoke County Christian Clinic**

# ASSETS, Continued

- **Located on planned interstate route (I 30) to St Louis, interstate status currently being explored**
- **Immediately adjacent to the Little Rock metro and central Arkansas areas that have a great deal of potential for commercial expansion due to out of state firms looking for friendly tax structures, good business environments, and high quality of life for employees**
  - Central Arkansas is listed in Kiplinger's most recent "10 Great Places to Live"
  - Moody's Investment Services has rated central Arkansas as the second most-diverse economy in the nation, just a tad behind Chicago

# ASSETS, Continued

- **A broad base of community support and involvement in youth sports and other diverse recreational and community activities** such as the Cabot Community Theatre and new Skate Park currently being relocated due to new Event Center construction
- **Potential for significant expansion of rooftops and commercial ventures due to population projected to double by 2050**

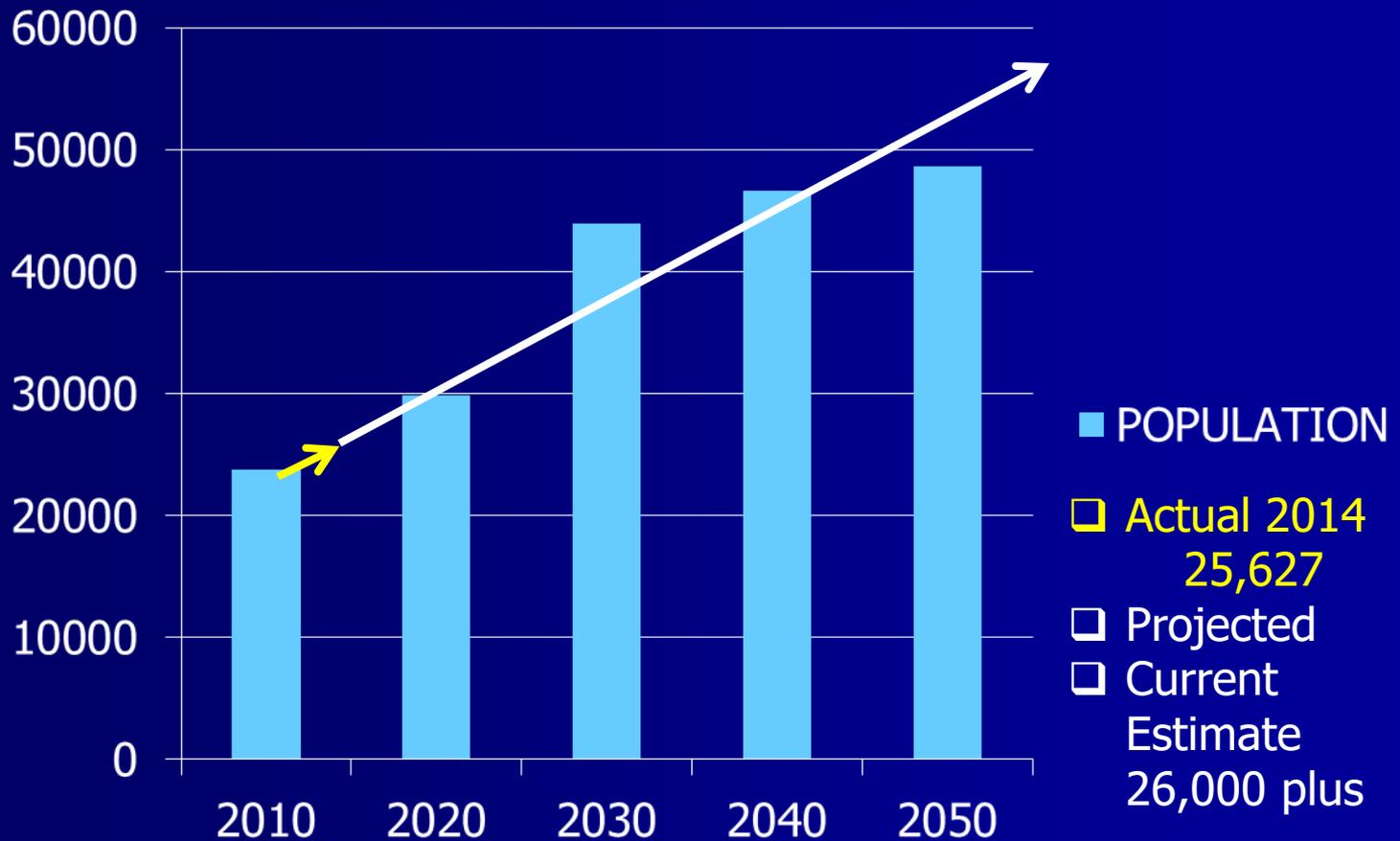
# **ASSETS, Continued**

- **Home of a 32 lane state-of-the-art family bowling facility**
- **Dual railroad for potential future mass transportation to Little Rock Metro area**
- **Near both a national and regional airport with ILS and large jet runways**
- **Two different major roadways to Little Rock Metro Area**
- **Rail spur availability for industry, manufacturing, trucking, etc.**

