



**We're in the Heart of  
it All**

**2018**

The Village of Goreville, IL. “Home of Ferne Clyffe State Park”, is located three miles from the intersection of I-57 and I-24 on Illinois State Route 37 in Johnson County. The Village of Goreville is a major artery for traffic on Illinois State Route 37 as close to 5,000 vehicles drive through Goreville every single day – more than any other stretch of roads in Johnson County! (IDOT 2010) accommodates over **250,000 visitors annually!** (IDNR, 2010).



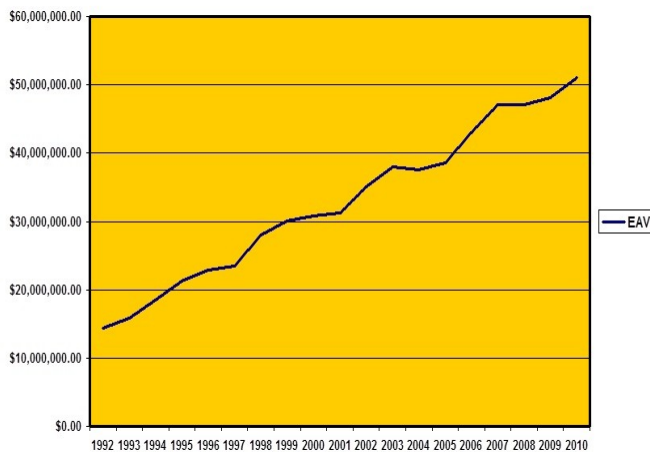
In 2008, the **Village of Goreville** passed the most aggressive Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Program available and is extremely aggressive in attracting businesses to serve our community. To promote economic development, the Village of Goreville has created a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district. Developers who plan to construct or renovate in a TIF district are able to receive some reimbursement for the development from dollars that would be paid to property taxing districts because of the increase valuation of the property with the improvements.

The local school district, Goreville Community Unit School District #1 is one of the few growing districts in Southern Illinois and covers approximately 70 square miles in northern Johnson County as well as northeastern Union County. The school district houses nearly 700 students in grades Pre-K through twelve and employs over 100 staff (not including Head Start faculty and staff, JAMP Special Education faculty and staff, substitute teachers, parent volunteers, etc). The school district is comprised primarily of the communities of Tunnel Hill, Lake of Egypt, and the Village of Goreville and has consistently been ranked as one of the top five schools in the Region both academically and financially (Regional Office of Education 02, 2010). In fact, the Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) of Goreville Schools has increased over 357% since 1992!



The Village of Goreville, which experienced an 11% growth from the 2000 Census to the 2010 Census, and the Tunnel Hill areas of the district have approximately 2,200 residents while the Lake of Egypt community has approximately 5,000 residents (Johnson and Williamson Counties). The closest incorporated areas to Goreville are Marion (15 miles) and Carbondale (27 miles).

According to the 2010 Census, there were over 12,600 residents in Johnson County alone, not to mention the thousands of residents on the Williamson County side of the Lake of Egypt. Also of note, according to voting records, the Goreville, Lake of Egypt, and Tunnel Hill voting precincts have a total of 2,123 registered voters at or over the age of 55 – *that is 70% of the total senior population in Johnson County!* (Johnson County Clerk, 2005). In fact, Johnson County is the **ONLY** County in Southern Illinois that has two (2) Senior Meals facilities; one in Southern Johnson County and one in Goreville that services northern Johnson County due to the large concentration of seniors in our area.



The majority of residents work outside of the Goreville area. The primary occupation for Goreville residents are commonly state positions such as Corrections Officers, State Police Officers, and School Teachers while many others work in factories and businesses located in Marion, Carbondale, and Paducah, Ky.

Join our family in beautiful **GOREVILLE, ILLINOIS!**

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Tax Increment Financing

