

GREENSPACE / NATURAL FEATURES CRITERIA Rochester Hills, MI

SUMMARY OF CATEGORIES

	<u>Max. Points</u>
A. WATER RESOURCES	30
B. HABITAT PROTECTION	15
C. RECREATIONAL / HISTORICAL RESOURCES	40
D. OTHER FACTORS	15
E. NEGATIVE FACTORS	-20

SCREENING / REVIEW CRITERIA

A. WATER RESOURCES

1. **Rivers, streams, ponds, and lakes.** Does the property have frontage on or contain a perennial stream or lake?

Yes	= 5 points
No	= 0 points

2. **Wetlands.** Does the property *contain* wetlands identified by the City of Rochester Hills Natural Features Inventory (NFI)?

- a. Measure the percentage of wetlands within the property:

50% - 100%	= 5 points
20% - 49%	= 3 points
>1% - <20%	= 1 point

- b. Measure the total acreage of wetlands within the property:

>20 acres	= 5 points	
10 - 20 acres	= 3 points	
>1 - <10 acres	= 1 point	<i>Re-scale for availability?</i>

- c. Does the property border wetlands identified by the City of Rochester Hills Natural Features Inventory (NFI)?

Yes	= 5 points
No	= 0 points

3. **Floodplain.** Does the property contain floodplain designation?

100 Year	= 5 points
500 Year	= 3 points

4. **Steep Slopes.** Does the property contain steep slopes?

>20% Maximum slope	= 5 points
10%-20% Maximum slope	= 3 points
5%-9% Maximum slope	= 1 point
<5% Maximum slope	= 0 points

B. HABITAT PROTECTION

1. **Wildlife Habitat.** Does the property contain Priority 1, 2, or 3 natural areas as identified in the city's Natural Features Inventory?

Priority 1	= 5 points
Priority 2	= 3 points
Priority 3	= 1 point

2. **Woodlands.** Does the property contain woodlands identified by the city's Natural Features Inventory?
 - a. Measure the percentage of woodlands within the property:

>50%	= 5 points
20% - 49%	= 3 points
<20%	= 1 points

 - b. Measure the total acreage of woodlands within the property:

>20 acres	= 5 points
10 - 20 acres	= 3 points
<10 acres	= 1 point

Re-scale for availability?

C. RECREATIONAL / HISTORICAL VALUE

1. **Clinton River Greenway Corridor.** Does the property have frontage on or contain part of the Clinton River?

Yes	= 5 points
No	= 0 points

2. **Other Stream and Trail Corridors.** Does the property have frontage on or contain part of the Sargent Creek, Stony Creek, Paint Creek, *Galloway Creek*, *Red Run* or other stream corridor *or their trails*?

Yes	= 5 points
No	= 0 points

3. **Adjacency / Connectivity.** Is the property adjacent to or potentially linked to "Hubs or Sites" as identified in the Oakland County Green Infrastructure Network?

Yes	= 5 points
No	= 0 points

4. **Scenic Views.** Does the property contain scenic views or provide access to a scenic view?

Property contains panoramic or unusual scenic views	= 5 points
Property preserves access to panoramic or unusual scenic views	= 3 points

5. **Passive Recreation.** Is the property accessible for passive recreation (i.e., hiking, biking, fishing, etc) either from a publicly owned road, safety path or trail?

Yes	= 5 points
No	= 0 points

6. **Historical / Cultural.** Does the property include the location or remains of a site of historic significance in the community, such as a *pioneer homestead*, Native American village or trail, burial or ceremonial ground?

- Yes = 5 points
- No = 0 points

7. **Community Planning.** Is the property located in a voting district that is underserved by existing parklands or public open space?

District with:

- <50 acres = 5 points
- 50 acres - 149 acres = 3 points
- 150 acres - 250 acres = 1 point

8. **Size of Property.** Total size of property in acres:

- >30 acres = 5 points
 - 20 - 35 acres = 3 points
 - 10 - 19 acres = 1 point
- Re-scale for availability?*

D. OTHER FACTORS

1. **Other Unique Factors.** Does the property contain threatened or rare native plants or animals, old growth native and/or rare canopy trees, etc.?

- Yes = 5 points
- No = 0 points

2. **Market Value Considerations.**

Is the property offered at below "market value," (i.e., less than 2 X State Equalized Value) or is any portion of the value offered as a donation or match for a grant?

- Yes = 5 points
- No = 0 points

3. **Development Risk.** Is the property in imminent danger of being developed or altered?

- Yes = 5 points
- No = 0 points

E. NEGATIVE FACTORS

1. **Environmental Hazards.**

a. Is the property (or any adjoining property ???) currently being used or has it been used in the past for the following purposes: gas station, motor vehicle service or repair facility, commercial printing facility, dry cleaners, photo developing lab, junkyard, landfill, waste treatment, storage, processing, or recycling, or disposal facility?

- Yes = (-5) points
- No = 0 points

b. Are any of the following currently being stored, discarded, or used or have they been used in the past on the property (*or any adjoining property ???*): automotive or industrial batteries, pesticides or other chemicals, paints, industrial waste, or other chemicals in drums or other containers or storage tank?

- Yes = (-5) points
- No = 0 points

2. **Higher than "Market Value" Cost.** Is the property offered at a cost greater than 2 X the SEV established by the City of Rochester Hills assessor?

- Yes = (-5) points
- No = 0 points

3. **Any Unique Detractors.** Are there other unique factors not covered in these criteria that would detract from the property or cause it to be a detriment to our community?

- Yes = (-5) points
- No = 0 points