# POPULATION PROJECTIONS METROPLAN



## POPULATION



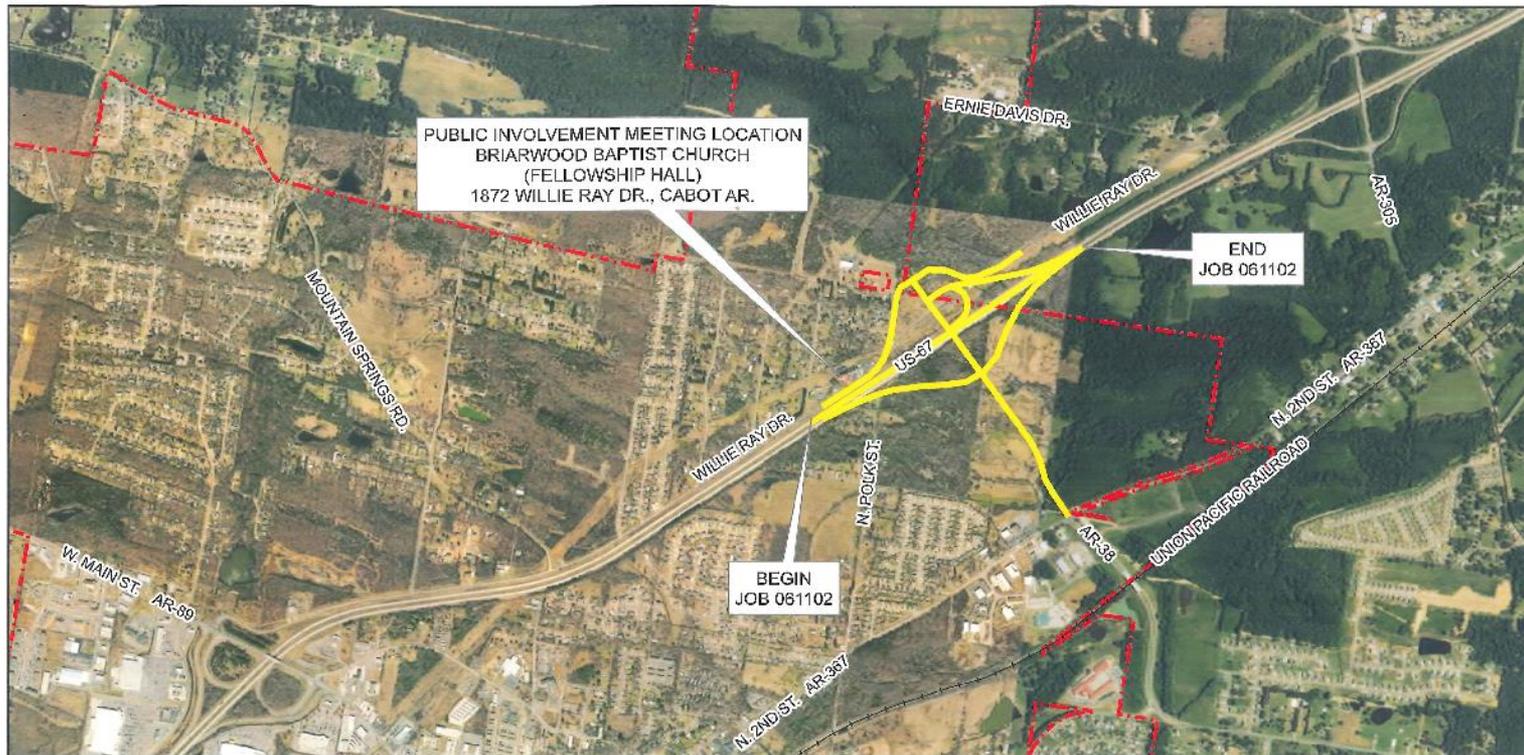
# **ASSETS, Continued**

- **1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Rick Crawford maintains constituent office**
- **State-of-the-art Cabot Public Health Unit**
- **Arkansas State University at Beebe with a campus at the LRAFB**
- **CabotFest**
- **StrawberryFest**
- **One of the top fastest growing cities in Arkansas**
- **Local medical express facilities providing physician-led, treatment for illnesses, injuries, employer services, and basic wellness and preventative health care**

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2015

- **North Cabot Interchange design, environmental, right of way acquisition, and utility relocation toward bid and letting of a contract in late 2016 with final construction in late 2018 early 2019, currently on target**
- **New Cabot Public Library completed**
- **Continued construction of wastewater collection system improvements to be complete in mid 2016 including eliminating sanitary sewer overflows, reducing expensive long term lift stations, and vast improvement city wide in capacity for growth , currently on target with Greystone lift station out of service**
- **Construction of baseball and football sports complex, softball field expansion and upgrades, and water sports complex all projected for completion April 2016**
- **Began construction of new event center and exercise facility and safe room with projected completion in the 3rd quarter 2016**
- **Magness Creek Safe Routes to School Bridge**
- **Central Detention Pond**
- **Kerr Station Drainage Improvement Project with three new bridges on Kerr Station Road**
- **New Fire Truck**

