



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2013-0063

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Mayor Bryan K. Barnett, Mayor’s Office
DATE: February 5, 2013
SUBJECT: Proposed Rochester Hills Community Garden

REQUEST:

The City Administration requests City Council’s authorization to develop the first-ever Rochester Hills Community Garden at Wabash Park.

BACKGROUND:

It is the City’s intent to construct a community garden of approximately 108- 4'X4' beds in a 100'X90' area of Wabash Park for use by Rochester Hills residents for growing healthy produce, socializing with other gardeners, engaging in a relaxing recreational pursuit and providing any surplus of fresh produce to area soup kitchens and food pantries.

Community gardens are places where neighbors can gather to cultivate plants, vegetables and fruits. Such gardens can improve nutrition, physical activity, community engagement, safety and economic vitality for a neighborhood and its residents.

The City will establish Phase 1 of the garden by providing the necessary infrastructure and water for irrigation. The City will also partner with Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve to provide the administrative oversight of the plot rentals, as well as serve as an educational resource for gardening programs. Material cost and labor is estimated at \$30,000.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Rochester Hills City Council approve the request to fund the development of the Community Garden at Wabash Park and the attached resolution.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
City Council Liaison		