

Department of Planning and Development

Staff Report to the Historic Districts Study Committee

August 1, 2023

	Winkler Mill Pond HD – Boundary Change
REQUEST	Review draft Preliminary Study Committee Report and possibly adopt
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On April 17, 2023 the Rochester Hills City Council directed the Historic Districts Study Committee to study the Winkler Mill Pond Historic District to determine if the boundaries of the district should be reduced as recommended in the 2002 and 2022 surveys of the district.

A draft Preliminary Historic District Study Committee Report has been prepared and distributed to the HDSC members. The HDSC is charged with reviewing the report and making any changes or corrections. Once the draft report is acceptable the HDSC can adopt the report. It will then be transmitted by staff to the State Historic Preservation Office and the Rochester Hills Planning Commission for review and comment.

Once the report is adopted the HDSC will wait at least 60 days before holding a hearing on the proposed revised district boundaries. All of the property owners in the existing and revised district boundaries will be notified of the hearing. Educational sessions for property owners may be held before the hearing.

After the hearing a Final Historic District Study Committee Report will be prepared for consideration by the HDSC.

Next Steps

- 1. Review and adopt the draft study committee report;
- 2. Circulate the adopted draft report to the planning commission and State Historic Preservation Office;
- 3. Set a public hearing at a regular HDSC meeting that is at least 60 days after adoption of the draft study committee report;
- 4. Notify all property owners within the existing district of the public hearing;
- 5. Hold the public hearing;

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- 6. Create and review the final historic district study committee report;
- 7. Adopt the final historic district study committee report and submit findings back to City Council.