

City of Rochester Hills Green Space Advisory Board



UPDATE – OCTOBER 11, 2021



Darlene Janulis, Chair

Our Green Spaces



- **Studies consistently show:**
 - Green Spaces are associated with better mental health and physical health
 - Reduce stress
 - Improve air quality and water quality
 - Green Spaces provide economic benefits
 - Increase property value
 - Green Spaces provide ecological and environmental benefits
 - Quality habitat for diverse wildlife
 - Improve stormwater impacts
 - Green Spaces improve recreation opportunities



- **Total Number of Green Space Parcels: 7**
- **Total Green Space Acreage: 127 Acres**

Green Space Advisory Board

- Review of 2021 stewardship projects
 - 26 different projects on 7 different properties
- Review multiple new acquisition nominations
 - Visited, Evaluated, and Ranked 2 nominated properties
- Green Space site visits
- Outreach
- Promote Volunteer Opportunities/Cleanups



Members

Citizen Representatives

Peter Beightol - Term: 12/31/2021

Joe Bruce - Term: 12/31/2022

Louis S. Carrio, Jr - Term 12/31/2022

Jayson Graves, Vice Chairperson - Term: 12/31/2021

Darlene Janulis, Chairperson - Term: 12/31/2023

Philip Leach - Term: 12/31/2023

David McCracken - Term: 12/31/2023

Heidi Morris - Term: 12/31/2021

Terry Stephens - Term: 12/31/2022

City Council Representative

Susan Bowyer, Ph.D. - Term: 12/06/2021

City Staff Representatives

Matt Einheuser, Natural Resources Manager

Ken Elwert, Director of Parks & Natural Resources

Youth Council Representatives

Ryan Barrett, Caroline Bull and Maya Vijayakumar



2021 Volunteer Events/Opportunities



- Garlic Mustard Pull - Harding Green Space
- Trash/Debris Clean ups
- Woody Invasives
- Access cleanup/improvements



A Look Back (2015 - 2018)

- Initial Long Term Management Plan Developed
- Focus on High Priority / High Quality areas
- Moderately impacted areas
- Worked in sensitive areas that required hands-on targeted stewardship – Harding/Innovation Hills Green Spaces



Current Efforts (2019 – 2021)



- Focused on continual maintenance of High Quality Areas and moderately impacted areas
- Expand efforts to highly degraded areas or areas heavily impacted by invasives
- Employ different and more aggressive management techniques
- Continued with City-wide Phragmites treatments and other stewardship support



From Low Quality to High Quality



Moving Forward

- Follow-up treatments of previously treated areas and continual maintenance
- Follow-up monitoring and re-evaluation of initial long term Green Space plans/projects
- Expand efforts on newly acquired properties and city natural features
- Look to address erosion/streambank stabilization concerns adjacent to City Green Spaces

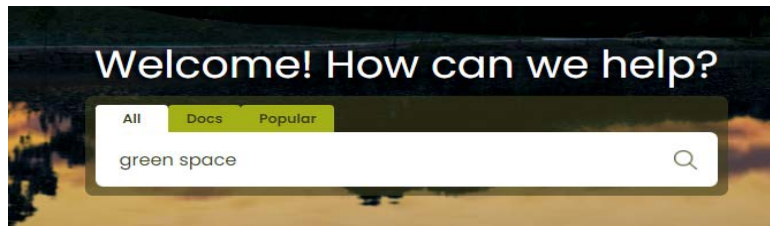
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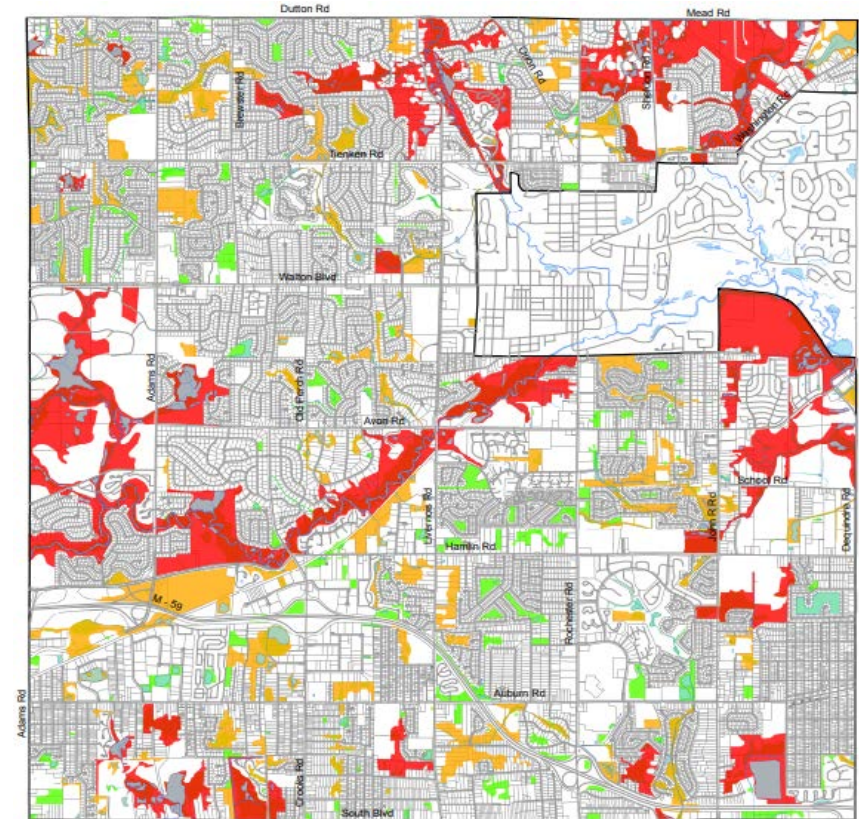
Expand Our Green Spaces



- Visit our Green Space site for those interested in learning more about having their property become a Green Space



- On the Green Space Page – Find “Property Nominations” section
- Click the link for the Property Nomination Form
- Or Call our Parks and Natural Resources Department for more info and assistance!





THANK YOU

QUESTIONS???



Thank You for support in protecting our green spaces!

- City Council
- Mayor Barnett
- City Staff

