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CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS

GREEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD

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Rochester Hills poised to start acquiring open space. Having successfully passed a millage to preserve green space in September 2005, it is now planned to inform certain property owners the City would be interested in acquiring interests in their land.

The .3 mil levy for 10 years started with this winter's tax bill and will now provide initial funding for this purpose. The City Council late last year established a seven member panel called the Green Space Advisory Board. This group has now established criteria for evaluating properties and a process to acquire interests in those properties meeting the criteria.

The Board will be mailing letters to selected property owners, early in June, suggesting actions they might consider if they are interested in being a part of the program. The letter would include a list of the criteria that will be used by the Board.

An informational session discussing in detail the various actions a property owner may take will be hosted at City Hall, at 7:00 pm, Thursday, July 13, 2006. City staff and members of the Green Space Advisory Board will be available to lead the discussion.

Nomination forms maybe submitted to the City Clerk's Office until 5:00 pm, August 31, 2006. Additional information is available at the City's web site [www.rochesterhills.org/our_government/independent_boards_and_commissions/green_space_advisory_board_\(gsab\).asp](http://www.rochesterhills.org/our_government/independent_boards_and_commissions/green_space_advisory_board_(gsab).asp)

Attachments: Sample letter to property owners, property owners nomination form, Green Space/Natural Features Criteria and About the Green Space Advisory Board