

FISCAL 2003 BUDGET

**COMPARATIVE SAMPLE OF TAX BILLS
FOR A \$125,000 HOME IN FORT MYERS, CAPE CORAL, SANIBEL,
BONITA SPRINGS, FORT MYERS BEACH AND UNINCORPORATED LEE COUNTY**

DESCRIPTION: \$125,000 JUST VALUE OF HOME
 \$ 25,000 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION
 \$100,000 TAXABLE VALUE LESS HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

2002-03 ADOPTED PROPERTY TAXES (FY02-03)

TAXING AUTHORITY	2002-2003	*****TAXES*****					
	ADOPTED MILLAGE RATE	FT MYERS	CAPE CORAL	SANIBEL	BONITA SPRINGS	FT MYERS BEACH	UNINCORP LEE CTY
LEE COUNTY COMMISSION							
LEE COUNTY GENERAL REVENUE	4.3277	\$433	\$433	\$433	\$433	\$433	\$433
LEE COUNTY CAPITAL OUTLAY	1.0124	101	101	101	101	101	101
LEE COUNTY LIBRARY	0.9630	96	96	96	96	96	96
LEE COUNTY UNINCORPORATED MSTU	1.2114	0	0	0	0	0	121
LEE COUNTY ALL HAZARDS	0.0733	0	0	0	0	0	7
LEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD							
PUBLIC SCHOOL - STATE LAW	5.9730	597	597	597	597	597	597
PUBLIC SCHOOL - LOCAL BOARD	2.5990	260	260	260	260	260	260
CITIES							
CITY OF FORT MYERS	7.7816	778	0	0	0	0	0
CITY OF CAPE CORAL	5.8033	0	580	0	0	0	0
CAPE CORAL - DEBT SERVICE	0.5712	0	57	0	0	0	0
CAPE CORAL SOLID WASTE MSTU	0.3534	0	35	0	0	0	0
CITY OF SANIBEL	1.7291	0	0	173	0	0	0
SANIBEL - DEBT SERVICE	0.3838	0	0	38	0	0	0
CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS	1.0885	0	0	0	109	0	0
TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH	1.0400	0	0	0	0	104	0
INDEPENDENT DISTRICTS							
WEST COAST INLAND WATERWAY (WCIND)	0.0400	4	4	4	4	4	4
SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (LEVY)	0.5970	60	60	60	60	60	60
SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MGT (EVERGLADES RESTOR)	0.1000	10	10	10	10	10	10
LEE CTY HYANCINTH CONTROL (HOMESTEAD EXEMPT)	0.0327	4	4	4	4	4	4
LEE CTY MOSQUITO CONTROL (HOMESTEAD EXEMPT)	0.3294	41	41	41	41	41	41
TOTAL		\$2,384	\$2,278	\$1,817	\$1,715	\$1,710	\$1,734
PERCENTAGE SUMMARY							
LEE COUNTY COMMISSION		26%	28%	35%	37%	37%	44%
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY		36%	38%	47%	50%	50%	49%
CITY		33%	29%	12%	6%	6%	0%
INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS		5%	5%	6%	7%	7%	7%
TOTAL		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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COMPARATIVE SAMPLE OF TAX BILLS (CONTINUED)

These charts illustrate sample tax bills in Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Sanibel, Bonita Springs, Fort Myers Beach and Unincorporated Lee County for a home with \$125,000 of taxable value for tax bills BASED UPON THE ADOPTED MILLAGE RATES. The percentage distribution shows that within the cities of Lee County, the taxes that relate to county services amount to approximately 27% of the total tax bill for Fort Myers, 28% for Cape Coral, 35% for Sanibel, 37% for Bonita Springs and 35% in Fort Myers Beach. The School District of Lee County is the single jurisdiction with the largest allocation - with allocations ranging from 36% in Cape Coral to 50% in Bonita Springs and Unincorporated Lee County.

In the tax bill representing Unincorporated Lee County, the allocation related to the county is 44%.

The Unincorporated MSTU is a tax that provides funds for operations that normally would be the responsibility of city governments. Included are development review, environmental sciences, zoning, codes and building services, construction licensing, building and zoning inspections, and plan review, community parks, hearing examiner and partial funding for road and bridge operations.

The Lee County Hyacinth Control Districts and Mosquito Control are not subject to the homestead exemption. These districts were established by the Florida Legislature and at that time it was determined that the services that these districts provide benefit all properties without discrimination.

The bill comparisons represent "generic" tax comparisons and do not take into account individual MSTU's, geographical independent and dependent special districts, or drainage districts. These "other" districts include lighting, fire and special improvement districts that can range in adopted millages from 0.1107 to 6.000. The data is based upon 2002 Property Tax information certified by the Property Appraiser on October 10, 2002.