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City of Rochester Hills Green Space Advisory Board Recommendation Report - June 29, 2009 -



GSAB 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.”

2009 Citizen Representatives

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Recent GSAB Activity

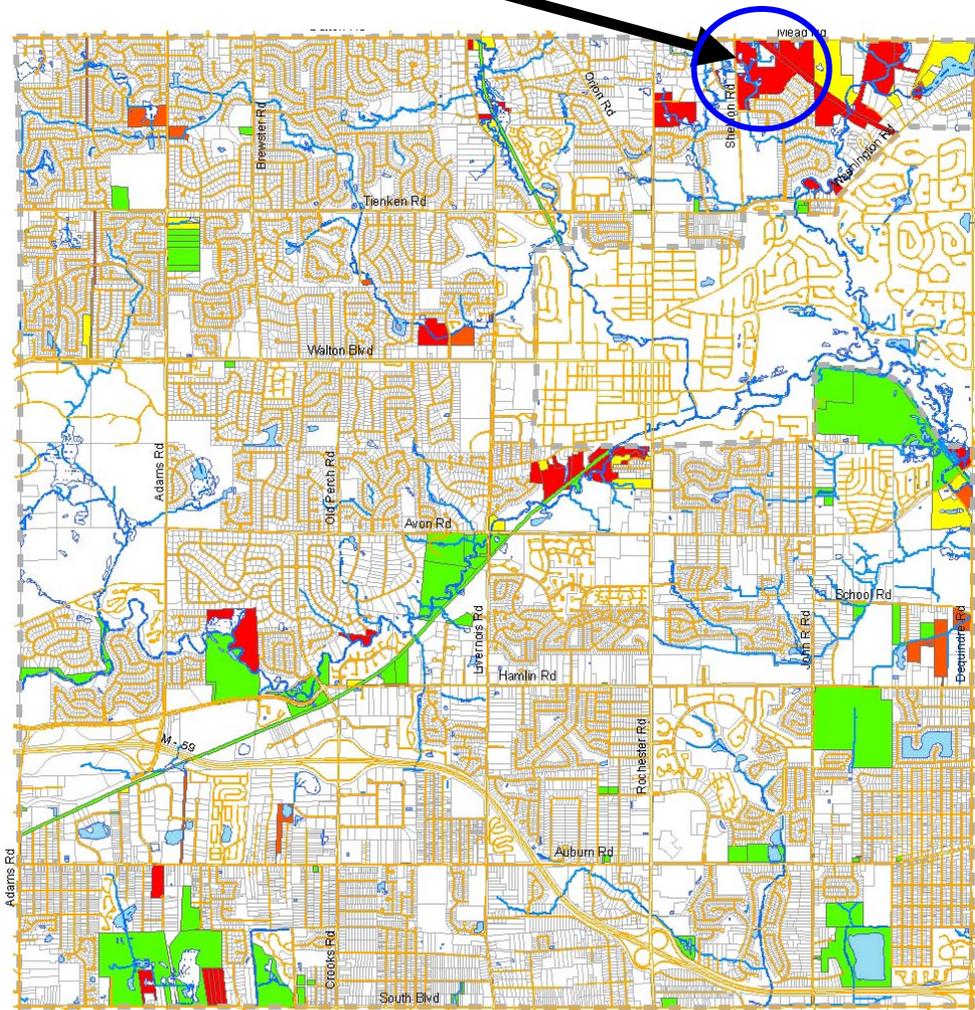
Since the last GSAB Property Recommendation, June 2008:

- Monthly GSAB committee meetings
- Open meetings with regular citizen input
- Work Plan and Sub-Committees in place
- Youth Members integrated into the GSAB process
- Developed and presented recommendations for a Green Space Stewardship program for acquired parcels
- Supported establishment of a Rochester Hills Green Space account with the Rochester Community Foundation for stewardship activities
- Received and reviewed additional property nominations for Clear Creek No. 5 and Yates parcels
- Reviewed Natural Features Inventory data, conducted site visits, evaluated and scored parcels
- GSAB is now recommending the city pursue acquisition of Clear Creek No. 5

