



## DRAINAGE TAX FACT SHEET

# IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT DRAINAGE MILLAGE

- The original ad valorem tax of 2.17 mills for drainage is currently assessed at only 1.69 mills.
- The funds collected from this millage return approximately \$3.9 million in revenue annually.
- The cost to an average homeowner (\$250,000 property) is \$29 a year.
- Funds from the millage are dedicated to drainage upgrades, maintenance and construction.
- This millage has been renewed by voters every 10 years since 1981.
- Last year, \$8 million was invested in developing better drainage across the parish.
- Over the last decade, this millage has helped fund over 70 drainage projects.
- St. Tammany Parish Government recently used funding from this millage to launch its first neighborhood automatic floodgate mitigation system to help protect homes from floodwaters.
- St. Tammany Parish has 400 miles of lateral drainage.
- St. Tammany Parish has 3,200 miles of roadside ditches that move water away from roadways.
- This millage helps fund improvements, upgrades and new construction for 3,600 miles of drainage.
- Parish President Mike Cooper and every St. Tammany Parish Council Member agree that proper drainage is critical in helping to protect parish residents and their homes from flooding.

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