



City of Grosse Pointe Woods 2018 Public Safety & Public Services Millage Proposal

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On August 7, 2018, Grosse Pointe Woods voters will be asked to consider the following
Headlee Override Millage Proposal for Public Safety & Public Services

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods be increased by 4 mills (\$4.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for ten years, 2019 to 2028 inclusive, in excess of the limitation imposed by the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution and Michigan Compiled Laws section 211.34d, to provide funds for municipal purposes, including police and fire services, infrastructure, and other public services? If approved and levied in its entirety, this new additional millage would raise approximately \$2,784,098 in 2019.

☐ YES ☐ NO

This millage proposal provides for:

- A comprehensive road improvement program
- The hiring of two additional Public Safety Officers
- Maintaining staffing levels
- Repair and maintenance of facilities throughout the City
- Capital improvement bond funding that is replacing obsolete E911 system, and Public Safety and Public Services equipment.

Without passage of this millage:

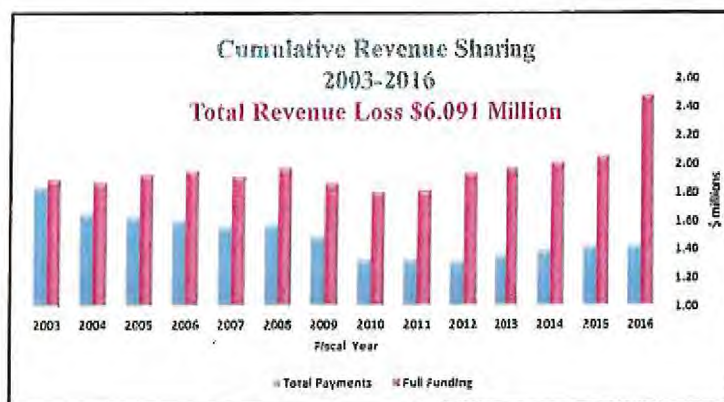
- Public Safety and other services will be negatively impacted given an expected further decline in personnel and aging equipment.
- Roads and infrastructure will continue to deteriorate.
- Deteriorating infrastructure may negatively impact home values and quality of life.
- Public Works services will be negatively impacted due to failing and aged equipment.

City Council and Administration have felt the brunt of declining revenues over the past ten years, yet have produced annual budgets that have garnered consistently positive ratings from City auditors. These ratings are recognized in receiving the Excellence in Financial Reporting Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for 48 years running, as well as the Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award for four consecutive years. When necessary, funds have been diverted from the general fund into Public Safety and other accounts to maintain sustainability.

The millage cost to residents

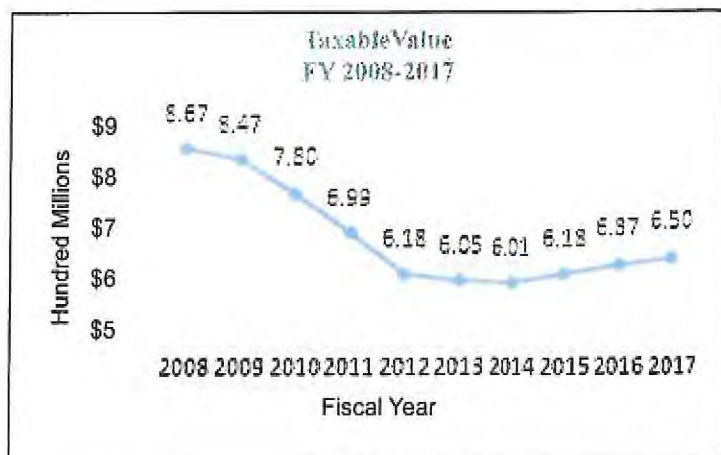
A home with a 2018 median taxable value of \$95,000 and a state equalized value of \$190,000 will pay an estimated **\$380 per year or \$31.66 per month**. To calculate more closely, multiply your home's taxable value by the millage rate of 4, and divide it by 1,000.

Example: $95,000 \times 4 = 380,000 \div 1,000 = \380



The State of the City

City Council and Administration are aware of the concerns of the residents of Grosse Pointe Woods, particularly regarding expressed need for additional public safety in the community and the poor condition of the City roads. The addition of public safety officers and the repair or replacement of streets requires equipment to support and maintain these efforts. The Departments of Public Safety and Public Services currently rely on equipment that is in excess of thirty years old that can no longer be repaired or for which parts are no longer available. The equipment must be replaced in order to continue to provide the level of services Grosse Pointe Woods residents have come to depend on and expect.



