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City of Rochester Hills Green Space Advisory Board Recommendations Report May 16, 2007

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Charter & Assignment

◆ GSAB Charter – 2005 – City Council Resolution

- “Be it Resolved that upon passage of the Millage Proposal to Provide Funding to Permanently Preserve Green Spaces and Natural Features within the City of Rochester Hills the Rochester Hills City Council will establish an Open Space Advisory Board for the purpose of planning and developing strategies, recommending acquisitions and maintaining the green space funded through this millage.”

◆ Citizen Representatives

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| – Jerry Carvey | Bill Windscheif |
| – Lorraine McGoldrick | Pam Wallace |
| – Tim Gauthier | Paul Funk |
| – Jack Robinson | |

◆ Staff Members

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| – Mike Hartner | Roger Moore |
| – Kurt Dawson | |

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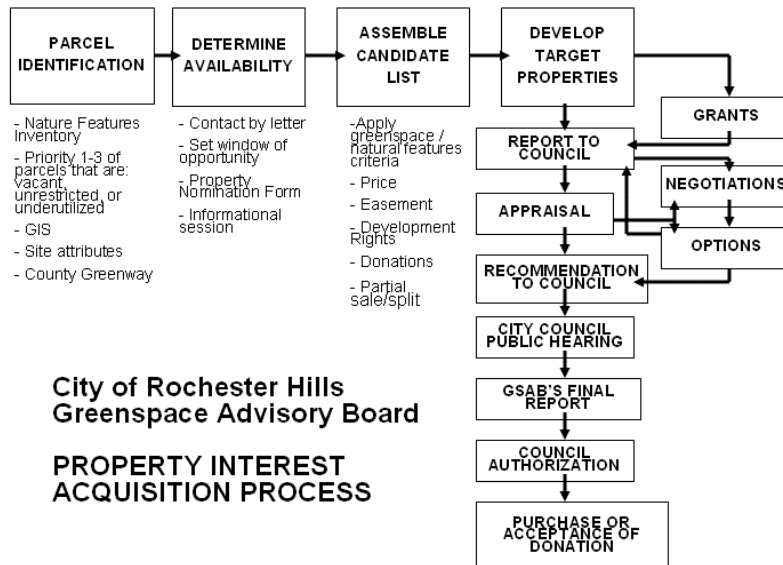
GSAB Committee Activities To-Date

Estimated 700 hours invested by citizens and staff in 40 meetings and activities in the application of due diligence

- Organizing GSAB structure, processes and execution
- Open meetings with regular citizen input
- Public forum to explain the GSAB process
- Frequent media coverage
- 88 property owners invited to nominate parcels
- 15 parcels were nominated
- GSAB and Staff conducted on-site visits of all nominated parcels
- Appraisals were performed by state certified experts for the highest rated parcels
- GSAB is now ready to make recommendation that the city begin acquisition process and negotiations for four parcels

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GSAB Approved Process Flowchart



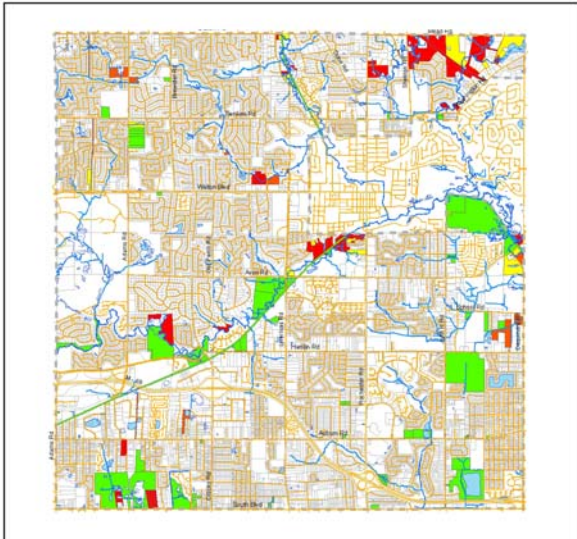
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GSAB Property Evaluation Criteria

GREENSPACE / NATURAL FEATURES CRITERIA

WATER RESOURCES	HABITAT PROTECTION	RECREATIONAL / HISTORICAL RESOURCES	OTHER FACTORS	ADVERSE FACTORS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -rivers, streams, ponds, and lakes - wetlands - floodplains 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -wildlife habitat - woodlands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Clinton River greenway corridor - other streams and trail corridors - adjacency / connectivity - scenic views - passive recreation - historical / cultural - community planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - other unique factors - market value considerations - development risk - steep slopes - size of property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Environmental hazards - higher than "market value" costs - any unique detractors

GSAB Natural Features Inventory Priority 1, 2 & 3 Green Space Areas

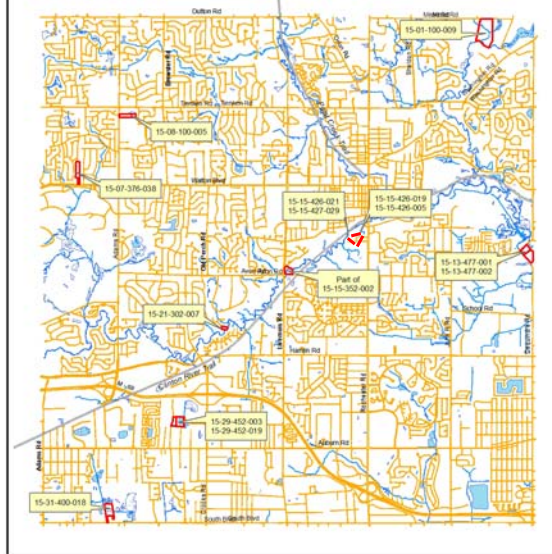


Letters were sent to 88 property owners to determine owner interest in nominating property for GSAB evaluation.



