



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

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Legislative File No: 2008-0108

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Scott Cope, Building Department, 248-656-4615
DATE: March 7, 2008
SUBJECT: Conservation Easement Protection

REQUEST:

City staff has prepared a presentation to outline the purposes of various conservation easements and identify various levels of encroachment by property owners adjacent to these easements.

BACKGROUND:

Over the past decades, the City has approved many new subdivisions, which fall under several of the Environmental ordinances such as the Wetland, Trees, and Natural Features. Within many of the approved subdivision plats agreements were made to protect these natural areas, which are called Conservation Easements. City staff has grown concerned about the number of homeowners who have extended their yards into these easements. Staff has researched the extent of these violations and will discuss our findings with Council and review a potential course of action.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is seeking City Council's input and direction regarding the extent of city intervention when encroachments into Conservation Easements have been identified.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
City Council Liaison		