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

Clear Creek No.5



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

Legend

- Wildlife Habitat Priority 1 (Vacant Parcel)
- Wildlife Habitat Priority 2 (Vacant Parcel)
- Wildlife Habitat Priority 3 (Vacant Parcel)
- Land Value Greater Than 50% of Total Value
- City Owned Or Protected

GSAB Property Evaluation Criteria

GREENSPACE / NATURAL FEATURES CRITERIA

WATER RESOURCES

- rivers, streams, ponds, and lakes
- wetlands
- floodplains

HABITAT PROTECTION

- wildlife habitat
- woodlands

RECREATIONAL / HISTORICAL RESOURCES

- Clinton River greenway corridor
- other streams and trail corridors
- adjacency / connectivity
- scenic views
- passive recreation
- historical / cultural
- community planning

OTHER FACTORS

- other unique factors
- market value considerations
- development risk
- steep slopes
- size of property

ADVERSE FACTORS

- Environmental hazards
- higher than "market value" costs
- any unique detractors

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Clear Creek # 5

39.3 acres at the corner of Sheldon and Mead roads

- Nominated by property owner December 2008
- GSAB conducted a on-site tours in April and noted:
 - 'Wildlife Habitat Priority 1' in the Natural Features Inventory
 - Woodlands (72%, 26 acres)
 - Wetlands (39%, 13.3)
 - Varied terrain
 - Scenic views
 - Passive recreation opportunities
 - Accessible from Sheldon road, Mead road and Cross Creek subdivision
 - Supports Oakland County's Hubs & Site Green Infrastructure Network
 - In an area of the city with relatively few public green spaces
 - Total property score is 51 points

