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How Much Should we have in Reserves?

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Key Takeaways

- What is a Reserve Study?
- Why would you want one?
- How does it help me?



Reserve Study Basics



1

Full

2

Update With Site Visit

3

Update No Site Visit



Reserve Study Issues



Full

Only once

WSV

Every Three Years*

NSV

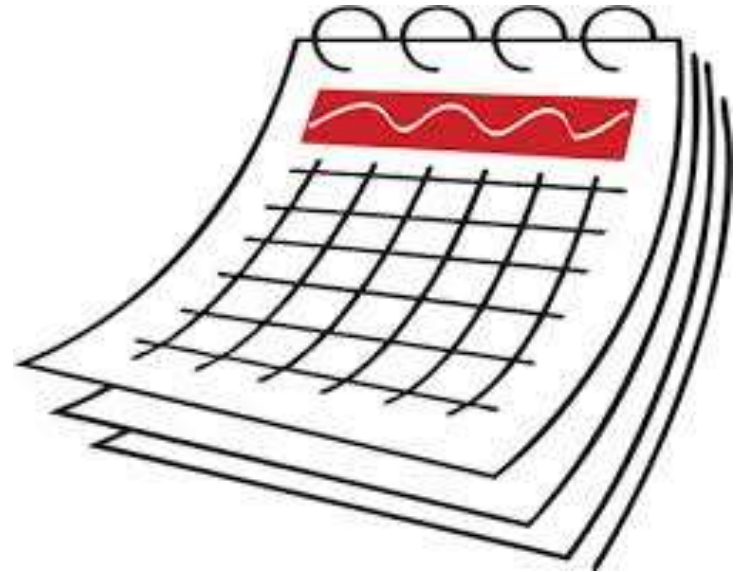
In-between years



Getting that Reserve Study

When to get a proposal?

- Six months in advance of your Fiscal Year End

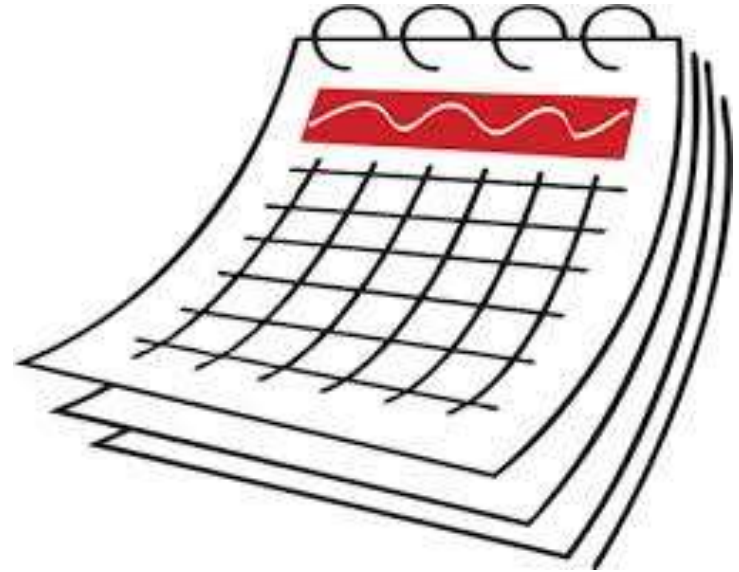




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How Long does it Take?

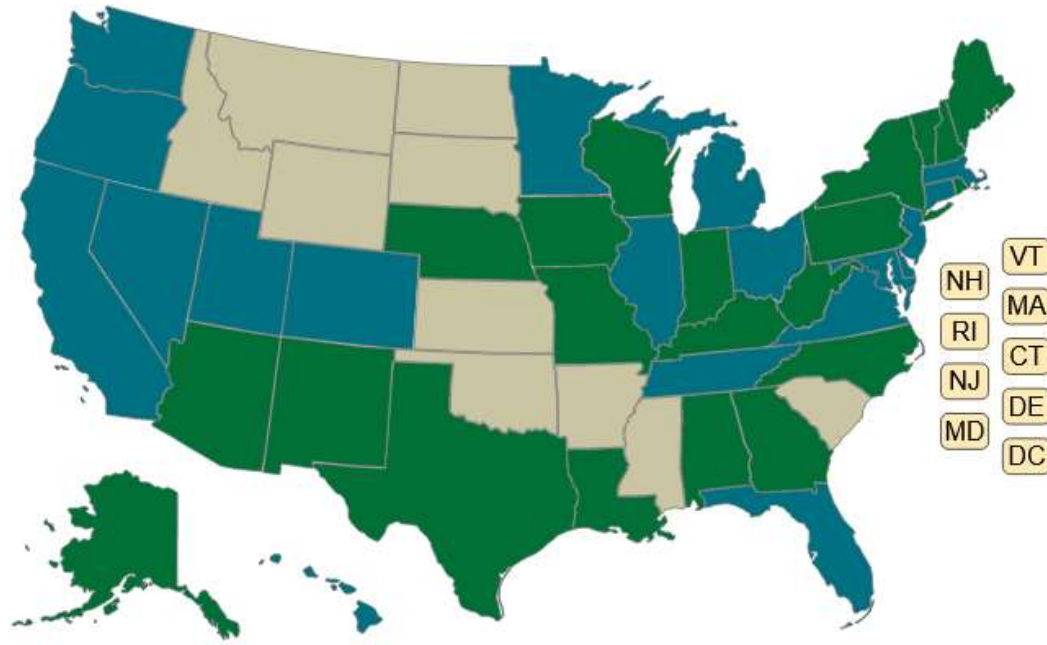
- Standard turnaround is about two months





