



FISCAL CONSERVATISM

Trustee Tony Upton

The effective residential tax rate in Green Township is lower today than it was when I first became a Trustee in 1990. West side families expect their Township government to be frugal. So the Trustees have been very judicious in hiring staff and purchasing supplies over the past 18 years.

One of the ways we have been able to keep our taxes low is through the use of Tax Increment Financing Funds (TIF) for facilities/capital improvements. TIF Funds have built/renovated four fire stations, purchased multiple police and fire vehicles, secured over 100 acres of park land, and resurfaced or rebuilt dozens of roads in the Township. The use of TIF Funds have saved taxpayers millions of dollars, and funded over a hundred worthwhile projects in the Township. However, we must remember that TIF Funds cannot be used for any operating expenses.

A 1.9 mill Safety Services Levy will be on the ballot this November. The decision was made after months of review and analysis to place this issue on the ballot. We examined emergency calls for service, future staffing needs, and the stability of future revenue sources for the Township.

Green Township operates at a cost of \$302 per Green Township citizen, which is by far the most efficient and lowest cost per capita of the eight largest townships in Southwestern Ohio. My goal is to maintain Green Township's low operating budget and provide additional police, fire and EMS services to our residents. Below is a chart which shows how efficient Green Township is today. This chart clearly demonstrates that you have one of the lowest tax rates in Hamilton County. Now we need to focus on maintaining quality fire, police, and emergency medical services for our residents. If you have any questions about this chart or about other Township issues please feel free to call me at 574-4848.

Sincerely,

Tony Upton. Trustee
Green Township Board of Trustees

TOWNSHIP	2007 POPULATION (Estimated)	2008 COST PER CAPITA (Estimated)	2008 EFFECTIVE RESIDENTIAL MILLAGE RATE
Springfield Twp. (Hamilton Cty.)	39,755	\$452	16.107
Miami Twp. (Clermont Cty.)	39,279	\$585	14.660
Delhi Twp. (Hamilton Cty.)	31,147	\$353	14.348
West Chester (Butler Cty.)	59,623	\$503	13.247
Union Twp. (Clermont Cty.)	43,262	\$624	11.580
Colerain Twp. (Hamilton Cty.)	62,205	\$458	11.439
Anderson Twp. (Hamilton Cty.)	41,586	\$577	9.308
Green Twp. (Hamilton Cty.)	61,144	\$302	6.081