# MAY 2023 EMERGENCY RENEWAL LEVY

**What is on the ballot?**

An emergency property tax renewal levy will be on the ballot on May 2. It will be titled as Issue 4. This tax is a renewal, which was first passed by voters in 2005.

**What is an "emergency" levy?**

The term emergency levy is stipulated by state law. An emergency levy generates a fixed amount of revenue for a district. For Van Buren Local Schools, this levy will generate a fixed amount of $1.275 million per year for the next 10 years.

**Is this a new tax?**

No, this was initially approved by voters in 2005 and first collected in 2006. This tax has been renewed 4 times by voters.

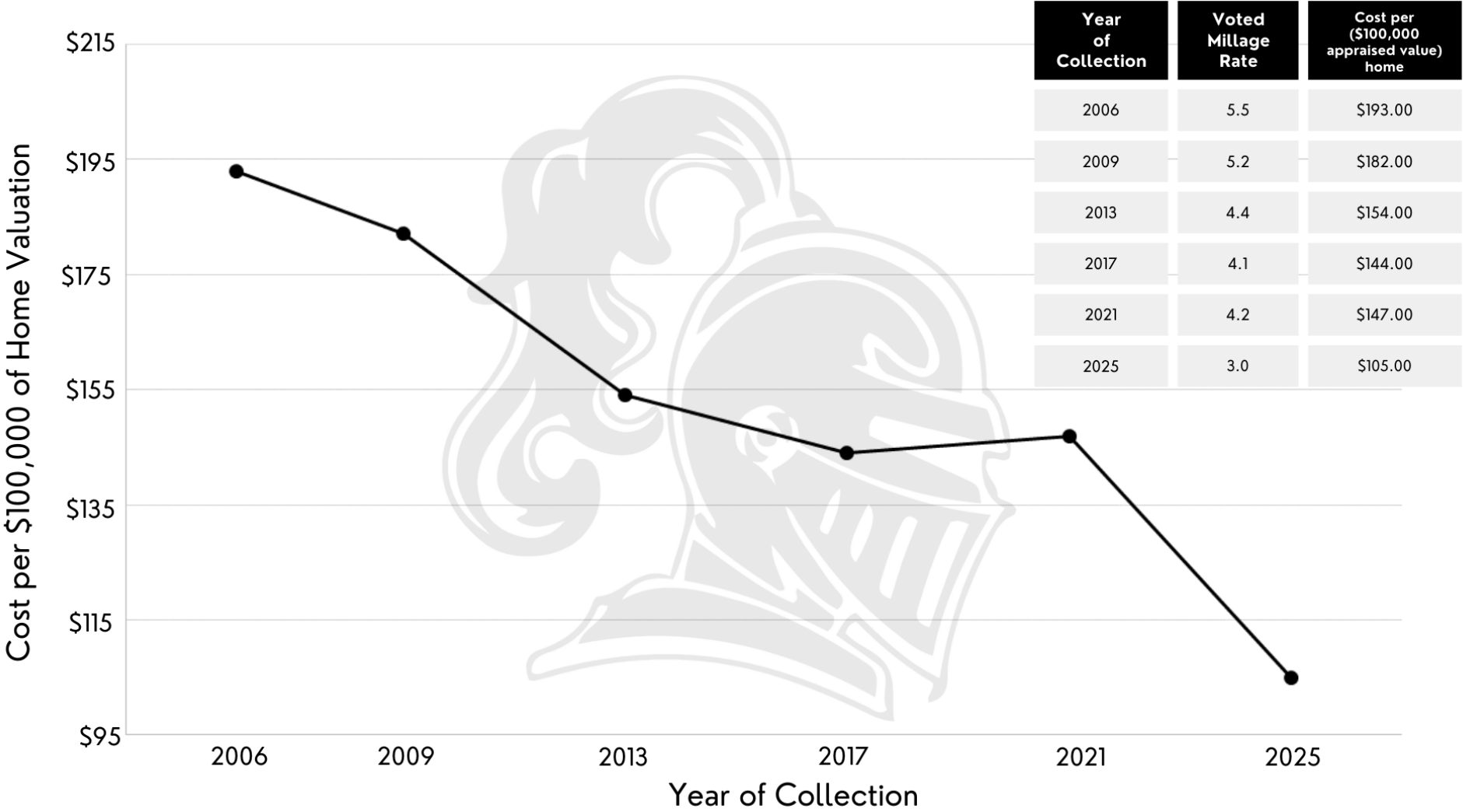**How is the revenue from this tax used?**

The revenue generated from this tax accounted for approximately 9.5% of the district's annual general fund revenue in fiscal year 2022.

The passage of this renewal levy will continue to provide the revenue used for day-to-day general operating expenses such as technology, buses, utilities, staffing, and instructional resources.

**What will this cost me?**

This levy will be at 3.0 mills, which will cost a homeowner an average of $105.00 annually, less than $9/month, for every $100,000 of valuation (as appraised by the County Auditor - not Zillow).

When the levy was first approved by voters in 2005, the voted millage rate was 5.5 mills which would equate to an average of $193.00 for each $100,000 of the County Auditor's appraised value. Since the first collection in 2006, the cost per $100,000 home valuation has decreased from an average of $193.00 to $105.00.

| Year of Collection | Voted Millage Rate | Cost per ($100,000 appraised value) home |
|---|---|---|
| 2006 | 5.5 | $193.00 |
| 2009 | 5.2 | $182.00 |
| 2013 | 4.4 | $154.00 |
| 2017 | 4.1 | $144.00 |
| 2021 | 4.2 | $147.00 |
| 2025 | 3.0 | $105.00 |

**VOTING INFORMATION**

The election will occur on Tuesday, May 2, 2023. To find your voting location, please visit the Board of Elections [website](website).

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**April 3, 2023** - Deadline to register to vote in the May 2023 election

**April 29, 2023** - Deadline to submit Absentee Ballot Application

**May 2, 2023** - Election Day

**ABSENTEE VOTING**

Learn more about voting by absentee ballot and download an absentee ballot application [here](here).