

## The Nuts and Bolts of Tax Administration Genesee County, New York



#### Genesee County, New York



Census Data Population – 58,388 Households – 24,213 Owner Occupied – 73.4% Employment Rate – 60.7% Median HH Income - \$68,178



#### Genesee County, New York



Municipalities 13 Towns 7 Villages 1 City 8 School Districts (+9 schools that extend into the county)



#### Property Tax Base



Residential

Industrial / Commercial

Public Service / Utility

Agricultural / Vacant

Recreation / Community Service



#### Largest Taxpayers

**Company Name** National Grid **Empire Pipeline National Fuel CSX Transportation Rochester Gas & Electric** Darien Lake **Batavian Realty** Walmart **Time Warner Cable** Target

**Property Type** Utility Utility Utility Railroad Utility Recreation **Nursing Home** Retail Utility Retail

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#### Historic Tax Information

<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
\$10.11 / 1,000	\$9.80 / 1,000	\$9.18 / 1,000	\$8.45 / 1,000	\$8.08 / 1,000
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### Genesee County Treasurer's Office

- Delinquent Tax Collection
- Foreclosure
- Payroll
- Accounts Payable
- Accounts Receivable
- Banking
- Investments
- Certificates of Residence

- Accounting / Bookkeeping
- School Tax Collection (1 by agreement)
- Debt issuances
- Assistance with County Budget
- Public Administrator
- Real Property Tax Administration
  - Tax Bill Preparation
  - Tax Map Maintenance
  - Assessment Support Services



#### Town & County Tax Bills

County Levy

Town Levies

Fire Districts

Water Districts

County Water Surcharge

Unpaid School & Village

Other Districts & Fees

5% 7% 12% 59% 15%

- County Taxes
  - County Levy
  - Water Surcharge
- Town Taxes
  - Town Levy
  - Fire Districts
  - Water Districts
  - Sewer Districts
  - Lighting Districts
  - Public Library
  - Demolition / Property Maintenance
- Unpaid School Taxes
- Unpaid Village Taxes
- Unpaid Sewer & Water
- Ag Conversion Penalties



#### Tax Bill Creation

- The Treasurer's Office gathers all of the necessary information
  - Town budgets, fire district budgets, unpaid sewer and water, unpaid school and village taxes, county water surcharge amounts, etc.
- Tax warrants are prepared by the Treasurer's Office and approved by the County Legislature
- Tax bill data files are created by the Treasurer's Office and are sent to a print vendor to create and print the tax bills
- Most towns elect to have the print company prepare and deliver the majority of their bills directly to the post office
  - Multiple bills with the same owner are combined and mailed together
- Bills with an escrow are pulled out separately for the towns to compare with their escrow request lists
- Roll Section 5, 6, and 7 bills are pulled out separately to be mailed by the Treasurer's Office

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### Roll Section 5, 6, & 7

- Roll Section 5, 6, and 7 bills are mailed and collected by the Treasurer's Office
- These are bills for utility and railroad parcels

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• This allows these companies that are typically located within multiple towns in the county to make a single payment to the county instead of having to pay each town separately

Genese	e County Treasurer
County	Building #1
15 Main	Street
Batavia	NY 14020



182000 620.000-0000-637.250/1882 000994 994 Empire Telephone Co. 34 Main St Prattsburg, NY 14873

#### 2024 Tax Bill County of Genesee Town of Alabama

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If taxes are not paid by 2/29/24 a reminder letter will be mailed and an additional \$2.00 will be charged. After 3/31/24 all outstanding taxes must be paid through the County Treasurer's Office. Payment can also be made online either by credit card or by electronic check at the following link: https://genesee.go2gov.net/faces/search.jsp

