



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 0.4944 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 per year?

| 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 |



**Boardwalk
Blue Water River Walk**



**Splashpad Pavilion
Goodells County Park**



**Playground
Columbus County Park**



**Sport Court Rehabilitation
City of Port Huron**

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 2016 thru 2021 \$4,411,221.34 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.

Bridge To Bay Trail

- > Gratiot Road Connector Trail*
- > Contributed To Community Foundation For Trail Wayfinding Signage

Blue Water River Walk

- > Boardwalk Installed*
- > Picnic Pavilion Constructed*
- > Walkways Constructed*
- > Landscaping & Artificial Turf Area Installed*
- > Picnic Tables, Grills, and Benches Installed*
- > Rip Rap Stone Placed
- > Chronolog Photo Stations Added
- > Tunnel Painting-Military Street Tunnel

Clay (North Channel) County Park

- > Purchased N. Channel Property In Clay Twp

Columbus County Park

- > New Nature Themed Playground Installed
- > Picnic Canopy Installed
- > Trail Signage Installed
- > Trails Expanded And Improved
- > New Trail Bridges Installed
- > Trail Markers Added
- > Mountain Biking Trails Improved
- > White Barn North Wall Replaced
- > 1st 9 holes Of Disc Golf Course Developed

Fort Gratiot Light Station

- > Brick Repair On Single Keeper's Dwelling
- > Brick Stair Restoration Keeper's Duplex*
- > Keeper's Duplex Remodel*
- > Fog Signal Interior Restoration
- > Keeper's Duplex Historic Roof Replicated*
- > Four Bay Equipment Building Painted
- > Fog Signal Building Painted
- > Retired Station Roof Replaced*
- > Tower Watch & Lantern Room Restored
- > Tower & Fog Signal Brick Repaired

Fort Gratiot County Park

- > Second Overflow Parking Lot Installed
- > Groin Walls (Beach Protection) Installed
- > Picnic Canopy And Cement Pad Installed
- > Dangerous Trees Removed
- > New Panels Installed In Kiosk
- > Beach Shower Added
- > Water Tunnel Interpretive Sign Added
- > Ceremony Plaza Repaired

Goodells County Park

- > Splashpad Pavilion Installed
- > Hazardous Trees Removed
- > Visitor's Center New Roof
- > New Hiking Trails Developed
- > Show Arena New Roof Installed *
- > Community Center Floor Replaced
- > Stalls In Blue Horse Barn Rebuilt
- > Event Marquee Installed
- > Visitor's Center Carpet Replaced
- > Community Center Bathrooms Renovated
- > Exhibit Barns Repaired And Repainted
- > Event Field Leveled And Hydro-Seeded
- > Community Center Roof Replaced
- > Splashpad Pavilion Roof Replaced
- > Historic Farmhouse & School Roofs Replaced
- > New Playground Installed (2022)

Woodson County Park

- > Hiking Trails Expanded
- > Bike Station Donated & Installed
- > Parking Lot Expanded
- > Mountain Bike Trails Developed

Wadhams to Avoca Trail

- > New Trail Kiosks Installed/Updated
- > Invasive Phragmites Plant Treatments
- > Trail Bollards Repaired & Updated

Other Project Assistance

- > Port Huron Twp-Canoe/Kayak Launch
- > Connector to Macomb Orchard Trail
- > Algonac-New Dog Park*
- > St. Clair- Boardwalk Replacement*
- > Casco Twp-Purchased Park Land*
- > Marine City-Purchased Park Land
- > Capac, Marine City, Marysville, Port Huron Twp, and Wales Twp-Rehabilitate/Construct Multi-Purpose Sport Courts

* With Grant Assistance



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