

Gratiot County Essential Services Millage Renewals

On the ballot August 2, 2022

MSU Extension
& 4-H Youth
Services



Greater
Gratiot
Development



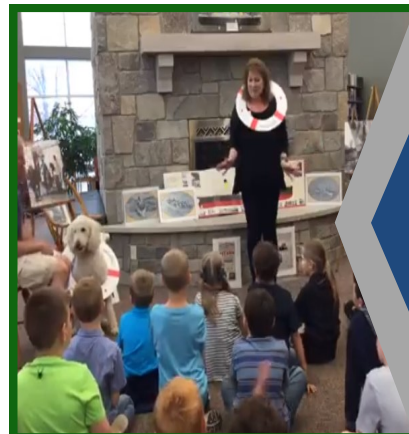
Proposal 2: Agriculture and Economic Development Services Millage

Gratiot Co.
Commission
on Aging



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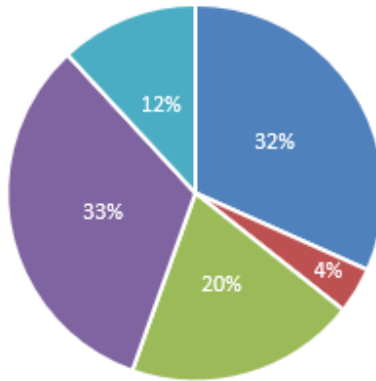
Proposal #1: Gratiot County Commission on Aging Millage Renewal

The Commission on Aging millage renewal will support funding to maintain and expand services for senior citizens in Gratiot County. The millage asks for .6492 of one (1) mill for a period of four (4) years. 72% of the Commission's funds are received through the millage. Funds are used as follows:



2021 Allocation of Funds

Direct client assistance—88%



- Direct in-home services, 32%
(Personal care, respite care, home chore, home repair, homemaking)
- Gratiot Community Senior Center, 4%
- Direct client assistance, 20%
(Case coordination, Medicare/Medicaid assistance, volunteer programs, caregiver training, and community services)
- Home-delivered & congregate meals, 33%
- Administration, 12%

Proposal #2: Agriculture and Economic Development Services Millage

This millage renewal continues funding for MSU Extension (including 4-H youth services) and Greater Gratiot Development, Inc. The millage asks for no more than .5 mill for a period of four years to fund the promotion of agriculture, industry, trade, and tourism interests, and industry, commerce or agriculture economic activities in Gratiot County.

MSU Extension (including 4-H)

MSU Extension (MSUE) provides research-based education to help individuals and communities address the following areas: **4-H & youth development**, agriculture, business development, community, family, nutrition & health, lawn & garden, and natural resources. MSUE programs in Gratiot County help reduce the cost of public investment in health care and other governmental remediation services and increase the resources of families and local communities. As a result of the pandemic, MSUE also expanded its online presence to deliver services digitally.

In 2020-2021, MSUE programs resulted in the following:

- 4,750 Gratiot MSUE participants (approx.)
- 4,150 Gratiot citizens utilized MSUE.MSU.EDU for online educational information and programs
- 541 Youth involved in 4-H
- 54 Adult 4-H volunteers
- 28 4-H clubs (in areas like science, arts, agriculture, and community service)



Each Millage Renewal

appear in the same order below as they will on the ballot.

Proposal #2 (Cont.):

Greater Gratiot Development, Inc. (GGDI)

The mission of GGDI is to retain, expand, and attract business & industry and to participate in activities which enhance the economic climate on behalf of Gratiot County and area municipalities. GGDI also administers the county Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, which prioritizes re-use of contaminated or obsolete sites. GGDI projects have resulted in:

- 330 projects assisted since 1978
- \$1.7 billion invested in Gratiot County since 1978
- \$33.98 in new tax revenues generated for every \$1 of public funds spent in 2021
- 35.7% of millage dollars received by GGDI in 2021 generated from GGDI-assisted projects
- 5,581 jobs created or retained with GGDI assistance
 - ◊ 33% of Gratiot County's labor force
- \$12.6 million in grant dollars allocated to Gratiot County since 1978
 - ◊ Including \$844,000 in COVID relief to small businesses in 2020 and 2021



Proposal #3: Gratiot Countywide Library Millage Renewal

The library millage renewal asks for .4994 mill for 8 years to support funding for library services at the six public libraries located in Gratiot County: Alma, Ashley, Breckenridge, Ithaca, Riverdale, and St. Louis. In total, the six libraries provide 12,000 hours of service annually. All Gratiot County residents have access to the offerings of these locations, including:

- Catalog of nearly 200,000 items
 - ◊ Books, videos, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, and more
 - ◊ Access to 440 library collections around Michigan
 - ◊ E-book and digital material access
- Public meeting and study spaces
- Computer access
 - ◊ Word-processing software
 - ◊ Printing and copying services
 - ◊ High-speed internet access
- Programming for all ages
 - ◊ Literacy for children
 - ◊ STEM for children
- Local history and genealogy collections
- Trained library staff for reference and technology questions on-site and remotely via phone and email



Costs of Renewals

The maximum annual cost for each millage is presented below, and a total for all three is included. To estimate your cost, take your home's market value, divide it by two to get the approximate taxable value, divide by a thousand, and multiply by the number of mills. For example, the median home value in Gratiot County is \$97,600. So the maximum annual cost of all three millages would be $((\$97,600 / 2) / 1,000) * 1.6486 = \80.45 .

Your Home's Market Value	Commission on Aging Annual Cost (.6492 mills)	Agriculture and Economic Development Maximum Annual Cost (up to .50 mill)	Countywide Library Millage Renewal Annual Cost (.4994 mill)	Total Maximum Annual Cost for Millages (1.6486 mills)
\$50,000	\$16.23	\$12.50	\$12.49	\$41.22
\$75,000	\$24.35	\$18.75	\$18.73	\$61.83
\$100,000	\$32.46	\$25.00	\$24.97	\$82.43
\$150,000	\$48.69	\$37.50	\$37.46	\$123.65
\$200,000	\$64.92	\$50.00	\$49.94	\$164.86
\$250,000	\$81.15	\$62.50	\$62.43	\$206.08
\$300,000	\$97.38	\$75.00	\$74.91	\$247.29

Questions? Need Services?

Each of the agencies in this brochure would be happy to answer questions you may have in regard to the millage or everyday service needs. Please reach out to the appropriate agency below.

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