



# Rochester Hills Master Report

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**Title:** Presentation on Open Space Preservation by Mr. Gerald Carvey, Chairperson of Rochester Hills Land Preservation Task Force

**Notes:** email agenda to Gerry Carvey - gcarvey@aol.com

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## History of Legislative File

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1	City Council	06/02/2004	Adopted by Resolution				Pass

**Notes:** *Mr. Gary Carvey, 936 Ironstone, Chairperson of the Land Preservation Task Force briefly discussed suggestions for preserving open space as outlined in the committee's report entitled "The Clinton River in Rochester and Rochester Hills: A Greenway Opportunity Plan." He discussed the Primary Strategies outlined in the study:*

- 1) *Limit and control building to redevelop the community and manage growth while maintaining the country and small town atmosphere, and preserving and purchasing wetlands.*
- 2) *Organize a referendum on a bond proposal to identify and purchase open land, protecting it from development by commercial ventures and saving it as open spaces and wetlands for parks.*
- 3) *Implement a ten-year green space master plan that links all natural areas, parks and watersheds, and returns native species.*
- 4) *Develop and fund a plan to maintain, preserve and enhance our historic districts, homes, buildings and heritage.*

*He concluded his presentation by requesting that City Council consider placing a limited millage proposal of half a mill for ten (10) years on this fall's General Election ballot for the purpose of providing funds for the acquisition of land for the protection of natural habitat and the preservation of Green Spaces in the City.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*The following residents expressed their support for the ballot proposal:*

- \* Mr. Dan Keifer, 719 Fieldstone Drive
- \* Mr. Paul Miller, 1021 Harding Road
- \* Ms. Pamela Wallace, 168 Cloverport Avenue
- \* Mr. Michael Spalding, 209 Cloverport Avenue
- \* Ms. Shirley Mullin, 1754 Thomas Court
- \* Mr. Patrick Mullin, 1754 Thomas Court
- \* Mr. Greg Doyle, 1141 Cripple Creek Lane
- \* Mr. Nicholas Leshley, 3161 West Auburn Road
- \* Ms. Kristen Schank, 180 Cloverport Court
- \* Mr. Eric Tucciarone, 180 Cloverport Court
- \* Mr. Andrew Krupp, 168 Cloverport Avenue
- \* Ms. Lois Golden, 645 Apple Hill Lane

Ms. Bev Jasinski, City Clerk, read the names of several residents who expressed their support for the millage proposal via email:

Mr. Lee Zendel, 1575 Dutton Road, suggested that those citizens who are passionate about this issue should gather names on petitions as he and others have in the past to put issues on election ballots.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:  
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City Council members made the following comments on the millage proposal:

- \* A vote of support to place the issue on a ballot does not necessarily indicate support of the issue itself.
- \* The City Charter provides for the opportunity for voters to vote for dedicated millages for services they desire.
- \* It is preferable to have interested parties put their efforts into educating residents about the ballot proposal itself rather than collecting signatures on petitions.
- \* The passion for this issue should be spread to other issues including the passage of millages for additional police and fire services.
- \* Council should limit itself to considering the community's fundamental needs such as fire, police, water, sewer, etc.
- \* The Community Development & Viability Committee should consider the formation of an Open Space Advisory Board to oversee the process should the millage vote succeed.
- \* The City has an obligation to educate the residents regarding the facts associated with the millage proposal.

Aye: Dalton, Hill, Holder, Raschke and Robbins  
Nay: Duistermars  
Absent: Barnett

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## Text of Legislative File 2004-0496

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**Resolved** that the Rochester Hills City Council hereby approves the placement of a limited millage proposal on the November 2, 2004 General Election ballot for the purpose of providing funds for the

acquisition of land for the protection of natural habitat and the preservation of Green Spaces in the City.

***Further Resolved*** that the City Council directs City Attorney John Staran to prepare the proposed ballot language to be reviewed and approved by City Council at a subsequent regular meeting.

***Be It Further Resolved*** that, upon passage of the ballot proposal, the City Council directs the Community Development & Viability (CDV) Communication Committee to examine the possible establishment of a recommending body responsible for the evaluation of future acquisition and preservation of Green Spaces.