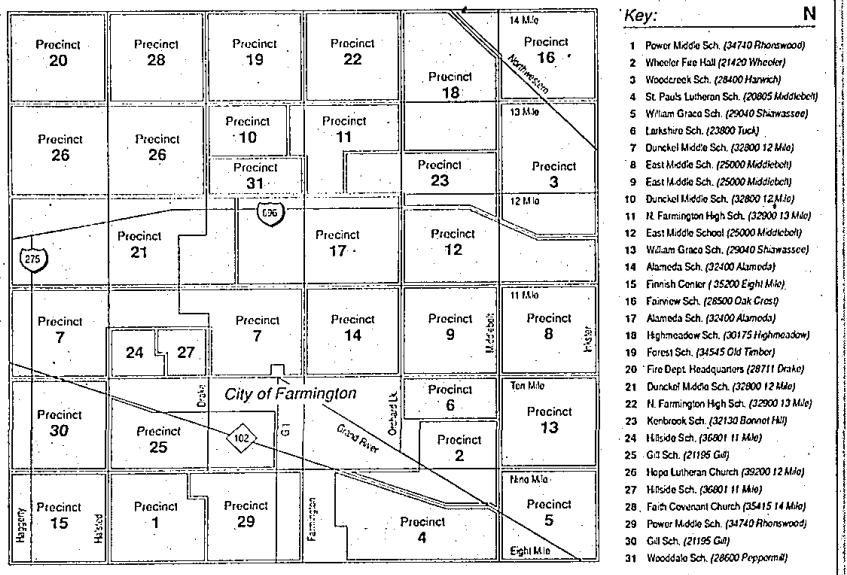


Hills votes Tuesday on parks-recreation tax

City of Farmington Hills Precinct Voting Map



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vote by looking at their voters registration card. It has the precinct number and the precinct location.

Beginning with Tuesday's election, voters in precincts 24 and 27 who used to vote at the city-owned San Marino Golf Course maintenance building, 26834 Halsted, will now vote at the new Hillsdale Elementary School, 36801 11 Mile. The change does not affect other voters or precincts.

Tuesday's vote is the second in the city's history for parks and recreation. The first half-mill tax expired July 1990. If the new half-mill passes Tuesday, it will be levied in July.

When voters go to the polls, they will see the following ballot. If voters approve the tax request, the city charter will be amended to allow the tax to be levied above and beyond the 10-mill charter limit:

Shall the city charter of the city of Farmington Hills be amended to permit the levy of an additional tax not exceeding 0.05 percent (0.5 mills) of state equalized value for a period of eight years, the taxes to be used only for parks and recreation facilities and programs, projects within the city?

If passed, the tax would generate \$9.6 million over eight years to support a \$10.9 million plan. Grants are expected to pay the difference.

THE CITY'S request for a half-mill for eight years is accompanied

by a plan documenting how the money will be spent. Land acquisition for soccer fields is the top priority:

- \$5 million for land acquisition and development throughout the city for parks and active recreation, including ballfields and soccer fields.

The estimated costs of development include money that may be devoted to and used for development in other categories. The goal is minimum acquisition of two or three sites and a minimum of one new ballfield and a minimum 10-mill soccer field.

- \$500,000 for a bike system to begin linking city facilities, parks and neighborhood routes.

- \$3.6 million for senior adult and cultural facilities and programs. The goal is to lease or build a facility to house an expanded senior adult program that might provide space for cultural arts.

- \$70,000 for youth athletic programs. That's to create one new ballfield and upgrade five soccer fields in the second year and upgrade five additional soccer fields in the third year at school and quasi-public sites.

- \$600,000 for developing an entrance road, parking, nature trails and small picnic area on Peltz-MIDOT, south of I-696, west of Farmington Road.

- \$200,000 for Heritage Park improvements, including the day-camp building and visitors center.

- \$25,000 to acquire a roving recreational program trailer to carry equipment for summer fun programs in neighborhoods.

- \$270,000 to buy senior adult transportation vehicles.

Engler talks to Troy Chamber

Gov. John Engler will address members and guests of the Troy Chamber of Commerce at its monthly membership luncheon Thursday, May 9, at the Somerset Inn, 2601 W. Big Beaver Road.

Engler will speak on "Michigan: The State of Small Business." Topics

expected to be covered include property tax reform, education finance and improvement and the state's budget.

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