Why?

New legislation in TN, NJ (and other states across the country)





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- But the biggest reason of all...

The Why



Deterioration is expensive, predictable, and ongoing.

Mother Nature and Father Time don't negotiate!

The Why

Important:

Deterioration defines the “cost”

It's up to the Board to set a budget that keeps up





The Why

Your Choice: how to pay

Special
Assessments
& loans

Budgeted
Funding





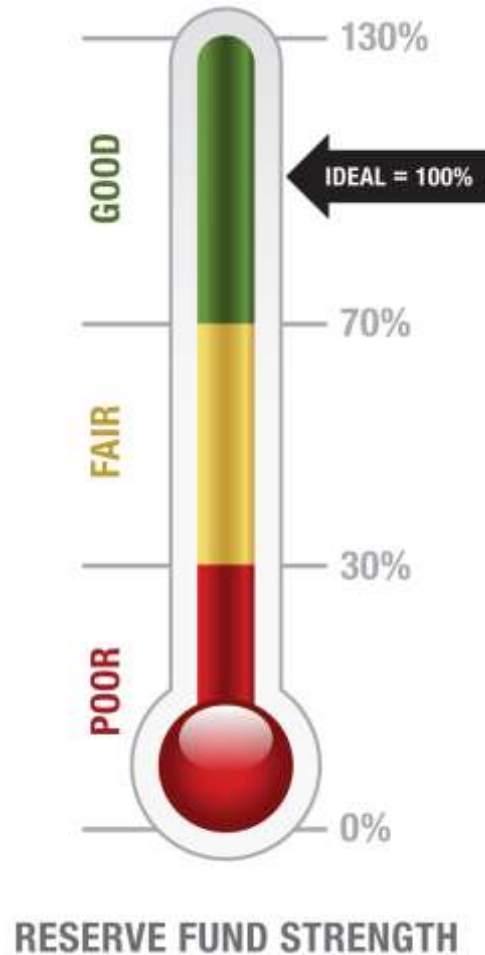
Do we have Enough?

Value of
Deterioration



Reserve Cash

Seeking Balance



That comparison is called "Percent Funded"

(more insightful than just knowing \$ in Reserves)



