



# EDWARD J. LEONARD

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### **Treasurer's Tax-Lien Sale Nets Nearly \$7 Million for County**

**Columbus (OH)** – Franklin County Treasurer Ed Leonard collected more than \$6,980,000 dollars in delinquent property taxes through the Treasurer's eighth annual tax-lien certificate sale November 8, 2010. For the sale, several interested companies came to the County Courthouse Complex prepared to bid on 1,234 delinquent parcels totaling more than \$6,980,000 dollars. The winning bidder was Woods Cove, LLC. The Treasurer's office processed \$6,980,173.84 representing 100 cents on the dollar for all of the unpaid taxes, penalties, and interest that have accumulated on these delinquent properties. The money received from the sale is now available to go to area schools, levy agencies, and local governments early next year.

The program started eight years ago, under the direction of Leonard when he was Special Counselor for the office under former County Treasurer Rich Cordray. "It has been my pleasure to watch this program grow and continue to help our Franklin County community by expediting the collection of delinquent funds desperately needed for our seniors, schools, and other important agencies supported by real estate tax money," stated Treasurer Leonard.

The Franklin County Treasurer's office wants to make paying taxes as easy as possible for people who have a desire to pay. "I understand property taxes may present a significant financial hardship for property owners. That's why this office works hard to assist homeowners get on payment plans to help ease this financial burden prior to the tax-lien sales," said Leonard. If you are having trouble paying your taxes and are in need of assistance, please visit our website: [www.franklincountyohio.gov/treasurer](http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/treasurer) where you will find information on various options to pay your taxes or call us at (614) 462-3438.

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