



See the difference you made in the SHI Beach Erosion Control millage rate.

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FLORIDA**  **Millage Rates - Original**

	FY 2023 Millage	Millage Change	Taxes @ 95%
General Fund	4.2077	0.0000 \$	0
Fine & Forfeiture	2.7824	-0.2000 \$	(5,731,740)
Mosquito Control	0.1352	0.0000 \$	0
Unincorporated MSTU	0.4300	0.0000 \$	0
Erosion Control	0.1763	0.0000 \$	0
Stormwater MSTU	0.4731	0.0000 \$	0
Law Enforcement MSTU	0.9103	0.0000 \$	0
Parks MSTU	0.1813	-0.0500 \$	(1,437,813)
Transit MSTU	0.1269	0.0000 \$	0
<b>SHI Beach Erosion Control</b>	<b>0.6000</b>	<b>-0.0613 \$</b>	<b>(82,895)</b>
<b>Aggregate Millage Rate</b>	<b>8.2668</b>	<b>-0.2941 \$</b>	<b>(7,252,448)</b>

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**A further 10% reduction, thanks to YOUR letters for re-consideration by the County Adminstraor and Commissioners**

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY FLORIDA**  **Millage Rates - Updated**

	FY 2023 Millage	Millage Change	Taxes @ 95%
General Fund	4.2077	0.0000 \$	0
Fine & Forfeiture	2.7294	-0.2530 \$	(7,250,651)
Mosquito Control	0.1352	0.0000 \$	0
Unincorporated MSTU	0.4300	0.0000 \$	0
Erosion Control	0.1763	0.0000 \$	0
Stormwater MSTU	0.4731	0.0000 \$	0
Law Enforcement MSTU	0.9103	0.0000 \$	0
Parks MSTU	0.1813	-0.0500 \$	(1,437,813)
Transit MSTU	0.1269	0.0000 \$	0
<b>SHI Beach Erosion Control</b>	<b>0.5400</b>	<b>-0.1213 \$</b>	<b>(164,033)</b>
<b>Aggregate Millage Rate</b>	<b>8.2110</b>	<b>-0.3499 \$</b>	<b>(8,852,497)</b>

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*0.0600 Less + Only 10%*  
*0.5043*  
 Why NOT 13%? and  
 0.5796 <2022 TRIM Col. 2 Rate for same \$ @ new values  
**0.5043** Less 13%

**SHI Beach Project - Funding of the "Local Share" 87% SHI/13% SLC**

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Mon, Jul 18, 2022 at 7:54 AM

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**SHI Beach Project - Funding of the "Local Share" (balance after federal and state funding):**

Mr. Tipton, concerning the above, thank you for re-visiting and introducing the recommended change further explained by Joshua and subsequently embraced by the BOCC on the last afternoon of the recent Budget Workshops. Our understanding which we believe is fairly and accurately encapsulated by, instead of ALL or 100% being funded from the SHI Erosion Control District fund the "new" understanding is:

- 87% from SHI Erosion Control District and
- 13% (representing the public beachfront parks owned by the county) from county-wide funding sources i.e. Erosion District E or other sources.

Accordingly, our calculation indicates **0.5043** to be the maximum necessary for the 2022/23 millage rate for the SHI Erosion Control District. We encourage adoption of this simple, straightforward easily explained methodology that ties into and is in keeping with and in fulfillment of the above. It minimizes potential confusion and avoids any further consideration until receipt of the much anticipated final reconciliation and audit from the CORPS.\*\*

**\*WORKSHEET ANALYSIS OF ROLL-BACK MILLAGE RATE, FY 2022-2023**

FUND NAME*	A* 2021-22 Millage	B* 2021-22 Taxes	C* 2022-23 Rollback Rate
SHI Beach Erosion Control*	0.6613	823,869	0.5796
Less 13.00%		(107,103)	(0.0753)
<b>Revised/"New" for 2022/23</b>		<b>716,766</b>	<b>0.5043</b>

Thank you for your work and consideration.

0.5796 <2022 TRIM Col. 2 Rate for same \$ @ new values  
**0.5043** Less 13%

Best regards, Harvey Alligood

\*\* (most likely next budget year) and anticipated to confirm total costs less than the more than enough originally projected and paid to the CORPS and covered by the above \$823,869/yr. to date and which is also anticipated, and hopefully proves, to be more than sufficient to cover reasonable costs associated with obtaining the required final outstanding "Perpetual Construction Easement" in order to qualify for the federal program and all of its associated benefits.

Initially dictated, please excuse any inadvertent poor form or typos.  
 Thank you, Harvey 414/202-4278

## **A BIG THANK YOU**

A big thank you to all those who contacted the county administrator and the commissioners asking that they live up to the promises made when requesting our support for a local taxing unit to share part of the federal beach nourishment program local costs. While we have been unable to convince them to pay the kind of reasonable share, as is being done by all of our surrounding beachfront governments, they did finally agree to pay a small portion equal to the percentage of beachfront (13%) within the project area actually owned by the county and used regularly by countywide (ALL) residents and visitors.

While some other beach projects have the amount paid, after all federal and state contributions, to the Army Corps of Engineers for actually sourcing (dredging) and spreading the replacement sand, fully funded by their county government, and none we could find had less than 50% of that remainder paid for by the county, your emails and letters moved the St Lucie County contribution from zero to 13% at the recently concluded county budget workshops and was further confirmed as part of the July 19, 2022 presentation by the Office of Management and Budget (SLC-BOCC Agenda Item 10. C. 1. and subsequent vote to authorize the 2022-23 millage rates.

While that may not sound like a reasonable settlement, it will result in a savings of approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a million dollars over the next six years in our local tax bills, directly attributable to your emails and letters. The next re-consideration of the SHI Erosion Control millage has been committed to following the CORPS pending final reconciliation and audit that will determine funds remaining and potentially returned to the county to make a pre-payment on the bank loan to advance the initial payment to the CORPS. We will remain vigilant concerning it, the 13%, acquisition of the sole outstanding perpetual construction easement which is required to qualify for full participation within the federal program.

Your e-mails made the difference. Again, a big thank you.