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# City of Rochester Hills Green Space Advisory Board

Ruby Avenue  
Recommendation  
Aug 10, 2015



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# Property Evaluation Criteria

## Green Space Advisory Board Natural Features Criteria

<u>Water Resources</u>	<u>Habitat Protection</u>	<u>Recreational / Historical Resources</u>	<u>Other Factors</u>	<u>Adverse Factors</u>
Rivers, Streams, Ponds and Lakes	Wildlife Habitat	Clinton River and other Greenway Corridor	Other Unique Factors	Environmental Hazards
Wetlands	Woodlands	Adjacency / Connectivity	Market Value Considerations	Higher than "Market Value" costs
Floodplains		Passive Recreation	Development Risk	Any Unique Detractors
		Historical / Cultural	Steep Slopes	
		Community Planning	Size of Property	

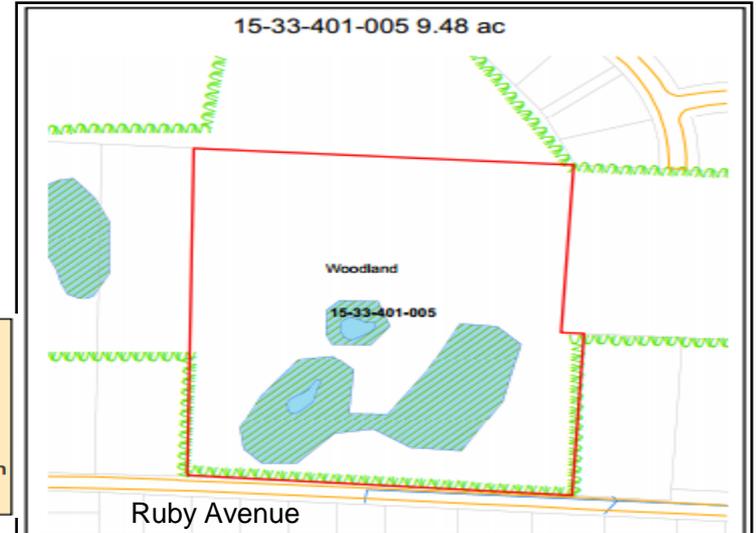


# Ruby Avenue Parcel

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Legend	
	Woodland
	Lake or Pond
	Stream or River
	Swamp or Marsh
	Wetland





# Ruby Avenue Profile

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<b>Parcel #</b>	<b>15-33-401-005</b>
Size	9.48 Acres
Wildlife Habitat	Priority 1
Wetlands	17% / 1.6 acres
Woodlands	95% / 9 Acres

The GSAB has visited this property with the City's Naturalist to evaluate the natural features.





# Ruby Avenue Property

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- Preference is to acquire the whole 9.48 acres without the house
- Area outlined in red indicates how 1.92 acres with existing house could be split off
- Balance approximately 7.6 acres





# Benefits and Considerations

## Pros

- High quality and old-growth tree canopy
- Wonderful wildlife habitat
- High quality wetlands
- Location in an area of the city without much green space

## Cons

- Parcel contains a home that would be incompatible with the Green Space millage



# Ruby Avenue Parcel Recommendation

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- **Acquire the whole 9.48 acres if the house could be torn down**
- **Otherwise, acquire as much as possible of the undeveloped portion**
- **If a split were to take place as part of a Green Space acquisition, GSAB also recommends a conservation easement on the parcel that stays with the house**



# Questions & Discussion

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Thank You for support in protecting our green spaces!

- City Council
- Mayor Barnett
- City Staff



## BACKUP MATERIAL -GSAB Charter

### **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.”**

### **GSAB 2013 – City Council Resolution**

**“... City Council hereby revises the scope of authority of the GSAB to include creating a vision and plan for future stewardship in order to protect, care and maintain green spaces and natural features owned, acquired or controlled by the City of Rochester Hills ... and ... recommendations for possible inclusion into the City’s annual budget process..”**



## BACKUP MATERIAL - 2013 Millage Revision

### **Ballot proposal Approved by Voters in November 2013**

#### BALLOT PROPOSAL

#### PROPOSAL TO REVISE PERMISSIBLE USES OF GREEN SPACE MILLAGE

At the September 13, 2005 Primary Election, City of Rochester Hills voters approved a Proposal to provide funding to permanently preserve green spaces and natural features within the City "by funding the purchase of land and interests in land, and enabling the City to seek matching grant funds by levying a new millage of up to 0.3 mills." It is proposed to revise the permissible use of tax revenues derived from this millage to authorize it to be used to fund the protection, care and maintenance of, and to improve pedestrian accessibility to and within, green spaces and natural features owned, acquired or controlled by the City, in addition to funding the purchase of land and interests in land.

Therefore, shall the permissible use of tax revenues derived from the green space millage be revised to authorize it to be used to fund the protection, care and maintenance of, and to improve pedestrian accessibility to and within, green spaces and natural features owned, acquired or controlled by the City, in addition to funding the purchase of land and interests in land? If approved, this proposal will not authorize any new or additional tax or renewal of any current tax.

Yes \_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_