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# City of Rochester Hills Green Space Advisory Board

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# HISTORY

In 2005 the City residents approved a 0.3 mill 10 year Open Space millage to acquire and preserve natural Greenspace. The millage purpose was modified in 2013 to allow for:

- Protection
- Care and maintenance
- Improved pedestrian accessibility



## Advisory Board Purpose

In 2005 City Council Created a 9 Member Green Space Advisory Board (GSAB) to develop strategies and recommendations to Council for:

1. Permanently preserve natural greenspaces, wildlife and scenic views
2. Protect woodlands, wetlands, rivers and streams
3. Expand the Clinton River Greenway



# GSAB Members

## 2017 Citizen Representatives

**Peter Beightol**

**Jayson Graves**

**Dahlvin Peterson, Chair**

**Gerald Carvey,**

**Darlene Janulis, Vice Chair**

**Julia Rodriguez**

**Tim Gauthier**

**Donald Price**

**Terry Stephens**

## Youth Representatives

**Mallory Boyd**

**Ramona Johnson**

**Joshua Morgan**

## Staff Members

**Ken Elwert, Director**

**Lance DeVoe, Naturalist**

**Kurt Dawson, Assessor**

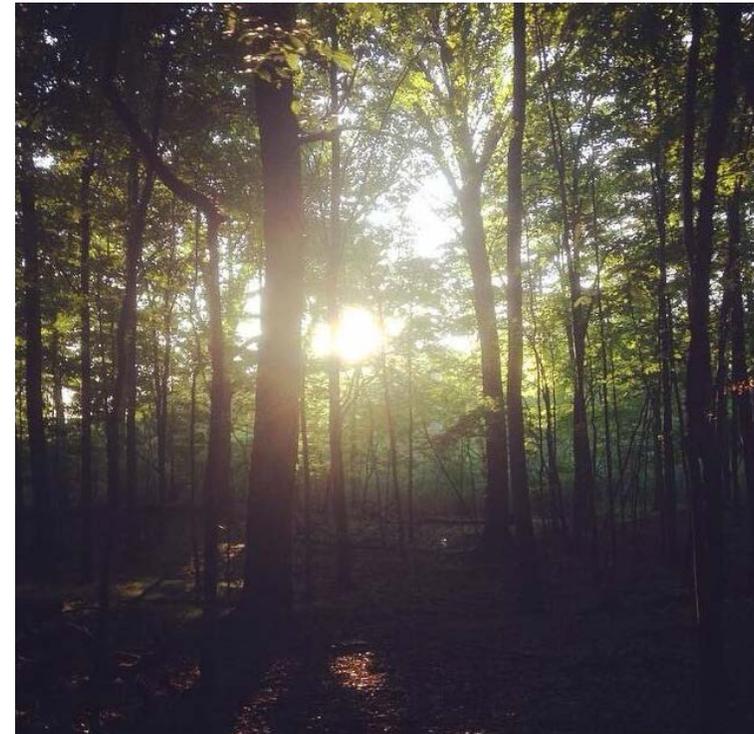
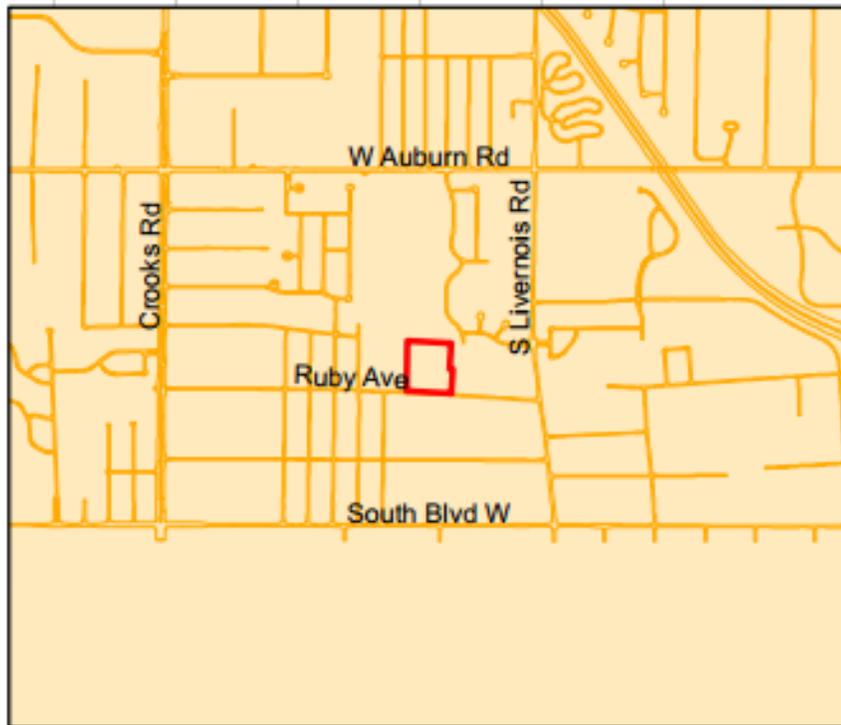
## City Council Representative

