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**Rochester Hills Receives Grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**  
**Great Lakes Basin Fish Habitat Partnership Projects**

**Rochester Hills, MI**-The City of Rochester Hills is pleased to announce that they have been awarded funding from The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Great Lakes Basin Fish Habitat Partnership aimed at supporting on-the-ground fish habitat work in the Great Lakes under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI).

“One of only five projects awarded in the State of Michigan, Rochester Hills will utilize the awarded \$192,000 to complete the Avon Creek Restoration Project,” states Tara Beatty, Chief Assistant and Grant Coordinator.

Avon Creek is part of the Clinton River Area of Concern, a designated area that is part of the Lake Huron drainage. The watershed has suffered from years of degradation due to industrial activities and development, resulting in the loss of fish and wildlife habitat, and reductions in fish populations. The City of Rochester Hills will restore natural stream meanders in a designated stretch of the creek to reduce sediment entering the stream, restore fish habitat, and reduce water temperatures.

“The restoration of Avon Creek is vital to maintaining our fish habitat and to preserving and protecting our city’s natural beauty,” states Mayor Bryan K. Barnett.

The grants were awarded under the Great Lakes Basin Fish Habitat Partnership, administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a Department of the Interior agency. The grants were funded by the President’s 2010 Budget which provided \$475 million for the Environmental Protection Agency –led, interagency Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. For more information on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service activities related specifically to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, please visit [www.fws.gov/GLRI](http://www.fws.gov/GLRI).

For more information regarding the Avon Creek Restoration Project contact Roger Moore, Department of Public Services at (248) 656-4685

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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