

## City of Rochester Hills AGENDA SUMMARY NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** William Windscheif, GSAB Chairperson, 248.375.2335

**DATE:** October 28, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Clinton River valley parcel #15-15-404-002

## **REQUEST:**

Members of the Green Space Advisory Board (GSAB) would like to make a presentation and recommendation to City Council regarding a nominated parcel referred to as Clinton River valley parcel 2. It is a narrow strip of 6 wooded acres in between the Clinton River and the Clinton River Trail, just west of Rochester Road. The GSAB is recommending that this parcel be considered for acquisition by the City of Rochester Hills using Green Space millage funding.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Since June 2009, two new parcels (Clinton River valley parcels 1 and 2) have been nominated for consideration by the Green Space Advisory Board. The GSAB has reviewed the natural features inventory data, conducted site visits, evaluated and scored these parcels, and is now recommending the city pursue acquisition of Clinton River valley parcel 2. This 6-acre parcel provides access to both the Clinton River and the Clinton River Trail; has a "Wildlife Habitat Priority 1" rating in the Natural Features Inventory; contains 100% wetland and 84% woodlands; provides passive recreation opportunities; fits into Oakland County's Green Infrastructure Network; is located in an area of the city with relatively few public green spaces; builds on a green space corridor through the middle of the city; and is in close proximity to the Harding Road and Childress green space parcels that have already been purchased.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is the recommendation of the Green Space Advisory Board that the Rochester Hills City Council pursue the acquisition of this Clinton River valley parcel 2 (#15-15-404-002) and authorize Administration to create an acquisition team and begin the acquisition process with the property owners.

RESOLUTION

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