



**City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS**

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Legislative File No: 2023-0165 V1

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Sara Roediger, Planning and Economic Development Director, ext. 2573

DATE: April 17, 2023

SUBJECT: Request for the Historic District Study Committee to review the current and proposed boundaries of the Winkler Mill Pond Historic District pursuant to the Winkler Mill Pond Historic District Re Survey conducted by Kristine Kidorf.

REQUEST:

Request for the Historic District Study Committee to review the current and proposed boundaries of the Winkler Mill Pond Historic District pursuant to the Winkler Mill Pond Historic District Re Survey conducted by Kristine Kidorf.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Rochester Hills is a Certified Local Government ("CLG"). CLG status is jointly administered through the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the National Park Service (NPS) in an effort to promote, support and enhance historic preservation at a local level. Since the City is a CLG, the City and its Historic District Commission is charged with developing and carrying out a plan for the ongoing survey of historic resources in the City. Therefore, in late 2018 and throughout 2019 the HDC, City Staff and the City's Historic Consultant discussed surveying options and prioritizations for the City's historic resources. Once priorities had been established, the matter was brought before City Council. At the January 2020 joint meeting, the City Council authorized the re-survey of the Winkler Mill Pond Historic District that was originally designated in 1978. The re-survey would be a continuation of the 2002 efforts that recognized that portions of the Winkler Mill Pond Historic District could benefit from additional surveying efforts and recommended a "re-survey" of the District. The re-survey work is now complete and based on the findings, it is recommended that the Winkler Mill Pond Historic District be reduced in size to eliminate those properties on the east bank of the Winkler Mill Pond and those generally south of Winkler Mill Road.

To legally consider a change to the boundaries of the historic district, the City Council must direct the Historic District Study Committee to review the boundaries and make a recommendation back to City Council and if the City Council agrees to the recommended changes, City Council would adopt an Ordinance to that effect.

The Historic District Commission, at their March 9, 2023 meeting, recommended that the City Council consider changes to the Winkler Mill Pond Historic District, based on the findings of the Winkler Mill Pond Historic District Re-Survey, along with other previous efforts that reflected the same.

RECOMMENDATION:

Finding that, the Historic District Commission recommends that City Council request the Historic District Study Committee review the current and proposed boundaries of the Winkler Mill Pond Historic District pursuant to the Winkler Mill Pond Historic District Re-Survey conducted by Kristine Kidorf and provide a recommendation to City Council, subject to the findings and conditions noted in the attached resolution.

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Mayor		
Deputy City Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney **Yes** **N/A**