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Advisory Board

# **City of Rochester Hills Green Space Advisory Board**

## **Recommendation Report October 6, 2014**



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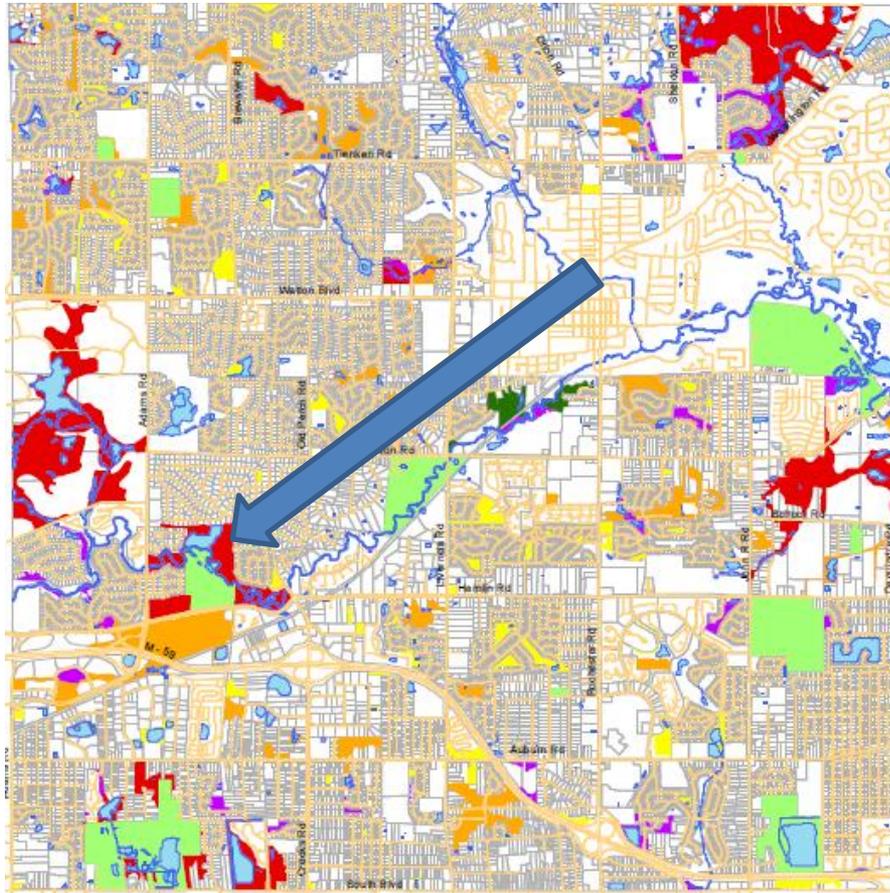


# Property Evaluation Criteria

## Green Space Advisory Board Natural Features Criteria

<u>Water Resources</u>	<u>Habitat Protection</u>	<u>Recreational / Historical Resources</u>	<u>Other Factors</u>	<u>Adverse Factors</u>
Rivers, Streams, Ponds and Lakes	Wildlife Habitat	Clinton River and other Greenway Corridor	Other Unique Factors	Environmental Hazards
Wetlands	Woodlands	Adjacency / Connectivity	Market Value Considerations	Higher than "Market Value" costs
Floodplains		Passive Recreation	Development Risk	Any Unique Detractors
		Historical / Cultural	Steep Slopes	
		Community Planning	Size of Property	

# White Property



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

### Legend

-  Parks
-  Conservation Easement
-  Greenspace Property
-  Wildlife Habitat Priority 1 (Vacant)
-  Wildlife Habitat Priority 2 (Vacant)
-  Wildlife Habitat Priority 3 (Vacant)



# White Property



- Clinton River, Riverbend Park and Hamlin Road to the South
- West side of Christian Hills sub and Avon Road to the North
- Between Adams and Crooks Roads

# White Property

White  
Property

Riverbend  
Park





# White Property Profile

<b>Parcel #</b>	<b>15-20-300-005</b>
Size	50+ Acres
Wildlife Habitat	Priority 1
Wetlands	57% / 29 acres
Woodlands	99% / 50 Acres
Steep Slopes	Significant
Location	Adjacent to Clinton River and Riverbend Park

- The GSAB has visited this property with the City's Naturalist, Lance Devoe to evaluate the natural features in person



# Benefits of the Properties

- Significant impact due to it's large size
- Opportunity for connectivity with Riverbend Park
- Direct connection with the Clinton River
- Steep Slopes
- High quality wetlands
- Rare and old-growth tree canopy
- Wonderful wildlife habitat
- Important piece of the Oakland County Green Infrastructure vision



# Considerations

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- Over the years, several developers have been interested in developing this property for homes or condos
- Property owners are looking to sell
- This parcel is a good fit with the intent of the Green Space Millage approved as approved by the voters:
  - Protection of water resources, habitat protection, woodlands, recreational value and natural features
  - Connectivity with other resources such as the Clinton River and Riverbend Park



# Recommendations

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**GSAB recommends the  
White parcel for  
preservation by the City  
through acquisition  
under the Green Space  
Millage**





# Questions & Discussion

Thank You for support in protecting our green spaces!

- City Council
- Mayor Barnett
- City Staff