

# Near-Term Tax Free Fund (NEARX)

**Symbol:** NEARX **CUSIP:** 911476-85-1  
**Inception Date:** 12/04/90  
**Lipper Category:** Short/Intermediate  
**Municipal Debt**

## About the Fund

The Near-Term Tax Free Fund invests in municipal bonds with relatively short maturity. The fund seeks to provide tax-free monthly income and stability by investing in debt securities issued by state and local governments from across the country.

## Fund Objective

The Near-Term Tax Free fund seeks current income that is exempt from federal income tax and also seeks preservation of capital.

## Fund Strategy

Under normal market conditions, the Near-Term Tax Free Fund invests at least 80 percent of its net assets in investment grade municipal securities whose interest is free from federal income tax, including the federal alternative minimum tax. The Near-Term Tax Free Fund will maintain a weighted-average portfolio maturity of five years or less.

The fund's portfolio team applies a two-step approach in choosing investment, beginning by analyzing various macroeconomic factors in an attempt to forecast interest rate movements, and then positioning the fund's portfolio by selecting investments that it believes fit that forecast.

## Portfolio Team

**Frank Holmes, Chief Investment Officer**  
*Years of Experience: 30+*

**John Derrick, CFA**  
*Years of Experience: 18*

## Potential Risk/Reward

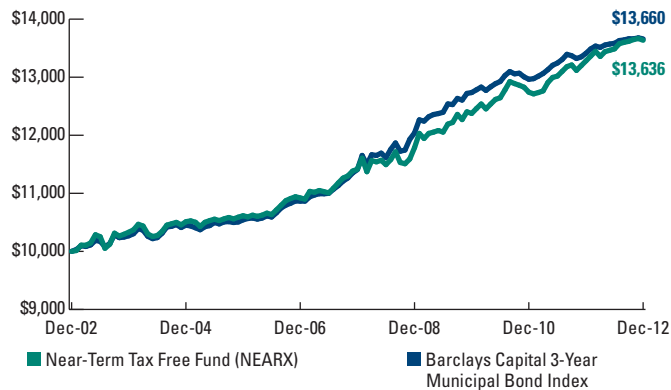
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## December 2012 Fund Fact Sheet

### Growth of \$10,000 from 12/31/2002 to 12/31/2012



The chart illustrates the performance of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment made in the fund during the depicted time frame, compared to its benchmark index. Figures include reinvestment of capital gains and dividends, but the performance does not include the effect of any direct fees described in the fund's prospectus (e.g., short-term trading fees) which, if applicable, would lower your total returns.

### Risk Measures & Statistics (3-Year)

Sharpe Ratio	1.81	30-day SEC Yield	0.84%
Standard Deviation	1.74%	Tax Equivalent Yield (Based on 35% Tax Rate)	1.49%
Year-to-date Distributions (\$ per share)	\$0.050		

### Returns

	Average Annual						Expense Ratio		
	1 Month	Year to Date	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Since Inception (12/4/90)	Gross	After Waivers
Near-Term Tax Free Fund (as of 12/31/12)	-0.22%	2.67%	2.67%	3.28%	3.62%	3.15%	4.42%	1.26%	0.45%
Barclays Capital 3-Year Municipal Bond Index (as of 12/31/12)	-0.13%	1.86%	1.86%	2.38%	3.68%	3.17%	n/a	n/a	n/a

Expense ratios as stated in the most recent prospectus. The expense ratio after waivers is a voluntary limit on total fund operating expenses (exclusive of any acquired fund fees and expenses, performance fees, taxes, brokerage commissions and interest) that U.S. Global Investors, Inc. can modify or terminate at any time, which may lower a fund's yield or return. Performance data quoted above is historical. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Results reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance data quoted. The principal value and investment return of an investment will fluctuate so that your shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance does not include the effect of any direct fees described in the fund's prospectus which, if applicable, would lower your total returns. Performance quoted for periods of one year or less is cumulative and not annualized. Obtain performance data current to the most recent month-end at [www.usfunds.com](http://www.usfunds.com) or 1-800-US-FUNDS.

Tax-exempt income is federal income tax free. A portion of this income may be subject to state and local income taxes, and if applicable, may subject certain investors to the Alternative Minimum Tax as well. Each tax free fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in securities that pay taxable interest. Income or fund distributions attributable to capital gains are usually subject to both state and federal income taxes. Bond funds are subject to interest-rate risk; their value declines as interest rates rise. The tax free funds may be exposed to risks related to a concentration of investments in a particular state or geographic area. These investments present risks resulting from changes in economic conditions of the region or issuer.



## Top 10 Holdings

City of Chicago IL	2.11%
Spartanburg County Regional Health Services District	1.58%
Clinton Bond Fayette Etc Counties Community College District	1.37%
Springfield Metropolitan Sanitation District	1.37%
Chicago Board of Education	1.34%
State of Illinois	1.22%
Atlantic City NJ	1.21%
City of Houston TX	1.18%
New Hampshire Health & Education Facilities Authority	1.17%
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico	1.10%
<b>Percentage of total net assets in top 20 holdings</b>	<b>23.74%</b>
<b>Total number of holdings</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$44.48 Million</b>

## Maturity

<1 Year	21.09%
1-3 Years	27.38%
3-5 Years	30.63%
5-10 Years	20.64%
10-20 Years	1.00%
20+ Years	0.00%
Average Maturity	3.33
Average Duration	3.02

## Sector Breakdown

General	15.50%
General Obligation	13.17%
Medical	12.59%
Cash Equivalents	9.50%
School District	8.58%
Water	8.50%

## Top 5 States

Florida	13.22%
Illinois	12.06%
Texas	11.56%
New Jersey	5.25%
Michigan	4.61%

## Quality

AAA	9.74%
AA	41.68%
A	40.73%
BBB	6.85%
Other	1.00%



★★★★★	Overall/135
★★★★★	3-Year/135
★★★★★	5-Year/110
★★★★★	10-Year/83

Morningstar ratings and number of funds  
Category: Municipal National Short-term funds  
Through 12/31/2012

- 5** Lipper Leader **Preservation**
- 5** Lipper Leader **Expense**
- 5** Lipper Leader **Tax Efficiency**

Lipper ratings for Preservation reflect funds' historical loss avoidance relative to other funds within the same asset class, as of 12/31/2012. Preservation ratings are relative, rather than absolute, measures, and funds named Lipper Leaders for Preservation may still experience losses periodically; those losses may be larger for equity and mixed equity funds than for fixed income funds. Lipper ratings for Expense reflect funds' expense minimization relative to peers with similar load structures as of 12/31/2012. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Lipper ratings for Tax Efficiency reflect funds' historical success in postponing taxable distributions relative to peers as of 12/31/2012. Tax Efficiency offers no benefit to investors in tax-sheltered accounts such as retirement plans. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

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