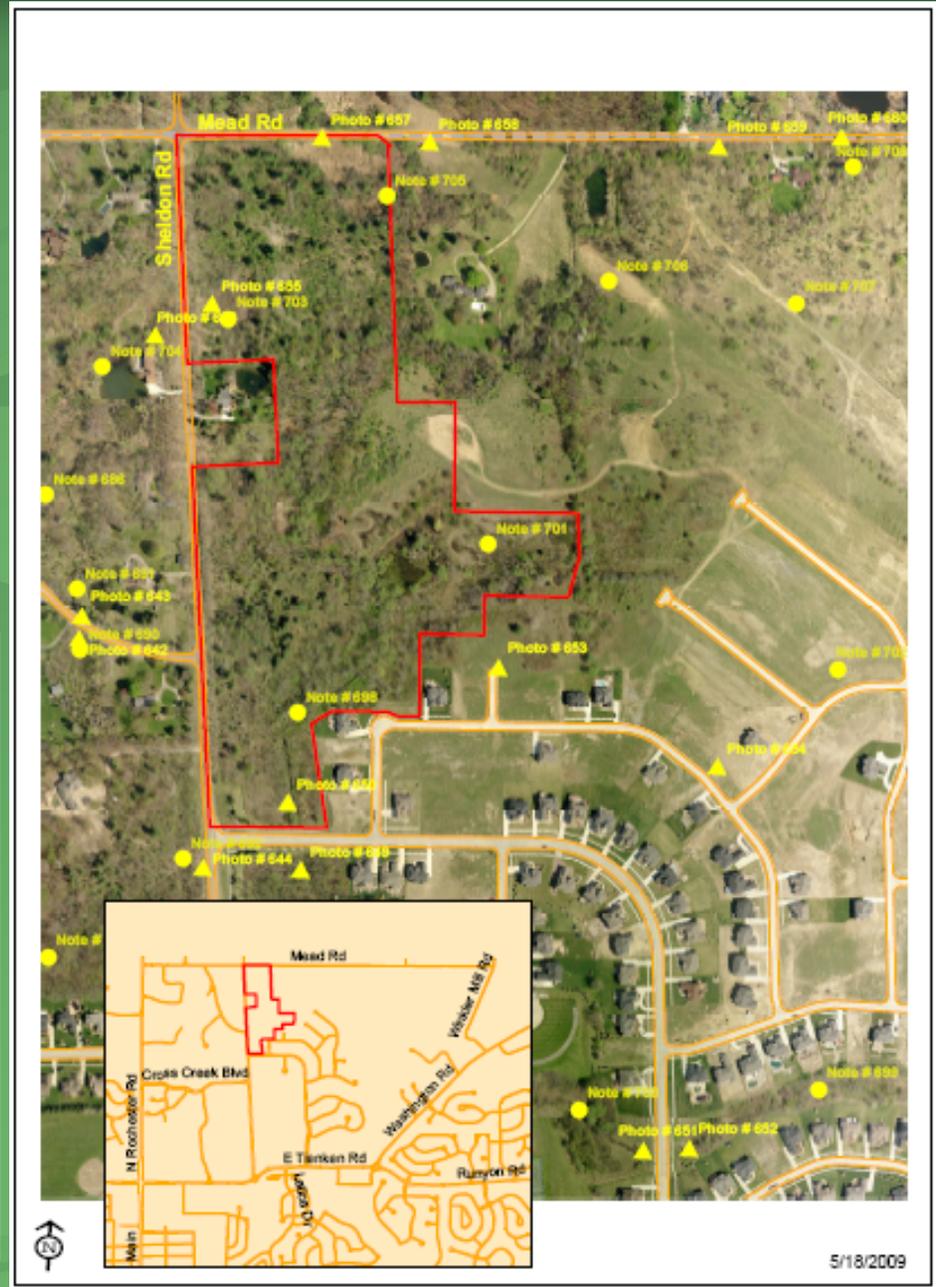
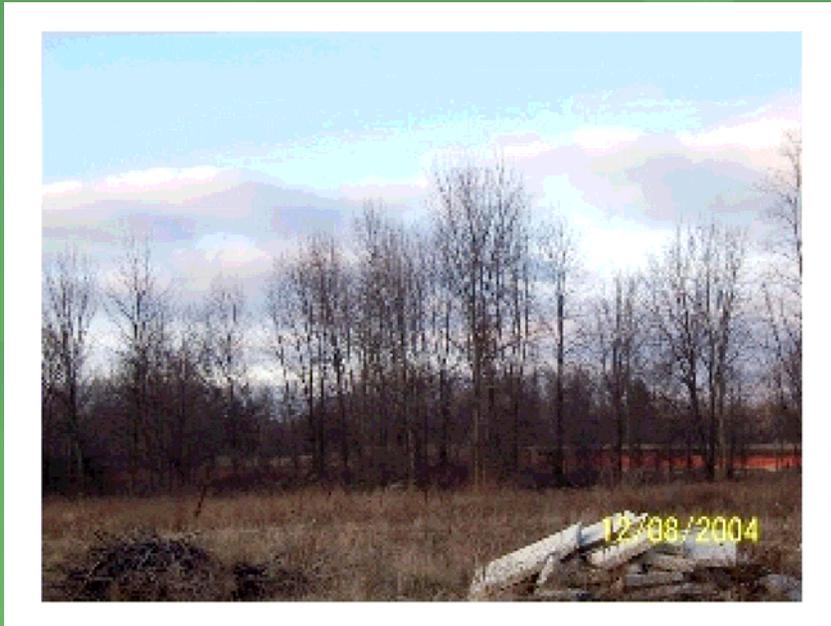
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Site Reviews