# North Cabot Interchange



**Hwy. 67 Interchange (N. of Cabot)**  
Lonoke County, Arkansas  
JOB 061102

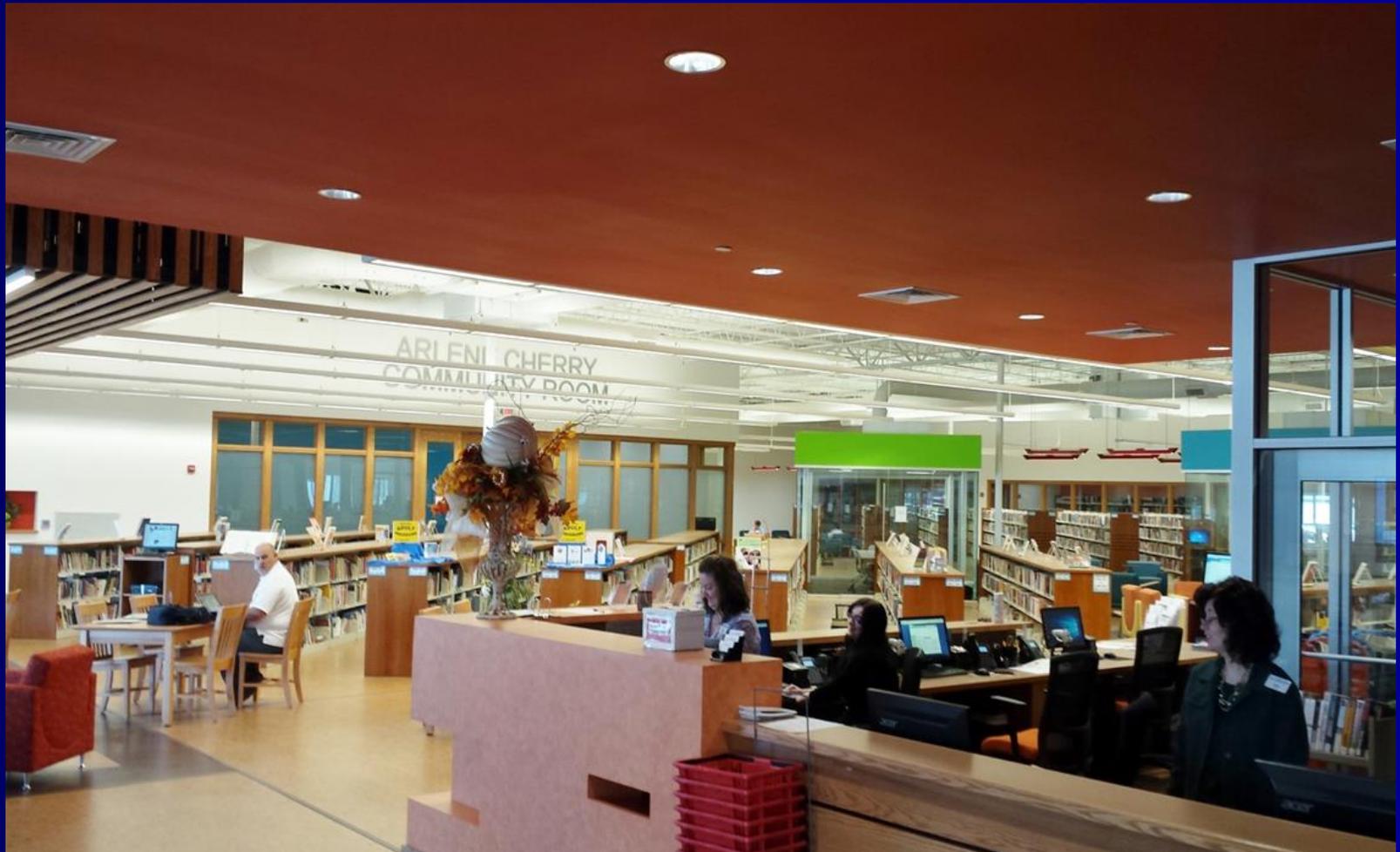


NOTES:


# Cabot Public Library



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# WasteWater Collection System Improvements



**New WasteWater Sludge Lagoon  
@ WasteWater Treatment Facility**



