

2018 Millage Renewal FAQs

Why is there a millage renewal proposal for Henry Ford College?

By Michigan law, community colleges are funded by state appropriations, student tuition and fees, and local property taxes. One mill of HFC's property tax revenue expires this year. In order to continue to receive that funding, HFC must place a millage renewal proposal on the on the November 6, 2018 ballot for voters to consider.

What will this proposal cost the average homeowner?

According to the City of Dearborn's Assessor's Office, the average taxable value of homes in Dearborn is approximately \$54,000. Based on this 2018 information, a one-mill renewal will cost the average homeowner \$54 per year, or \$4.50 per month, the same amount they are currently paying. When the voters approved this mill in 2013, the average homeowner payment was \$3.75 per month. As home values have increased, the monthly cost has increased by 75¢ per household, on average.

If the voters participating in the November 6, 2018 election renew the HFC millage, HFC plans to use the continuing funds as described below.

If the millage renewal is approved, how does HFC plan to use the money?

- \$800,000 per year will go toward the Integrated Energy Master Plan (IEMP) project. Upon completion, this project will reduce the College's energy consumption by up to 60%, reduce water usage by up to 40%, and develop an energy-related curriculum to help HFC students obtain jobs in green energy fields.
- \$300,000 per year will go to classroom investments. This includes the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment that will enable our students to participate in hands-on, interactive learning experiences that simulate the realistic working environments students will find when they graduate.
- \$2 million per year will go to strategic employment investments, including new faculty positions in high-demand programs, and enhanced student-support positions dedicated to student success, retention, and completion efforts.
- \$300,000 per year will go to support the improvement and maintenance of our buildings and classrooms, including much-needed study and gathering spaces for students and faculty.

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What will happen if Dearborn voters do not approve the millage proposal?

One mill represents approximately \$4.2 million per year in revenue for the College. Without this revenue, the College would experience budget shortfalls that would significantly diminish the plans stated above and would negatively affect staffing, facilities, student support services, and technology advancements across campus.

When is the election, and who is eligible to vote?

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

To vote in the millage election, you must be:

- a U.S. citizen;
- at least 18 years of age by Election Day;
- a resident of Michigan and the Dearborn Public School district;
- registered to vote

Where and how do I vote?

The Dearborn Public School district includes the City of Dearborn and the Fairlane district of Dearborn Heights.

If you are not registered to vote, you may register at the City Clerk's office or any Secretary of State branch office. The last day to register to vote is Monday, October 8 (30 days before the election).

You can vote at your precinct's voting location or via absentee ballot. Your voting location is printed on your voter registration card, which is provided by the Secretary of State. If you are unsure of your precinct's voting location or have questions regarding absentee ballots, please contact the City Clerk's office.