



DAVE LONG

Monroe County Legislator



An introduction to and updates from the Legislature



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New York**

Agenda

- **About me and my leadership journey**
- **What is County government?**
- **The Monroe County Legislature**
- **Recent activity and projects**

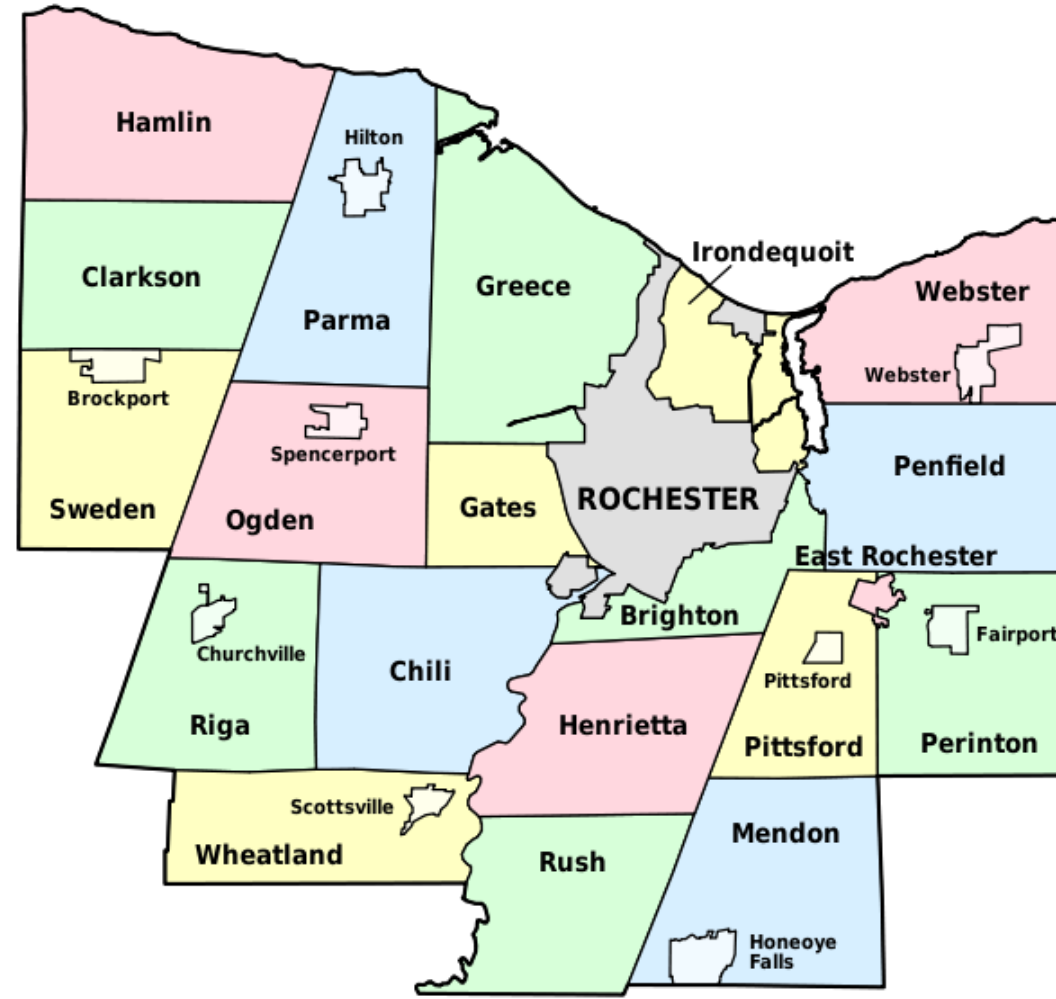


Community government

- Made up of neighbors
- Helps keep citizens safe
- Brings people together



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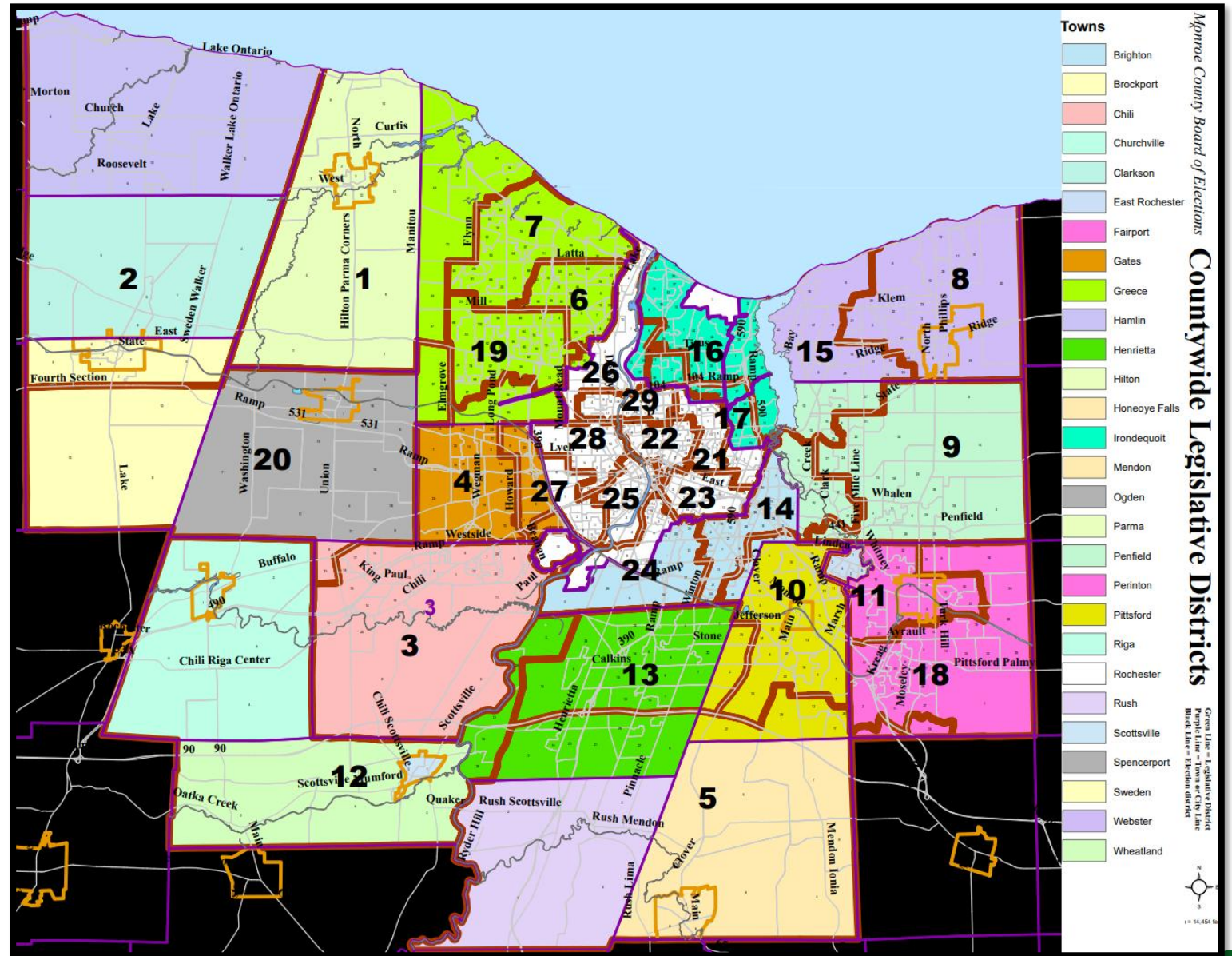
About the Legislature

- Established on February 23, 1821 from parts of neighboring Genesee and Ontario Counties, the county was named after United States President James Monroe. The first meeting of the 43 member Board of Supervisors took place on May 8, 1821, and the first County Manager was appointed by the Board in 1936. The Monroe County Charter became effective in 1967 creating the 29 member County Legislature which replaced the Board of Supervisors. In 1980, the Charter was amended to provide for the direct election of a County Executive for a four-year term beginning in 1984.
- Currently, each Legislator represents about 25,000 residents