IN Make payment to: PERSON Genesee County Treasurer PAYMENT



#### Town Collection

- Town and County taxes are collected by the towns from January March
- Towns collect payments locally, in all of our towns the Town Clerk is also designated as the Town Tax Collector
- Towns issue a public notice in the paper regarding their tax collection period prior to the start of collections
- Taxes are collected and deposited into a separate tax collector bank account
- Many towns utilize the county's online payment website
- Taxes can be paid without interest by January 31<sup>st</sup>
- Unpaid taxes accrue 1% interest per month during this period
- Towns send a reminder notice at the beginning of March for any parcels that remain unpaid at that time
- Town Clerk's first make payment to the Town Supervisor for the Town's share of the tax warrant when they have collected a sufficient amount of taxes
- Once the town has received their full tax warrant amount then payments are made to the Treasurer's Office on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month or when the taxes on account are close to exceeding the collector's insured limit



### Tax Collection System

- The county pays for a tax collection system that is also utilized by all of the towns
- Each town has access to their specific parcels during their collection period
- Town Clerk's and their staff enter payments in the tax collection system

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### **Online Tax Payments**

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- There is an online, public tax payment website that is tied to the tax collection system
- Any delinguent taxes owed to the Treasurer's Office and taxes in towns that choose to use this website can be paid by the public online
- Historic tax information is also available and • viewable online
- Payments can be made by credit card or by electronic check
- Any processing / convenience fees are paid by the property owner
- Online payments can be deactivated for • individuals that have bounced checks either physical or electronic

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• Home	Search for Property I Use property owner's r	B <mark>y Owner Name</mark> name as it appears on pro	operty deed.			
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#### 2024 TAX YEAR DETAIL - AS OF 06/17/2024

Taxing Unit	Appraised Value	Net Taxable Value	Base Due	Penalty / Interest	Attorney Fees / Other Fees	Total
NYS MEDICAID MANDATE	\$140,800.00	\$140,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
COUNTY OF GENESEE	\$140,800.00	\$140,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOWN OF LEROY	\$140,800.00	\$140,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
LEROY FIRE	\$140,800.00	\$140,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00



#### Town Tax Settlement

- In April, after the towns have finished their collection period, the towns come in to settle with the Treasurer's Office
- The tax rolls and tax system information is all reviewed and balanced
- Once the settlement is complete, the Treasurer's Office handles tax collection on any parcels that remain outstanding
- Online tax payments are turned off from April 1<sup>st</sup> until all of the towns have completed their settlement

#### TOWN OF ALABAMA

#### SETTLEMENT OF 2023/2024 TOWN & COUNTY TAX ROLLS WITH COLLECTOR

#### 2023/2024

Corporation Taxes paid to County Treasurer	231,180.47
Payments to County Treasurer by Collector	666,900.06_
Taxes returned Unpaid	132,496.98
Due to Town: Late Notices (\$2 per bill returned)	148.00
June 17, 2024 Payment to County Treasurer by Collector	59,676.14
Due to County	1,090,401.61
Adjustment between Tax Warrant & Tax Roll	0.04
Due to County after Adjustment	1,090,401.65
Supervisor's Receipts	713,231.65
TOTAL WARRANT	1,803,633.26
TOTAL ADJUSTED WARRANT (TAX ROLL AMOUNT)	1,803,633.30

I, Rebecca L. Borkholder, Collector of Taxes of the Town of Alabama being duly sworn, do depose and say that I agree with this settlement of \$132496.98 uncollected and \$59676.14 payment to the Genesee County Treasurer this 17 day of June, 2024.

#### COLLECTOR OF TAXES

The Genesee County Treasurer's Office certifies this Tax Settlement for 2023/2024 to be true and correct.

Senior Financial Clerk Typist



### Delinquent Taxes

- A 5% penalty is added to any taxes that are turned over to the Treasurer's Office
- Interest continues to accrue at 1% per month
- Payments are made to the Treasurer's Office either in person, through the mail, over the phone, or online
- At this point all other taxing jurisdictions have been made whole for their portion of the taxes, so the entire amount outstanding is owed to the county
  - Towns and their special districts have received their share of taxes during the town collection period
  - Schools and villages receive payment from the county in April for their outstanding tax amount
- The county does not offer any payment plans for tax payments
- Taxes are required to be collect in reverse chronological order by NYS law



