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**Green Space
Advisory Board**

City of Rochester Hills Green Space Advisory Board

Recommendations:

- 1. Revision to GSAB Scope of Authority**
- 2. Green Space Millage Ballot Proposal**

August 12th, 2013



Charter

Green Space Advisory Board

GSAB Charter – 2005 – City Council Resolution

“Be it Resolved that upon passage of the Millage Proposal to Provide Funding to Permanently Preserve Green Spaces and Natural Features within the City of Rochester Hills the Rochester Hills City Council will establish an Open Space Advisory Board for the purpose of planning and developing strategies, recommending acquisitions and maintaining the green space funded through this millage.”



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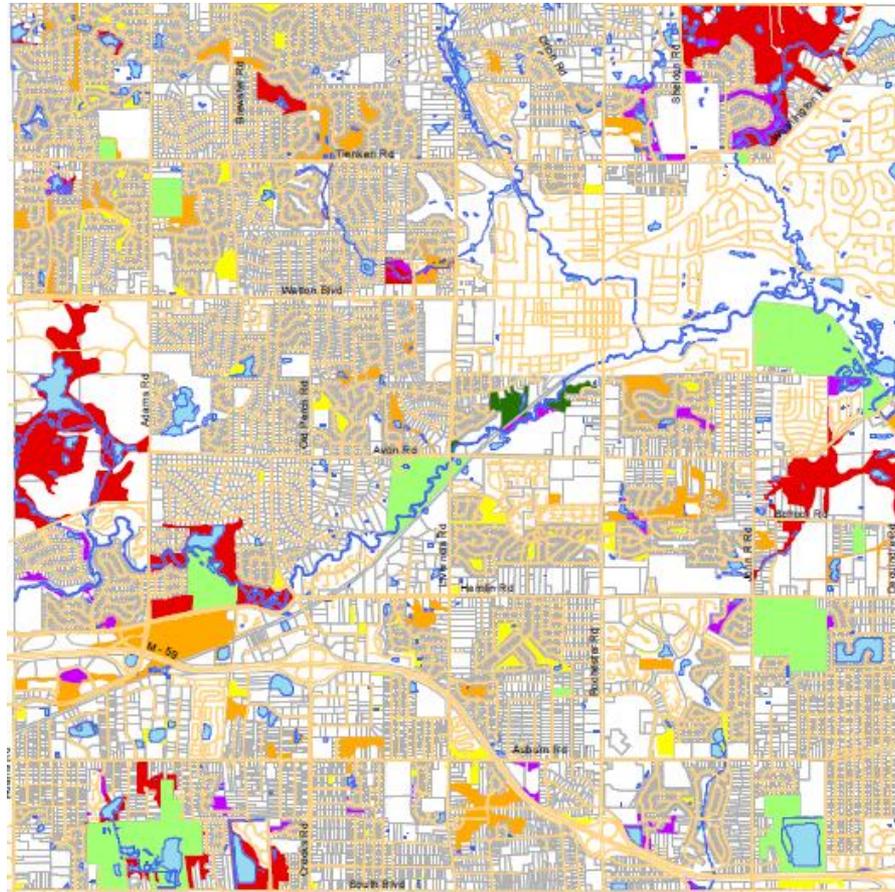
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Natural Features Inventory

Natural Features Inventory Priority 1, 2 & 3 Green Space Areas



Legend

-  Parks
-  Conservation Easement
-  Greenspace Property
-  Wildlife Habitat Priority 1 (Vacant)
-  Wildlife Habitat Priority 2 (Vacant)
-  Wildlife Habitat Priority 3 (Vacant)



Request #1

The GSAB is requesting that the Rochester Hills City Council revise the GSAB Scope of Authority in order to:

- ❖ Propose a vision and plan for future stewardship of significant natural resources within Rochester Hills
 - ❖ Including an annual recommendation on plans to protect, care and maintain green spaces and natural features owned or acquired by the City of Rochester Hills



Request #2

Request a Ballot Proposal to revise the permissible use of tax revenues derived from the Green Space Millage, to authorize it to be used to fund the protection, care and maintenance of green spaces and natural features owned or acquired by the City, in addition to funding the purchase of land and interests in land.

If Approved, this proposal will not authorize any new or additional tax or renewal of any current tax.



GSAB Stewardship Vision Statement

To assure a high quality living environment including native habitat protection, responsible land stewardship and long term sustainability in order to pass onto future generations a community of sustained and maintained public lands for the citizens of Rochester Hills.

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Value Statement

- ❖ Establish the citizens of Rochester Hills as public stewards of our natural environment, create public awareness of the economic value of green spaces, and provide for continuing education and communication about green space activities in order to increase citizen stewardship awareness
 - ❖ Annual Discovery Hike (Established in 2011)
 - ❖ Green Space Property Boundary Signage (Installed in 2012)
 - ❖ Local School Eco-clubs & environmental activities, teaming with community groups and volunteers





Value Statement

- ❖ To promote bio-diversity through removal of invasive species and restoration of native plant materials.
 - ❖ Buckthorn and Autumn Olive Removal was conducted by GSAB Members & Volunteers in October 2011 and October 2012
 - ❖ Garlic Mustard removal was conducted by GSAB Members & Volunteers in April 2013 and May 2013



Value Statement

- ❖ To preserve and protect public lands through conservation easements , steep slope ordinances, shoreline erosion abatement, wetland preservation, maintaining rivers and streams and expanding the Clinton River Greenway and other trail corridors.



Value Statement

- ❖ To make recommendations to City Council as to assure that lands under control of the city are protected with a land management plan.
 - ❖ Utilizing the Niswander Environmental LLC Report (October 2010) to develop a stewardship management plan recommendation



Recommendation #1

GSAB recommends that City Council revise the Green Space Advisory Board's Scope of Authority to create a vision and plan for future stewardship of significant sensitive natural resources within Rochester Hills, in order to protect, care and maintain green spaces and natural features owned or acquired by the City of Rochester Hills.



Recommendation #2

GSAB recommends a Ballot Proposal to revise the permissible use of tax revenues derived from the Green Space Millage, to authorize it to be used to fund the protection, care and maintenance of green spaces and natural features owned or acquired by the City, in addition to funding the purchase of land and interests in land.

If Approved, this proposal will not authorize any new or additional tax or renewal of any current tax.



Questions & Discussion

Thank you to the Rochester Hills City Staff for all their help and assistance.



Reference

Green Space Advisory Board

Ballot Proposal (as prepared by John Staran)

Proposal to Expand Permissible Uses of Green Space Millage

At the September 13, 2005 Primary Election, City of Rochester Hills voters approved a Proposal to provide funding to permanently preserve green spaces and natural features within the City “by funding the purchase of land and interests in land, and enabling the City to seek matching grant funds by levying a new millage of up to 0.3 mills.” It is proposed to revise the permissible use of tax revenues derived from this millage to authorize it to be used to fund the protection, care and maintenance of green spaces and natural features owned, acquired or controlled by the City, in addition to funding the purchase of land and interests in land.

Therefore, shall the permissible use of tax revenues derived from the green space millage be revised to authorize it to be used to fund the protection, care and maintenance of green spaces and natural features owned, acquired or controlled by the City, in addition to funding the purchase of land and interests in land? If approved, this proposal will not authorize any new or additional tax or renewal of any current tax.

Yes _____

No _____