

Historic Charlton Park

Village, Museum & Recreation Area

Millage Q&A



Answers to frequently asked questions about the Charlton Park Millage Renewal and Additional Ballot Proposals:

What about the current Millage?

The current Millage was originally approved in 1986 at a rate 0.25 but has been reduced (Headlee Amendment) to 0.2253 and was last renewed in 2010 and **WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2016.**

What are some ways that the funds from the Charlton Park Millage Renewal will be spent?

Millage funds are used for every part of operating Charlton Park. The funds are used to provide educational programs, provide historical exhibits, preserve and protect historic artifacts and buildings, improve and maintain natural and recreational areas, hiring of staff, and provide opportunities like fishing, picnicking, walking, biking, hiking.

What are some ways that the funds from the Charlton Park Additional Millage will be spent?

The additional funds will be used for roofing projects, fire & security improvements, sewer water projects, accessibility improvements, mechanical equipment improvements, exhibit & collections improvements, and addressing a backlog of maintenance issues.

What will the Charlton Park Millage Renewal cost an average homeowner in Barry County?

The Historic Charlton Park Village, Museum & Recreation Area Millage will cost the homeowner with a taxable value of \$50,000 in Barry County \$11.27 per year.

What will the Additional Charlton Park Millage rate cost an average homeowner in Barry County?

The Additional 0.1247 Mill will cost the homeowner with a taxable value of \$50,000 in Barry County \$6.24 more per year.

<u>HOME TAXABLE VALUE \$50,000</u>		
	MILL	PER YEAR
RENEWAL RATE	0.2253	\$11.27
ADDITIONAL RATE	0.1247	\$6.24
TOTAL	0.35	\$17.51

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Who benefits from Historic Charlton Park?

Everyone. Charlton Park is available for the citizens of Barry County year round. Local Scout Troops, County Youth groups, Veteran groups, Antique Tractor clubs, local companies and businesses, reenactors, artisans, craftsmen, fishing tournaments, family reunions, and many others.

Why is there a fee for entry during Special Events and Education programs?

Special events and education programs are two of the many ways we generate additional revenue (\$171,353 in 2015) for our many projects and functions at the park. All Barry County school group education programs are free.

What does all that language mean about DDA on the ballot?

This language is required by the State of Michigan. Barry County is like most counties in Michigan where cities and other smaller communities that have Downtown Development Authorities (DDA) are allowed to capture taxes within the boundaries of that DDA area to spend on improvements within their own area. **These boundaries do not apply to the whole county.**

Where can I learn more about Charlton Park?

You can call the Historic Charlton Park office at (269) 945-3775 or visit the Historic Charlton Park website at www.charltonpark.org or "Like Us" on Facebook, or connect on Twitter.



When is the last time the Charlton Park Board did any future planning?

The Charlton Park Board of Directors last completed a Strategic Plan in 2014 and Master Plan update in 2014. Both are available on the website.

What is the Charlton Park Board responsible for maintaining and managing?

- > 300 park acres (1.5 miles water frontage)
- > 32 Buildings/Structures (12 historic 1852-1900)
- > 50,000 Historic Artifacts
- > 60 Acres of National Wetland Inventory
- > 3 Miles of Roadway
- > 3 Miles of Trail
- > Public Water & Sewer Systems
- > Safety & Security for all visitors

When does the Charlton Park Board meet?

The Historic Charlton Board of Directors meets the second (2nd) Monday of every month at the park office beginning at 6:30 pm. Dates can be found by contacting the park or visiting the web site.

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