In the wake of these setbacks, the City continues to implement strategies that provide the services Grosse Pointe Woods residents deserve. A budgetary status quo has been maintained but it results in an inability to replace or resurface roads, maintain municipal buildings and other facilities, and replace vehicles and equipment. Some budget losses in revenue have been offset by implementing cost-containment measures, such as reducing the number of full- and part-time employees, eliminating or reducing benefits, contracting ambulance and assessing services, and implementing unpaid furlough days.

Approval of this millage provides the funding to achieve goals that include adding officers to the Department of Public Safety, reconstructing roadways, maintaining infrastructure, updating equipment, and repairing and maintaining facilities throughout the City in the manner residents have come to expect and enjoy. In turn, it is believed these improvements reflect positively on the quality of life and the home values the residents of Grosse Pointe Woods have invested in for many generations.

Consider the facts

The Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety

provides police and fire services, with all personnel cross-trained as police officers and fire fighters. In addition, all officers have achieved certification or higher as medical first responders. The department is comprised of 30 sworn officers, seven dispatchers, four civilian support staff, one animal/code enforcement officer, and two parking enforcement officers. They are dedicated to providing a safe environment on our streets, in our schools, to our homes and property, and during city events. The department is involved in community outreach programs and events, including: teaching fire and crime prevention to children, CPR training to the community and City employees; and providing oversight to 18 crossing guards. It conducts daily, automated welfare checks on homebound residents and supervises 14 Public Safety auxiliary officers.

- Public Safety responded to 11,902 calls for service in 2017.
- Officers responded to one incident of armed and unarmed robbery in 2017.

The Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Services

maintains 55.39 miles of local roads, 68.5 miles of water mains, 95 miles of sewer, 1,571 catch basins, 1,297 sewer manholes, and 90.75 acres of park lands. This includes snow removal from streets and sidewalks, leaf pick-up and street-sweeping services.

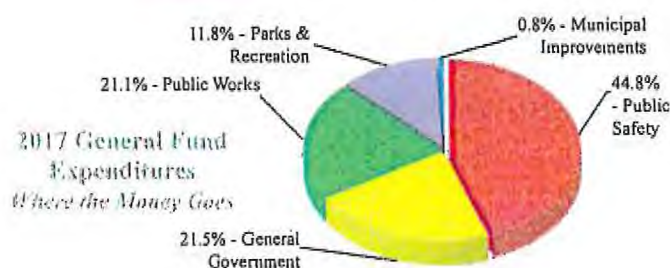
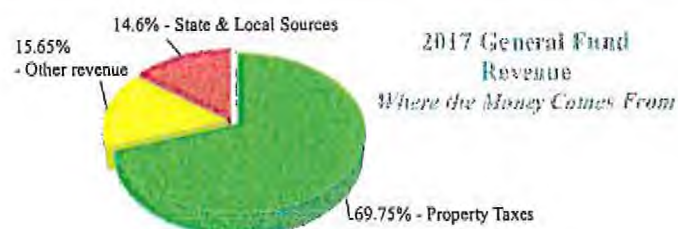
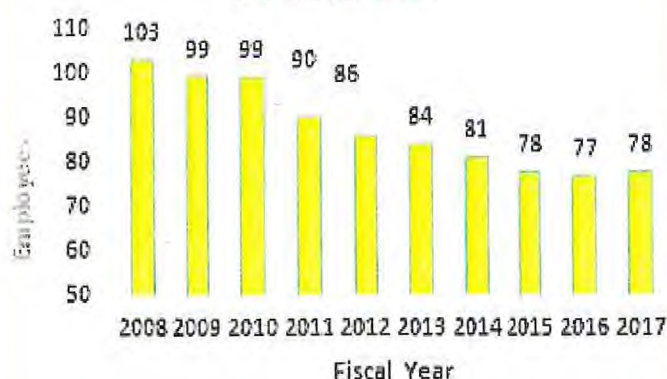
Currently:

- 6.01 miles of roads remain in immediate need of repaving or resurfacing. There is a 10-year plan for future road projects encompassing 27 streets in the City with an estimated \$12,947,645.86 in construction costs.
- 30-year-old tractors and street sweepers continue to depreciate.

Cost-containment measures implemented:

- Eliminated nearly 25% of full- and part-time positions and deployed other staff cost-saving measures amounting to \$11,141,000 since 2006.
- Contracted basic and advanced life support services with Medstar in 2014.
- Contracted assessing services with WCA Assessing in 2016.
- Eliminated retiree health care for new employees hired after 2011.
- Implemented five unpaid furlough days for all City employees in 2011.
- Concessions made by all City employees to forego wage increases from 2009 to 2015.

