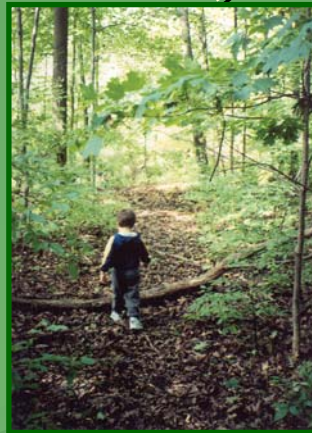


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City of Rochester Hills Green Space Advisory Board Recommendation Report June 30, 2008



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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.”

Citizen Representatives

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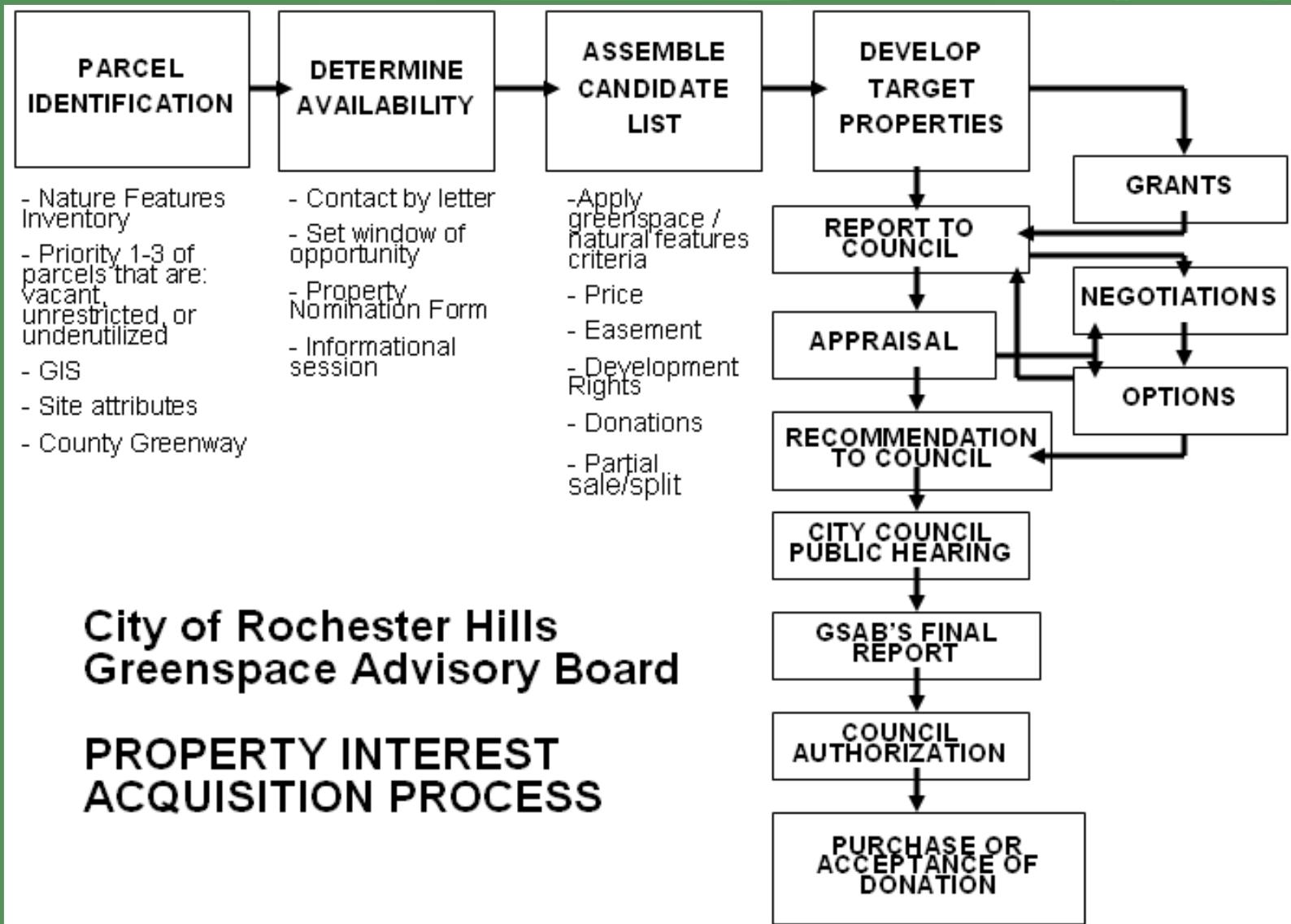
Roger Moore

