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Rochester Hills Receives Watershed Grant
Department of Natural Resources and Environment

Rochester Hills, MI- The City of Rochester Hills is pleased to announce that they have been awarded funding from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) for the preservation Stony/Paint Creek Sub Watershed Implementation Project.

“One of fourteen projects funded, the \$265,000 grant will provide funding to acquire a 26 acre conservation easement, which will allow us to protect wetlands, woodlands, and support watershed planning along the Stony/Paint Creek,” states Tara Beatty, Chief Assistant and Grant Coordinator.

The property is currently owned by a developer with intentions of future land development. It will be through this easement acquisition that the city will be able to protect, restore and monitor water quality and the unique ecosystems by permanently eliminating the impact caused by development, and by reducing the effects of soil erosion or other sediment loading factors that are inevitable if the property were developed.

“We continue to be good environmental stewards, and seeking alternative funding sources will be critical to our ongoing efforts to protect and preserve our natural resources,” states Mayor Bryan Barnett.

The DNRE's Nonpoint Source Program provides annual grant funding with funding primarily from the federal Clean Water Act and Clean Michigan Initiative - Nonpoint Source funds.

For more information regarding the Stony/Paint Creek Sub Watershed Implementation 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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