**Four Mile Creek Sleeve**



**Four Mile Creek Pump Station**



**Bore SH 321 Sports Complex**



**Gravity Line SH 321  
To Treatment Facility**

# Cabot Sports Complex

Includes baseball, softball, and football fields



# Cabot Aquatic Complex



# New Event and Exercise Facility with Safe Room



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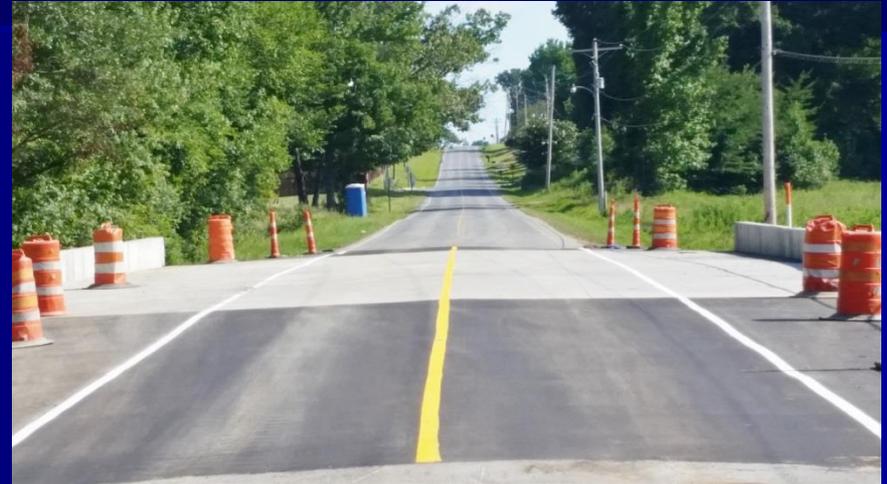
# Magness Creek Safe Routes to School Bridge



