



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2014-0156

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Patrick McKay, Supervisor of Interpretative Services
DATE: April 17, 2014
SUBJECT: Review and Approval of Preservation & Adaptive Use Master Plan for the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm (updated March 31, 2014)

REQUEST:

The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm is seeking City Council comments and approval of the Preservation & Adaptive Use Master Plan for the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In spring 2006 the Museum and Parks & Forestry Department staff along with THA Architects initiated the process of creating a long range Master Plan for the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. The result was the November 2006 Preservation & Adaptive Use Master Plan for the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, a guide for the future of the Museum's buildings and grounds.

With the 2010 donation of the 1848 Stoney Creek Schoolhouse from Rochester Community Schools, and renovation of the 1927 Calf Barn, it was determined that the Master Plan should be updated. H2A Architects guided the design of this Master Plan update to address the new use of the Calf Barn on the Museum site as well as to address multiple issues and opportunities the Museum is facing in regards to archival and collections storage, maintenance and workshop areas, parking, and recreating the Van Hoosen Farm setting. This draft of the Master Plan has been reviewed by the Rochester Hills Parks & Forestry Department, Rochester Hills Museum Foundation Board, and one public meeting was held to seek input from stakeholders.

No funding is sought at this time. This Master Plan provides short and long term strategies to allow the Museum to preserve its buildings and its historic setting while providing cultural, educational, and recreational programs. It allows the Museum to strategically pursue grants and private funding; allowing it to meet long range strategic initiatives.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Rochester Hills City Council approve this Preservation & Adaptive Use Master Plan for the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		

Department Director		
Mayor		
City Council Liaison		