### Delinquent List

- On October 1<sup>st</sup> the Treasurer's Office sends out letters to all property owners that have outstanding current year taxes
- The notice warns the property owners that if taxes are not paid by October 31<sup>st</sup> that their names will be published in the local newspaper
- A listing of parcels and property owner names that owe delinquent taxes is filed in the County Clerk's Office and is also published in the local newspaper in November for any parcels that are still outstanding as of November 1<sup>st</sup>

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY COURT, GENESEE COUNTY

-----) LIST OF DELINQUENT TAXES

IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF TAX LIENS BY) PROCEEDING IN REM PURSUANT TO ARTICLE ELEVEN OF) THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW BY......)

PURSUANT TO SECTION 1122 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,  $I_i$  scott D. German, the treasurer and enforcing officer of the county of genesee, do hereby certify and affirm as true under the penalties of perjury that this list of delinquent taxes identifies those parcels which have been subject to delinquent taxe liens held and owned by the county of genesee since January 1, 2023, except for those parcels excluded from this list of delinquent taxes pursuant to law.

The parcels which are subject to such delinquent tax liens, due thereon, are identified on schedule a of this list of delinquent taxes, which is annexed hereto and a part hereof.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 1122(7) OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW, THE FILING OF THIS LIST IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK SHALL CONSTITUTE AND HAVE THE SAME FORCE AND EFFECT AS THE FILING AND RECORDING IN SUCH OFFICE OF AN INDIVIDUAL AND SEPARATE NOTICE OF PENDENCY AGAINST EACH PARCEL SET FORTH ON THIS LIST.

DATED: 11/14/2023

BARCLAY CATHY & JOHNSON JAMES

SCOTT D. GERMAN GENESEE COUNTY TREASURER

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# 2023 List of Delinquent TaxesOWNERTAX MAP #TOWN OF ALABAMA<br/>ABRAMO DONALD A7.-1-10.12



### Foreclosure Warning Letter

- The Treasurer's Office forecloses on taxes that have been outstanding for three years
  - Ex. in 2024 we will begin proceedings on parcels that owe 2022 taxes and then foreclose in early 2025
- Prior to the proceedings commencing, the Treasurer's Office sends out a warning letter to property owners
- The letter warns them of the proceedings and the legal fees that will be added as part of these proceedings
- This letter is not required by law, but is sent out by the Treasurer's Office as a courtesy
- Typically this letter is sent on May 1<sup>st</sup>, but that will change due to NYS foreclosure law changes

May 1, 2023

Dear Property Owner:

The real property taxes on your property for the 2021 fiscal year remain unpaid. If those taxes are not paid by June 30, 2023, we will have to conduct a title search and prepare a Petition of Foreclosure against your property. This will result in an additional charge of <u>Four Hundred</u> <u>Fifty Dollars</u> or more being added to the amount due. To avoid this charge, the amount due must be paid by June 30, 2023.

In addition, if the taxes remain unpaid on September 30, 2023, we will file the Petition of Foreclosure in the office of the Genesee County Clerk. We will serve copies of that Petition upon affected parties as required by law, and we will publish a copy of the Petition, which will contain your name, in the *Daily News*. These actions, which also involve additional costs being added to the amount due, will bring us into the final phase of the tax enforcement process.

We urge you to pay the outstanding taxes as soon as possible. If you do not do so, your rights to this property will soon be lost forever. We have enclosed a statement indicating the amount due if paid during May or June. Please note that the Real Property tax law requires that the taxes be paid in reverse chronological order, therefore, all taxes must be paid to stop the foreclosure process.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Scott D. German Genesee County Treasurer



### City of Batavia Taxes

- Tax bills for parcels in the City of Batavia are sent out on May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Taxes are all collected by the city using their own tax collection system
- The city offers an installment payment option where half of the tax amount owed can be paid in May and the other half in August
- The city handles delinquent tax collection for parcels within the city
- The city makes the county whole for the county's share of taxes within the city by making two equal payments to the county in June and September
- The city handles all notices and foreclosure proceedings for city parcels