



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

TO: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Robert L. Tetens, Director
DATE: November 12, 2013
RE: **Recommendation: Geddes Mill, Ltd. Property – Ann Arbor Township**

Background

In November 2013, a property located in Ann Arbor Township was nominated for consideration by the Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program as part of Round 14. The property is comprised of approximately 10 acres and is located in the southeast portion of the Township.

Discussion

Parks and Recreation Commission staff met with the owner to discuss the Geddes Mill, Ltd. Property. The property is located on the north side of the Huron River in the vicinity of the intersection of Geddes and Dixboro Roads. It contains a variety of attributes, most notably the steep slopes extending north from its frontage on the river. The higher elevation offers an extraordinary vista with views of Geddes Pond and Gallup Park to the south. The property is undeveloped and includes a maturing vegetative cover. A recently completed non-motorized trail runs along the northern property boundary and offers a connection to the Border to Border Trail. Another interesting aspect of the property is its relative proximity to Parker Mill County Park.

It is important to note the owner has expressed interest in donating the property to the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. The only stipulation is that the property be available for use by the public.

An appraisal of the property, prepared by Allen & Associates Appraisal Group, Inc., identified a value of \$1,270,000 for the 10 acre property.

Recommendation

Based upon the review of the property, it is my recommendation the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission authorize preparation of a participation agreement to accept the donation of the Geddes Mill, Ltd. Property (Ann Arbor Township) contingent upon completion of all necessary due diligence examination of the property and the Commission's final approval.

Attachments