Ravi Yalamanchi (Council Rep)

Since the last GSAB Property Recommendation:

- GSAB continues to meet monthly
- Open meetings with regular citizen input
- Developed Work Plan and defined Sub-Committees
- Integrated an active Youth Member into the GSAB process
- Received and reviewed additional property nominations
- Reviewed, toured, evaluated and scored 6 parcels
- Selected 4 parcels as a group for nomination
- Appraisals were performed by state certified experts for the parcels
- GSAB is now recommending the City begin the acquisition process for the four parcel group

GSAB Approved Process Flowchart



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

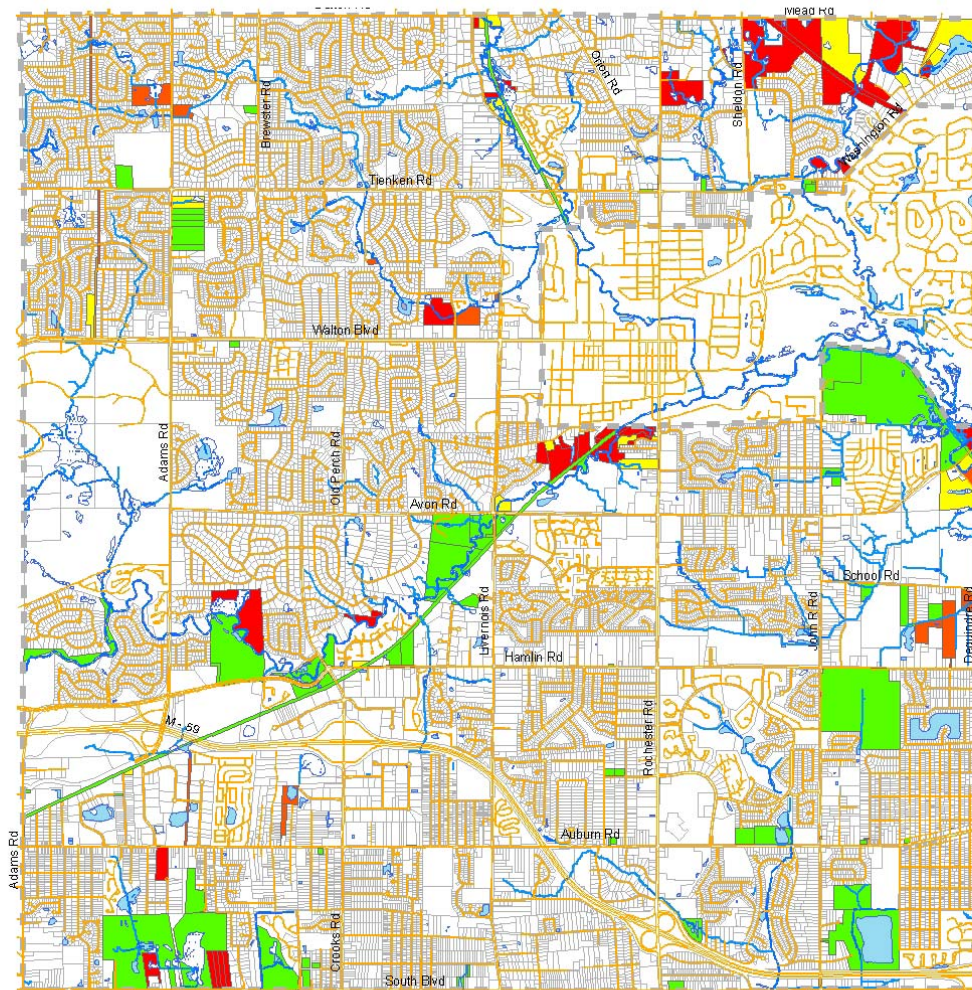
OTHER FACTORS

- 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

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



Letters were sent to property owners to determine owner interest in nominating property for GSAB evaluation. Other owners of key properties have since expressed interest.

