

# *STATE OF THE CITY* ADDRESS



March 25, 2010

# 2009



- Fiscal Stability
- Core City Service
- Cost Containment
- Staff Transitions
- Focus on Long-Term Issues



# Fiscal Stability

- Fiscal Management
  - One-time revenue
- Stable Employment  
Job Creation

March	\$ 578,558	23.90%	\$ 601,461	24.22%	\$ 601,645	24.16%	\$ 609,420	24.17%	\$ 625,985	24.06%	\$ 622,205	22.97%	\$ 751,893	24.27%
April	\$ 880,102	36.35%	\$ 961,963	38.74%	\$ 917,739	36.86%	\$ 960,046	38.07%	\$ 1,090,352	41.90%	\$ 1,117,681	41.26%	\$ 1,287,233	41.55%
May	\$ 1,239,172	51.19%	\$ 1,277,404	51.45%	\$ 1,238,139	49.73%	\$ 1,226,742	48.65%	\$ 1,267,592	48.71%	\$ 1,306,148	48.22%	\$ 1,509,327	48.72%
June	\$ 1,308,222	54.04%	\$ 1,334,550	53.75%	\$ 1,319,520	53.00%	\$ 1,346,987	53.41%	\$ 1,404,917	53.99%	\$ 1,442,253	53.24%	\$ 1,689,012	54.52%
July	\$ 1,575,675	65.09%	\$ 1,581,186	63.68%	\$ 1,563,451	62.79%	\$ 1,575,420	62.47%	\$ 1,650,103	63.41%	\$ 1,683,679	62.16%	\$ 2,037,700	65.78%
August	\$ 1,807,603	74.67%	\$ 1,830,334	73.72%	\$ 1,788,487	71.83%	\$ 1,821,277	72.22%	\$ 1,855,125	71.29%	\$ 1,878,527	69.35%	\$ 2,225,062	71.82%
September	\$ 1,855,818	76.66%	\$ 1,876,607	75.58%	\$ 1,928,892	77.47%	\$ 1,945,378	77.14%	\$ 1,992,298	76.56%	\$ 2,064,158	76.20%	\$ 2,424,579	78.26%
October	\$ 2,123,443	87.71%	\$ 2,137,851	86.11%	\$ 2,179,707	87.54%	\$ 2,192,538	86.94%	\$ 2,288,869	87.96%	\$ 2,345,437	86.58%	\$ 2,734,238	88.26%
November	\$ 2,349,991	97.07%	\$ 2,372,663	95.56%	\$ 2,364,289	94.96%	\$ 2,401,974	95.25%	\$ 2,438,597	93.71%	\$ 2,550,343	94.15%	\$ 2,911,299	93.97%
Year-end	\$ 2,420,861	100.00%	\$ 2,482,836	100.00%	\$ 2,489,881	100.00%	\$ 2,521,809	100.00%	\$ 2,602,264	100.00%	\$ 2,708,827	100.00%	\$ 3,097,973	100.00%

	Combined Average, 2001-2008 By Month	2009 Actual Collections	Benchmark or Budget Forecast	Forecasted 2009 Year-end based on Historical trend
March	23.82%	728,727	738,452	\$3,059,173
April	39.70%	1,346,327	1,230,741	\$3,391,140
May	49.45%	1,518,902	1,533,072	\$3,071,347
June	53.67%	1,661,856	1,663,857	\$3,096,272
July	63.68%	1,993,013	1,974,055	\$3,129,771
August	71.75%	2,194,862	2,224,165	\$3,059,159
September	76.75%	2,370,759	2,379,286	\$3,088,891
October	87.28%	2,707,020	2,705,636	\$3,101,585
November	94.81%		2,939,245	

Quarterly Mean  
Forecast

\$3,059,173

\$ 3,077,722

\$ 3,081,445

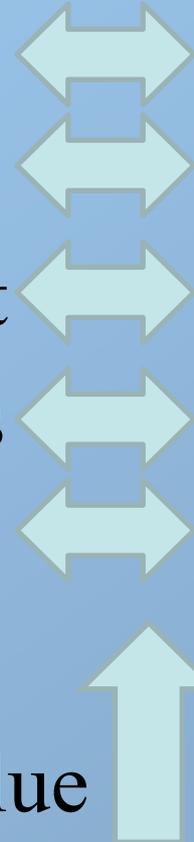
Actual 2009	Delta	% Delta
3,085,732	(\$26,559)	-0.86%

