



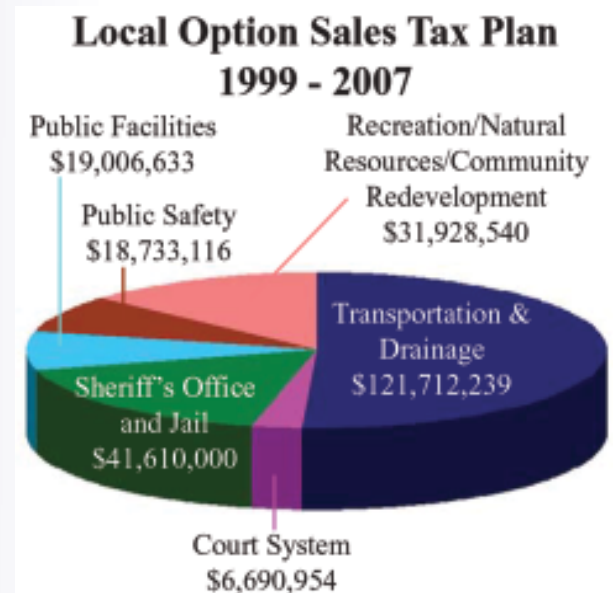
HOW YOUR PENNY WORKS

Escambia County, Before and After

What Local Option Sales Tax Means to Our Community

Escambia County's Local Option Sales Tax was first approved by our voters in March 1992 and placed an additional 1% sales tax on most retail purchases in the county. How were projects paid for before the local option sales tax? The county's need for improved infrastructure may not have been met. Simply put, roads may not have been paved, new and improved drainage systems may not have been constructed, improvements to public safety may not have been made; and many parks, community centers and recreational facilities may not have been built.

By voting in the local option sales tax, voters ensured that much needed improvements to our community have been made without significantly raising property taxes and placing the burden solely on the property owner. Between 1997 and 2007, the end of the current local option sales tax period, approximately \$300 million will have been spent on much needed improvements to our community. On March 7, 2006, citizens can vote to extend the local option sales tax to 2017 in a special election.



QUICK FACTS

Community Benefit	Before Local Option Sales Tax	After Local Option Sales Tax
Miles of unpaved roads	315.65 miles (1991)	119 miles (2004)
Parks & recreational facilities	12 park properties	Over 140 park properties and over 60 developed parks*
Inmate capacity at Road Prison	160 inmates (1991)	200 inmates (2003)
Libraries	0 county libraries	1 library built- South West Branch Library, 1 slated to be built in Century

* Local option sales tax funds were used for each park & recreational facility in part or in entirety.

For more information on Escambia County's Local Option Sales Tax please contact:
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