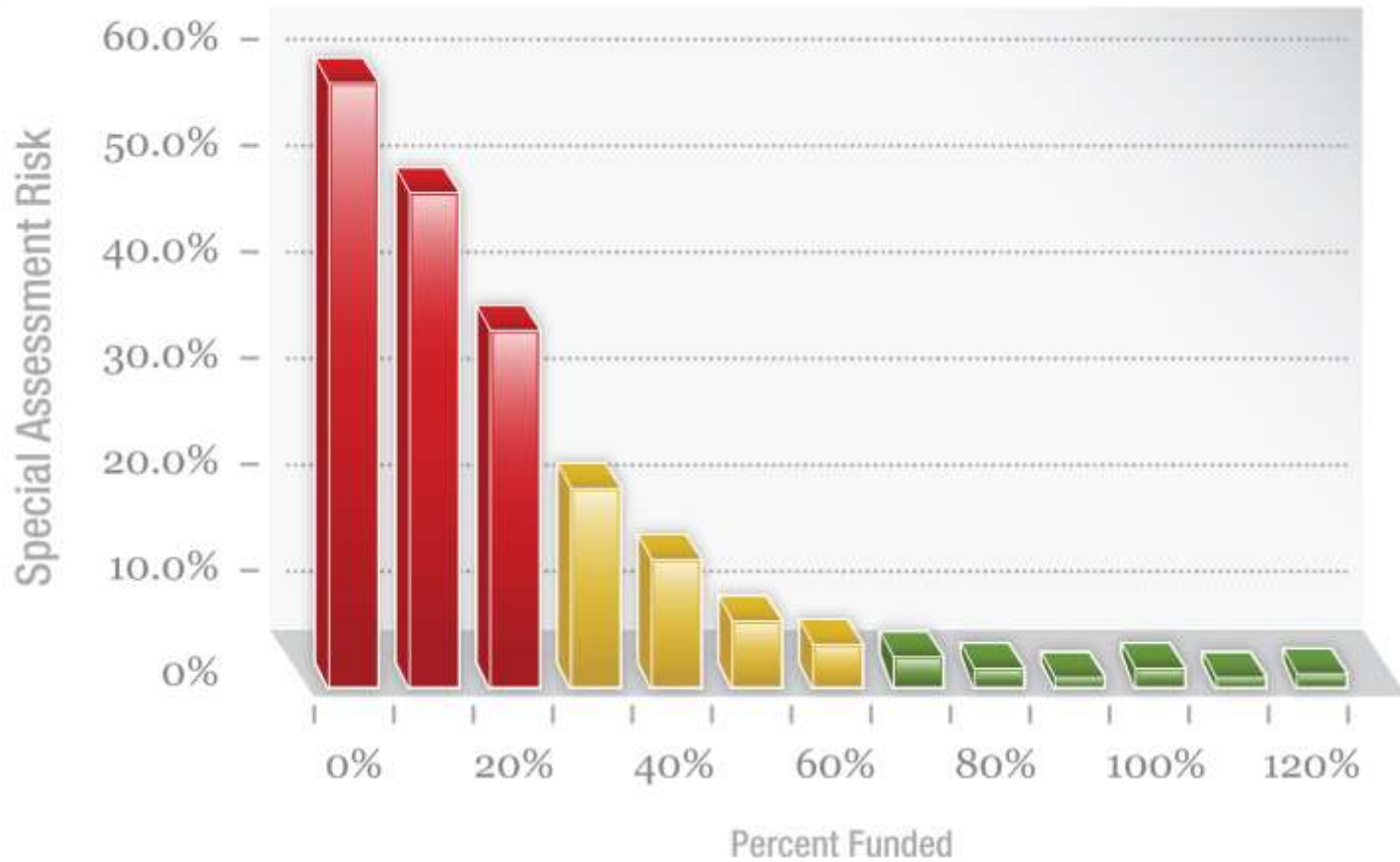
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$$\text{Percent Funded Equals} = \frac{\text{Reserve Cash}}{\text{Value of Deterioration}}$$



NATIONAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RISK





Addressing Objections

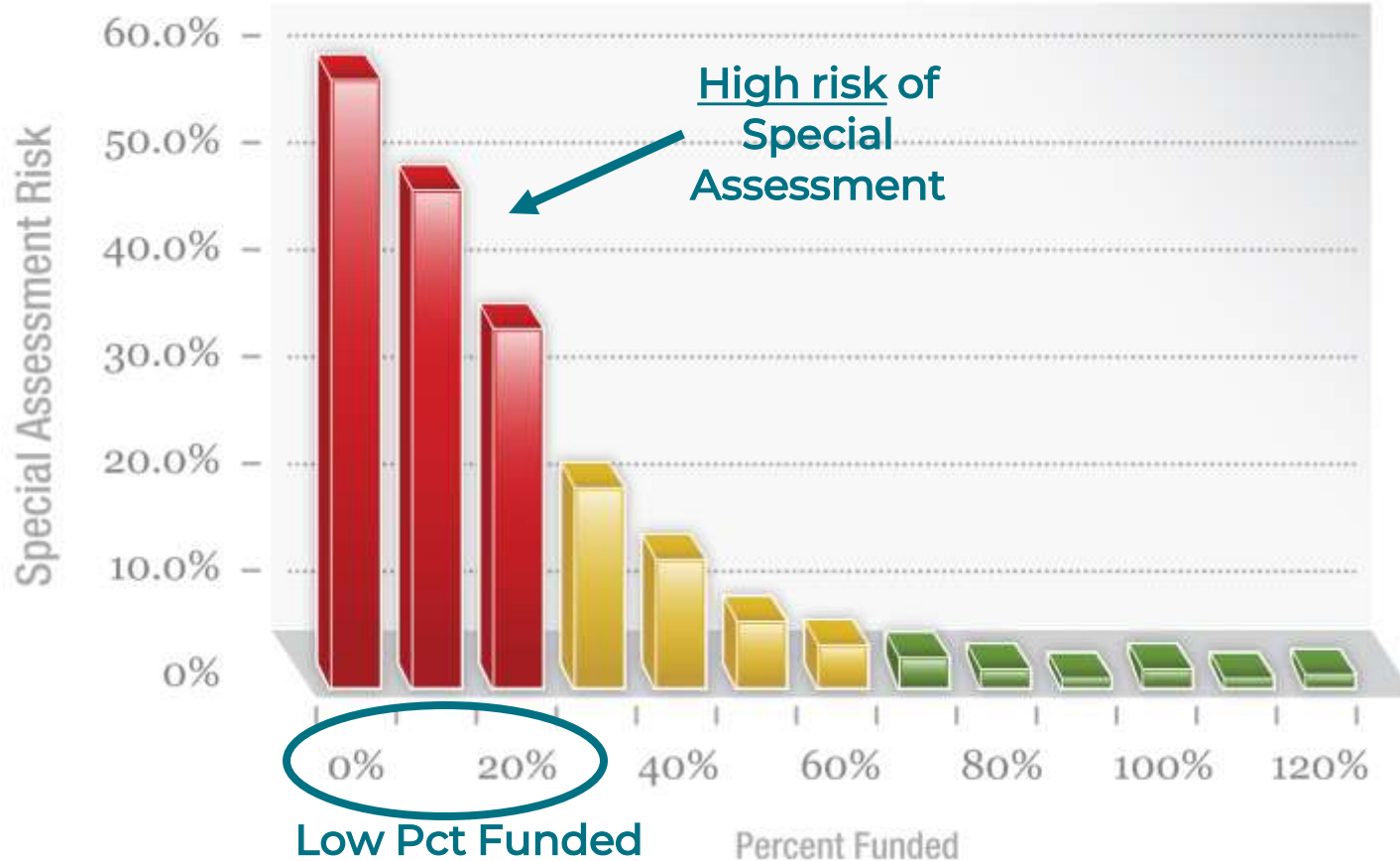
We can't afford Reserve Funding!

