Public Policy & Investments
Who Decides? Who Pays?
2014 Annual Report
“The powers not delegated to the United States by the constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.”
Section 15: The general assembly shall provide by general laws for the organization and classification of cities and towns. The number of such classes shall not exceed four; and the powers of each class shall be defined by general laws so that all such municipal corporations of the same class shall possess the same powers and be subject to the same restrictions...

Section 8: Provision shall be made by general laws for the organization and classification of counties except as provided in section 18(a) or section 18(m) of this article or otherwise in the constitution...
Section 18(a): Any county having more than 85,000 inhabitants, according to the census of the United States, may frame and adopt and amend a charter for its own government as provided in this article, and upon such adoption shall be a body corporate and politic...
Section 18c: ...The charter may provide for the vesting and exercise of legislative power pertaining to any and all services and functions of any municipality or political subdivision, except school districts, throughout the entire county within as well as outside incorporated municipalities...
County Charter amended by voters (72%) to ban use of red light cameras
IN Voluntary Annexation

City vs. Courts vs. County Property Owners vs. Voters

• Under legislation before 1953 – city

• After legislation in 1953 – city, with approval of circuit court, where county and property owners could intervene

• After legislation in 1980 – city, with approval of circuit court, where county and property owners could intervene and two-thirds of the voters within the city
IN VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION

City vs. Courts vs. County Property Owners vs. Voters

• After legislation in 1990 – city, with approval of circuit court, where county and property owners could intervene and majority of voters within the area to be annexed.

• After adoption of County Charter by voters in 1992 – city, with approval of circuit court, where property owners, but not county, could intervene and majority of voters within the area to be annexed.

• After adoption of Charter amendment by voters in 2004 – city, with approval of circuit court, where county and property owners could intervene and majority of voters within the area to be annexed.
CITY LIMITS OF MUNICIPALITIES

Incorporation: City vs. Residents vs. County

Maps from St. Charles County Geographic Information Systems Services
CITY LIMITS OF MUNICIPALITIES

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St. Peters

O’Fallon
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Dardenne Prairie

Cottleville
County’s Health Department engages in ongoing Public Health emergency planning and preparation

Governor may declare State of Emergency

Federal Agencies (advisory)
TAX SUBSIDIES

Cities vs. Taxing Districts

Map developed by St. Charles County Geographic Information Systems Services
Transportation

State vs. County vs. City Systems

- **State System**
  - Interstate, numbered & lettered routes
  - State Gas Tax/Gallon: 17 cents
  - Federal Gas Tax/Gallon: 18.4 cents

- **County System (Road Board)**
  - Arterials
  - Transportation Sales Tax (reauthorized every 10 yrs.)
  - County Road & Bridge Property Tax
  - Percent of State Gas Tax for Highway Dept.
  - Federal grants

- **City Systems**
  - Existing & new streets and annexed County roads
  - City Transportation Sales Taxes,
  - Percentage of State Gas Tax and Road and Bridge Property Tax
  - Federal grants
Cooperative Efforts

Road Board Projects 2015 – County and Cities 80/10

- **Cottleville**: Main Street – construction
- **O’Fallon**: Prusher Drive – construction, Elaine Drive – reconstructed
- **St. Charles**: Fifth Street from Bass Pro to First Capitol - reconstructed, Kingshighway - reconstructed
- **St. Peters**: Executive Centre Loop Road – constructed, Willott Road – bridge replaced
- **Weldon Spring**: Section of Independence Road – reconstructed
- **Wentzville**: Wentzville Parkway – adding 5th Lane
Before construction of Phase 3: 1,401 vehicles/hour

Forecasts:
2015: 2,093 vehicles/hour
2025: 2,576 vehicles/hour
2040: 3,099 vehicles/hour

Actual on November 10, 2014: 4,147 vehicles/hour
St. Charles County Daily Traffic Volume

Data from MoDOT
Map developed by St. Charles County
Geographic Information Systems Services

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Bridge Data as of January 2015
Using 5-day Average

- 54,305 vehicles/day
- 158,978 vehicles/day
- 82,983 vehicles/day
- 82,901 vehicles/day
Dark Green Area = 45 minutes from 75% of jobs.

*Job Accessibility: Percentage of jobs within 45 minutes travel time by auto during peak period.
Housing Values 2013
East-West Gateway Council of Governments

1 Dot = 100 Housing Units
- $500,000 or more
- $400,000 to $500,000
- $250,000 to $400,000
- $125,000 to $250,000
- Less than $125,000

Interstate Highway
County Boundary
State and School Districts vs. County

- County Charter may not address school districts
- County & city law enforcement may enforce truancy statutes
- Truancy initiatives
PUBLIC OFFICES

Voters vs. County Executive and County Council

- Auditor
- Chief Medical Examiner (formerly Coroner)
- Circuit Clerk
- Director of Corrections (formerly under the Sheriff)
- Director of Finance (formerly County Treasurer)
- Highway Engineer
- Public Administrator
- Court of Appeals Judges
- County Superintendents of Education
- Police Chief
PUBLIC OFFICES

Sheriff/Police Dept. Transition

St. Charles County Police

St. Charles County Sheriff
St. Louis is one of only eight cities selected to participate.

A joint Brookings Institution and JPMorgan Chase project that helps business and civic leaders grow their metropolitan economies by strengthening international connections and competitiveness.

Over next two years, St. Louis regional leaders, including the EDC and St. Charles County Government, will research, develop and implement strategies to position the region for high quality growth.

Survey information will be emailed to your membership.
THANK YOU!
County Executive Steve Ehlmann