

TOWN OF GRIFFITH, INDIANA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Town of Griffith, Indiana (the “Town”) is located within both St. John and Calumet Townships in Lake County, Indiana. The purpose of this analysis is to calculate, on a preliminary basis, the impact of transferring the net assessed value of Griffith\Calumet Township to North Township. This report summarizes the property tax liability impact of two different scenarios.

Scenario #1 – No Change in Township’s Property Tax Rate – Page 4

Scenario #1 assumes that the 2019 property tax rate for North Township remains at \$.0798 (the same as 2018 Certified). The Township’s net assessed value is expected to increase by 12% from an overall increase in the Township’s tax base and the addition of Griffith-Calumet Township (\$628,241,535). The increase in net assessed value would allow the Township to generate additional tax dollars of \$684,655 while maintaining the same tax rate. This assumes that the Department of Local Government Finance (“DLGF”) would grant the Township an increase in levy that exceeds the maximum levy limitation by \$504,332.

North Township currently has jurisdiction within five taxing districts within Lake County and includes portions of Hammond, East Chicago, Whiting, Highland, and Munster. The transfer of Griffith-Calumet Township to North Township assumes a new taxing district will be established (Griffith Corp North Township). Scenario #1 affects the tax liabilities of only the properties located in the transferred territory (Griffith-Calumet Township). Residential homesteads valued up to \$124,000 (tax cap) are expected to have a reduction in tax liability ranging from \$38 to \$76 depending on property value. All other taxing districts are expected to have no change in tax liabilities.

Scenario #2 – No Increase in Township’s Property Tax Levies (other than normal annual levy growth) – Page 5

Scenario #2 assumes that the 2018 property tax levies for the controlled funds will increase by the 2019 statewide levy growth factor of 3.4% with no other levy increases. Although the overall property tax levy is projected to increase by \$180,323, the increase in net assessed value described above would result in a decrease of \$.0063 in the Township’s property tax rate.

The annual tax liability impact for properties located in Griffith Corp North Township (formerly of Calumet Township) is expected to decrease ranging from \$39 to \$78 depending on property value. Properties valued at approximately \$124,000 hit the tax caps in this taxing district. Properties in all other taxing districts are expected to experience a decrease in tax liability ranging from \$1 to \$3.57 depending on property value and the tax cap thresholds.

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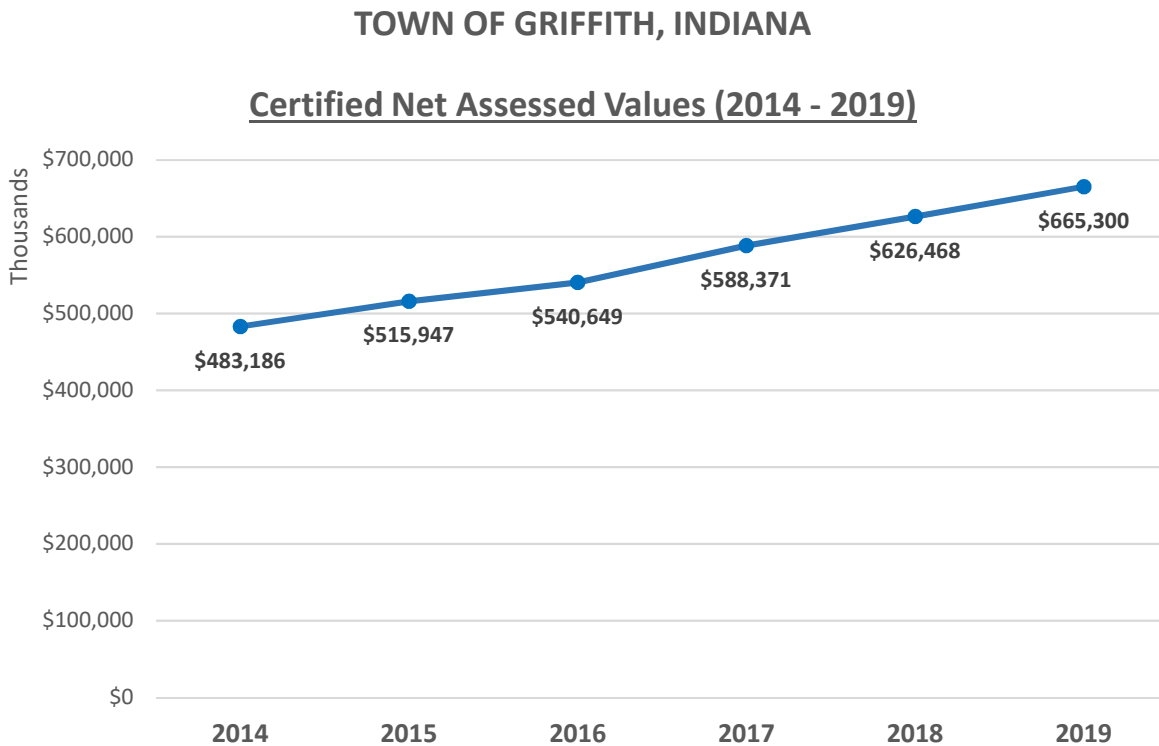
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OTHER COMMENTS

