



St. Clair County Parks

St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission Millage Fact Sheet

Please Remember to Vote August 2nd

This is a renewal of an existing millage. Your property tax will not increase.

How the Millage Works

The requested millage rate will be 0.4956 mils (down from the original millage rate of 0.5 mils) for six years. If voters approve the millage renewal, the owner of a house worth \$100,000.00 will pay approximately \$25.00 per year.

The millage will generate approximately \$2.8 million per year for parks and recreation facilities and programs. Each year, 25% of the millage funds collected are returned to the 33 local units of government (based on population) for local parks and recreation projects.

The Facts

Will this millage renewal raise my current property taxes?

NO! This is a renewal of an existing millage. Your property tax will not increase as a result of the millage renewal.

What is my current cost?

Your Home's Market Value	Estimated Average Annual Cost
\$50,000	\$12.50
\$75,000	\$18.75
\$100,000	\$25.00
\$150,000	\$37.50
\$200,000	\$50.00



Blue Water River Walk & Wetlands



Fort Gratiot Light Station

What has been done with the funds collected over the last six years?

St. Clair County is the only county in the state of Michigan that systematically distributes parks and recreation millage funds to its local units of government. From 2010 thru 2015 \$4,215,783.00 has been distributed to the 33 local units of government in St. Clair County. This gives cities and townships the opportunity to develop park facilities & recreation programs in their own communities.

The remaining money is used to purchase, develop and maintain parks and trails operated by the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission. Listed below are some of the projects completed over the last six years.

Blueways of St. Clair

- > Marysville Launch Installed
- > Port Huron Twp. Launch Installed
- > City of Port Huron Launch Installed
- > East China Twp. Launch Installed

Bridge To Bay Trail

- > US Bike Route 20 Designated and Signed*
- > Trail Signage Updated
- > Assisted with Ira Twp. Trail Construction*
- > Assisted with St. Clair Twp. Trail Construction*
- > Assisted with Port Huron Trail Construction*

Blue Water River Walk

- > Assisted with Trail Construction*
- > Purchased 2.75 Acre Parcel (2013)*
- > Constructed Coastal Wetland*
- > Purchased 2.1 Acre Parcel(2015)*

Columbus County Park

- > Lodge Building & Pavilion Constructed
- > Wildlife Displays Installed
- > Sledding Hill Upgrades
- > White Barn Upgrades
- > Trail Upgrades
- > Parking Lot Improvements
- > Adjacent 25.99 Acre Parcel purchased (2016)*

Fort Gratiot Light Station

- > Lighthouse Restored*
- > Fog Signal Building Roof Restored*
- > Equipment Building Roof Restored*
- > Equipment Building Interior/Exterior Restored*
- > Duplex Dining Room Restored*
- > Walkways/Interpretive Panels Installed*
- > Water Lines Replaced
- > Duplex Roof & Eaves Repaired
- > Parking Lots & Driveway Graveled
- > Opened to Public Tours in 2012

* with grant assistance

Fort Gratiot County Park

- > Playground Expanded with ADA Swing
- > Annual Beach Repairs
- > Ceremony Plaza Constructed
- > Large Dead Trees Removed

Goodells County Park

- > Columbus Bible Church Moved & Restored
- > Mudge Log Cabin Restored
- > Bank Building Repaired
- > Farm Lane Bridge Replaced
- > Fueling Station Constructed
- > Septic Tanks & Septic Fields Rebuilt
- > Sawmill Shelter Constructed
- > South Playground Rebuilt
- > Nine Metal Roofs Installed
- > Quonset Hut Replaced
- > Interpretive Panels Installed
- > Five Buildings Repainted
- > Show Arena Repaired*
- > Horse Barn Electrical Systems Updated*
- > Riding Rings Irrigation Systems Installed
- > Internet Access Upgraded
- > Assisted with County Park Drive Paving
- > Adjacent 38.79 Acre Parcel Purchased(2016)*

Wadhams to Avoca Trail

- > Mill Creek Equestrian Crossing Constructed
- > Wadhams Road Crossing Constructed
- > Trail Bollards Repaired & Updated

Woodsong County Park

- > Garage Repaired & Painted
- > Driveway/Parking Lot Graveled
- > Trail Down to Black River Constructed

Other Projects

- > Assisted with Cottrellville Twp. Waterfront Property Purchase
- > Assisted with Brockway Twp. Skate Park



**Lodge & Pavilion
Columbus County Park**



**Canoe & Kayak Launch
City of Port Huron**



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