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Green Space
Advisory Board

City of Rochester Hills Green Space Advisory Board

Recommendation Report - December 3rd, 2012



Charter

Green Space Advisory Board

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.”



Members

Green Space Advisory Board

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Recent GSAB Activity

- ❖ Fall and Spring Stewardship Activities
 - ❖ Buckthorn and Autumn Olive – October 2011 and October 2012
 - ❖ Garlic Mustard – April 2012
- ❖ Discovery Hike
 - ❖ April 2011
 - ❖ May 2012
- ❖ Review nominated properties as a group with City Naturalist (Lance DeVoe) to evaluate proposed properties based on GSAB Property Evaluation Criteria

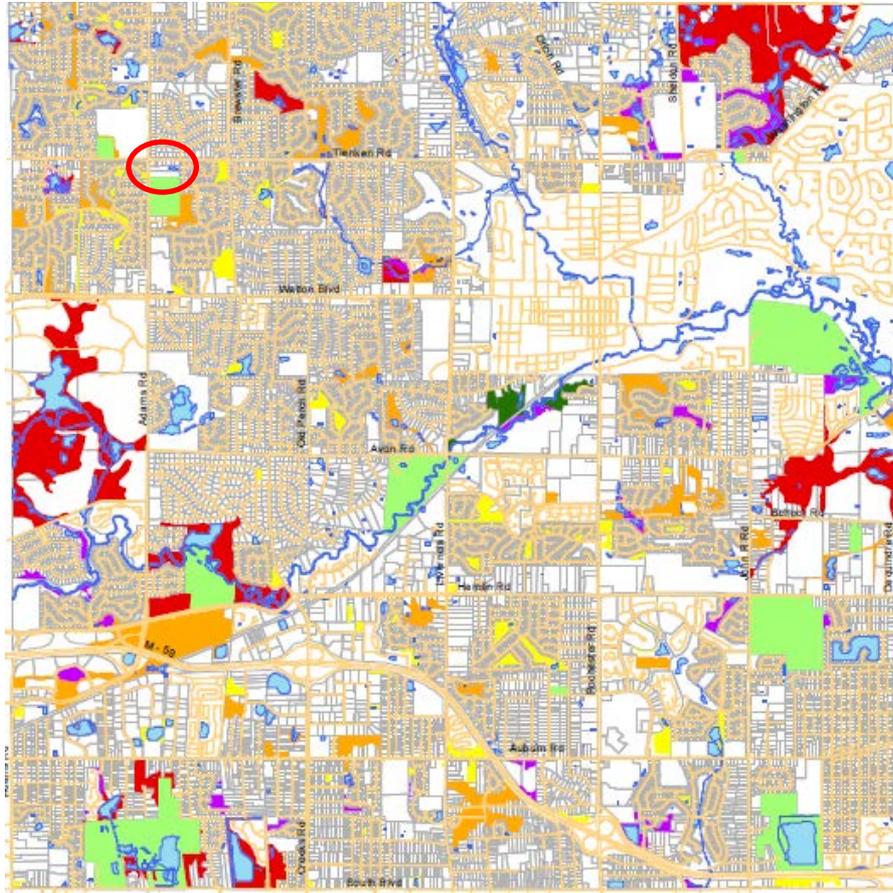


Property Evaluation Criteria

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	

Adams Road Parcels



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)



Adams Road Parcels





Properties

	884 Adams Road	950 Adams Road
Parcel #	15-08-100-005	15-08-100-004
Size	5 Acres	5 Acres
Wildlife Habitat	Priority 3	Priority 3
Wetlands	40% / 2 acres	32.9% / 1.65 Acres
Woodlands	43% / 2.14 Acres	9.6% / 0.48 Acres
Location	Adjacent to Nowicki Park	Adjacent to 884 Adams

- August/September 2012– Walked the properties with Lance Devoe to review the natural features for scoring purposes



Benefits of the Properties

- Combined 10 acres creates an attractive buffer to 35 acre Nowicki park
- Wonderful wildlife habitat
- High quality wetlands
- Great accessibility to parcels from Nowicki Park and Adams Road
- Parcels are in an area of the city with relatively few public green spaces
- Good fit with Oakland County Green Infrastructure vision



Challenges of Properties

- Each parcel contains one existing residential home
- Structures pose questions regarding possible land divisions and/or costs incurred for removal
- 950 Adams Road parcel should be considered for acquisition only if 884 Adams Road is also acquired



Considerations

- Either or both parcels may be at risk of development due to:
 - size
 - location to other city amenities (Village of Rochester, Adams High School, etc.)
 - proximity to Nowicki Park
- Property owners are looking to sell
- These properties meet the intent of the Green Space Millage approved by voters
 - Protection of water resources, habitat protection, woodlands, recreational value and natural features
 - Connectivity with other resources (Nowicki Park)



Recommendations

GSAB recommends these two valuable parcels for preservation under the green space millage, leaving the negotiation regarding possible land divisions and / or cost of removing existing structures to the administration.



Questions & Discussion

Thank you to the Rochester Hills City Staff for all their help and assistance.