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Community Stewardship discussion

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Sun, Apr 26, 2026 at 10:44 PM

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Sara, Ken, Tracey and Joe,

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These items may promote other questions. Thank you for helping me to understand this overall proposal.

Theresa Mungiolit

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Dear Councilwoman Mungiolit,

Thanks for your questions.

Our answers are highlighted in bold/blue below. Please note that these are joint answers from Sara, Chris McCleod, and myself. They are at a conference in Detroit today and it was much easier for me to coalate the answers than have PED do it from their phone/tablet.



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On Sun, Apr 26, 2026 at 10:45 PM Theresa Mungiolit <mungiolit@rochesterhills.org> wrote:

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With two of three components to the Community Stewardship discussion on the agenda on Monday, I am wondering if there is a joint discussion/presentation of the topic. We discussed this in the joint Planning/City Council meeting however I would like to understand more about this overall plan. **There is no plan for a joint presentation between this agenda and the Transportation plan agenda. Administration is working out the joint public engagement processes internally, other than that, the plans stand on their own.**

What does "Community Stewardship Plan will consolidate existing practices into a **unified sustainability framework**, and look at new effective possibilities focusing on energy reduction, waste management, and natural system preservation" mean?

The Community Stewardship Plan will establish an inventory of all current City policies and practices that represent a best practice relative to long term stewardship and sustainability, identify opportunities for integrating or improving upon current fiscal, operational and physical sustainable practices where appropriate, and establishing benchmarks for implementation and stewardship next steps.

Why is it only looking at energy reduction, waste management and natural system preservation?

These are the core elements of a stewardship plan, but it also includes fiscal elements and overall effectiveness.

What are the end goals of this project?

The Community Stewardship Plan will be a consolidation of all city plans, projects and everyday practices that move the City towards a unified Stewardship Plan, while providing a directional framework for future opportunities. The Plan is intended to provide the following:

- 1. Create of vision/mission statement, the rationale for the plan and an executive summary. As noted in the BRI Proposal, it is anticipated that the vision and mission statement will evolve during the planning process.**
- 2. Create a baseline assessment, including interviews with each City Department, in regards to current practices, policies and facilities along with conducting a SWOT analysis based on findings.**
- 3. Identify "Stewardship Pillars", these will be developed through the input process (described below) and will identify priority areas for stewardship implementation or expansion; including energy consumption reduction, alternative and nonmotorized mobility, waste management, fiscal stewardship, natural systems preservation and enhancement, etc. Being the City's first true plan of this type, we can direct this as the plan is developed.**
- 4. Implementation Strategies, including identifying responsible party(s) for implementation and standards for reporting and measuring progress, along with identifying realistic implementation timeframes such as "Ongoing", "Immediate", "Short Term", and "Long Term."**
- 5. As a subset of Implementation Strategies, identification of funding or partnership opportunities, specific to each implementation strategy, for implementation.**
- 6. Ongoing Community Engagement and Education opportunities. This is noted as being one of the likely main first pillars of the plan**

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This plan will provide bumpers on issues to consider and how far to go in considering them. For instance it may add an item to our CIP score sheet that considers stewardship elements in construction (but also balancing with fiscal elements). As a specific example, in the Nowicki Park process staff looked at the possibility of geothermal for the building and possible solar power. While these elements might make sense as a showcase in a park environment, after diving into detail with our engineers and architects it was found that both of these elements

were not anywhere near an effective investment (typically buildings around 20,000 Square feet see a return, not 5,000 sq feet at Nowicki). This plan would help set these bumpers to consider on most of our City projects. Many of our projects currently don't consider the stewardship implications. This plan will encourage all projects to at least consider stewardship elements.

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In regards to the PED planning services proposal, that is on hold as we work through these current planning efforts. As we near completion of these current efforts it would be anticipated that a new Request for Proposals would be sent out for the typical planning services the City has traditionally contracted. The successful proposal would be brought forward to City Council consideration. Please keep in mind this is separate from the master plan contract that was just completed. The city's master plan is reviewed every five years and would require an additional/different proposal for consideration at that time.

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

May 2026 - Project Kickoff and Online Project Website and Online Engagement

May - June 2026 - Stakeholder and Department Interviews

June/Oct 2026 and Feb 2027 Open Houses

Youth Engagement Sept 2026

Feb 2027 Final Plan

Planning Commission recommendation to council

City Council adoption

It would be anticipated that several City Council members and several Planning Commission members would be a part of the stakeholder groups. There will be 8 specific City/Public input opportunities in addition to a survey and regular biweekly meeting with staff. City Council will be the final authority on the adoption of the Stewardship Plan

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