

## 2009 General Fund Budget

	Expenses	Revenue
Budget Forecast	\$13,433,693	\$12,960,000
Actual	\$13,336,552	\$13,575,661

## Grants

It is important to apply and compete for various grants through local, state and federal programs. Grant money helps lessen the amount needed from the City General Fund; thus, allowing more projects to be completed each year.

- Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Grant and Federal ARRA funds for \$6.75 million to cover 75% of the total costs for the North SR43 widening.
- \$338,500 Issue II funds to cover 39% of the total costs for the reconstruction of Cochran Road.
- Community Housing Improvement Program awarded \$411,000, and was used by 21 low or moderate income homeowners to help repair or rehabilitate their owner occupied home.
- Ohio Department of Development funded \$256,813 to cover 50% of the total costs for the S. Chillicothe (SR43) widening by Rotek, Inc.
- Federal ARRA Grant for \$149,000 to cover 75% of the total cost for the Sunny Lake Park Force Main and Pump Station project.

## Residential Real Estate Tax Rate

Comparison of Aurora to other municipalities:

City	2010
Fairview Park	90.46
Lyndhurst	86.95
Bay Village	81.86
Chagrin Falls	80.01
Rocky River	75.94
Olmsted Falls	77.97
Berea	74.15
Pepper Pike	71.38
Strongsville	70.12
Orange	68.98
Hudson	65.82
Solon	65.41
Middleburg Heights	65.70
Westlake	63.36
<b>Aurora</b>	<b>56.12</b>

## City Programs and Services

### Service Awards and Accreditations

Thank you to the following staff for their dedication and service to the City of Aurora and its residents.

- Seth Riewaldt (30 yrs.) - Robert Paul (20 yrs.)
- William Lovell (20 yrs.) - Michelle Rizzo (20 yrs.)

Congratulations to the following staff for receiving accreditations in their respective fields of work in 2009

- Justin Czekaj - CPESC, Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control
- Denise Januska - AICP, American Institute of Certified Planners

### Septic Cleaning

For the past 15 years the City subcontracted the septic cleaning to outside companies but brought in-house in 2009. Using quality cleaning equipment and city personnel, the city significantly reduced costs and improved service for approximately 500 residents annually. The program is financed by the sanitary sewer operating fund and the collected waste is deposited into a special receiving station at our Waste Water Treatment Plant.

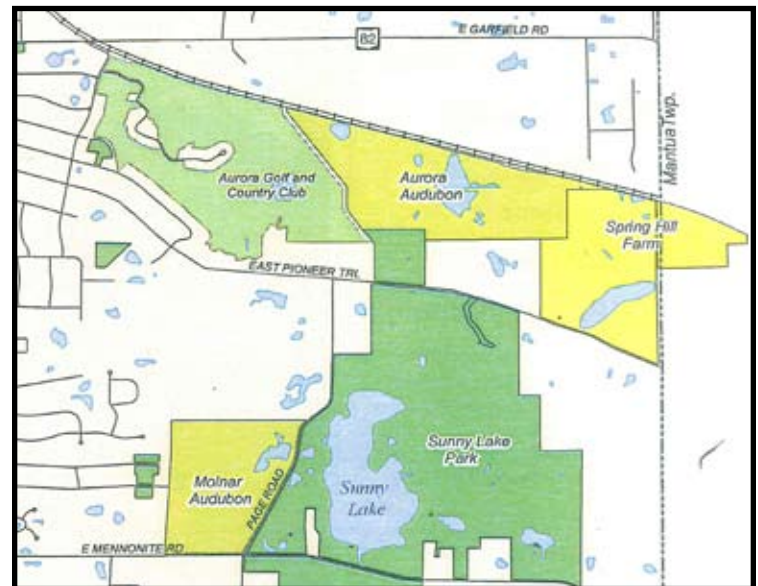
### Charter Review Commission

Many thanks to the 9 residents who served on the Charter Review Commission:

- Gloria Mayer
- James Bucks
- Beth McMillan
- Gary Lack
- Len Stusek
- David Edmonds (chairman)
- Tony Badalamenti
- Mark Rudolph
- Frank Skedel

The commission made 7 recommendations with the following results:

- 1 was typographical (no ballot necessary)
- 5 of 6 issues approved by Council to go on the electoral ballots
- 4 approved by public vote in November '09
- 1 will be on May 2010 ballot



Spring Hill Farm proximity to Sunny Lake Park

## Completed Projects & Accomplishments

Many projects were completed that helped Aurora residents.

