Definitions of Accounting Terms

Free Cash

The amount net of all capital expenditures, such as buildings or property, plant and equipment, used to make acquisitions and reduce debt.

Fund Balance

Like Retained Earnings, this amount is put on the balance sheet when you subtract Revenue from Expenses in a given year.

Levy

A sum of money that you have to pay as a tax.

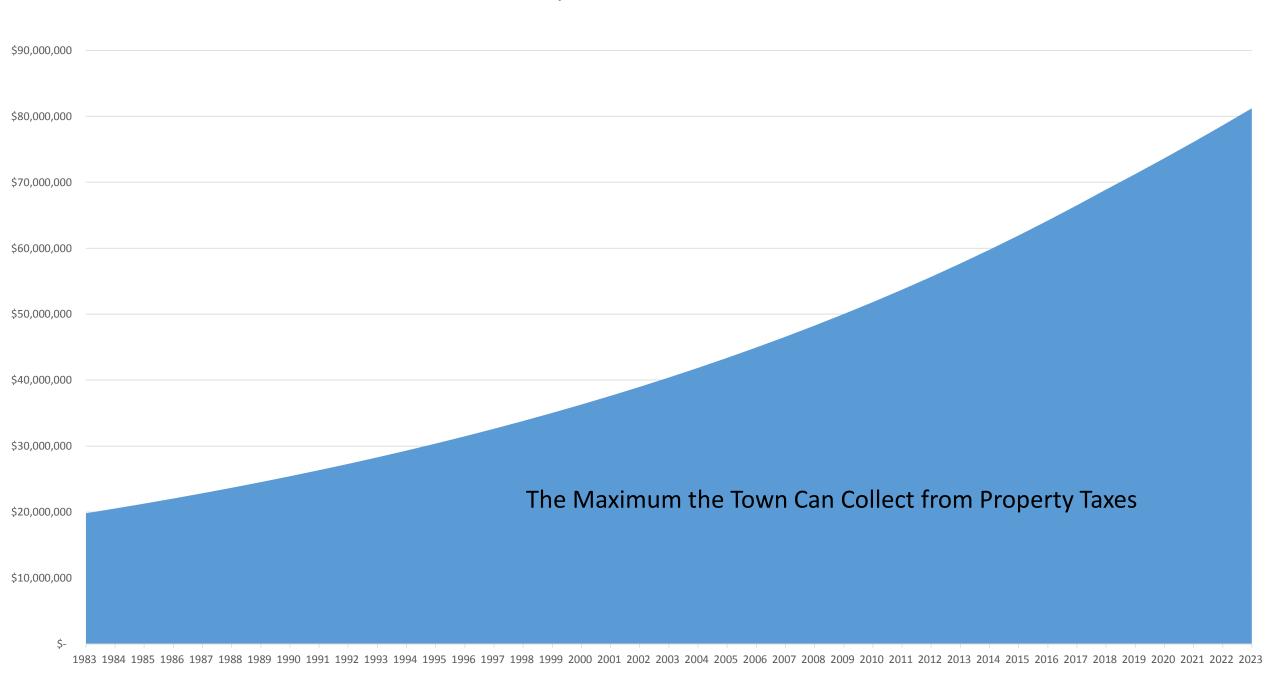
Levy Limitation

The most that property taxes may grow each year is 2½ percent of the prior year's levy limit, plus new growth, and any overrides or exclusions. The levy limit can exceed the levy ceiling only if the community passes a debt exclusion.

Debt Exclusion

A vote to raise the funds necessary to pay debt service costs for a particular project from the property tax levy, but outside the limits of Proposition 2½. That amount is added to the levy limit for the life of the debt only, and may increase the levy above the levy ceiling (2 1/2%).

