



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

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**Legislative File No:** 2005-0553

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Roger H. Rousse, Director of Public Service  
**DATE:** September 7, 2005  
**SUBJECT:** Alliance of Rouge Communities Bylaws

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**REQUEST:**

That the Rochester Hills City Council formally adopts bylaws for, and accepts membership in the Alliance of Rouge Communities and formally appoints Roger Moore, Professional Surveyor, as its designated representative and Paul Davis, City Engineer, as the alternate representative.

**BACKGROUND:**

Thirty-eight cities, villages, and townships and three counties worked together to establish a permanent mechanism for communities in the Rouge River watershed to cooperatively meet state storm water discharge permit requirements, satisfy the U. S. District Court's concerns about the river, and encourage restoration of river benefits for residents of the watershed. Due to their efforts, Watershed Alliance legislation was passed and signed into law on January 3, 2005 as Act No. 517 (attached). Since that time, the Assembly of Rouge Communities completed drafting the attached Alliance of Rouge Communities Bylaws, and recommends adoption by the appropriate governing bodies within the Rouge River watershed. The formation of the Alliance of Rouge Communities under this new state law will provide the public agencies within the watershed the authority to directly seek grants, enter into contracts and manage its own resources that have been provided in the past by Wayne County with federal funds as part of the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration.

At least twenty (20) of the eligible cities, villages, townships or counties must adopt the Bylaws before the Alliance of Rouge Communities will be established. The goal is to have the Alliance established by the end of September 2005 in time to develop the budget for 2006. Wayne County has indicated that there are sufficient federal funds remaining from the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project to provide a fifty percent match to assist the Alliance in its first year of operation.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Public Service recommends that the Rochester Hills City Council formally adopts bylaws for, and accepts membership in the Alliance of Rouge Communities and formally appoints Roger Moore, Professional Surveyor, as its designated representative and Paul Davis, City Engineer, as the alternate representative.

**RESOLUTION**

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<b>APPROVALS:</b>	<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>Department Review</b>		
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