### Sanitary & Storm Sewer

- Geauga Lake subdivision storm water improvement - 4 box culvert replacements and 440 ft. of storm sewer lines which helped remove 38 homes from the flood plain
- Highlands sanitary sewer
- Summerhill-Acadia Point storm sewer
- Leighton-Four Season water shed
- Weston Woods sanitary sewer

### Water & Waste Water

- E. Garfield Road water line replacement, storm sewer work and 4,100 ft. of new sidewalk
- North Aurora Road (SR43) water line replacement
- Constructed Sludge Building and installed sludge press at Treatment Plant
- S. Chillicothe Road sanitary sewer pump station replacement

### Roads

- Cochran Road replacement
- SR43 South widening at Rotek
- Road paving included Oxford Drive, Hedgecliff Drive, Barrington Drive, Deepwoods Drive, Maple Lane, Nicola Drive and East Pioneer Trail
- Old Mill railroad crossing gate installed

### Parks

- Built new softball field next to field #4 and #5
- Refurbished exercise path around ballfields and added path around field #14
- Added concrete dugouts to fields #1, #2, #10 and #11 (Henle Construction donated concrete and labor)
- Regraded hill on eastern side of Sunny Lake next to exercise path to improve drainage
- Eagle Scout projects:
  - Dog Park Agility Objects (Winston Young)
  - Sled hill steps (Andrew Badalamenti)
  - Wood benches at Sunny Lake (Alex Sasala)
  - Cleared picnic area at North End (David Ritz)
  - Kiosk sign for dog park (Ryan Eastman)

### Miscellaneous

- Aided 50 low income families with trash and recycling fees, snow removal and discounted water and sanitary sewer fees
- Offered natural gas endorsement program to residents for Dominion East Ohio Gas through IGS Energy (resident opt-in program)
- Entered into agreement with FirstEnergy Solutions to supply electric energy to residents (resident opt-out program)
- Aurora was rated 6th out of 76 communities in the Cleveland Magazine "Rating the Suburbs"



Mayor McGill & July 4th Parade Grand Marshal Peter Elliot, U.S. Marshal, and family

## New Equipment to Improve Efficiency

The following equipment was purchased in 2009 to help improve operations and services.

- Refurbished ladder truck for Fire Department
- Utility Tractor for Parks and Rec
- Mower for Parks and Rec
- 8-ton Truck for Service Department
- 1-ton Truck for Service Department
- HVAC at Police Station
- Video cameras and laptops for Police cruisers
- 1 SUV and 2 cruisers for Police Department
- Overhead doors at Fire Station #1
- Ford F-150 Truck for Fire Department
- Renovated womens locker room at Police Station

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## What to Look for in 2010!

- Community garden plots (20' x 20') available for rent at Margaret Harmon property at 1157 Page Road - opening in June
- Construction of sanitary sewer line and pump station on East Mennonite Rd. to Sunny Lake Park
- Committed to providing \$12,000 to Volunteers of America to support local families
- Working with the Trust for Public Land and State of Ohio to purchase the property at 1113 East Pioneer Trail known as Spring Hill Farm
- Garfield Road (SR82) and Chillicothe Road (Route 306) paving
- Cleveland Water in operation by end of 2010
- Partnership with University Hospital to offer a variety of free health screenings open to all residents at a Family Wellness Day in April
- Feasibility study for Community Recreation Center
- Conceptual design studies for 4-season building, concession stand and amphitheatre at Sunny Lake Park
- HVAC replacement at the Aurora Memorial Library and the Aurora Community Theatre