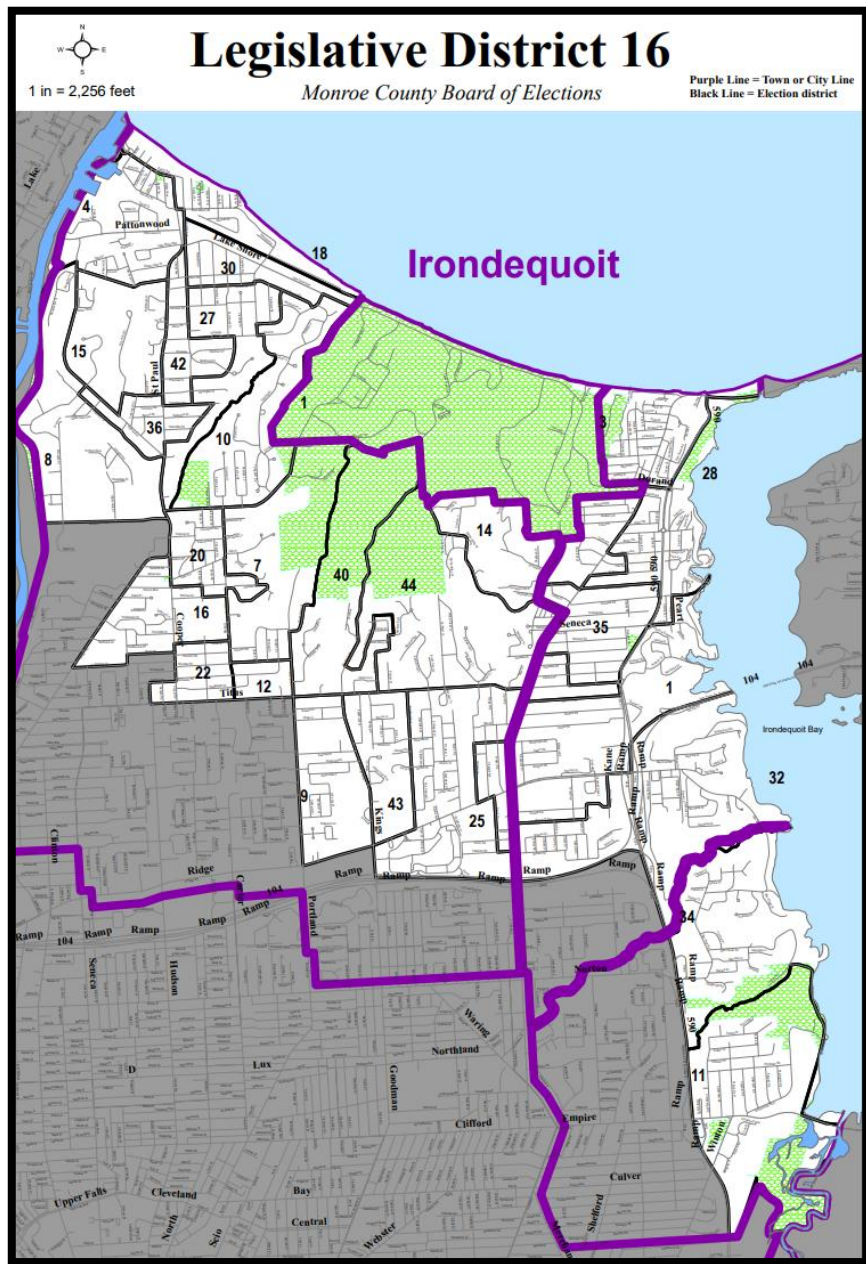
29 Monroe County Legislative Districts

- 10-year term limit
- Designed to be part-time
- Committees and full Legislature meet once per month



