



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2018-0402

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ken Elwert, CPRE, Director of Parks & Natural Resources
DATE: September 24, 2018
SUBJECT: Approval of Innovation Hills Easement Agreement

REQUEST:

To approve the agreement with the Heritage Oaks Home Owner's Association (HOA) to grant an easement on their open space south of the Clinton River adjacent to Innovation Hills for the purpose of building trails and boardwalks to allow public access to that area.

For granting this easement the HOA will receive the following benefits for the duration of the easement:

1. The City will maintain the trimming requirements for the subdivision walking paths on the west side of Crooks Road as well as along Hamlin Road
2. City shall conduct formal tree risk assessments on City Green Space bordering the HOA and informal tree risk assessments on HOA property along the northern edge of the common area
3. The City shall remove phragmites and other invasive species from HOA common areas
4. The City shall refer its selected tree vendor to the HOA
5. The City shall not construct parking lots at the end of Reagan Drive or Blue Skies Drive (adjacent to Green Space)
6. The City will maintain the easement area and work with HOA on other issues that may develop due to park use

BACKGROUND:

Over the last 1 ½ years the City has been working with the HOA to negotiate an easement agreement to complete Innovation Hill trail infrastructure plan. A certified vote was recently held by the HOA members to allow this agreement to proceed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to accept the proposed Easement Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement as an agent of the City.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
Deputy Clerk		