# Central Detention Pond



# Kerr Station Drainage System Improvements with Three New Bridges on Kerr Station Road



# New Fire Truck



# THE FUTURE FOR CABOT, ARKANSAS

*Very positive and bright!*



# **CABOT, ARKANSAS**

## **2016 *Forward***

- ❖ **11 Major Projects beginning or in progress with completions spanning the period**
- ❖ **Additional projects will be potentially initiated by the "Community Development" function**
- ❖ **Multimillion Dollar Street Overlay Projects that will Continue through 2023 with grant and state turnback funding**
- ❖ **Traffic Signal Network connectivity and "Real Time" Management**
- ❖ **StreetScape 9<sup>th</sup> Street to Exit 19, next phase 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> funding obtained and targeted for 2016 / 2017 with 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> streets to follow**
- ❖ **Implementation of Master Parks and Recreation strategic plan currently under development by a consultant for potential renovation of existing and new neighborhood facilities including Richie Road pool complex, North Lonoke County facility, dog park, and potential larger therapy complex at the Community Center, plan complete and on schedule to be adopted by the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council by the end of March 2016**

# **CABOT, ARKANSAS**

## **2016 –*Forward* Continued**

- ❑ **New directional signage on the City Hall Complex with grant funding nearing completion**
- ❑ **Ongoing beautification projects continuing along the US 67/167 corridor and other parts of the city**
- ❑ **Bid and contract award for Highlands Drainage Improvements where residents will provide easements in phases across five drainage basins through the subdivision targeted for 2016 / 2017**
- ❑ **Design and obtain funding for new central fire station to be located at the corner of Richie Road and South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (corner in front of Renew Church), includes new quint fire truck, property being purchased, timeframe 2017 / 2018**
- ❑ **Purchase another new pumper fire truck November 2016**
- ❑ **Relocate the Senior Center to the old library with facility improvements and enhance programs and services with a new agreement with the Lonoke County Council on Aging who would also operate the old Senior Center facility as a small Event Center, timeframe start 2016 into 2017**

# **CABOT, ARKANSAS**

## **2016 – *Forward* Continued**

- ❑ **Implement residential household waste pickup automation by mid March 2016, no changes to recycle, yard, and bulky waste**
- ❑ **Finalize, publish and keep updated Comprehensive plan for the City of Cabot, and filed with Lonoke and Pulaski Counties**
  - **Corridor plans**
  - **Planning Area Boundaries**
  - **Access Management Plans**
  - **Master Street Plan**
  - **Master Sidewalk Plan – Walkable 2016 an update from 2007**
  - **Parks and Recreation Master Plan, complete 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2016**
  - **Fire Station Plan**
- **Procure and implement of a state-of-the-art web site**
- **Continue strengthening US Congressional delegation relationships for community development, federal highway funding, and grants through personal visits and connection to Washington Congressional offices**

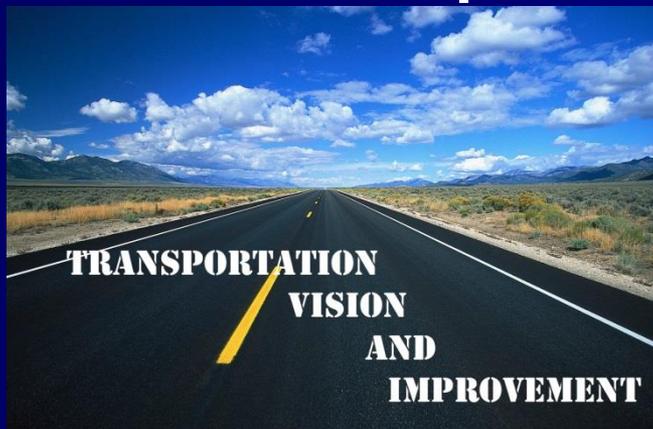
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## **2016 – *Forward* Continued**

- **Continued to build partnerships and enhance relationships with:**
  - **The Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department**
  - **Metroplan and member cities and counties**
  - **Little Rock Air Force Base**
  - **Camp Robinson**
  - **United States Congressional delegation**
  - **State Legislature delegation**
  - **Cabot School District**
  - **CAPDD, Central Arkansas Planning and Development District**
  - **Cabot Chamber of Commerce**
  - **Central Arkansas Regional Solid Waste Management District**
  - **TEX21 Transportation EXcellence for the Twenty First Century**
  - **Arkansas Municipal League**