**Susan Bowyer, Ph.D.**

# RUBY GREEN SPACE

## New Acquisition in late 2016

- 9.5 acres of high quality wetlands, old-growth trees and wildlife





# PROPERTY SUMMARY

- **118 Acres of Green Space**

**Rivercrest– 1.74 acres**

Located on the northeast corner of Livernois Road and West Avon Road, 38% woodland and 578 ft. Clinton River frontage.

**Childress– 5.3 acres**

Located west of Rochester Road, nearly 100% wooded with steep slopes, scenic views, priority 1 wildlife habitat, and Clinton River frontage.

**Harding - 26.8 acres**

Located adjacent to the Clinton River Trail with river frontage, sensitive wetlands, upland forest.

**Cloverport– 7.42 acres**

Located between the west end of Cloverport and the Clinton River, over 1000 feet of river frontage, sensitive wetlands.

**Clear Creek – 23.68 acres**

Located on the southeast corner of Mead Road and Sheldon Road this area is four parcels of environmentally sensitive priority 1 wetlands.

**White – 43.38 acres**

Adjacent to Innovation Hills, its significant natural features and location will offer connectivity to the Clinton River Greenway.

**Ruby – 9.48 acres**

On Ruby Ave., west of Livernois, selected for its high quality old growth tree canopy and 1.6 acres of quality wetlands.



# Board Activities

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- Walk through of existing green space parcels
- Annual fiscal review of stewardship projects
- Review any new acquisition nominations
- Support outreach activities to promote Green Space

## Outreach Activities

- White property cleanup day
- Garlic Mustard Pull
- Discovery Hike

# Discovery Hike

- The discovery hike was developed as a way to engage the public and showcase our green spaces, provide information on green spaces, invasives, stewardship and committee activities.



- Activities include guided nature walks, I spy challenge, raffle with prizes provided by sponsors (Dunhams, Emagine Theater, Premier Pet Supplies, Wild Birds Unlimited, Dr. Susan Bowyer & Don Price)

Next years hike is planned for Saturday, May 5th



# 2016/2017 Stewardship Projects

- The Long Term Management Plan consists of
  1. Ecological assessments
  2. Invasive Species control
  3. Stream Bank Restoration
  4. Habit Restoration
- In 2016, 43 projects were performed on 3 properties
- In 2017, 33 projects were performed on 3 properties
- The main focus of 2016 and 2017 was on the Harding and White Green Spaces
- Projects include items such as:
  - Swallowort control on the White Green Space
  - Remnant Fen and Tamarack Swamp Enhancement on the White Green Space
  - Pond area enhancement on the Harding Green Space
  - Prairie Restoration on the Harding Green Space



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# Harding Project 1





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# Harding Project 2 (south prairie)





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# Harding Project 3 (middle prairie)





## Questions & Discussion

Thank You for support in protecting our green spaces!

- City Council
- Mayor Barnett
- City Staff