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**Fwd: Proposal to turn Brewster land into a park**

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**Sara Roediger** <roedigers@rochesterhills.org>

Tue, Aug 27, 2019 at 1:53 PM

To: Kristen Kapelanski &lt;kapelanskik@rochesterhills.org&gt;, Maureen Gentry &lt;gentrym@rochesterhills.org&gt;

To be included in the CC packet along with the other one we received last week

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From: **Ken Elwert** <[elwertk@rochesterhills.org](mailto:elwertk@rochesterhills.org)>

Date: Tue, Aug 27, 2019 at 12:42 PM

Subject: Fwd: Proposal to turn Brewster land into a park

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Sara (Planning), Allan (Public Services) &amp; Paul (Public Services),

Ms Wojciechowski had come to my counter the other day asking how to get the City to consider this proposal. I suggested she put it in writing and I would forward to the appropriate Departments(Planning and Economic Development, Department of Public Services)

Please see her proposal below.

Ken Elwert, CPRE | Director of Parks and Natural Resources

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From: **Katie** <[ksawicki@hotmail.com](mailto:ksawicki@hotmail.com)>

Date: Thu, Aug 22, 2019 at 4:44 PM

Subject: Proposal to turn Brewster land into a park

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Dear Mr.

Thank you very much for taking a few minutes to talk to me yesterday regarding the property on Brewster. 

I know asking the city to purchase the land currently for sale by Samaritas to turn into a park is a long shot, but it is worth my all to make it happen. Let me start with a few reasons I believe building on this property is a poor decision.

First, I believe Rochester is becoming extremely over crowded as it is. It seems as though every square inch that has the possibility to be developed on, is. The planning and developing department is allowing multiple homes on land that should accommodate one. This is leading to congestion on our roads and in our schools. With green space perishing, the city becomes less desirable to live in. The land on Brewster is used EVERY SINGLE DAY by residents. We walk our dogs, we fly kites, we sled, we golf, we pick cherries and other fruit that grows, forts are built and memories are made there. If the land is to be made into a park, I know the land would continue to be used and enjoyed every single day.

Second, I don't think the city is considering how much this development is going to cost them in the up coming years. If the development is to go in, the city voted against adding a left turn lane. Vehicles already use Hitchmans Haven (the subdivision across the street) as an alternative route when traffic picks up on Walton. I have included a picture of some of the traffic that accumulates on Colorado during rush hour. There have been as many as 10 cars backed up on Colorado. This does not include the cars that use Oklahoma as well. Not only do these cars use this subdivision, but they do not drive the speed limit. There have been cars that travel upwards of 40 mph! I allow my 7 and 9 year old to ride there bikes in the sub. During rush hour, it becomes extremely dangerous and almost safer for them to ride on Brewster Road itself. Once the development is in, the backup on Brewster will trickle on to Walton and cause more cars to cut through Hitchmans Haven. The city will need to add a bypass lane for the cars to turn into the development in order to prevent this backup. I believe the company responsible for the development estimated the expansion of the road to cost upwards of \$250,000.

Third, I believe we already have an outrageous amount of misplaced wildlife due to all the development going on in and around Rochester Hills. These animals are losing there hiding areas and are becoming more active and disruptive in residents yards and streets. Specifically the deer. The property on Walton offers so much for them. Those same cherries and berries that the residents pick are also eaten by the deer. This helps prevent them from ruining residents gardens and trees. I myself have watched them eat and sleep on that property.

After speaking with you yesterday, you voiced some concern about the cost of the city buying the property. If my proposal can get far enough for the city to consider it, I am willing to go door to door and ask residents to sign a petition in favor of the park and to donate a minimum of \$100 per house hold. I am confident that residents would be willing to even go above that in order to prevent the condos from going up. If I can get the support of the city and my neighbors I estimate I could raise at least \$40,000 to help offset the cost to the city. I actual believe this is fairly low and aim to raise much more.

Once again, thank you for your time and your consideration on my proposal. I really believe that a park is a win win for all. Please CC me on all departments that this will be sent on to. Please don't hesitate to call or email with any questions and concerns.

I look forward to your response,  
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