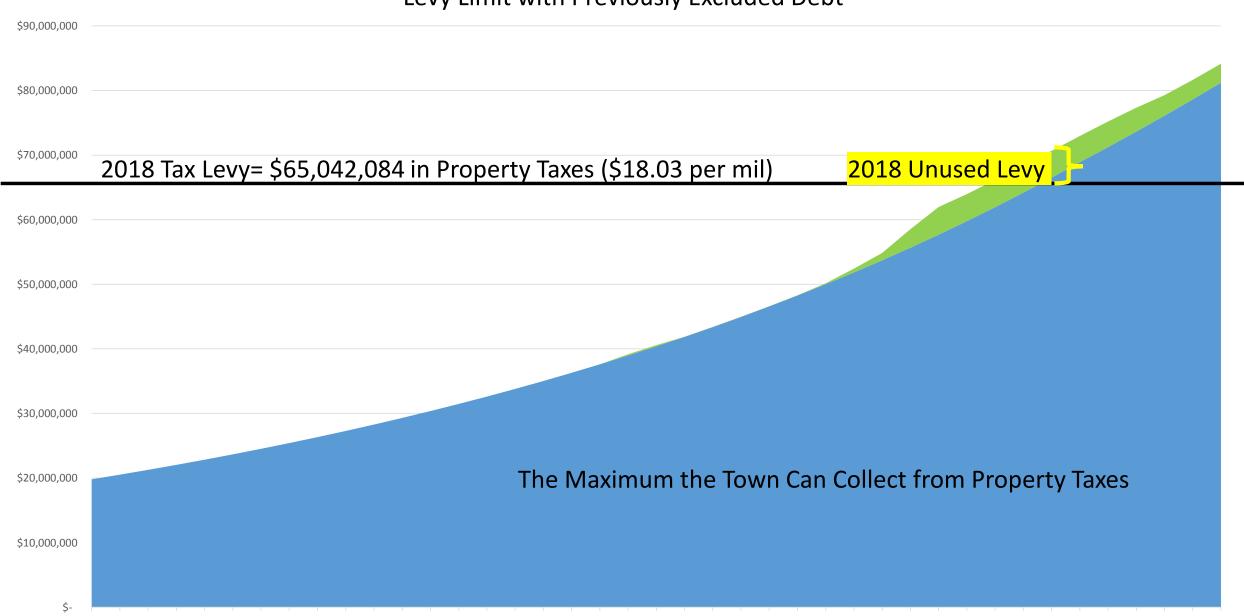
Levy Limit without Excluded Debt



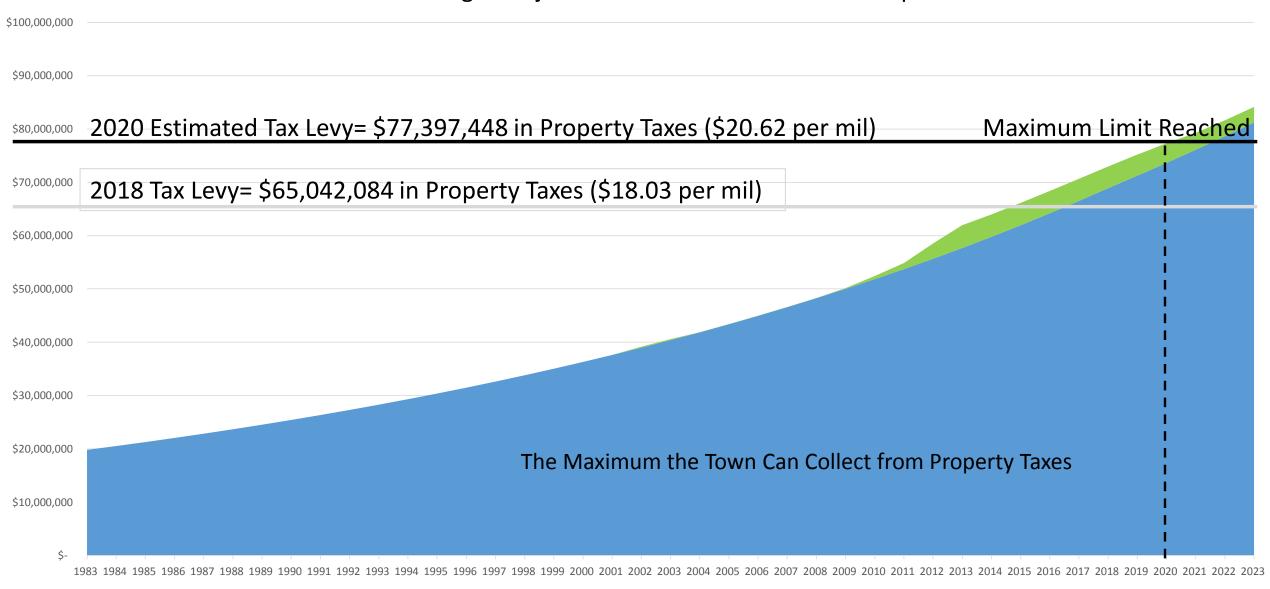
Levy Limit with Previously Excluded Debt



