



# Gratiot County Parks and Recreation Commission

## Millage Fact Sheet



# Please Vote August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### How the Millage Works

The requested millage rate will be 0.3500 mils for eight years. If voters approve the millage renewal, the owner of a house worth \$ 100,000.00 will pay approximately \$17.50 per year.

The millage will generate approximately \$ 516,733.00 per year for Gratiot county parks. A portion of the millage may be disbursed to townships, cities, and villages within Gratiot County for funding countywide parks and trails as the County Board

### The Facts

*Will the millage renewal raise my current property taxes?*

NO! This is a renewal of an existing millage. Your property tax will not increase as a result of the millage renewal.

*What is my current cost?*

Your Home's Market Value	Estimated Average Annual Cost
\$50,000	\$8.75
\$75,000	\$13.12
\$100,000	\$17.50
\$150,000	\$26.25
\$200,000	\$35.00



80-acre park with swimming beach pavilions, bathrooms, playground, camping, trails, ball fields and disc golf



60- acre park with swimming beach, fishing, pavilions, playgrounds, camping and trails

**Administration of Funds** Decisions regarding the financial distribution will be made by the Parks Commission. The Parks Commission consists of ten members, six citizens at large, a County Commissioner, a Road Commissioner representative, the Drain Commissioner and a County Planning Commission representative as required by law.

**Proposal:** For the sole purpose of providing funding necessary for creating, operating, maintaining and improving countywide parks, trails, and recreational programs within Gratiot County, including parks, trails, and recreational programs of Gratiot County and public parks and trails of townships, cities and villages within the County of Gratiot, shall the Constitutional limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Gratiot, Michigan, be increased by the same level authorized by the voters in 2004, and shall the County be authorized to levy, up to 0.3500 of one (1) mill (\$0.3500 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of eight (8) years, 2020 through 2027, inclusive? If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$516,733.26 for funding a countywide parks, trails and recreation program in Gratiot County in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value. A portion of the millage may be disbursed to townships, cities, and villages within Gratiot County for funding countywide parks and trails as the County Board determines appropriate. As required by State law, a small portion of the millage may be captured by the Downtown Development Authority of the City of St. Louis; and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities of Gratiot County, the Cities of Alma and St. Louis, the Village of Ashley, and the Township of Elba.

### Listed below are some of the projects completed over the last eight years

#### Reed County Park

- Ball field upgrades
- Park office
- Cornhole targets
- Maintenance building
- ADA access Improvements
- Pavilion #6
- Basketball courts
- Beach access chair & Decking
- Online reservation system

**127 Bike Path-** 6.5-mile, non-motorized trail

#### Hubscher County Park

- Hubscher lake and summer trail
- Construction of pavilions 8 & 9
- Ball Field irrigation
- Paving of roads
- Fishing platform
- Cornhole targets
- Electrification of pavilions

**Pompeii Park-** playground & pavilion  
**Luneack Landing-** ADA access boat launch