

The Community News

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ROCHESTER HILLS FAVORITE NEWSPAPER

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Rochester Hills Receives AAA Rating

Strong Financial Position and Good Management Practices Cited

Rochester Hills, Michigan— The City of Rochester Hills is proud to announce that it has received an 'AAA' Rating from Fitch Ratings, the leading global rating agency. The recent ratings review by Fitch affirms the 'AAA' rating with a stable outlook of the city of Rochester Hills's general obligation limited tax capital improvement bonds, series 2002, as well as the outstanding maturity of the Rochester Hills Building Authority's general obligation limited tax bonds, series 2002.

According to Fitch's assessment, key rating drivers include; the city's internal funding of capital projects combined with a rapid debt payout, as well as the lack of future borrowing plans, should allow the city to retain its favorable debt profile.

Additionally, the presence of ample general fund reserves and the retention of margins under operating millage limits provide vital flexibility as the city weathers the economic downturn.

several new employers are expected to add over 850 new jobs to the local economy in the near future, which should strengthen the employment base," states Mayor Bryan K. Barnett.

"We've seen a recent pickup in our commercial/industrial activity, including a 28% increase in building permits and a decline from 15% to 10% in our vacancy rates this year. We also have a favorable unemployment rate, which was 7.8% in June and trending downward, and remains well below the state level of 13.1% and the national level of 9.6%," states Keith Sawdon, Finance Director.

The city just recently presented its multi-year budget for FY2011, along with FY2012 and FY2013 to council; this sophisticated multi-year approach will allow the city to plan for economically induced revenue declines. The 2011 budget calls for a 9% decline in revenues and a 12% reduction in expenditures with no appropriation of fund balance for the next 3 years.

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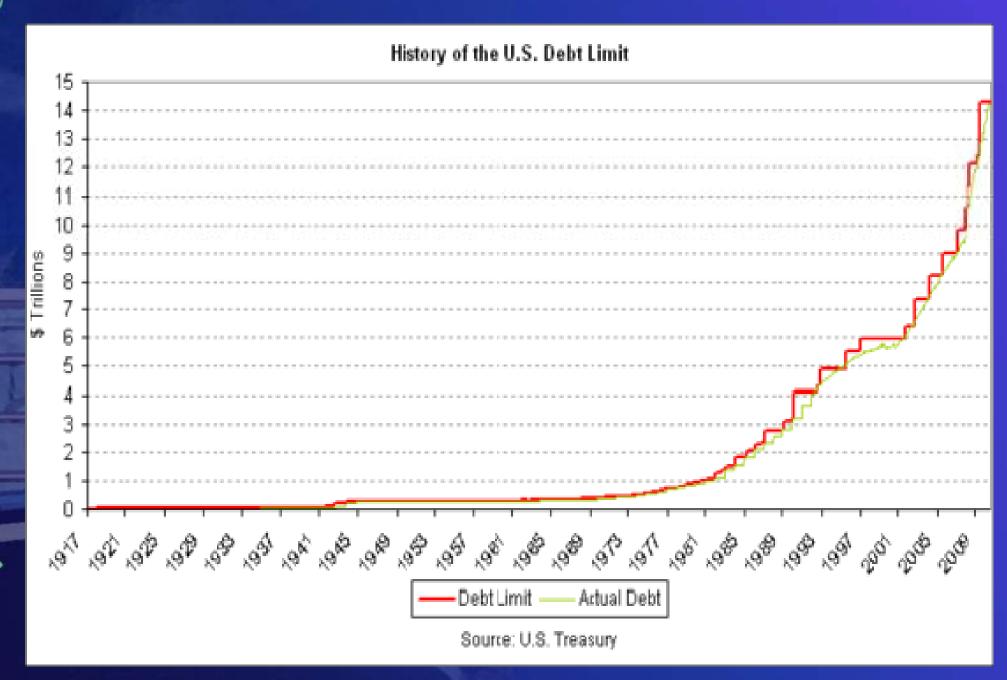
What the rating agencies saw when looking at the City

- Adopted a Debt Management Policy
- Made the Financial Forecast a part of our budget process
- Moved to a Multi-year (3 year) Budget
- We have no unfunded liability related to our retirement plans