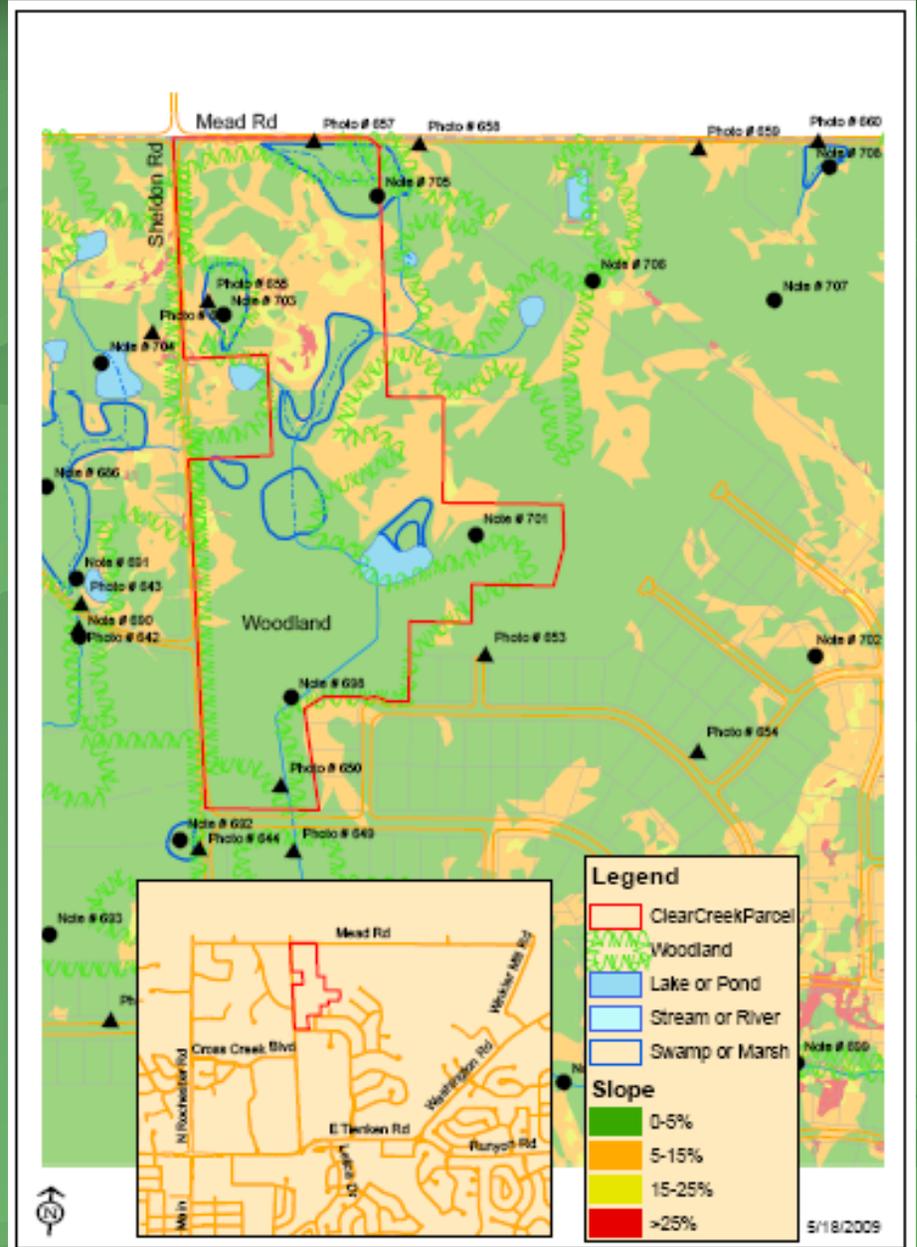
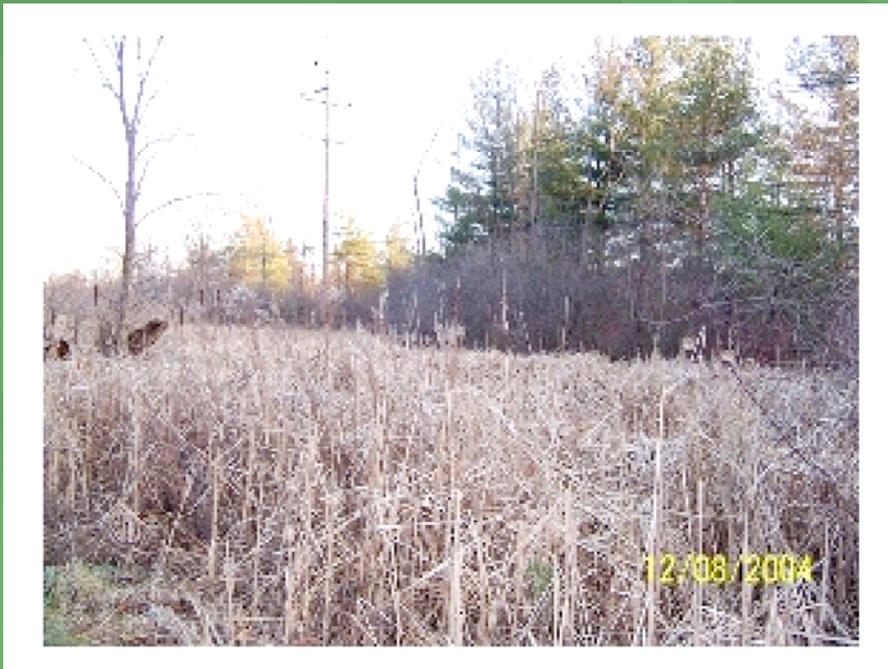
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Clear Creek No. 5



