

The District created the **Serene Hills Defined Area** in 2008. All properties within the Serene Hills Defined Area pay the Serene Hills Defined Area tax and the District-wide tax. The defined area taxes are used to pay the annual debt service payments for the bonds that have been issued. These bonds were issued to partially reimburse the Developer for all water and wastewater infrastructure.

The total amount of Serene Hills Defined Area bonds which have been approved by the voters is \$55,000,000. To date, \$15,575,000 in bonds have been issued, leaving \$39,425,000 available for issuance. The third bond series of bonds was issued September 2017 is in the amount of \$7,000,000. The remaining principle debt service that will pay off the issued bonds totals \$15,575,000, with final payment being made on 11/1/2042. The District Board of Directors has directed the financial advisor to routinely test all debts for possible refinancing opportunities which meet the criteria of significantly reduced interest rate, debt service savings, and no increase of final maturity date.

Taxes are assessed each year to pay the annual debt payments on these bonds. Below are the tax rates per \$100 assessed value of real property located in the Serene Hills Defined Area, which are listed separately on your tax bill:

**2017 Tax Rates:**

|                                |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| District-wide Tax              | \$0.0599        |
| Serene Hills Defined Area Tax: | <u>\$0.6250</u> |
| Debt Service Rate              | \$0.4606        |
| SHDA O&M Rate                  | \$0.1644        |
| Total                          | \$0.6849        |