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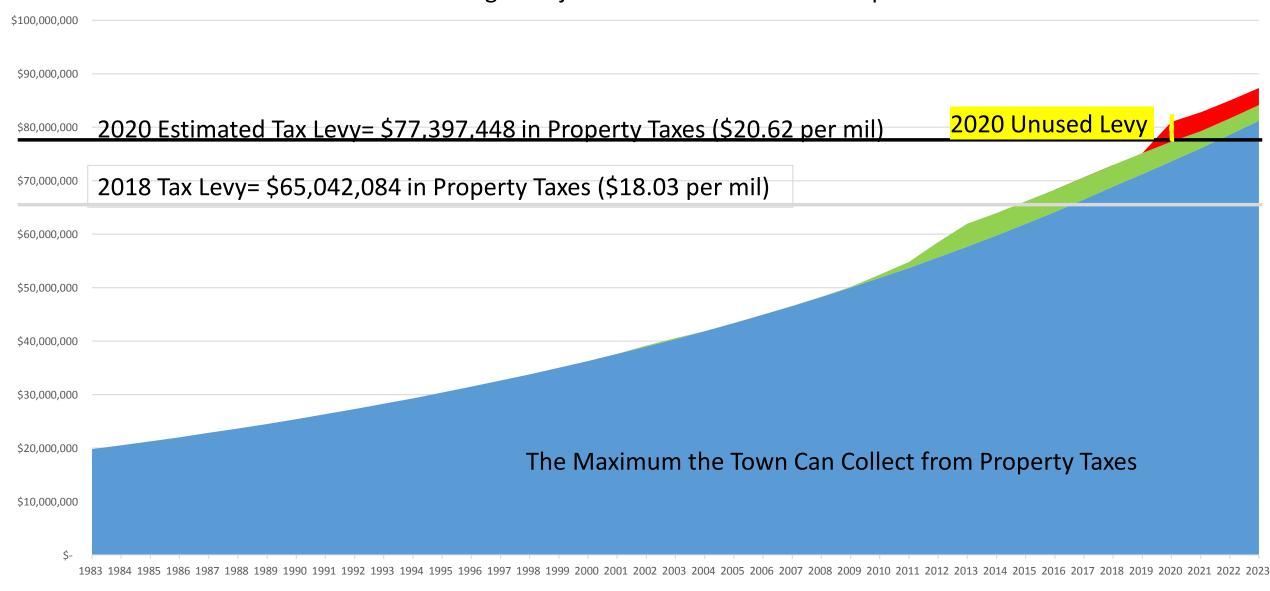


Levy Limit with Previous and New Excluded Debt If ALL Big 6 Projects were NOT Classified as Exempt Debt



Exempt Debt Debt Service

Levy Limit with Previous and New Excluded Debt If ALL Big 6 Projects were Classified as Exempt Debt



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Exempt Debt with Big 6 Debt Service