



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2015-0252

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Sara Roediger, Manager of Planning, ext. 2573
DATE: June 18, 2015
SUBJECT: Request for Approval of a Memorandum of Partnership between the City of Rochester Hills and the Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) to establish Rochester Hills as a WaterTowns Community

REQUEST:

Approve the attached Memorandum of Partnership between the City of Rochester Hills and the Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) to establish Rochester Hills as a WaterTowns community.

BACKGROUND:

WaterTowns is a community-based initiative designed through the CRWC to help cities in the watershed leverage the assets of the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair for water-oriented community development. The effort includes the development of a vision for the entire watershed highlighting opportunities to maximize the potential of the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair to attract and retain residents and businesses by offering a unique quality of life and sense of place supported by local water resources. Each year the CRWC, in conjunction with Lawrence Tech University, selects three communities to provide planning assistance to in terms of improving the green infrastructure for the community. This year the CRWC would like to work with Rochester Hills and identify opportunities for improvements. Staff has met with the WaterTowns team and has identified Bloomer and Yates Parks as ideal sites for this project. Upon completion of the project, anticipated for the fall of 2015, the WaterTowns team will present their recommendations to the City Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the attached Memorandum of Partnership between the City of Rochester Hills and the Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) to establish Rochester Hills as a WaterTowns community.

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