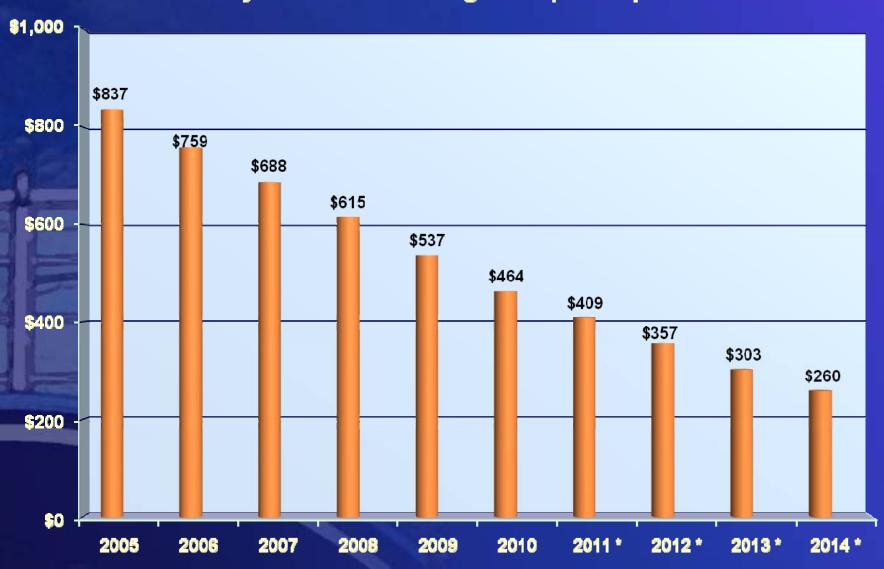


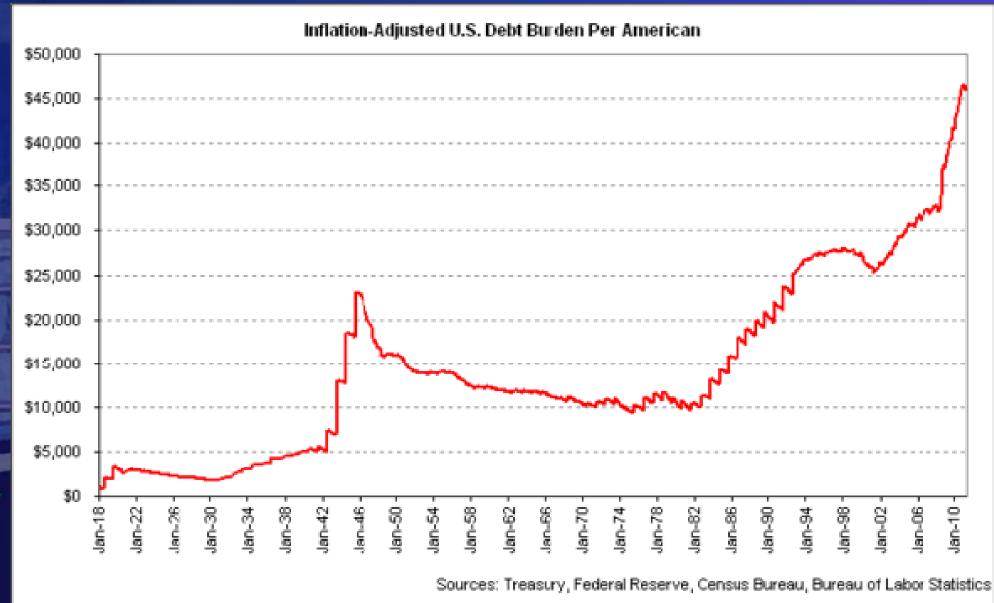
Citywide Legal Debt Limit





Citywide Outstanding Debt per Capita





Current Outstanding Debt

313 - LOCAL STREET IMPROVEMENT BOND/2001

- Improvements to Christian Hills, Great Oaks, Allston, and Foxboro subdivisions
- Payable through FY 2016

314 - LOCAL STREET SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BOND / 2001

• Improvements to Avon Hills, Relyea Acres, Klem Gardens, Hillcrest, and South Boulevard Gardens

325 - LOCAL STREET IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND / 2002

- Improvements to Avon Manor, Whispering Willows, Springhill, Stratford Knolls, Great Oaks West, Lochmoore Hills, Larchwood, and Independence Court subdivisions
- Payable through FY 2017

369 - OPC Building Refunding Debt Fund

- Refund the OPC Building Debt Bonds
- Millage approved by voters in 2001
- Payable through 2021