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Data Source: Financial Reports

# Economic Health Indicators

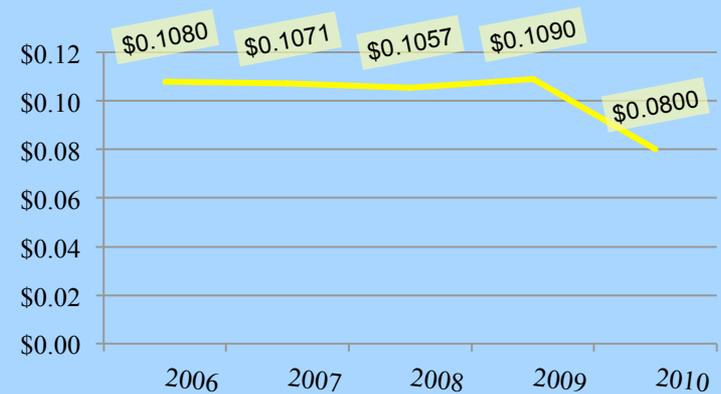
- Income Tax Collections
- Housing Starts
- Total Private Investment
- Residential Foreclosures
- Property Maintenance
- Crime
- Residential Property Value



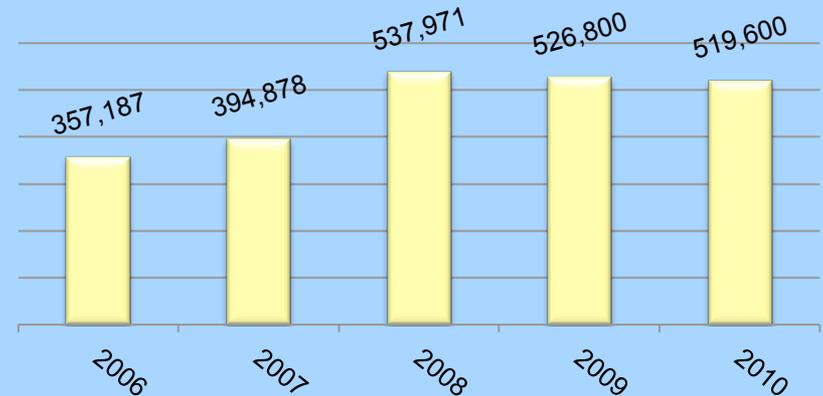
# Cost Containment Efforts

- R.I.T.A.
- Succession Planning
- Treasuring Investment
- Debt Refinancing
- Health and Wellness
- Safety Initiatives

