EQUITY

Amongst properties within a municipality

Non Reappraisal Town - no change in property assessed value to keep values current with the market.

EXAMPLE:

- Forest land assessed each year at \$2,000 per acre
- Vacant land assessed each year at \$1,000 per acre
- 1 acre of vacant land worth 1/2 (50%) of what 1 acre of forest land is worth
- Taxes on 1 acre of vacant land should be 1/2 the amount (50%) of 1 acre of forest land
- Years pass and the market changes
- Forest land now worth \$5,000 per acre
- Vacant land now worth \$2,000 per acre
- 1 acre of vacant land now worth 40% of what 1 acre of forest land is worth

Because assessments are not being changed to reflect the current market value of property The taxes on 1 acre of vacant land <u>should be</u> 40% of the taxes on 1 acre of forest land however.....

The taxes on 1 acre of vacant land <u>continue to be</u> 50% of the taxes on 1 acre of forest land