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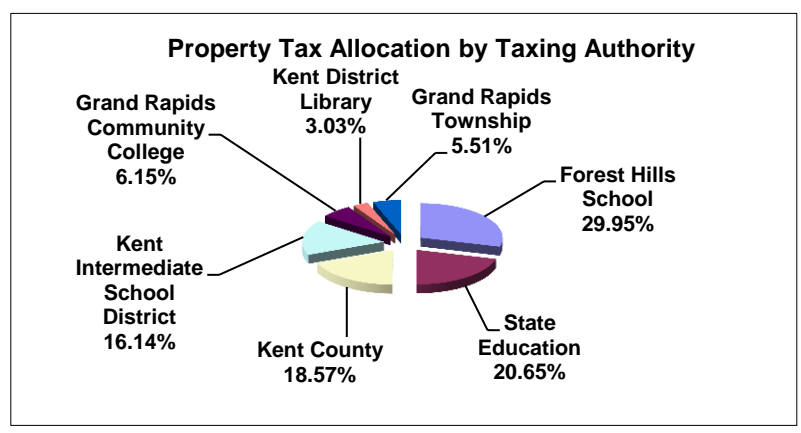
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**NEWS BRIEFS – SUMMER 2012**

We have enclosed this News Brief with your property tax statement to enhance your understanding of your property tax bill. Grand Rapids Township is the property tax collector, as required by the Michigan Constitution, for all authorities that levy property taxes.

Property tax bills are issued in July and December and the taxing authority determines on which tax bill they will collect all or a portion of their taxes and assessments. The July tax bill for residents in the East Grand Rapids School District is about 82% of the annual total; for residents in Forest Hills and Northview School Districts the percentage paid in July is about 75%.

**WHO GETS MY TAX DOLLARS?**



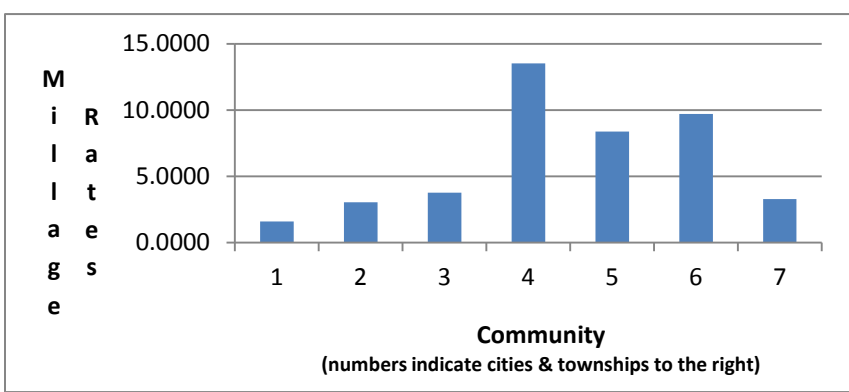
Your property taxes primarily support public education and the library. Local government; Kent County and Grand Rapids Township are also funded by the property tax. Although payments are collected by GRT, your township retains only 5.5 cents of each tax dollar.

**Example of an Annual Tax Bill of \$3,000.00**

Forest Hills Public Schools	\$899
State Education Tax	\$620
Kent Intermediate School District	\$484
Grand Rapids Community College	\$185
Library	\$91
Kent County	\$557
Grand Rapids Township	\$165

**HOW DOES MY TOWNSHIP TAX RATE COMPARE?**

Grand Rapids Township not only has a very low millage rate, but it's lower than the millage rates of our neighboring townships and cities.



	% greater than GRT	Millage Rate
1 GR Township		1.5995
2 Ada Township	91%	3.0508
3 Cascade Twp	135%	3.7626
4 EGR City	745%	13.5195
5 GR City	423%	8.3713
6 Kentwood City	507%	9.7064
7 Plainfield Twp	106%	3.2900

**WILL WE CONTINUE TO HAVE A LOW TOWNSHIP PROPERTY TAX?**

YES. The Board of Trustees is committed to efficient effective government; one with a balanced budget, a fund balance, no debt, and no post retirement or healthcare obligations. You entrust your township officials and trustees to spend every one of your tax dollars wisely, and we take that responsibility very seriously.

Have a great Summer!  
Michael J. DeVries, Supervisor