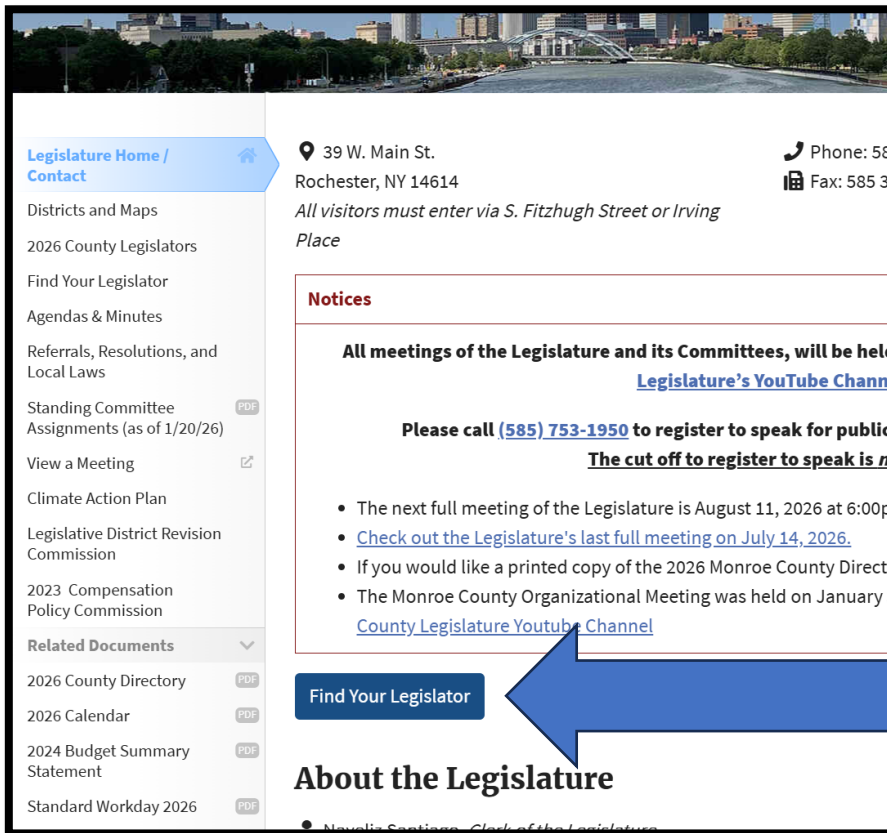
<https://www.monroecounty.gov/elections-maps>





How to find your legislator

- www.monroecounty.gov/legislature



The screenshot shows the Monroe County Legislature website. The header includes the address "39 W. Main St. Rochester, NY 14614" and contact information: "Phone: 585 338 1234" and "Fax: 585 338 1234". A navigation menu on the left lists various links such as "Legislature Home / Contact", "Districts and Maps", "2026 County Legislators", "Find Your Legislator", "Agendas & Minutes", "Referrals, Resolutions, and Local Laws", "Standing Committee Assignments (as of 1/20/26)", "View a Meeting", "Climate Action Plan", "Legislative District Revision Commission", "2023 Compensation Policy Commission", and "Related Documents". The main content area features a "Notices" section with the heading "All meetings of the Legislature and its Committees, will be held" and a link to the "Legislature's YouTube Channel". Below this, it states "Please call (585) 753-1950 to register to speak for public" and "The cut off to register to speak is 7:00pm". A list of upcoming events is provided, including the next full meeting on August 11, 2026, and a link to the last full meeting on July 14, 2026. A blue arrow points from the "Find Your Legislator" button in the sidebar to the "Find Your Legislator" button in the main content area.

Find Your Legislator

Use the form below to look up your legislator. [View all county legislators](#)

Note: When entering "street name", select a suggestion from the dropdown list to ensure it is entered correctly.

Street #	Street Name	Zip Code	
	Search...		Search



Legislator duties*

- **Prepare for and attend assigned committee meetings and full Legislature meeting**
 - Public Safety (chair)
 - Intergovernmental Relations (vice-chair)
 - Agenda/Charter
- **Serve as member or liaison to boards and attend meetings**
 - Cornell Cooperative Extension – Monroe County
 - Monroe County Water Authority
 - Law Enforcement Council
- **Constituent engagement**
 - Connect with other elected officials at all levels of government
 - Emails and phone calls from constituents as a resource
 - Showing up wherever and whenever