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

- After visiting all of the recent nominated parcels and using the selection criteria the GSAB focused on four parcels to recommend for acquisition at this time.
 - The four parcels are being presented tonight as a single candidate:
 - Harding Road (23.86 acres)

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Harding Road Aerial View



23.86 Acres of rolling woodlands between the Clinton River Trail and Harding Road

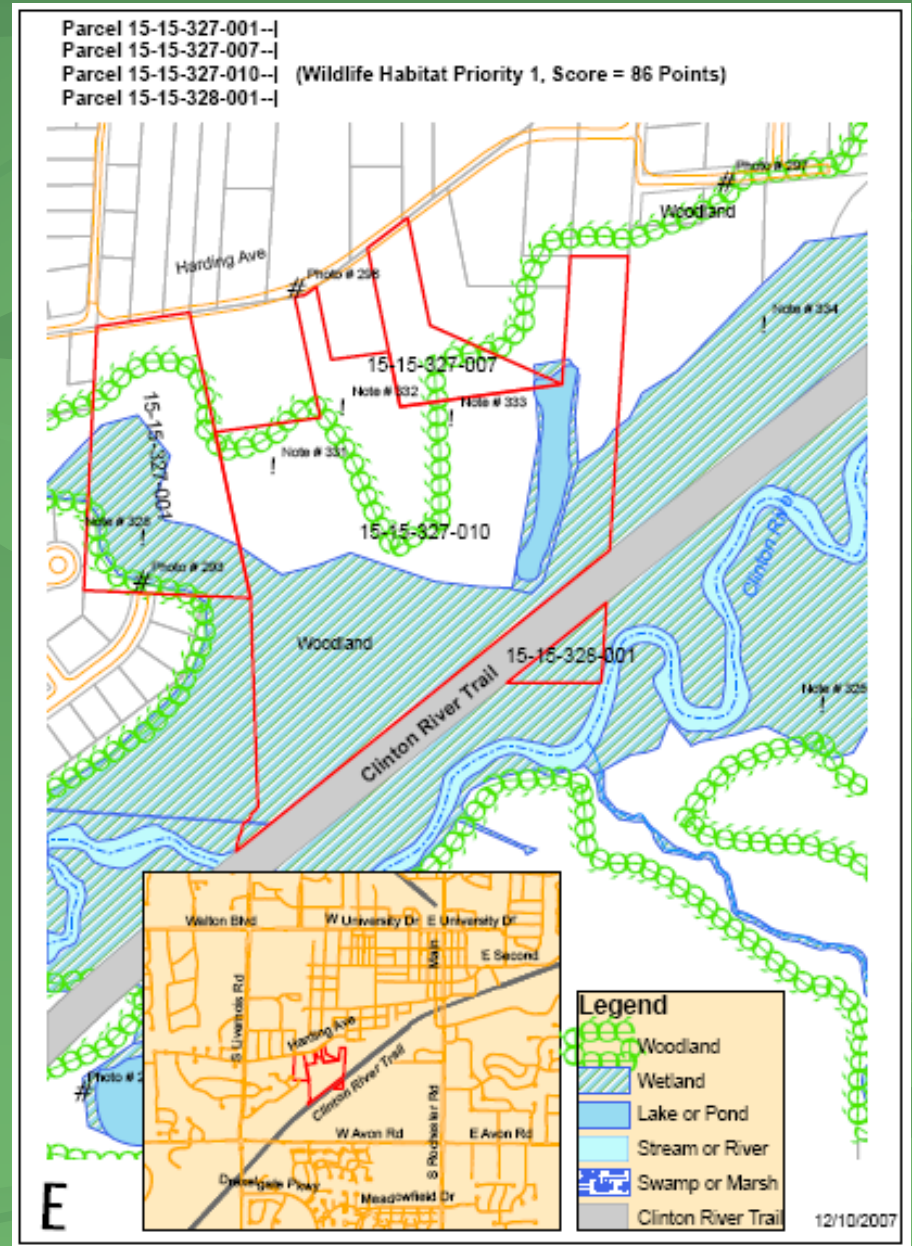
- Nominated by property owner Sept 2007
- GSAB conducted a on-site tours in November
 - Parcels received high scores by the GSAB
 - Proximity to the Clinton River and Clinton River Trail
 - Relatively large size
 - Wetlands
 - Woodlands
 - Slopes & varied terrain
 - Connectivity to Oakland County 'Hubs & Spokes' greenways
 - One of very few large green space parcels left within Rochester Hills



