



Discussion of Preliminary 2022-2023 Budget and Excess Tax Certiorari Reserves

History of Tax Levy in Dobbs Ferry

Year	Budget-to-Budget	Tax Levy	Allowable Tax Levy Cap
2013-14	3.80%	3.50%	3.60%
2014-15	2.30%	1.80%	2.10%
2015-16	2.20%	2.20%	2.50%
2016-17	1.00%	0.00%	0.00%
2017-18	1.70%	2.50%	3.30%
2018-19	3.98%	0.97%	3.69%
2019-20	3.76%	2.80%	4.04%
2020-21	1.25%	3.87%	3.87%
2021-22	4.17%	2.86%	2.86%
2022-23 <i>(preliminary)</i>	4.79%	2.84%	2.84%
10 year average	2.90%	2.33%	2.88%

Tax Certiorari Reserves After the Landing Settlement

2018 (19-20)	\$765,200.24
2019 (20-21)	\$765,200.24
2020 (21-22)	\$765,200.24
	\$2,295,600.72
Refund to the Landing for 2020 (21-22)	(\$877,399.90)
Balance Remaining	\$1,418,260.82

Landing Settlement's Impact on School Taxes

- The Landing settlement reduces the Landing's assessed value for the 2020 (21-22) tax year by \$38,681,200, resulting in a reduced amount of total taxable assessments and thereby resulting in a **2.19% increase in the tax rate.**
- This equates to an increase in school taxes of **\$49.69 per \$100,000** in assessed value of a property.
- An average home with an assessed value of **\$800,000** would see an increase in school taxes of **\$397.52.**

Options for Use of Excess Tax Certiorari Reserves

Options for use of excess tax certiorari related to The Landing:

- Use all or a portion of the monies to reduce the **Tax Levy**.
- Return funds to the **Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund** to cover liabilities calculated for the 2021 (22-23) tax certiorari claims. The projected value of potential tax certiorari refunds for this period is calculated to be \$1,195,155.
- Fund the **Capital Reserve Fund**. The district could use this reserve to offset the cost associated with bonding an off-schedule capital project. In 2018, the voters authorized the district to establish a Capital Reserve Account not to exceed \$2,500,000. The district has not yet funded this reserve.
- Provide additional funds for the **Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund**. With the increase of retirees this year, our expense to pay these benefits at year end will be approximately \$38,000 or approximately 42% of the current amount in reserves. This expense is traditionally covered from the reserve and not through general fund appropriation.
- Provide additional funds for the **Retirement Contribution Reserve**. These funds will be needed to offset the inevitable spike in retirement contribution amounts that will come as a result of the current spike in the rate of inflation.

Analysis of Possible Reduction in Tax Levy

Reduction in Levy	Tax Levy	Tax Levy Increase	Relief per \$100,000 in assessed value	Relief for \$800,000 assessed home
	\$42,107,564	2.84%		
\$200,000	\$41,907,564	2.35%	\$10.26	\$82.11
\$400,000	\$41,707,564	1.87%	\$20.52	\$164.16
\$600,000	\$41,507,564	1.38%	\$30.79	\$246.32
\$800,000	\$41,307,564	0.89%	\$41.05	\$328.42
\$1,000,000	\$41,107,564	0.40%	\$51.32	\$410.53