393-Municipal Building Refunding Debt

- Refunding of the Municipal Building Debt
- Payable through 2021



Water Resources Debt Fund

2012-2014 Budget Summary Report									
331	2010	2010	2011	2011	2012	2013	2014		
Water Resources Debt	Amended	Audited	Amended	June YTD	Proposed	Projected	Projected		
Revenues	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget		
Fund Balance to Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,720	\$ -	\$ 107,600	\$ 107,600	\$ 107,600		
City Taxes	2,102,670	2,108,172	1,919,580	1,923,273	1,191,710	1,128,470	212,920		
Investment Earnings	205,000	203,687	11,850	14,176	15,060	20,980	25,820		
Other Revenue	_	2,650	_	5,792	_	_	_		
TOTAL	\$ 2,307,670	\$ 2,314,510	\$ 2,007,150	\$ 1,943,242	\$ 1,314,370	\$ 1,257,050	\$ 346,340		
Per Capita	\$ 33.53	\$ 33.63	\$ 29.16	n/a	\$ 19.10	\$ 18.26	\$ 5.03		
331	2010	2010	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011		
Water Resources Debt	Amended	Audited	Amended	June YTD	Amended	Amended	Amended		
Expenditures	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget		
Other Services	\$ 27,330	\$ 11,175	\$ 9,680	\$ 12,879	\$ 6,690	\$ 5,550	\$ 1,140		
Debt Service	2,143,980	2,143,154	1,997,470	1,917,012	1,307,680	1,251,500	345,200		
TOTAL	\$ 2,171,310	\$ 2,154,329	\$ 2,007,150	\$ 1,929,891	\$ 1,314,370	\$ 1,257,050	\$ 346,340		
Per Capita	\$ 31.55	\$ 31.30	\$ 29.16	n/a	\$ 19.10	\$ 18.26	\$ 5.03		

- Chapter 20 Drains
- Full faith and credit debt
- For FY 2012, levy 0.4046

FY2014
Levy of
.0797

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Chapter 20 Project:	Payable Through:	Interest Rate:					
McIntyre Drain	2013	2.75% to 5.20%					
Hampton Drain	2013	2.75% to 5.20%					
Bishop Drain	2013	2.80% to 5.30%					
Chester Drain	2013	1.25% to 2.75%					
Wolf Drain	2013	4.00% to 4.70%					
Huber Drain Refunding	2014	2.00% to 3.30%					
Rewold Drain / Phase II	2025	3.00% to 4.30%					



WATER & SEWER DEBT FUND

2012-2014 Budget Summary Report													
595	2010	2010 2011			2011	2011 2012		2013		2014			
W&S - Debt Service	Amended		Audited	Amended		June YTD		Proposed		Projected		Projected	
Revenues	Budget		Actual	Budget		Actual		Budget		Budget		Budget	
Investment Earnings	\$ -	\$	3,769	\$	-	\$	(3,769)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Other Revenue	-		8,116		-		9,358		-		-		-
Transfer - In	1,222,810		1,181,122		308,180		244,480		825,210		818,360		811,910
TOTAL	\$ 1,222,810	\$	1,193,007	\$	308,180	\$	250,069	\$	825,210	\$	818,360	\$	811,910
Per Capita	\$ 17.77	\$	17.33	\$	4.48		n/a	\$	11.99	\$	11.89	\$	11.80
595	2010		2010		2011		2011		2012		2013		2014
W&S - Debt Service	Amended		Audited	Amended		June YTD Proposed		roposed	Projected		Projected		
Expenses	Budget		Actual	Budget			Actual	Budget		Budget		Budget	
Professional Services	\$ 30,340	\$	13,538	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Other Services	908,460		-		-		-		-		-		-
Debt Service	284,010		330,081		308,180		77,446		825,210		818,360		811,910
TOTAL	\$ 1,222,810	\$	343,619	\$	308,180	\$	77,446	\$	825,210	\$	818,360	\$	811,910
Per Capita	\$ 17.77	\$	4.99	\$	4.48		n/a	\$	11.99	\$	11.89	\$	11.80

- New in FY 2012 \$509,630 increase related to our share of the Oakland/Macomb Sanitary Sewer Interceptor
- Bonds issued by/for the Water & Sewer Fund

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 Secured by and paid for by revenues of that fund and Debt expense is part of user rates