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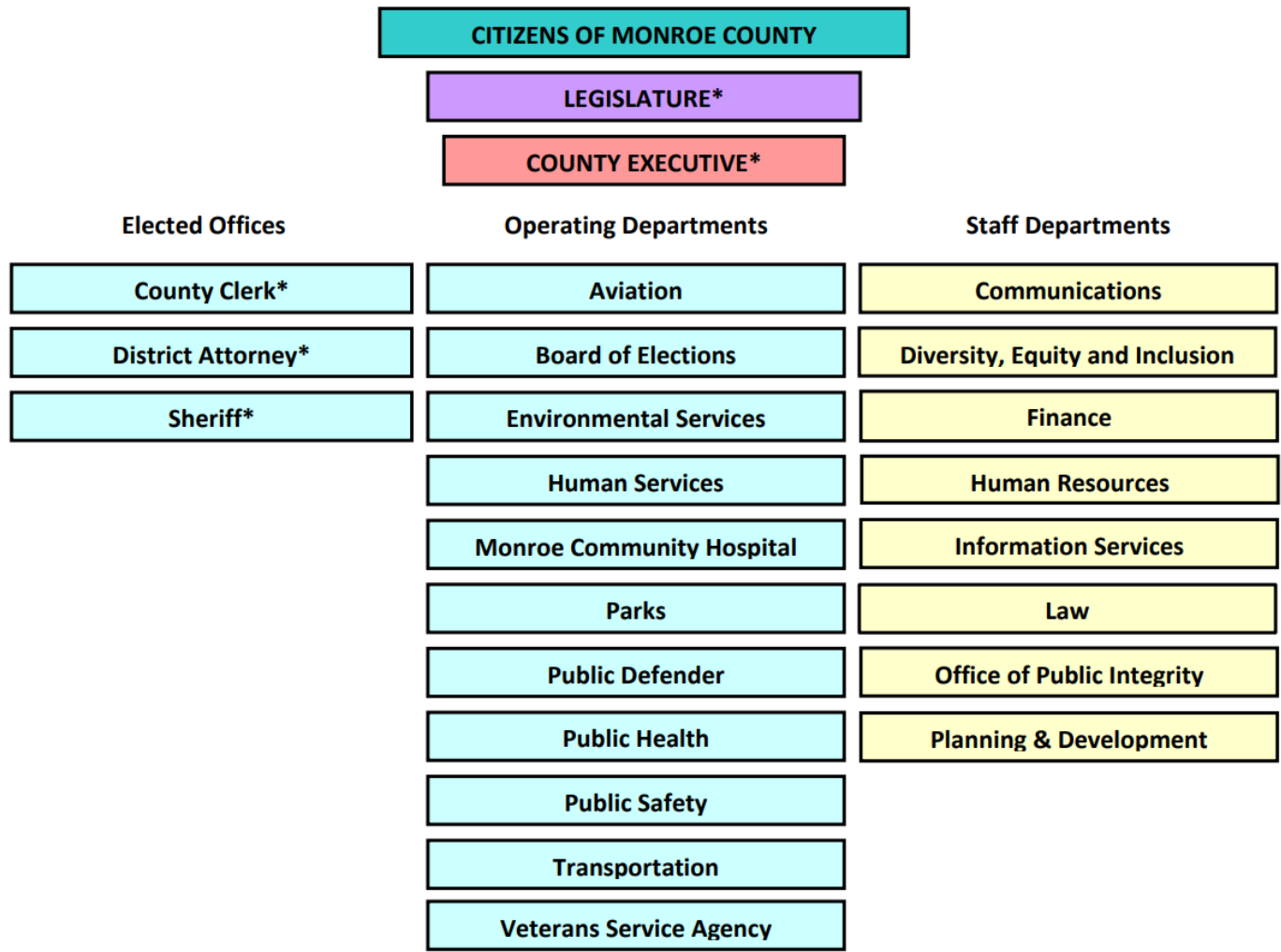


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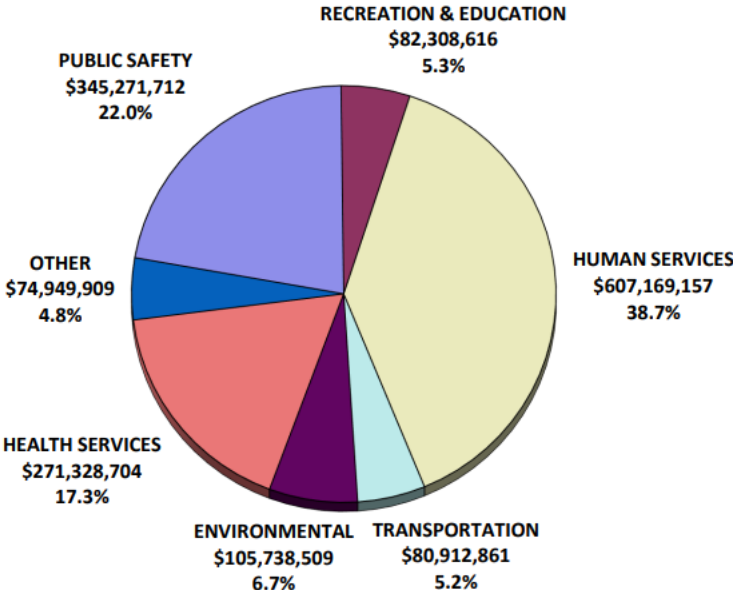
Monroe County Government