Can you afford special assessments any better?





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Measurably reduced exposure
to Special Assessments

(everybody pays their small,
fair share along the way... the
same \$ they would have paid
via special assessments)



RESERVE COMPONENT “THREE-PART TEST”

How long does a roof last?

Things to consider:

- *Manufacture Claim vs. Actual Shingle Life
- *An old roof that leaks is not an Insurable Loss
- *Severe Weather Event





How long does a Siding last?

Things to consider:

- *Material
- *Maintenance Cycles
- *Location



How long does a Concrete last?

Things to consider:

- *Location
- *Trash trucks
- *Snow Removal
- *Water Runoff
- *Salt
- *All or a portion





Why and How Often Should you do a reserve study?

Every year everything changes...

- *Cash
- *Conditions
- *Costs



National Reserve Study Standards...

Every year...

Cash
Conditions
Costs

National Reserve Study Standards Best Practice is a
With Site Visit every third year.





Who else cares?

- **Fannie Mae**
 - At least 10% of the budget must be for reserves.
- **Freddie Mac**
 - Less than 10% to be set aside for reserves provided that the association has a reserve study that supports the lesser amount, and the association is following the reserve study.
- **FHA**
 - FHA now requires a reserve study with a positive funding plan to maintain the FHA Certification.
- **Insurance**
 - Hard insurance market (major losses, inflation, etc)
 - Reserve Study is a great tool to help the broker understand the community's maintenance responsibilities and overall condition.
 - Carriers are tightening requirements and assessing their risk level; a reserve study is a great way to understand the likelihood of deferred maintenance.



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Additional Resources

Reserve Components,
Reserve Fund Strength,
and Funding Plans (and
much more!)

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chapter one for free.
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Additional Resources



Free with every reserve study with Association Reserves. A novel, online Reserve Study Calculator – interact with your Reserve Plan!



Additional Resources

Weekly 30 Minute Podcast for



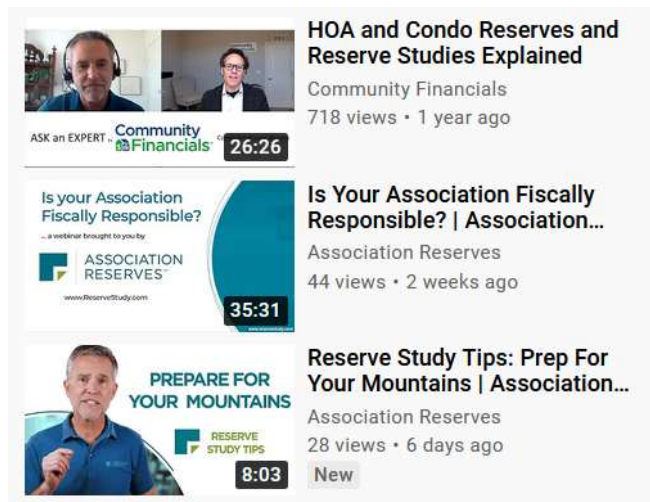
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