



Waterford
Parks & Recreation

WELCOME

JUNE 22, 2024



Millage Information VOTE AUGUST 6

Waterford Township voters will be asked to consider the renewal & restoration of the Waterford Parks & Recreation Department's 10 Year Operating Millage August 6.

This millage is critical to the maintenance, development & future growth of the Waterford Parks & Recreation Department. It represents more than half of the revenues the department receives. If the millage is not approved there will be a significant loss of funding for Parks & Recreation programs & facilities.

Ballot Question:

Shall the existing authorized Parks and Recreation Millage within the Charter Township of Waterford be restored to the original voter approved .50 mills, of which .4530 mills (\$.4530 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) is a renewal and .0470 mills (\$.0470 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) is an increase to restore lost millage due to Headlee rollbacks, upon real property and tangible personal property within the Township of Waterford for the period of ten (10) years, 2025 through 2034 inclusive, with the first levy in December of 2024 for use in 2025, said funds to be used to maintain the cost of operation of the Parks and Recreation Department, and shall the Township levy such renewal in millage for said purpose, thereby generating in the first year an estimated \$1,529,294.41 (This millage is to renew the millage that will expire and to restore millage lost as a result of the Headlee amendment)?



What is the cost?

A residential home with a taxable value of \$85,283.00 would pay approximately \$42.64/year.



Parks & Facilities

The department operates & maintains 16 parks & facilities spanning over 850 acres within Waterford Township.



Programs & Events

- More than 500 multigenerational programs offered annually.
- 40 annual events attended by more than 10,000 people.
- 5,000 children, adults & senior citizens, visit the Waterford Recreation Center monthly.



Who Benefits?

Everyone in our community benefits from the parks & recreational opportunities provided by the Waterford Parks & Recreation Department. A community park system enhances the quality of life & maintains property values.

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5200 Civic Center Drive, Waterford, MI 48329



How the Millage Works

On August 5, 2014, Waterford voters approved a 10 year .50 mills millage to fund the operations of the Parks & Recreation Department. As a result of Headlee millage rollbacks required by law, the millage was reduced to .4530 mills. The millage will expire if not approved.

This millage will be a **renewal** of .4530 mills **and an increase** of .0470 mills to restore lost millage due to Headlee rollbacks. Restoring the Parks & Recreation Millage to .50 mills.

This millage provides the Parks & Recreation Department with a stable source of funding to plan & fund its operation for the next 10 years. The millage funds will be dedicated solely to the operating cost of the Parks & Recreation Department.

Parks and facilities operated and maintained with your tax dollars:

Civic Center Soccer Fields
Clinton River Canoe Site
Clinton River South
Drayton Plains Nature Center
Elizabeth Lake Woods Park
Fish Hatchery Park
Herrington Park
Hess-Hathaway Park
Lions Park

Maceday Lake Park
Marion Street Park
Optimist Park
Rotary Park
Shell Park
Warming House
Waterford Recreation Center

Millage vs. Bond

- 10-YEAR OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL & RESTORATION ON AUGUST BALLOT
- COMMUNITY CENTER BOND PROPOSAL ON NOVEMBER BALLOT



Communities Value Parks & Recreation Infrastructure

NRPA PARK PULSE - JUNE 2021

Nearly all (92%) U.S. adults say it is important for their local government to invest in community infrastructure, including:



Seven in 10 people agree this community infrastructure is **extremely** or **very** important.

Each month, through a poll of 1,000 U.S. residents focused on park and recreation issues, NRPA Park Pulse helps tell the park and recreation story. Questions span from the serious to the more lighthearted. The survey was conducted by Wakefield Research (www.wakefieldresearch.com).

Visit nrpa.org/ParkPulse for more information.



What will it cost?

- **\$35.7 MILLION**

Includes purchase of 51 acres & 4 buildings

- **20-YEAR BOND**

- **0.7644 MILLS**

This chart is an estimate & should be used for estimation purposes only.

Residential	Estimated
Taxable Value	Annual Bond Cost
\$ 75,000.00	\$ 57.33
\$ 85,283.00	\$ 65.19
\$ 100,000.00	\$ 76.44
\$ 125,000.00	\$ 95.55
\$ 150,000.00	\$ 114.66
\$ 175,000.00	\$ 133.77
\$ 200,000.00	\$ 152.88
\$ 225,000.00	\$ 171.99
\$ 250,000.00	\$ 191.10
\$ 275,000.00	\$ 210.21
\$ 300,000.00	\$ 229.32
\$ 350,000.00	\$ 267.54
\$ 400,000.00	\$ 305.76
\$ 500,000.00	\$ 382.20
\$ 600,000.00	\$ 458.64
\$ 700,000.00	\$ 535.08
\$ 800,000.00	\$ 611.52
\$ 900,000.00	\$ 687.96
\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 764.40

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