



Henry Ford College Millage Proposal

Exercise your right to vote
February 27, 2024



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New millage to renew the same amount of money.

Dearborn's Community College

- ★ By the community, for the community for 85 years
- ★ The only city-serving community college in the state
- ★ Free college for 2,700 local high school students
- ★ Cultural and educational opportunities for everyone
- ★ Guided by Dearborn taxpayers

Broad Community and Academic Mission

- ★ STEM, Liberal and Fine Arts, Health Professions, Business and Entrepreneurship, Professional Trades
- ★ Transfer programs
- ★ Career, technical, and workforce education
- ★ Non-credit enrichment courses
- ★ English Language Institute (ELI)
- ★ Free tuition for Dearborn residents 60+

Community Enrichment

- ★ Music concerts, theater performances, art shows
- ★ 5101 Restaurant
- ★ Hawks sports
- ★ Robotics, conferences, Honors showcases
- ★ Kingfisher Bluff and Gateway Trail

Economic Perspective

- ★ As of 2022, HFC's spending (students, faculty, and alumni) generated \$1.4 billion in economic activity.
- ★ This is equivalent to supporting 20,289 jobs.
- ★ 5x investment: For every \$1 invested, local taxpayers receive nearly \$5 in value.

How is HFC funded?

Three funding sources to operate the College:

- ① Tuition and fees: 54%
 - ② State appropriations: 26%
 - ③ Property tax revenue: 20%
- ★ HFC's percentage of property tax revenue is much lower than other Michigan community colleges, which average 35% from property taxes.

Millage impact on College budget

- ★ Renewal of four mills = \$20 million
- ★ Same amount taxpayers are currently funding
- ★ Millage is 20% of the College's budget

How will we spend this millage?

Funding to operate the College, including:

- ★ Employment and classroom investments
- ★ Much-needed student collaboration and learning spaces.
- ★ On-campus mini-campus for dual-enrolled high school students.

Funding to improve the College, including:

- ★ \$2,000,000 per year, for only 8 years, toward the Southeast Michigan Student Success Center on our main campus.
- ★ \$800,000 per year to fund the Integrated Energy Master Plan (IEMP), with major savings over time in energy use, water use, and greenhouse gas emissions.

Exercise Your Right to Vote

- ★ Election Day: February 27, 2024
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- ★ Absentee Voting begins January 18, 2024
- ★ Early Voting available February 17-25, 2024



Why is there a millage renewal proposal for HFC?

Michigan community colleges are funded by state appropriations, tuition and fees, and local property taxes. These property taxes are called a millage.

The College currently has two millages: one is 3 mills, one is 1 mill. Both millages are expiring. We are asking our community to renew the same amount of money, which is 4 mills.

The millage is an essential part of how we serve our community. The millage is 20% of the annual cost to operate Dearborn's community college.

All the many services we provide to our students and our city depend on this ongoing support from you, our community.

What will this proposal cost the average homeowner?

The four-mill renewal will cost the average homeowner about \$232 per year, or \$19.33 per month, the same amount you are currently paying.

If the millage renewal is approved, how will HFC use the money?

The majority of our budget goes toward running the College by supporting the people who support our students and our community. This includes faculty, student services staff, and others.

We are also investing in our campuses, to provide the high-quality education, services, and activities that our community has asked us to provide. Some of these services include cultural and learning opportunities for our entire community.

Much more

For more about HFC, visit hfcc.edu/millage to find:

- ★ Student success stories,
- ★ President's videos,
- ★ The value HFC provides to our community,
- ★ Facts and figures,
- ★ How to vote on the millage: www.hfcc.edu/millage



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Information about the Henry Ford College millage proposal 2024

Henry Ford College is a centerpiece of our community in Dearborn. For 85 years, we have been the only city-focused community college in Michigan. We provide high value to our city and community.

12,000+ of students, from high school through a college degree, receive a high-quality education at low or no cost. Our alumni succeed in their careers and lives. They contribute to the economic growth and social vitality of our city.