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Harding Road

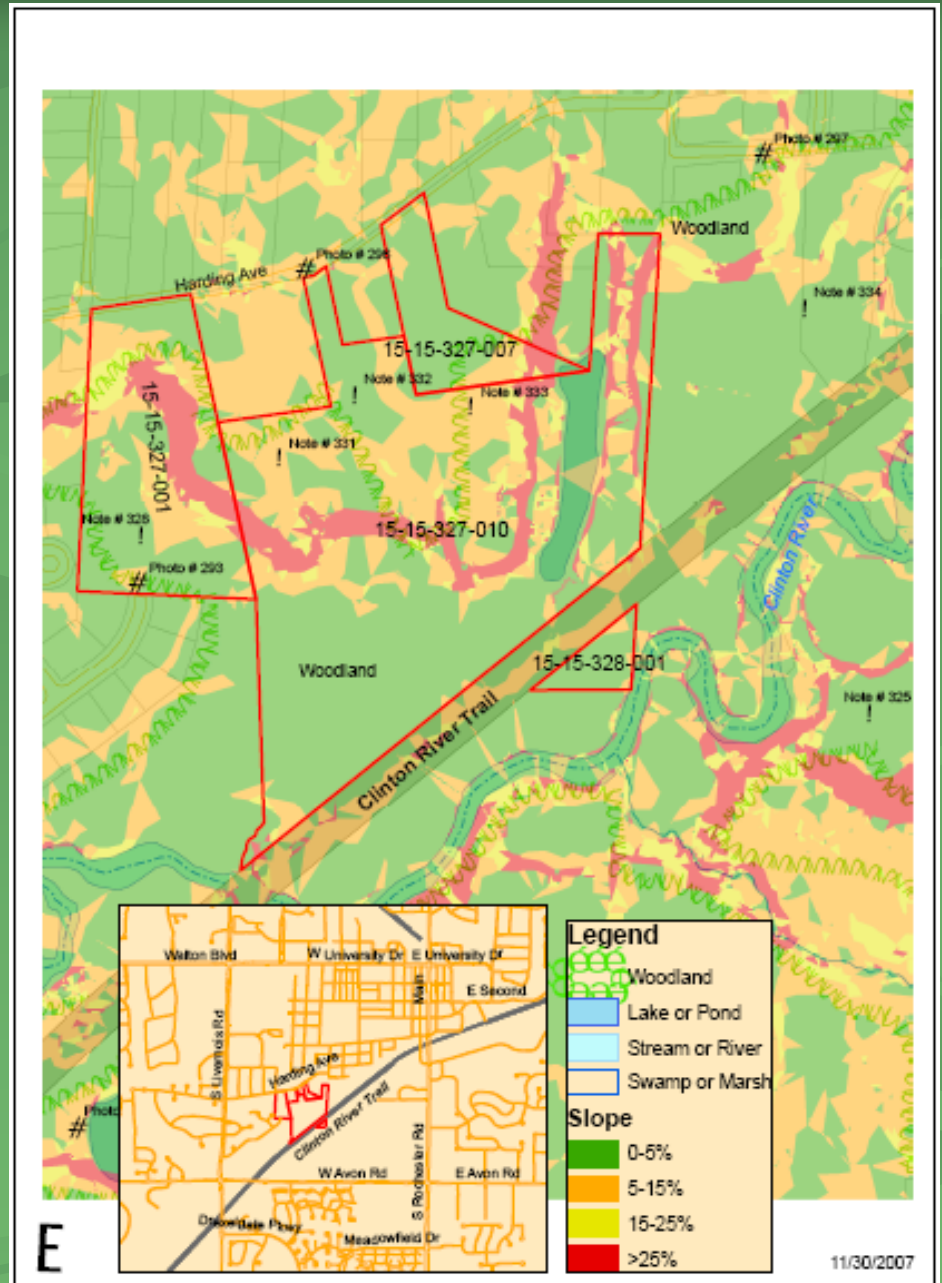
Wetlands and Tree Lines



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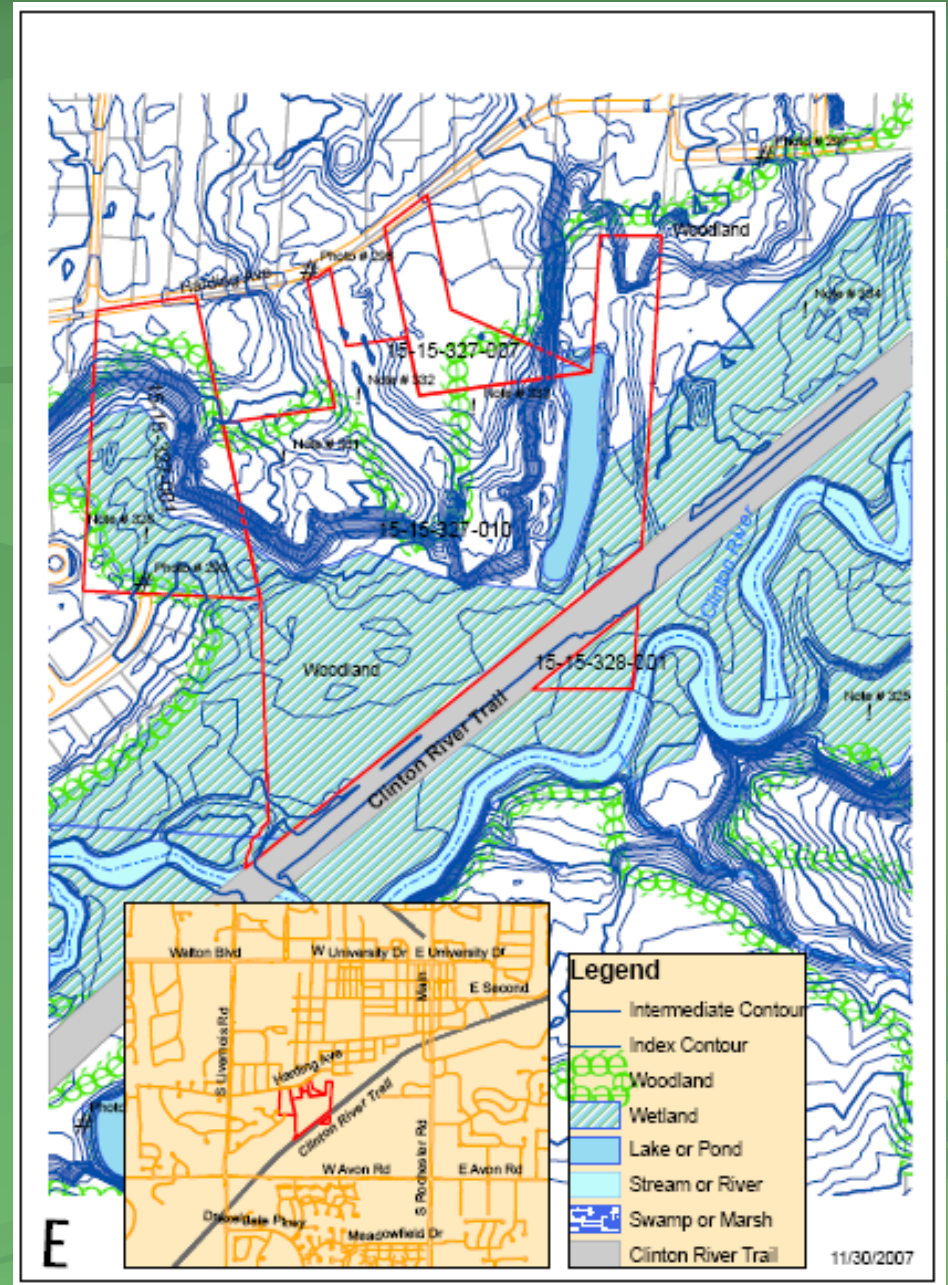
Slopes



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Contour Lines



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Recommended for Acquisition

	Parcel A	Parcel B	Parcel C	Parcel D	Combined
	15-15-327-001	15-15-327-007	15-15-327-010	15-15-328-001	
GSAB Criteria Scores					
Water resources	9	11	19	20	21
Habitat Protection	11	8	13	10	15
Recreational/Historic Value	18	15	32	27	35
Other Factors	0	0	0	0	15
Adverse Factors	0	0	0	0	0
Total Score - All Criteria	38	34	64	57	86
Pros	<p>Four contiguous parcels inside the Clinton River Greenway Adjacent to Clinton River and Trail Elevated scenic views Steep slope preservation Abundant trees, vegetation and wildlife</p>				
Cons	none				
General Comments	Value of these parcels would be maximized as part of a contiguous green space Clinton River corridor from Rochester College nearly to Rochester Road.				
Acreage	5.5	1.91	18.74	0.58	23.86
GSAB Recommended Procurement Strategy	Matching Grant or Cash Purchase for the four parcels combined				

GSAB has reached a decision to recommend for purchase at this time the four parcels on Harding Road

Why were these properties chosen ...

- ❖ **All properties were 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 and spokes was considered**
- ❖ **Support the Master Transportation Plan and Master Recreation Plan**
- ❖ **These properties support the GSAB 'Vision'**
- ❖ **GSAB invites the City Council to walk this property with the GSAB or Staff to become familiar with its features**

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Proposed Resolution Language 2007 - 0856

Discussion

