

**Growth Management
Department**
FY 25 BUDGET PRESENTATION





MISSION

The St. Johns County Growth Management Department facilitates well-designed, efficient, healthy, and safely built developments while ensuring preservation of the natural and cultural environment.



Growth Management

Environmental

- Development applications and PRIDE
- Inspections
- Land Management for SJC properties
- Environmental and cultural protections
- HCP - Beaches
- Cultural Resource Review Board
- LAMP Board

Technical/ Transportation

- Engineering review: stormwater, traffic safety
- Inspections
- Concurrency management
- Administers public transportation services and funding
- Floodplain Mgmt

Planning & Zoning

- Density, uses, compatibility
- Facilitates and coordinates development review for applicants
- 4 coastal overlay boards
- Planning and Zoning Agency board

Development Review

- Permitting services for all land development applications
- Development Review Committee
- Impact Fee assessment
- Bonds
- Clearance sheets

FY 2025 GM BUDGET PROJECTED TOTALS

CATEGORY	FY 2024 BUDGET	FY 2025 PROJECTED BUDGET	% CHANGE
PERSONNEL	\$ 6,601,967	\$ 6,879,976	4%
OPERATING	\$ 891,708	\$ 768,243	-14%
CAPITAL	\$ 260,000	\$ 290,000	12%
BUDGET TOTALS:	\$ 7,753,675	\$ 7,938,219	2%



Budget Requests

FY 2025

- ✓ **\$400K – Consultant for Habitat Conservation Plan update**
- ✓ **\$32K – monitors and software for electronic plan review**
- ✓ **66 FTEs**
- ✓ **Temporary staffing**

HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN

FY 2025

- ❖ **\$400,000 for consultant to accomplish USFWS Incidental Take Permit renewal**
- ❖ **Initial Permit issued 2006, expires August 31, 2026**
- ❖ **Loggerhead**
- ❖ **Green**
- ❖ **Leatherback**
- ❖ **Kemp's Ridley**
- ❖ **Hawksbill**
- ❖ **Anastasia Beach Field Mouse**



HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN

FY 2025

- ❖ **Allows beach driving**
- ❖ **More protections:**
- ❖ **Conservation zones**
- ❖ **Beach lighting and management plan**
- ❖ **Tire rut removal,**
- ❖ **Horseback riding monitoring plan,**
- ❖ **Education and training program**



