

Issue 3 - Violet Township Road Levy

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. How can Violet Township use Issue 3 money?** Issue 3 is for road maintenance and repair. These funds will be used to keep our roads safe and in good repair. That could include paving/resurfacing, sealing cracks so pot holes do not develop, snow and ice removal, maintaining road culverts and street signs, or mowing the right of ways so there are safe places to walk and ride bikes. The funds cannot be used for other budget areas.
- 2. Why is Issue 3 needed?** Since 2010, the State of Ohio has eliminated or dramatically cut three important sources of funding for Townships. These include elimination of Tangible Personal Property Tax (TPP), reduction of the Local Government Fund (LGF) and elimination of estate taxes. These cuts by the state were significant; Violet Township gets about \$730,000 less each year. Much of that money was used to supplement road maintenance.
- 3. How much money will this levy generate?** The levy will raise an additional \$770,000/year for five years. If the levy passes this March, the Township will start to receive money in 2017.
- 4. How much money will be available for road maintenance if Issue 3 does not pass?** If the issue does not pass, only about \$275,000 will be available for road maintenance each year. This comes from license plate fees, gasoline taxes and a small portion of real estate taxes.
- 5. How many miles of roads do we have in the Township?** The Township is responsible for maintaining 105 miles of roadway. This is the same as a two-lane road from downtown Columbus to downtown Cincinnati.
- 6. What does it cost to resurface a mile of road?** In 2016, it will cost about \$85,000 to resurface a mile of road. Unfortunately, the cost has gone up by 125% over the past ten years; in 2006, it only cost \$38,000.
- 7. How many miles of road are scheduled to be resurfaced in 2016?** This year, only \$275,000 is available for road maintenance. This provides funds to resurface less than three miles this year. The rest of the budget will be used for other types of road maintenance.

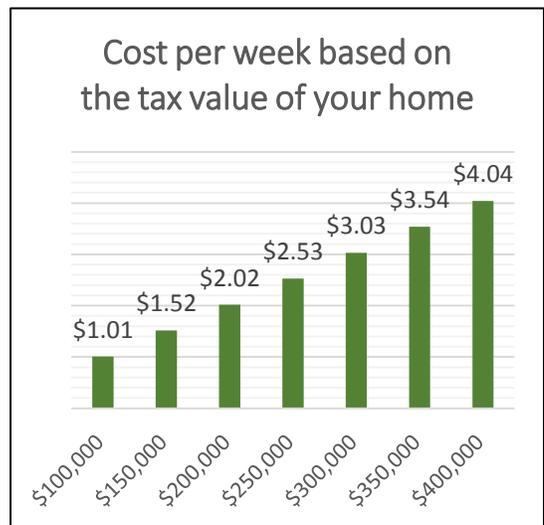
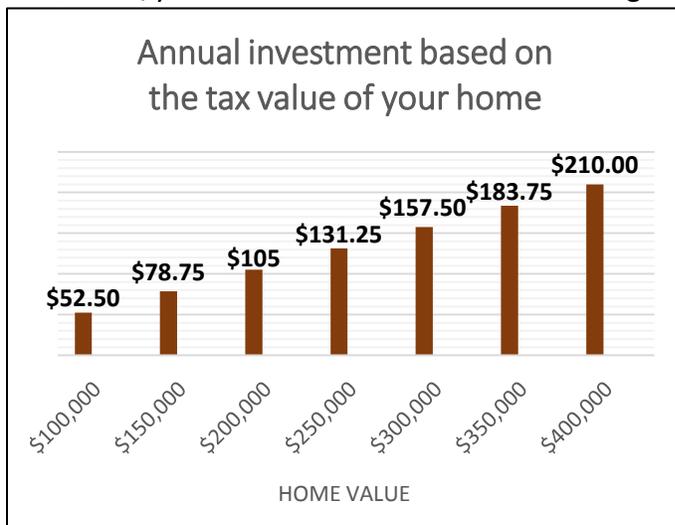


8. Will the township need extra money to replace road equipment? No, based on current estimates, this levy will provide enough money to maintain our roads and repair or replace road maintenance equipment as needed.

9. How will this make a difference to me? Almost every person in our community uses the township roads every day. When they are well maintained:

- Travel is safer
- Travel time is shorter
- It costs less to repair roads than to replace them so this saves you money
- Property values are maintained
- New businesses are more likely to choose our community. Over time, the income they contribute will reduce the amount home owners have to pay for all services.

10. How much will this 1.5 mill levy cost me? The cost of this issue is \$52.50/year for each \$100,000 of home valuation so the cost will vary based on the tax/assessed value of a resident’s home. If your home tax value is \$100,000, you will pay \$52.50 per year or \$1.01 per week. If your home at valued at \$150,000, the cost will be just over \$1.50/week or \$78.75/year. That is about the same as a large coffee from McDonalds each week.



11. What is the tax value of my home? The tax value of your home (also known as the assessed value) is different from the market value when you sell it. The tax valuation is usually lower than current market value. You can find the tax valuation of your home on your Real Estate Tax bill. Look for Total under APPRAISED VALUE in the in the upper right corner of the bill.

12. How many years will this Issue 3 last? The levy will last for five years. At that time, it will be up for renewal and you will get to decide if the Township has used the money effectively.

- 13. I do not have money to pay more taxes. Why should I vote for this Issue 3?** Roads cost more to replace than to maintain. The cost to replace one mile of two-lane road is approximately \$1 million; almost twelve times more than the cost to resurface a mile of road. The township is responsible for maintaining the roads. The cost will be much higher if we do not maintain roads on a regular basis. [Issue 3 saves money!](#)
- 14. How can I learn more?** Check back frequently, follow us on Facebook, or contact our office at 614-575-5556 for more information and updates.