Monroe County Budget

**2026 OPERATING BUDGET
TOTAL EXPENSES
WHERE THE MONEY GOES
BY FUNCTIONAL AREA**

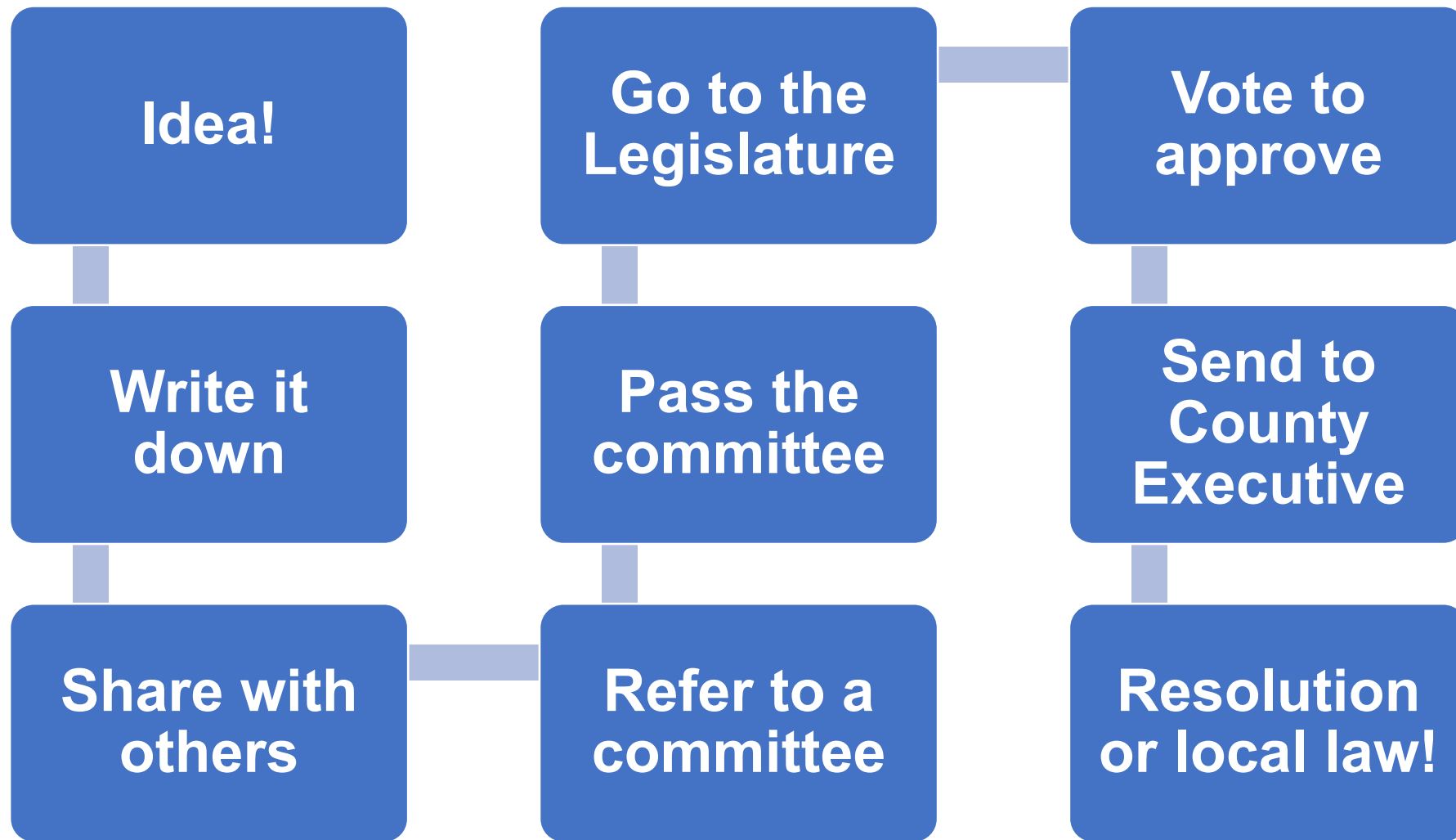
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<https://www.monroecounty.gov/files/finance/2026%20Adopted%20Budget.pdf?a>



