

Local Option Levy



The THPRD levy would maintain today's park and service levels.

THPRD is facing a \$16 million budget shortfall, representing 21% of the district's annual budget.

The THPRD Board of Directors voted unanimously to place a local option levy before district voters at the May 21, 2024, election. The board followed the recommendation coming from the district's Levy Task Force, which analyzed the district's operational needs and determined a local option levy was needed to maintain THPRD service levels.

A local option levy would:



Ensure weekly garbage collection at parks.

Without a levy service would be reduced to monthly or twice a month at some parks.



Ensure public restrooms stay open and cleaned multiple times a week.

Without a levy several outdoor public restrooms would be closed and others will experience reduced cleaning.



Preserve positions in park maintenance and recreation programming to maintain existing service levels.

Funding for the levy would save nearly 50 full time positions and 200 part time positions performing park, trail, and natural area, maintenance and leading recreation classes and programs such as art, sports, and aquatics.



Ensure afterschool programming continues.

Without levy support, the district's afterschool program would end.



Keep pools and splash pads open. Without a levy, the district would have to close some facilities, including three swimming pools and two splash pads.



Maintain facility hours and recreation programming.

Without a levy, recreation centers will have to reduce hours of operation, classes and programs would be reduced, and programs such as Mobile Recreation that focus on underserved populations would end.

If approved, the levy would preserve park and recreation services at current levels. The levy would be \$0.50 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years, beginning in 2024. The measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent. If approved, the levy would increase taxes on the average home in the district by about \$152.12 per year, or \$12.68 per month. The levy would preserve existing services, improve safety and maintenance in parks, natural areas and trails, and fund a new and easy to use online registration system.

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