

Rating Summaries for General Obligation Bonds

Moody's (June 30, 2006)

The 'Aaa' rating reflects the Town's favorable long-term credit characteristics including a history of strong financial performance, a growing economy in an affluent and stable area and increasing, yet still modest, debt levels.

Standard and Poor's (July 5, 2006)

The 'AAA' rating on Cary's variable rate General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2006, reflects the following:

- 'Location within the deep and diverse Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill metropolitan area,
- High wealth levels and historically low unemployment rates,
- Healthy growth in the tax base along with ongoing diversification,
- Continued solid financial performance and flexibility, and
- A moderate and manageable debt burden.'

Fitch Ratings (June 28, 2006)

The long-term 'AAA' rating reflects the Town of Cary's exceptionally strong financial position, stable and diverse economy and moderately low debt levels that should remain affordable through the life of the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The Town's financial flexibility is extremely high given its large fund balance, moderate property tax rate and use of pay-as-you-go funding for some capital projects. The Town has a 'strong economy with excellent long-term potential for continued growth and development that combines the stability of the nearby state capital and a larger higher education sector with the specialized high-technology industry.'