How an idea becomes a law

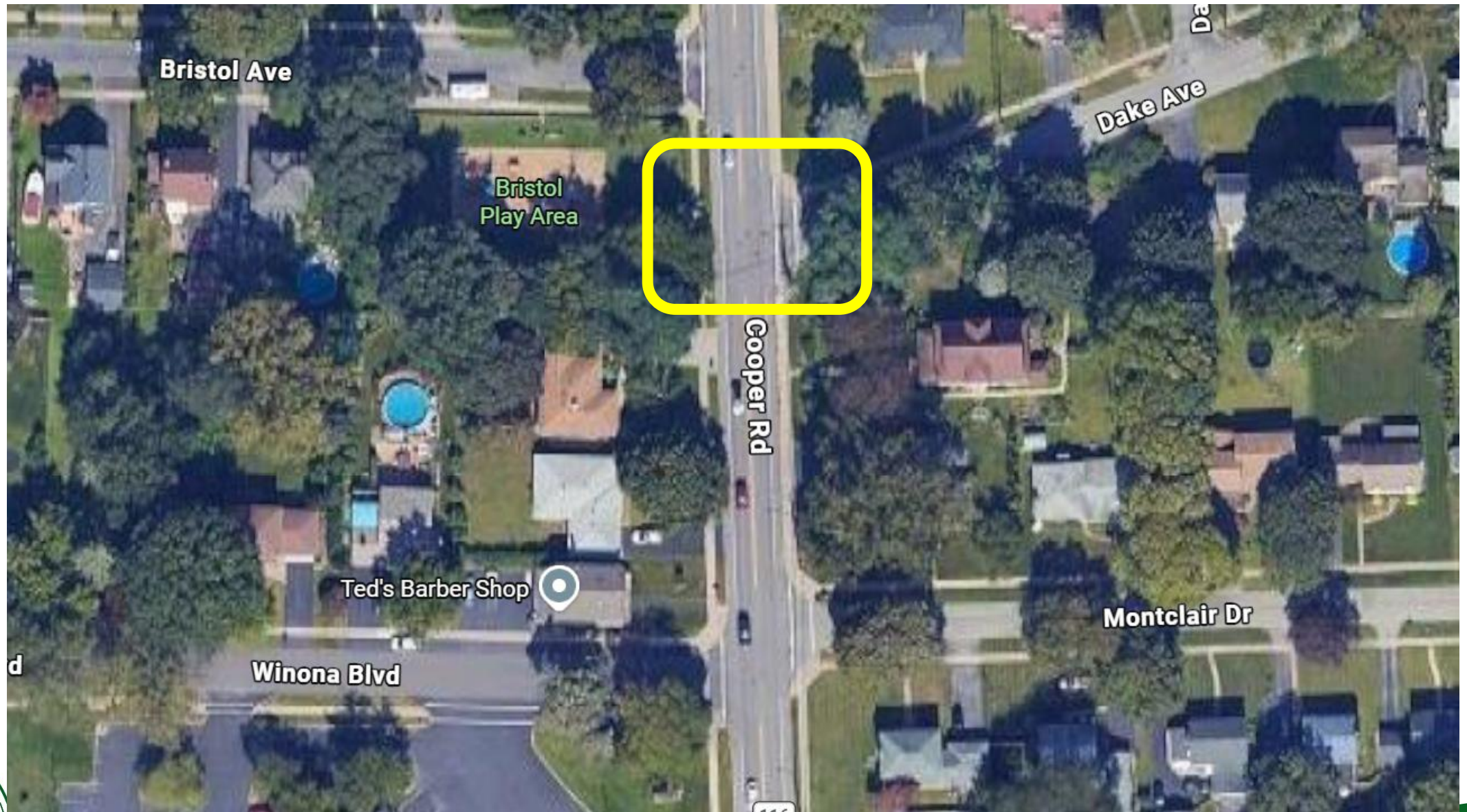


Meetings in person and on YouTube



Convening and collaboration







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Updates from recent Legislative action



Lesson learned



Hanlon's razor is a rule of thumb stating,
"Never attribute to malice that which is
adequately explained by folly."

Reminder to consider honest mistakes,
ignorance, or incompetence before assuming
someone meant to cause harm.

