

VOTE ON THE FUTURE OF THE Maple Grove Community Center

As part of the general election on November 8, 2022, Maple Grove voters will consider a half-cent local option sales tax to help finance the renovation and expansion of the Maple Grove Community Center. The \$116 million project includes major renovations, several new amenities and infrastructure repairs.





The Need:

After 25 years, the Community Center requires repairs and updates to ensure it continues operating well into the future. In addition, Maple Grove's population has increased by 28% since 1997, when the Community Center first opened. As Maple Grove's population grows, demand has been building for the Community Center to support a wider range of services and activities.

The Process:

Over the past three years, Maple Grove residents have played an important role in shaping this plan. They provided critical feedback about the Community Center as part of 2018 park system plan update. Residents also shared their views through surveys, a public open house and stakeholder meetings.



The Plan:

Based on the priorities of residents and users, the city developed a long-term plan to expand the Community Center and the services it supports.

Highlights of the plan:

- Fully renovated aquatics
- More space for senior programs
- Expanded event and banquet space
- Space for the arts
- Indoor walking track
- Third sheet of ice
- Infrastructure investments, including updated roofs and mechanical systems



Renderings by HGA Architects and Engineers (conceptual, not final)



The Cost:

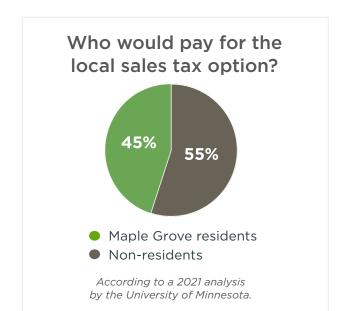
The total cost of the Community Center project is \$116 million in bonds over a 20-year period. If approved by Maple Grove voters, the city would adopt a **half-cent sales tax increase that would generate \$90 million in revenue** for the Community Center project. The sales tax would expire once the bonds are repaid. Other funding sources will help fully fund the project, including:

- About \$18 million in state bonding funds, if approved by the Minnesota Legislature in 2023.
- **About \$8 million** from sponsorships and donations, including contributions from athletic associations.

Why a local sales tax option?

A half-cent sales tax ensures that the cost of the project is spread among residents and nonresidents who make purchases within the city limits. The sales tax is estimated to cost an additional \$3.20 a month per resident, according to an analysis by the University of Minnesota. If the project was paid with property taxes, the cost would fall solely on Maple Grove residents who own or rent residential or commercial property in the city.





What if the local sales tax option isn't approved?

After 25 years of heavy use, significant problems with the aging Community Center will still need to be addressed, including roof repairs, improving air quality control systems and other structural upgrades. If the sales tax isn't approved, city leaders would consider various options, including an increase in property taxes, to support a construction project that focused on the facility's infrastructure.

Vote on or before November 8! Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022 Early voting begins on Friday, Sept. 23, 2022

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