

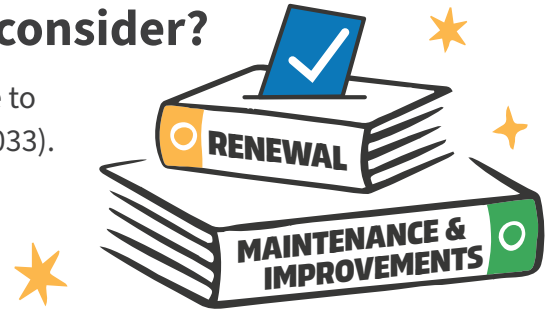


# Cascade Library and Wisner Center Millage Renewal FAQs

## What are Cascade voters being asked to consider?

Approve a renewal millage of **0.15 mills, adjusted 0.0021 mills** due to the Headlee Amendment that expired in 2023, for ten years (2024-2033).

This funding will support **essential operational and building maintenance needs** for the Kent District Library (KDL) - Cascade Township Branch and Wisner Center.



## What is a mill?

A mill is equal to \$1.00 for every \$1,000 of taxable value of a property. Traditionally, a mill is defined as 1/1000 of a dollar, or 0.001 cents.

## How much will it cost?

For a home valued at \$480,000, it will cost approximately \$36 per year under the renewed millage. This is **only a 50-cent increase** from the \$35.50 per year that homeowner paid under the expired millage.

## What will the millage pay for?

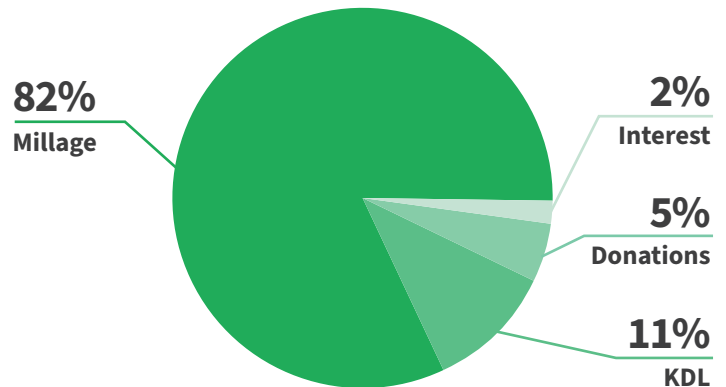
The millage will cover **essential maintenance and operational costs** for the KDL - Cascade Township Branch and Wisner Center, such as utilities, janitorial services, and overall building upkeep. It will also fund critical infrastructure updates, parking lot and underground infrastructure, HVAC improvements and a long-planned \$1.5 million remodel starting in 2025, which aims to enhance the facility for expanded community use. A portion of the revenue may be captured by the Cascade Charter Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

If approved, the millage is expected to generate approximately **\$330,000** in its first year.

## How does this differ from the millage approved in August?

The previous county-wide millage covered **library operations** for the Kent District Library system, while this one focuses on **building maintenance, operational costs and improvements** of the Township-owned KDL - Cascade Branch and Wisner Center building.

## How is the KDL - Cascade Township Branch and Wisner Center building funded?



About **82% of the library's building operations and maintenance** is funded through the millage. The remaining funds come from a small contribution from KDL, donations and interest.

## What happens if the millage is voted down?

The KDL - Cascade Township Branch would **lose significant funding for building operations and maintenance**, severely impacting its ability to provide services. Additionally, the planned renovation and infrastructure upgrades to modernize the library would likely not move forward without this funding.



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