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November 6th

Rochester Hills Roads: PROTECTING YOUR INVESTMENT

Our Neighborhoods! Our Roads!

Dear Resident: The Rochester Hills Department of Public Service prides itself on keeping our 207 miles of local neighborhood streets safe and well-maintained. In order to continue these efforts, the citizen driven Police and Road Technical Committee has recommended to the City Council to redirect $1.4 million from the expiring drain bond millage and invest it into our local neighborhood roads.

The City Council unanimously agreed, and in order to ensure future funding for the maintenance, repair, rehabilitation and reconstruction of local roads, they are asking voters for the authority to repurpose an expiring drain millage and invest that millage into our local neighborhood roads.

In line with our mission to deliver the highest possible services, while maintaining the lowest tax rate in Oakland County, **the result to taxpayers will be no change in the 9.7060 city millage rate!** So remember: the last question on the ballot could affect you the most!

Sincerely,

Bryan K. Barnett, Mayor

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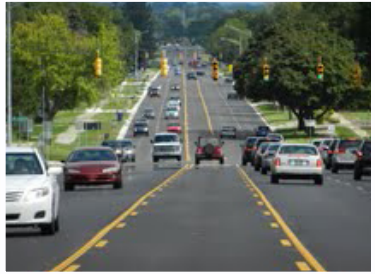
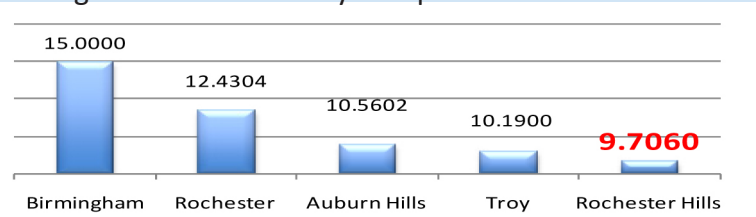
	Before	After	Net Change
City Millage Rate	FY 2011	FY 2011	
Local Street Re-Purpose	--	0.4855	0.4855
Drain Debt Fund	0.6018	0.1163	(0.4855)
All Other	9.1042	9.1042	--
Total City Millage Rate	**9.7060**	**9.7060**	**--**



Millage Rates: Community Comparisons



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Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves placing the following Proposal on the November 6, 2012 General Election Ballot:

Ballot Question
Re-Purpose of Drain Bond
Millage for Local Roads

Shall the City of Rochester Hills re-purpose and replace expired or expiring drain bond millage of 0.4855 mill with a tax levy of up to 0.4855 mill ($0.4855 per $1,000 of taxable value) on the taxable of all property assessed for taxes in the City for 7 years, beginning in FY 2014 and continuing through FY 2020, inclusive, to be used for maintenance, repair, rehabilitation and reconstruction of local roads and streets and to provide a source of matching funds to support special assessment and grant programs for local roads? **If approved, this proposal will not raise the overall City tax rate** and will provide an estimated $1,408,010 if levied in full in the first year.

FAQs On the Rochester Hills Millage Re-Purpose:

What is a millage re-purpose?
A question before voters to redirect funds dedicated for one purpose to another dedicated purpose. The net result to taxpayers is no change in the 9.7060 millage rate.

What would a re-purposed millage pay for?
A re-purposed millage would redirect and dedicate more than $1.4 million towards local street activities, including, repair, maintenance, and snow plowing.

If this millage re-purpose is approved, when would it take effect?
If approved, the re-purposed millage would be effective on the December 2013 winter tax bill to be included in the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget.

Can the re-purposed funds be used for anything other than Local Streets?
No. If approved, this re-purposed millage would dedicate funding only towards local street activities, including repair, maintenance, and snow plowing.

Will my tax bill go up?
No. If approved by voters, the total City millage rate is proposed to remain unchanged at 9.7060.

Why is a millage re-purpose for Local Streets being proposed?
The City's bi-annual survey of residents and businesses, as well as other communications received through e-mail or at "town hall" meetings, reflect the maintenance and improvement of local street roadway conditions in Rochester Hills as a high priority. The City's Police & Road Technical Review Committee has recommended that the City look to re-purpose a millage previously dedicated to service Drain Debt (which is soon to be retired) and instead dedicate those funds towards local neighborhood streets.

How long would the re-purposed millage last?
The re-purposed local street millage will remain in place for 7 years.

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