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Sloped and varied terrain



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Proximity to Stoney Creek Metropark
and Oakland Township green spaces =
connectivity



GSAB Recommendation

GSAB has reached a consensus decision to recommend Clear Creek No.5 for acquisition under the Green Space Millage

Why this property is being recommended for acquisition...

- ❖ The property was compared used 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 & Site Green Infrastructure Network
- ❖ This property meets the intent of the Green Space Millage approved by voters
- ❖ Also, this property may be suitable for matching grant funds

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Proposed Resolution

Request for Approval of Clear Creek No. 5 Property for Acquisition recommended by the Green Space Advisory Board

Whereas, the Rochester Hills City Council established the Green Space Advisory Board (GSAB) for the purpose of developing strategies and recommendations to City Council regarding the expenditure of Open Space Millage funds for permanently preserving natural green spaces, wildlife habitats and scenic views; protecting woodlands, wetlands, rivers and streams; and expanding the Clinton River Greenway and other trail corridors;

Whereas, the GSAB has established a Property Interest Acquisition Process which includes parcel identification, determination of availability, assemblage of a candidate list, determination of target properties and recommendation to City Council;

Whereas, the GSAB has established a Property Evaluation Criteria which includes water resources, habitat protection, recreational/historical resources, other factors and adverse factors;

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Proposed Resolution - continued

Whereas, the GSAB has evaluated the nominated properties bases on the Property Evaluation Criteria, site visits, greenway connectivity, and how they fit into Oakland County's Hub & Site Green Infrastructure Network;

Whereas, the GSAB has also considered how the nominated parcel supports the Master Recreation Plan;

Whereas, the GSAB, based on its findings, recommends the City pursue the acquisition of Clear Creek No. 5 property on the southeast corner of Sheldon and Mead Roads, totaling approximately 39.3 acres, which is part of Parcel No. 70-15-02-200-015;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Rochester Hills City Council adopts the GSAB's recommendation to pursue the acquisition of Clear Creek No. 5 property on the southeast corner of Sheldon and Mead Roads, totaling approximately 39.3¹⁴ acres, which is part of Parcel No. 70-15-02-200-015

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- City Council Questions & Discussion