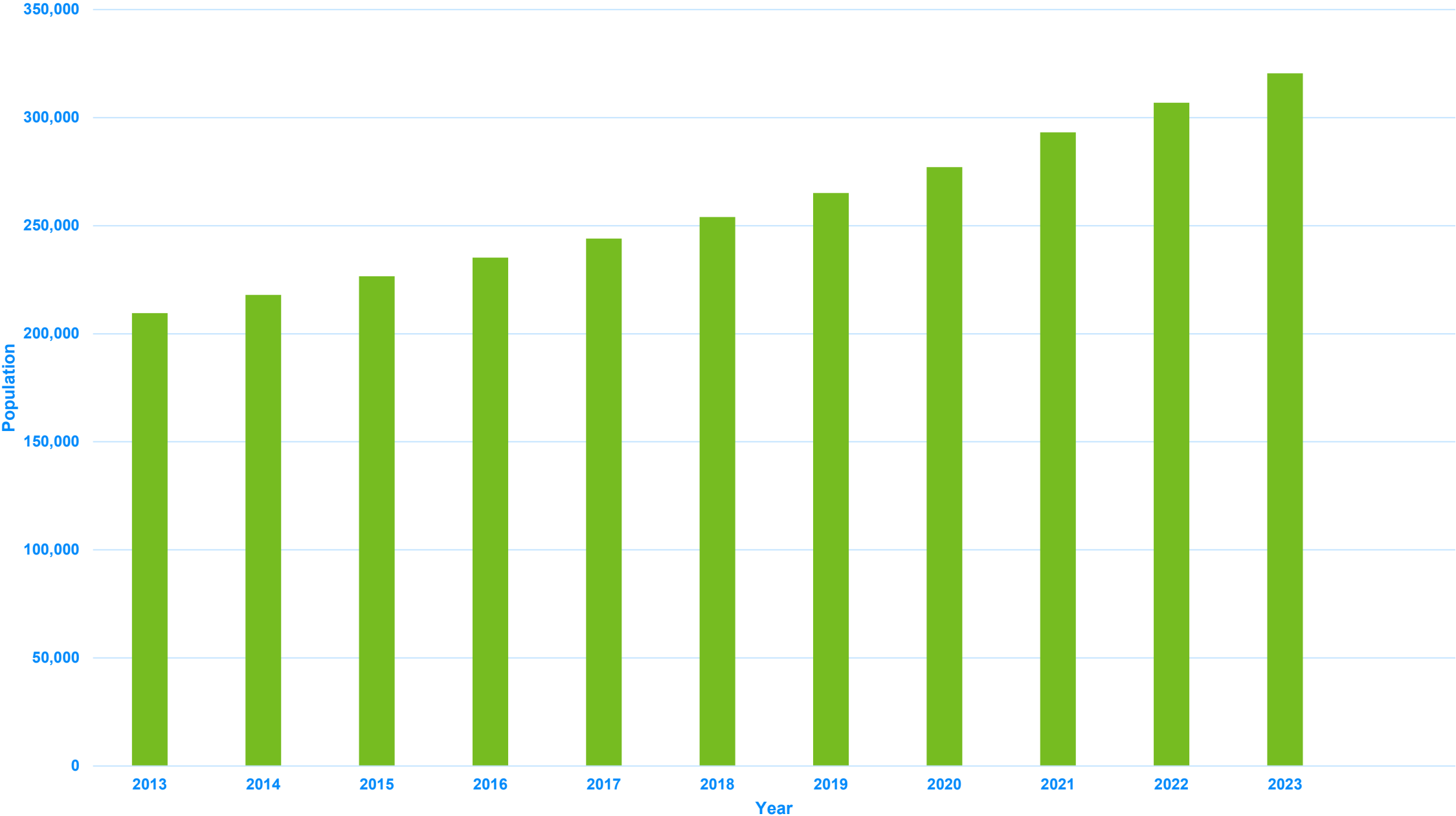
Monitors & Software

FY 2025

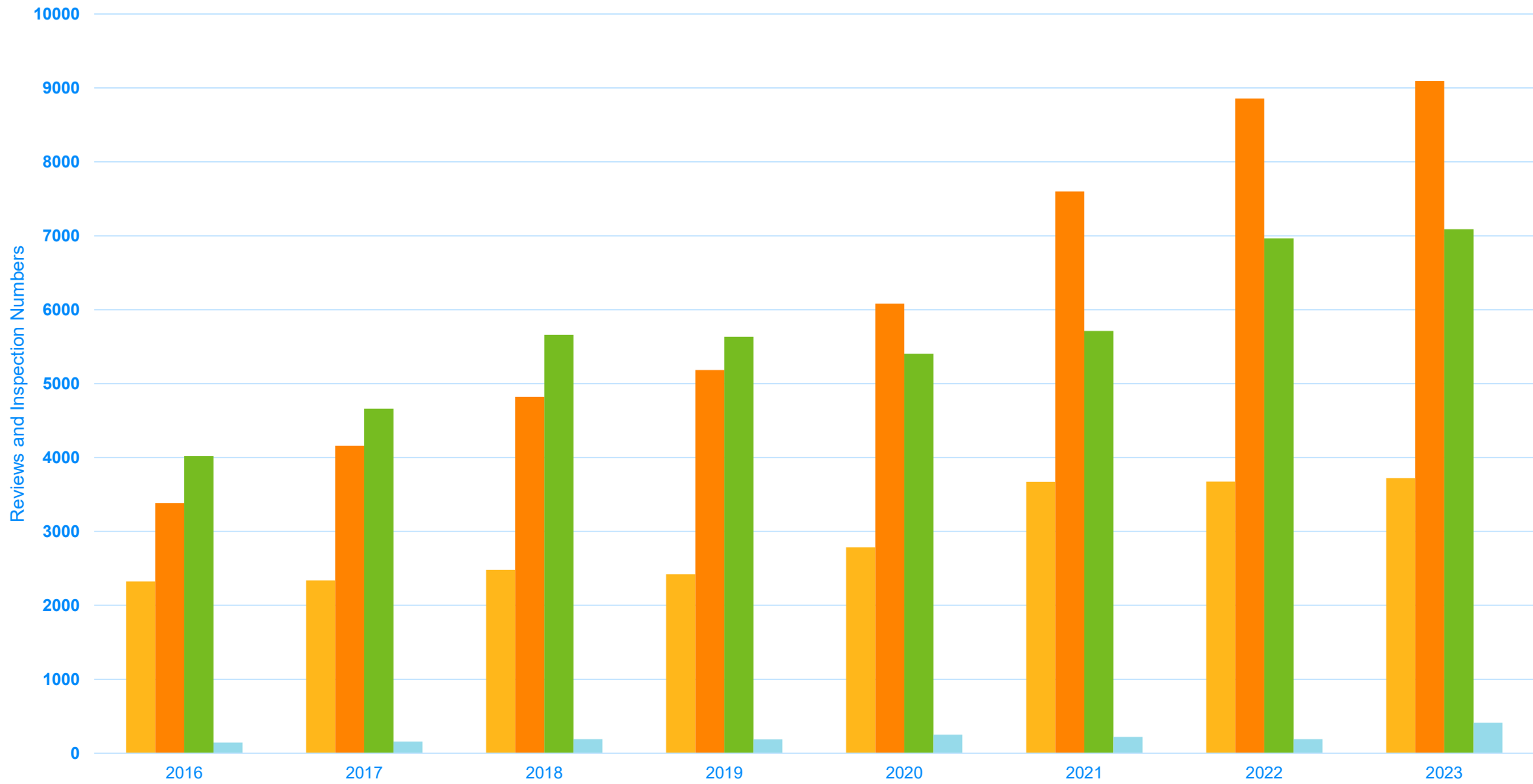
- ❖ **Electronic plan review and submittal**
- ❖ **Customer travel time and cost reduction**
- ❖ **Faster processing**
- ❖ **Decrease user errors**
- ❖ **Better tracking**



St. Johns County Population Growth



Reviews: **Submittal Management, Clearance Sheets**
Inspections: **Single-family, Asbuilt**



Challenges

- ❖ **Continue great customer service and responsiveness as population grows**
- ❖ **Optimize use of technologies: Artificial Intelligence and other tools**
- ❖ **Employ and retain talented and dedicated staff**