**Income Tax Cost Per \$1 Collected**



**City Health Insurance Expenditures**

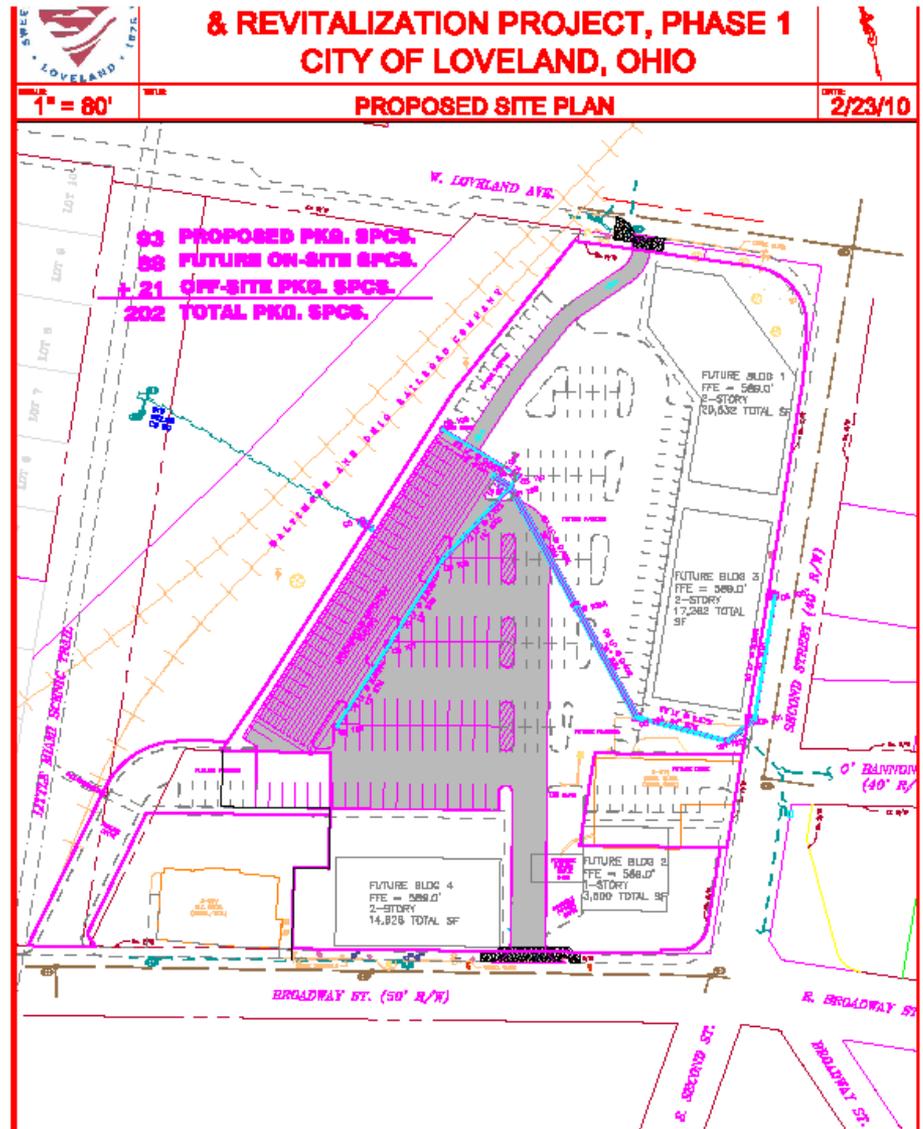


# Broader Professional Efforts





# Downtown Job Creation and Revitalization Project



# Hamilton Co. sues Loveland in sewer saga

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Hamilton County filed a federal lawsuit Wednesday against the city of Loveland for trying to withdraw from the county's regional sewer district.

The suit asks the U.S. District Court in Cincinnati to block the withdrawal.

The move is the latest in a saga involving regional rate increases that has pitted the city against the county. The outcome could affect the rates of hundreds of thousands of sewer customers.

It is the second lawsuit filed on the issue. Taxpayers will foot the legal bills.

The ordeal started in October when Loveland announced it would withdraw its Polk Run sewer plant from the Metropolitan Sewer Dis-

trict by 2010 to avoid hefty rate increases. The plant serves roughly 43,000 customers. The sewer district is increasing rates to pay for billions of dollars in upgrades. The district agreed to them in a 2004 consent decree, or federal court settlement, after being cited for failing to comply with the federal Clean Water Act.

The day of the announcement, Loveland also filed a lawsuit in Clermont County Common Pleas Court in case the county objected to the withdrawal. The county did object.

It said the plant and those it serves benefited greatly from being in the sewer district since 1985. The district, with \$30 million in ratepayer funds, expanded the plant by 800 percent, allowing it to extend its service area, according to the county's lawsuit.

The suit was filed in federal court because that is where the consent decree originated.

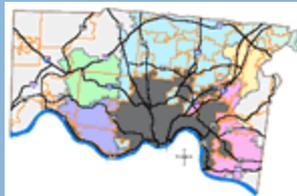
Loveland City Manager Tom Carroll said the city is only trying to protect its rate payers.

"We expect when we resume operations, we will be able to fully comply with the Clean Water Act," he said. "It's anticipated we would accomplish that at a rate significantly less than what MSD is charging."

The county lawsuit estimates upgrades in that area will cost \$50 million.

Hamilton County says that if Loveland withdraws, it not only would defeat the purpose of a regional sewer district, it could mean the remaining customers' rates would increase even more.

The lawsuit proposes that if Loveland withdraws, it must first resolve all consent-decree issues and reimburse the county for the investments made in the plant and future income that the district will lose because of the withdrawal.



# Council's 2010 Goals

1. The City shall seek to control its own destiny regarding the delivery of utilities to provide the most cost-effect and sustainable services to the ratepayers.
2. The City shall substantially advance the Downtown Revitalization and Job Creation Project, balancing financial requirements, sustainability and the community's long-term vision for historic Loveland.
3. The City shall continue its commitment to improve parks and recreational facilities by challenging our existing operating model, rigorously prioritizing needs, and creatively seeking alternative funding sources.
4. The City shall continue fulfilling its obligation to strong fiscal stewardship of taxpayer dollars through ongoing improvement in effectiveness of all operational and capital investments.



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