City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Michael Hartner, Director Parks & Forestry 248-841-2552

DATE: December 3, 2015

SUBJECT: Presentation for adoption of the Rochester Hills Natural Features Stewardship Program Long Term Management Plan

REQUEST:
Members of the Green Space Advisory Board (GSAB) and Niswander Environmental LLC would like to make a presentation to City Council regarding the Rochester Hills Natural Features Stewardship Program Long Term Management Plan. After a rigorous review process Niswander Environmental, LLC was selected on September 22, 2014 as the City's environmental consultant for Green Space activities, and immediately got started on Job #1 - to develop a long range comprehensive management plan for all Green Space properties and significant natural features owned or controlled by the City of Rochester Hills.

BACKGROUND:
Niswander Environmental LLC, worked with Director Hartner, Park Ranger Lance DeVoe and the members of the Green Space Advisory Board to develop this Long Term Management Plan to help guide the GSAB in identifying annual project recommendations. The attached report identifies the initial priorities for Green Space projects as well as on the Clinton River within Rochester Hills. It is intended to be a living document that guides the annual priorities for stewardship selection that gives us the most "bang for the buck" and gives the highest ranking to the most urgent environmental needs while realizing the practical realities of limited resources and visible public benefit.

RECOMMENDATION:
We recommend that City Council adopt this plan as an evolving public policy direction going forward and directs the GSAB to use it in making future recommendations for stewardship activities in Rochester Hills.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
Deputy Clerk		