

I applaud the decision to keep "Central central". I have ZERO concerns about the historical homes that might be sacrificed as part of the expansion. I hope that if/when expenses start to mount and cuts need to be made, that the first thing on the chopping block will be the athletic facilities; I feel they've gotten a bit too much attention in this whole process. Having said that, I'm glad to see that the plans presented here tonight make use of existing spaces and facilities and don't involve building giant new stadiums or fields out on Interstate Drive.

One parting shot: though I agree with the message it is sending, the graphs comparing our tax rates to those of other communities were deceptively scaled. Looking at them one could be forgiven for thinking that Urbana's taxes are five times Champaign's.

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