

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves placing the following Proposal on the August 5, 2014 Primary Election ballot:

**BALLOT PROPOSAL
PROPOSAL TO RE-PURPOSE EXPIRING
GREEN SPACE MILLAGE FOR LOCAL ROADS**

In 2005, City of Rochester Hills voters authorized a special millage for ten (10) years of up to 0.3 mills to provide funding to permanently preserve green spaces and natural features within the City. The Headlee Amendment has reduced the maximum rate of that millage to .2972 mills, and it is due to expire after final levy for fiscal year 2015. It is proposed that upon expiration of the green space millage, it should be re-purposed and replaced with a tax levy of up to .2972 mills for 5 years, beginning in fiscal year 2016 and continuing through fiscal year 2020, inclusive, to be used for local roads and streets.

Shall the City of Rochester Hills re-purpose and replace the expiring green space millage of .2972 mills with a tax levy of up to .2972 mills (\$0.2972 per \$1,000 of taxable value) on the taxable value of all property assessed for taxes in the City for 5 years, beginning in fiscal year 2016 and continuing through fiscal year 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? This will generate an estimated \$914,850 in tax revenues if levied in full in the first year.

FAQs on the Millage Re-Purpose

What is a millage re-purpose?

A question before voters to redirect a dedicated millage for one purpose to another dedicated purpose. The net result to taxpayers is no change in the 9.706 millage rate.

What would a re-purpose millage pay for?

A re-purpose millage would dedicate more than \$900,000 toward local road maintenance, repair, and reconstruction.

Can the re-purposed millage be used for anything other than Local Streets?

No. If approved, this re-purposed millage would dedicate funding only toward activities that improve and preserve our local streets.

Will my tax bill go up?

NO. If approved by voters, the total city millage rate is proposed to remain unchanged at 9.706.

	Current for FY2015	Proposed for FY2016
Green Space/Natural Features	0.2972	-0-
Proposed Local Street III	-0-	0.2972
Other City Millage	9.41	9.41
Total City Millage	9.706	9.706

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Rochester Hills Neighborhoods - Our Local Roads

Protecting Your Investment with NO Increase in Tax Rate



WHAT IS THE CONDITION OF YOUR ROAD?



**IF APPROVED, THIS PROPOSAL
WILL NOT RAISE YOUR TAX RATE!**

Dear Fellow Residents: The Rochester Hills Police & Road Funding Technical Review Committee has studied and recommended funding options to maintain and improve our local roads, which are primarily residential streets. Previously we recommended and residents approved the re-purposing and extension of two expiring Debt Millages for the funding of Local Road maintenance.

This past winter was the most severe in our history and we all remember dodging potholes for months. The Committee has recommended the re-purposing and extension of the .2972-Mill Green Space millage, which was originally approved by voters in 2005 and expires at the end of Fiscal Year 2015. The Green Space Advisory Board has endorsed this proposal.

City Council is submitting a ballot proposal for voter approval of this re-purposing on the August 2014 election ballot. If approved, this new dedicated Local Road millage will generate approximately \$914,850 in additional Local Road maintenance funding starting in FY 2016 with no increase in tax rate to residents.

Please take time to review this information and vote at the August 5 election.

Sincerely,

The Rochester Hills Police & Road Funding
Technical Review Citizens Committee

