

Crawford Park District – Levy Fact Sheet

1. Why is a levy necessary?

The state reduced local government funds.

Local Government Funds in 2012 compared to 2011 will be reduced by 29%

Local Government Funds in 2013 compared to 2011 will be reduced by 44%

There is the possibility that Local Government Funds will be eliminated.

The Park District has made cuts and has increased fundraisers, but cannot continue to provide current services.

2. Who will vote on this levy?

Crawford County residents.

3. How much will this levy cost me?

The levy is for .4 mills.

For a property valuation of \$50,000, it would add \$6.30 a year to your taxes.

For a property valuation of \$100,000 it would add \$12.60 a year to your taxes.

For many property owners, the additional tax would be about the cost of 1 pizza

This levy would cost farmers about 12 cents per acre on average farm ground.

4. What other sources of revenue do the parks have?

Fees, such as those charged for summer camp.

Donations including memberships and the annual appeal of the Friends of the Crawford Park District.

Project specific grants.

5. If passed, when does levy take effect?

Tax year 2012, to be collected in 2013.

6. Is this a permanent levy?

No, the levy will run for ten years.

7. What is the anticipated income from the levy?

At current county valuations, \$286,312

8. How will the Park District use the levy funds?

Equipment and Repairs/Park maintenance

Contract Services such as the electric, propane and water hauling costs.

Nature Center operations

Habitat preservation

Personnel

9. What evidence is there that the Crawford Park District is effective in its mission and therefore what services would drastic cuts affect?

Since January 2011, there have been:

1,043 visitors to the Lowe-Volk Park Nature Center.

4,557 served at general public programs

4,420 served at school and after school programs

531 senior citizen and/or multihandicapped served

533 Adult/Youth/Scouts/Clubs served

The Crawford Park District partnered with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to insure that Daughmer Bur Oak Savannah was preserved.

The Crawford Park District partnered with the Bucyrus Area Community Foundation and installed a wind powered pond aeration system at Lowe-Volk Park

