

# City of Rochester Hills Green Space Advisory Board

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Jayson Graves, GSAB Chairperson  
Matt Einheuser, Natural Resources Manager

# WHAT is 'Green Space'

- In 2005, residents approved a 0.3 mill 10 year open space millage to acquire and preserve natural green space.
- Permanently preserved natural features, wildlife habitats, and scenic views.
- Maintained natural areas, not to be developed.
- They are not "Parks" with playgrounds, athletic fields, & pavilions.



# The WHY

- **Studies consistently show:**
  - Green Spaces are associated with better mental health and physical health
    - Reduce stress
    - Improve air quality and water quality
  - Green Spaces provide economic benefits
    - Increase property value
  - Green Spaces improve recreation opportunities
  - Green Spaces provide ecological and environmental benefits
    - Quality habitat for diverse wildlife
    - Improve stormwater impacts





# The HOW

- **Green Space Advisory Board (GSAB)**
  - Review any new acquisition nominations
  - Fiscal review of stewardship
  - Outreach
- **Acquisition Process**
  - Nominated by private landowner
  - Reviewed and scored by GSAB
  - Recommendations provided to City Council
- **The millage was modified in 2013 to allow for:**
  - Protection, care and maintenance - Stewardship
  - Improved pedestrian accessibility
- **Green Space Perpetual Care Trust**



## Members

### Citizen Representatives

Stephanie Bennett – Term: 12/31/2027

Richard Bosler – Term 12/31/2028

Joe Bruce, Vice Chairperson – Term: 12/31/2028

Jeff Duperon – Term: 12/31/2028

Jayson Graves, Chairperson – Term: 12/31/2027

Chander Malhotra – Term: 12/31/2026

Brian McCurdy – Term: 12/31/2026

Heidi Morris – Term: 12/31/2027

Susan Strunk – Term: 12/31/2026

### City Council Representative

Jason Carlock – Term: 12/06/2026

### City Staff Representatives

Matt Einheuser, Natural Resources Manager

Ken Elwert, Director of Parks & Natural Resources

### Youth Council Representatives

Dev Shah and Christina Wang – Term 8/31/2026

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# Outreach and Engagement

- Volunteer Garlic Mustard Pull / Cleanup
- GSAB @ OAK in the Hills
- Notes from Nature – monthly e-newsletter

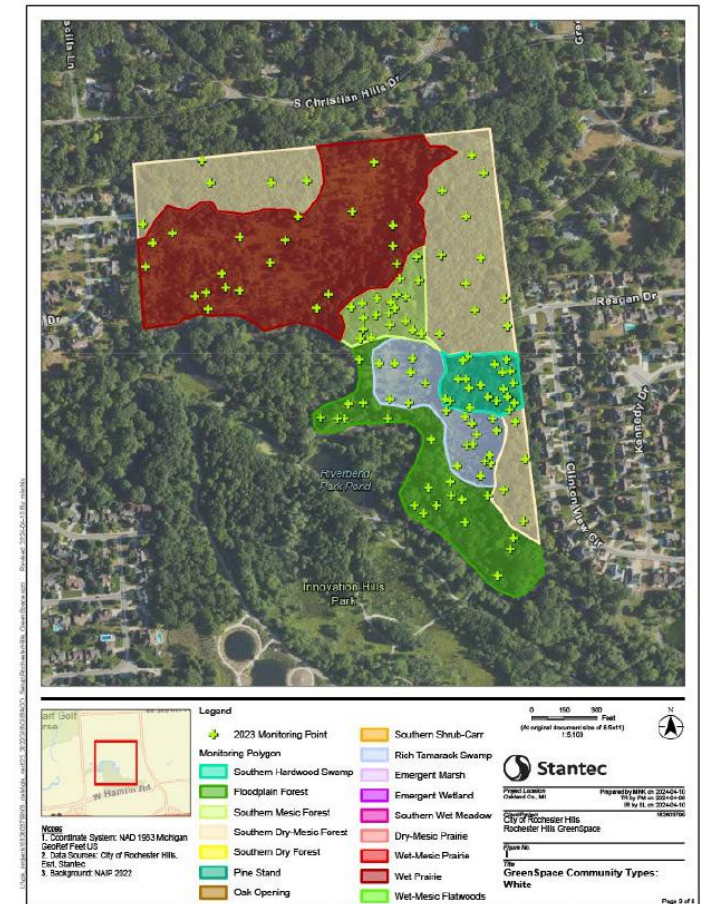


# Stewardship

- 1,532 person-hours (Treated 156 Acres)
- Invasives Removal/ Treatment/ Plantings/ Prescribed Burns
- Sustain Our Great Lakes Grant
- Adaptive Management / Monitoring



Map 3. Innovation Greenspace Monitoring Points



# From Low Quality to High Quality



# Clinton River Corridor Stewardship

- Eagle's Landing Streambank Stabilization Project
- Innovation Hills Streambank Stabilization Project



# THANK YOU

## QUESTIONS?

