



What is a Municipal Bond?

Municipal bonds are debt issued by state and local governments to fund public capital projects. Such measures are frequently used when other revenues sources, such as currently available taxes, are limited. Bonds finance capital projects over a longer term and must be repaid over the term of the bonds.

The Town of Cornelius is placing on the November 5, 2013 ballot three bond questions for voter consideration: road, intersection, and sidewalk improvements (\$11.15 million), parks and recreation (\$5.25 million), and Town Center redevelopment (\$4 million). In order for the Town to be able to issue general obligation bonds for each particular purpose, the bond measure for such purpose must be approved by a majority of voters in the Town. If a particular bond measure is approved by the voters, the Town will be authorized to issue bonds for the purposes approved but future Town Boards of Commissioners will decide when and if the bonds will be issued. The amounts approved by the voters represent the maximum amount of general obligation bonds that can be issued. Cornelius currently has a bond rating of "AAA" from Standard & Poor's Ratings Service.

According to the Town's five-year financial forecast (FY 14-19), if all the bond measures are approved and are issued as currently anticipated in two phases, the Town estimates that the property tax rate may increase by 1 cent (FY 14 tax rate - 24 cents) as a result of the bonds starting in FY 15-16. However, many factors influence how much the tax rate might change, such as future interest rates and timing regarding exactly when the bonds are issued. Additionally, revenue and expenditure changes, legislative changes and operational decisions will impact the Town's tax rate in future years regardless of whether the bonds are approved.

For more information, visit corneliusbonds.org or email bonds@cornelius.org.



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BOND PROGRAM

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Road, Intersection, and Sidewalk Bonds

BOND SUMMARY:

- Constructing, widening, and improving roads and intersections
- Installing sidewalks, landscaping and streetscaping, lighting, curbs and gutters, and drainage improvements
- Acquisition of any related land and right-of-way
- Improvements to safety, congestion, walkability, and biking.

POTENTIAL PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Catawba Avenue improvements
- West Catawba Avenue Phase II improvements (Jetton Road to Highway 73)
- Torrence Chapel Road and West Catawba Avenue intersection improvements
- Catawba Avenue and Highway 21 intersection improvements
- Crosswalk safety enhancements
- Street and sidewalk connections

REQUEST TO SPEND UP TO: \$ 11,150,000

Parks and Recreation Bonds

BOND SUMMARY:

- Improving and expanding the existing parks, greenways, and recreational facilities
- Acquiring and constructing new parks, greenways, and recreational facilities

POTENTIAL PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Town Center Greenway (extend existing South Prong Rocky River Greenway from South Street to North Main Street)
- McDowell Creek Greenway North (extend existing McDowell Creek Greenway from Westmoreland Road to Magnolia Estates Drive)
- Smithville Park Improvements
- Robbins Park Improvements
- Park enhancements and renovations

REQUEST TO SPEND UP TO: \$ 5,250,000



* All images are either examples or preliminary conceptual renderings.



Conceptual Community/ Art Center

Town Center Redevelopment Bonds

BOND SUMMARY:

- Redevelopment of the Town Center within one mile radius of the intersection of Catawba Avenue and Main Street
- Construction and/or acquisition of a Community/Art Center
- Construct or improve Town Center infrastructure and amenities related to the Community / Art Center

POTENTIAL PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Community/Art Center
- Outdoor Water Park
- Outdoor Amphitheater
- Improved sidewalks, lighting, parking, and landscaping

REQUEST TO SPEND UP TO: \$ 4,000,000