24% Decrease in Full-Time Employees FY 2008-2017



**For more information, including the
2017 Popular Annual Financial Report
and Annual Financial Report,
go to www.gpwmil.us**

NOTE



**Residents are invited to attend an informational meeting at the
Community Center time, day, date to be announced.**

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TO: Bruce Smith, City Administrator
FROM: Frank Schulte, Director of Public Services
DATE: May 16, 2018
SUBJECT: Recommendation –2018 Road Program

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During the Committee of the Whole meeting on March 19, 2018 a discussion was held regarding the proposed 2018 Road Program. This program includes the following streets:

- Joint Repair – Cook Road from Mack to Wedgewood
- Resurfacing - Anita from Mack to the west city limit
- Resurfacing - Brys from Mack to Helen
- Resurfacing - Lochmoor from Sunningdale Park to Fairway
- Reconstruction - Stanhope from Chester to the west city limit

During the bid process, I asked AEW to add an alternate bid for joint repairs for Cook Road from Mack to Wedgewood to the proposed 2018 Road Program to temporarily alleviate the poor condition of Cook Road until repairs that are more permanent can be made.

Attached is an itemized breakdown of individual streets and engineering costs. The cost of this project for construction will be charged to major and local roads in the amount of \$1,461,281.00 and water/sewer repairs in the amount of \$424,122.00 for a total construction cost of \$1,885,404.00. Engineering fees will be charged to major and local roads in the amount of \$281,668.00 and water/sewer repairs in the amount of \$83,552.00 for a total engineering fee expense of \$365,220.00. Total cost of the project in an amount not to exceed \$2,250,624.00.

AEW and I will be interviewing the lowest qualified bidder HMC, LLC on Wednesday, May 23, 2018.

If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact me.

Attachment

City of Grasse Pointe Woods
2018 Road Program

Road Section	From	To	Treatment	Area	Pavement			Water			Total
					Construction Cost	Design	CE Cost	Construction Cost	Design	CE Cost	
Stanhope	Chester	WCL	Reconstruct	5000	\$562,075	\$32,038	\$78,691	\$41,880	\$2,387	\$5,863	\$722,934
Arvia	WCL	Mack	Resurface	4200	\$174,559	\$9,950	\$24,438	\$182,216	\$10,386	\$25,510	\$427,059
Brys	Helen	Mack	Resurface	2645	\$108,840		\$15,238	\$47,115	\$2,686	\$6,596	\$180,474
Lochmoor	Sunningdale Park	Fairway	Resurface	11393	\$520,282	\$29,656	\$72,840	\$152,911	\$8,716	\$21,408	\$895,812
Cook	Mack	Wedgewood	Joint Repair	-	\$95,525	\$5,445	\$13,374	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$114,343
Total					\$1,461,281	\$77,089	\$204,579	\$424,122	\$24,175	\$59,377	\$2,250,624

Design for this project was completed with the 2017 Road Program

FUND BALANCE ANALYSIS ROAD PROJECTS THRU FY 2018 - 2019
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	<u>General Fund</u>	
CURRENT UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE 6/30/2017	6,255,011	
	FY 2017 - 2018	FY 2018 - 2019
Stanhope (Chester to WCL)	\$ (562,075.00)	
Anita (WCL to Mack)	\$ (174,559)	
Brys (Helen to Mack)	\$ (108,840)	
Lochmoor (Holiday to Milk River) (Milk River to Fairway) (Sunningdale Park to Holiday)	\$ (520,282)	
Cook Road	\$ (95,525)	
Vernier Road (City Portion) (Major Road)		\$ (520,000)
Engineering & Oversight	\$ (204,581)	
Proposed Total Road Re-Surface Costs	\$ (1,665,862.00)	\$ (520,000.00)
Projected Remaining Fund Balance FY End	4,389,149.00	3,164,491.00
FB % Remaining	34.43%	22.69%

ESTIMATED FISCAL YEAR END PROJECTION 2017/18		ESTIMATED FISCAL YEAR END PROJECTION 2018/19
General Fund Revenues		
FY 2017/18	12,677,259	13,244,024
General Fund Expenditures FY 2017/18	12,748,319	13,948,682
FB Allocation (Estimated)	(200,000)	(704,658)

POTENTIAL OTHER FUND BALANCE RESOURCES FOR ROADS			
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Major Road Fund	Local Road Fund (GF)	Parking Fund	Water/Sewer Fund
447,755	451,642	1,282,365	7,670,812