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Rochester Hills Increases Green Space Preservation
Cloverport Property Acquisition

Rochester Hills, MI- The City of Rochester Hills is extremely pleased to acquire a 7.42-acre parcel of property between the west end of Cloverport and the Clinton River for preservation as "Green Space." This parcel was recommended by the Green Space Advisory Board (GSAB), which was established after the 10-year millage passed in 2005, and purchased with Green Space Millage funds.

"Securing this property is a critical link in preserving and protecting our city's natural beauty and native wildlife habitat," states Mayor Bryan K. Barnett.

The predominantly wooded property includes approximately 1,026 feet of Clinton River frontage, permanently protects sensitive wetlands and expands the Clinton River Greenway. Featuring a variety of wildlife habitat and scenic views, this property contains mature cottonwoods, ash, elm, and maple trees along with honeysuckle, myrtle, and highland cranberry.

"This acquisition is the culmination of a lot of hard work of many folks including the Green Space Advisory Board, a number of other City Administration Departments, City Council, and the property owner. We are grateful that we will preserve this key property for many years to come," said Bill Windscheif, GSAB Chairman.

The GSAB is made up of nine citizen representatives, four city staff members, and two youth representatives. The board members were charged with the goal of developing strategies and making recommendations regarding the expenditure of millage funds to permanently preserve natural green spaces, wildlife habitats and scenic views; protect woodlands, wetlands, rivers and streams; and expand the Clinton River Greenway and other trail corridors.

Established in 1984, the City of Rochester Hills was recently voted one of the top 100 best places to live (2009) and is committed to being the preeminent place to live, work and raise a family.

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