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15 Properties were Nominated



Nominated Parcels
are shown in red

15 total Parcels
Nominated

10 different
locations widely
disbursed
throughout the City

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Cloverport – 7.4 Acres



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GSAB West Childress – 4.0 Acres



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GSAB East Childress – 1.5 Acres



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**Cloverport,
West Childress
and East
Childress
parcels**

Total 14 Acres



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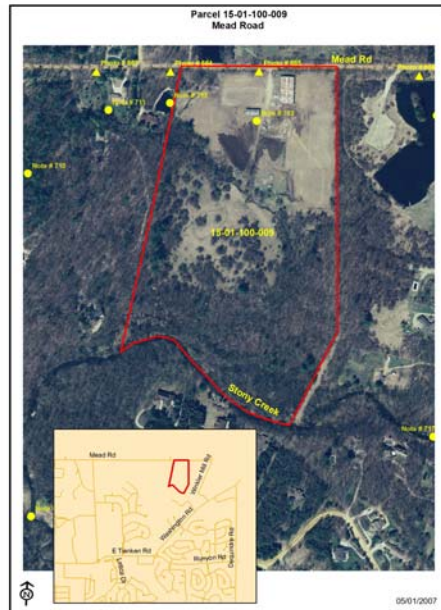


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Mead Road

35.2 Acres

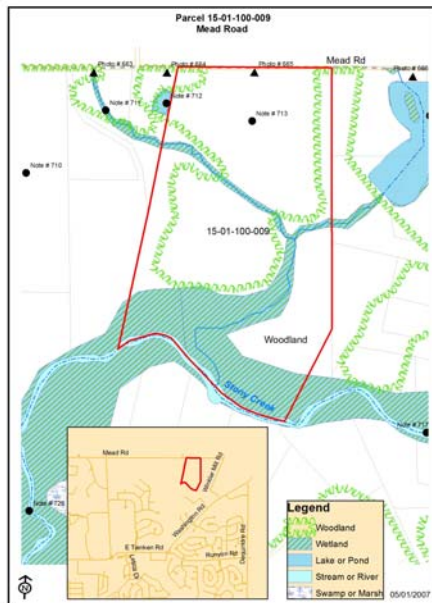


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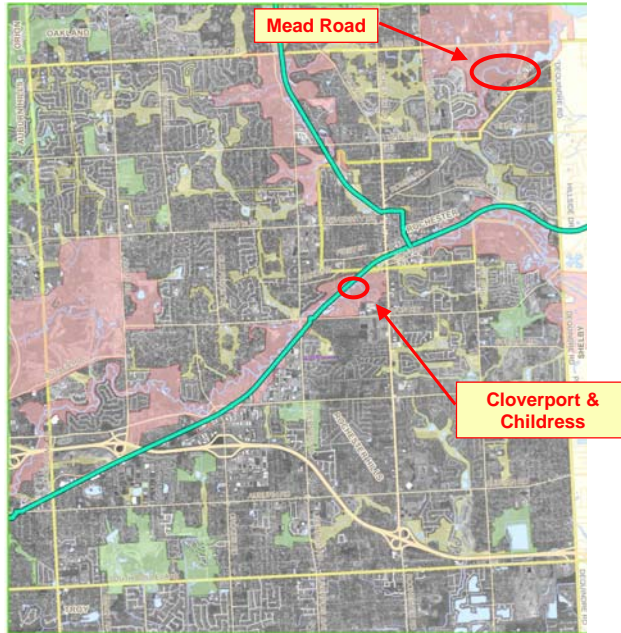
Parcels Recommended for Acquisition

GSAB Criteria Scores	Cloverport	West Childress	East Childress	Mead Road
Water Resources	24	20	5	21
Habitat Protection	11	11	11	13
Recreational Value	30	28	18	28
Other Factors	6	7	1	2
Adverse Factors	0	-1	-3	0
Total Score: All Criteria	71	65	32	64
Pros	Beautiful wooded steep slopes with high bluffs overlooking the Clinton River corridor. Opportunity to protect and expand a green space river (and Clinton River Trail) corridor that connects with Rochester College (nearly from Avon Road to Rochester Road)			Direct access to and views of Stoney Creek
	Elevated scenic views of, and direct access to the Clinton River	Elevated scenic views of the Clinton River valley		
	Contiguous to Rochester College green space corridor			
	Large size			Very large size
	"Spokes" in the Greenways strategy			Significant "Hub" in the Greenways strategy
Cons		Some noise and views of cement plant	Directly facing noise and view of cement plant	Cost
			Small size	
			Access is difficult due to steep slopes except for small areas at the top and bottom	
General Comments	Value of these parcels would be maximized as part of a contiguous green space Clinton River corridor ranging from Rochester College nearly to Rochester Road			Water & sewer services planned for future
Acreage	7.4	4.0	1.5	35.2
GSAB recommended procurement strategy	Cash Purchase			Matching Grant

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- Provide Greenway Connectivity
- Fit into OC's Spoke & Hub Strategy
- Part of the Clinton River & Stoney Creek Corridors



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Recommendation

GSAB has reached a consensus decision on what properties to recommend for purchase at this time

– Why were these properties chosen ...

- » All properties were compared using criteria relating to protection of water resources, habitat protection, steep slopes, woodlands, recreational value and natural features
- » Site contribution to the Oakland County Greenways vision of hubs and spokes were considered
- » Support the Master Transportation Plan and Master Recreation Plan
- » Of the 15 nominated parcels, these best support the GSAB 'Vision'

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Resolution Language

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