

Attn: Leanne Scott
Deputy Clerk
City of Rochester Hills
1000 Rochester Hills Dr.
Rochester Hills, MI. 48309

Nov. 1, 2019

Ms. Scott,

I am writing you regarding the matter we spoke of on Friday, November 1, 2019. I received in my mail on October 31, 2019 the enclosed letter regarding tree removal directly behind my house.

I'd like to submit a complaint regarding the proposed plan to remove trees and build a new home, as I understand is proposed, at 1691 W. Auburn Rd. I've lived at 3057 Wilmington Blvd. for approximately four years now and the woods in question are directly behind my house. They are one of the main reasons I purchased this home. It was my understanding that the property in question was considered a watershed – I believe part of the Rouge River watershed – and as such was protected wetlands. Rochester Hills likes to call itself "Tree City USA" yet all around me I see the removal of our trees.

My worries and concerns are as follows:

1. Declining home value due to loss of nature – this affects everyone who has a home backing up to this property – you can't replace the beauty of trees and wildlife which make living here desirable
2. Loss of wetland - as mentioned this being a watershed area
3. Loss of habitat for all the wildlife that live in this area

I would like to also include the following which is taken directly from the city of Rochester Hills Ordinance Number 612.

Sec. 126-263. – Purpose.

The purposes of this article are to:

(1)

Provide for the protection, preservation, proper maintenance and use of trees and woodlands located in this city in order to minimize disturbance to them and to prevent damage from erosion and siltation, a loss of wildlife and vegetation, and/or from the destruction of the natural habitat.

(2)

Protect the woodlands, including trees and other forms of vegetation, of this city for their economic support of local property values when allowed to remain uncleared and/or unharvested and for their natural beauty, wilderness character, and their geological, ecological, or historical significance.

(3)

Provide for the paramount public concern for these natural resources in the interest of health, safety and general welfare of the residents of this city.

I would prefer that this land stay as it is and not be altered. If it must be then I'd like assurance that no wetlands are lost or contaminated, tree removal is minimized and that a beautification plan is put in place to offset the negative effects that this loss of nature causes to neighboring properties.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Serafino". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

David Serafino
3057 Wilmington Blvd.
Rochester Hills, MI. 48309
248-606-4865

CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS

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Rochester Hills, Michigan 48309
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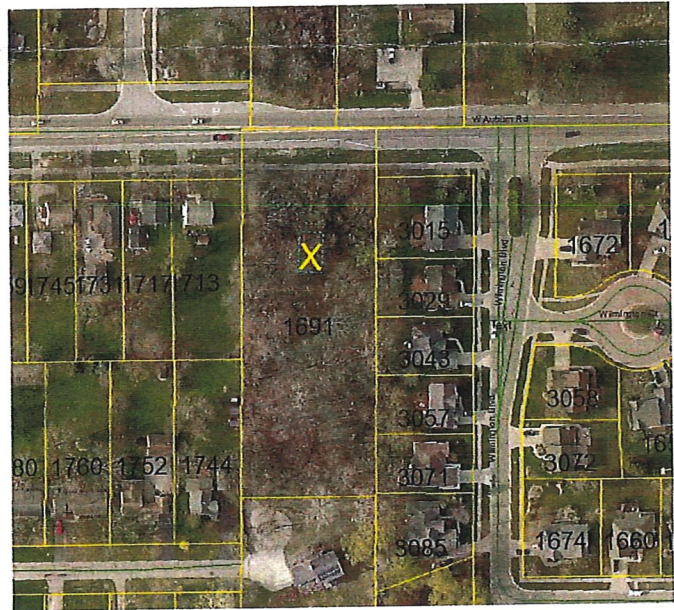
October 28, 2019

The City of Rochester Hills Parks and Natural Resources Department has received application for a Tree Removal Permit, as required by the Tree Conservation Ordinance, for the removal of 39 trees that are six (6) inches or larger in diameter at breast height for the construction of a new residence.

Location: 1691 West Auburn Rd.
Section 33, Sidwell No. 15-33-126-049
Rochester Hills, MI

Applicant: Fred Hotaj
43929 McLean Drive
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

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As a contiguous property owner to this parcel, you are being notified that the Tree Removal Permit Application may be inspected at the City of Rochester Hills Municipal Building, Parks and Natural Resources Department, 1000 Rochester Hills Drive, Rochester Hills, Michigan, during regular business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, within seven (7) days of the date of this notice.

Following approval of the permit, you have ten (10) days to file an appeal on the approval of this permit to City Council. All appeals must be in writing and received by the Mayor's Office within seventeen (17) days of the date of this notice. If you have any questions, please call 248-656-4673.

Ken Elwert, Director
Parks and Natural Resources Department

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cc: Mayor's Office
Lisa Knudsen, Building Dept.
Planning Dept.

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Building Plan Review
Mark Stimac