# Transportation Vision and Improvement Plan

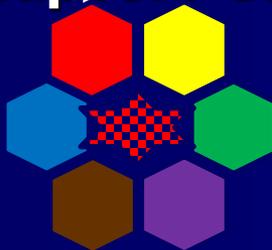
- Detailed plan and current report on the city web site
- Major needed projects currently include:
  - North Cabot Interchange, in progress and on target
  - Adaptive signal control and management, in progress
  - Exit 16 & 19 interchange renovations
  - SH 321 capacity improvement 2 to 4 lanes from Exit 16 to SH 89
  - SH 5 Capacity improvement 2 to 4 lanes from SH 89 to Magness Creek
  - All of the above requested on the Metroplan and AHTD Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan 2016 - 2020



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## 2016 Ongoing

- ❑ City leadership of function with budget funding and City Council Committee
- ❑ Further define and improve quality of life, education, job opportunities, and infrastructure for the long term with input and support of community residents and businesses
- ❑ Partnership and team concept with city and commissions to potentially provide infrastructure incentives
- ❑ Develop *community profile* for perspective business and interests in the community, in progress, complete mid 2016
- ❑ Provide interaction and synergy from the mayoral administration and Chamber of Commerce to effectuate and support economic development



*Imagine!*

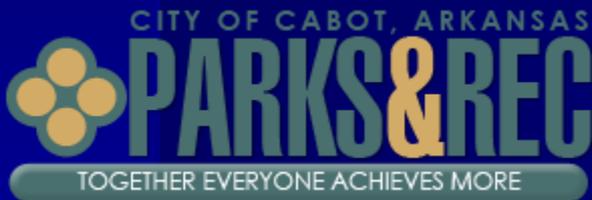
**CABOT**

Thinking out of the box

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*Quality of life is economic development, we are building a city where your kids and grandkids will want to live and have opportunity to do so!*

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- ***Cabot, Arkansas A Destination for Achievement and Quality of Life!***



**I WANT TO PERSONALLY  
THANK EACH VETERAN  
AND ACTIVE MILITARY  
MEMBER FOR SERVING  
OUR COUNTRY!**



**Working together Cabot will be one of the best places in America to live, work, and invest! "Team Cabot"**

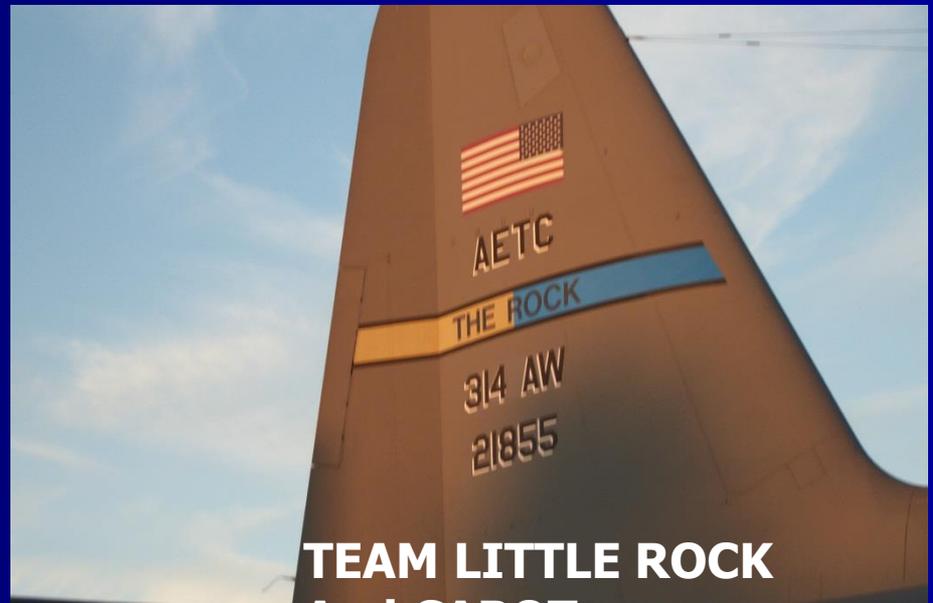
- **Thank you and may God bless Cabot, Arkansas, and the USA**

**Coming together is a beginning.  
Keeping together is progress.  
Working together is success!**

**Henry Ford**

***Alone we can do so little;  
Together we can do so much!***

***-HELEN KELLER***



**TEAM LITTLE ROCK  
And CABOT,  
ARKANSAS**