



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

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Legislative File No: 2008-0550

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Mike Hartner, Director of Parks Forestry
DATE: October 22, 2008
SUBJECT: Green Space Property Acquisition

In September 2007, Sam LoChirco nominated his properties off Harding Rd., North of the Clinton River Trail for possible consideration by the Green Space Advisory Board (GSAB). The four parcels, formerly referred to as "The Villas" condominium project, were evaluated on several site visits and scored by the GSAB. The property received a single rating of 86, the highest score ever achieved by any property reviewed by this citizen board.

The Board, Chaired by William Windscheif and Paul Funk, Vice Chair, unanimously recommended acquisition and presented their report to City Council at the June 30, 2008 meeting. Their findings were as follows:

- All properties were compared using criteria relating to protection of water resources, habitat protection, steep slopes, woodlands, recreational value and natural features.
- Site contribution to the Oakland County Greenway vision of hubs and spokes was considered.
- Supported the Master Transportation Plan and Master Recreation Plan.
- These properties support the GSAB 'Vision'.

A comprehensive appraisal was conducted by MAI certified Fuller Appraisal Services earlier in the year and re-reviewed and confirmed on October 1, 2008.

Negotiations with the landowners and city administration have resulted in the current counter offer for City Council action. A budget amendment from available fund balance of the Green Space Fund would be required for this purchase.

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	Budget Amount	Cost	Remaining Budget

APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Budget Content: Finance Director		
Purchasing Process: Supervisor of Procurement		
Mayor		
City Council Liaison		