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Dear President Hooper,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed 2009 City Council Goals and Objectives. As you and the Council know, the Green Space Advisory Board has been diligently working to support the objectives of the Green Space Millage and to recommend to Council properties and ideas which will accomplish this goal. The GSAB has reviewed the proposed 2009 Goals and Objectives and supports this initiative. We also believe that many of the stated goals and objectives the GSAB has been working on are incorporated within the Council's proposed goals thus maintaining a unified and combined focus of the efforts by Council and the GASB to mutually benefit the residents of Rochester Hills.

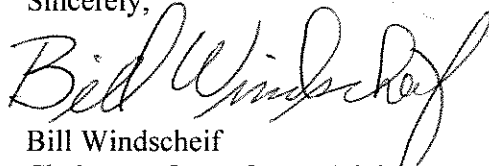
The Green Space Advisory Board (GSAB) enthusiastically supports the Council's efforts to preserve Rochester Hills' natural resources, reflected in the proposed Goals and Objectives 4.10, 5.2, and 9.2. The GSAB believes responsible stewardship is critically important for the protection of both newly acquired Green Space properties and properties/property rights previously purchased or granted through easements.

A GSAB sub-committee is studying the issue of land stewardship with the intent to provide Council with its ideas and recommendations on how best to incorporate land stewardship within the scope of the Council's Goals and Objectives. These recommendations will address:

- Tools for protecting properties from abuse and encroachment, such as audits, periphery signage, and trail maintenance
- Cost estimates and potential financing sources
- Opportunities for community involvement in stewardship programs

The GSAB looks forward to working with the City Council and Staff on advancing the quality of life in Rochester Hills through the preservation of green space and land stewardship.

Sincerely,



Bill Windscheif
Chairman, Green Space Advisory Board

CC: City Council Members
Mayor
GSAB Members & Staff