Net Assessed Value Growth – Town of Griffith

Over the last five years, the Town of Griffith has experienced steady growth of its tax base. Net assessed values have grown on average 6.6% since 2014.



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PROPOSED TRANSFER OF MUNICIPAL TERRITORY
Griffith-Calumet Township to Griffith-North Township

SCENARIO #1 - No Change in Township's Property Tax Rate

	Current Levies (2018)	Proposed Levies (2019)	% Change	\$ Change
Fund:				
General/Twp. Assistance	\$ 4,672,923	\$ 5,282,077	13.0%	\$ 609,154
Recreation/Cum. Park	1,046,390	1,121,891	7.2%	75,501
Total Tax Levies	\$ 5,719,313	\$ 6,403,968	12.0%	\$ 684,655 (1)
Net Assessed Value	\$ 7,167,060,183	\$ 8,025,023,715	12.0%	\$ 857,963,532 (2)
Tax Rate	\$ 0.0798	\$ 0.0798	0.0%	\$ -

Estimated Annual Taxpayer Impact - Homesteads

Market Value of Home	Griffith Corp North Twp (formerly Calumet Twp)	Griffith Corp St. John Twp	Hammond Corp (North)	East Chicago Corp (North)	Whiting Corp (North)	Highland Corp (North)	Munster Corp (North)
\$75,000	(\$38.35)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100,000	(\$76.13)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
125,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
150,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
200,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
250,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tax Cap Threshold (homestead property value)	\$124,000	\$152,000	\$50,000	\$84,000	\$96,000	\$121,000	\$100,000

Notes:

- (1) Would require DLGF approval to exceed the maximum levy by \$504,332.
- (2) The increase represents the overall increase to the Township's net assessed value from 2018 to 2019 including the Calumet Township portion of \$628,241,535.

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PROPOSED TRANSFER OF MUNICIPAL TERRITORY
Griffith-Calumet Township to Griffith-North Township

SCENARIO #2 - No Increase in Township's Property Tax Levies other than Normal Annual Levy Growth

Fund:	Proposed Levies - 2019 (assumes 3.4% growth for controlled funds)		% Change	\$ Change
	Current Levies (2018)			
General/Twp. Assistance	\$ 4,672,923	\$ 4,831,802	3.4%	\$ 158,879
Recreation/Cum. Park	1,046,390	1,067,834	2.0%	21,444
Total Tax Levies	<u>\$ 5,719,313</u>	<u>\$ 5,899,636</u>	3.2%	<u>\$ 180,323</u>
Net Assessed Value	<u>\$ 7,167,060,183</u>	<u>\$ 8,025,023,715</u>	12.0%	<u>\$ 857,963,532 (1)</u>
Tax Rate	<u>\$ 0.0798</u>	<u>\$ 0.0735</u>	-7.9%	<u>\$ (0.0063)</u>

Estimated Annual Taxpayer Impact - Homesteads

Market Value of Home	Griffith Corp North							
	Twp (formerly Calumet Twp)	Griffith Corp St. John Twp	Hammond Corp (North)	East Chicago Corp (North)	Whiting Corp (North)	Highland Corp (North)	Munster Corp (North)	
\$75,000	(\$39.26)	(\$0.90)	\$0.00	(\$0.90)	(\$0.89)	(\$0.91)	(\$0.91)	(\$0.91)
100,000	(\$77.93)	(\$1.80)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1.79)	\$0.00	\$0.00
125,000	\$0.00	(\$2.68)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
150,000	\$0.00	(\$3.57)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
200,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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