

# City lands parcel of Hills real estate

The city of Farmington's waistline just became 110-by-604 feet wider.

City council approved a transfer of land along Nine Mile Road from the city of Farmington Hills Monday. Hills council OK'd passing on the parcel at its Aug. 8 meeting.

"We're going to annex Farmington Hills inch by inch," joked Farmington councilman Bill Hartsock.

The land is in a flood plain and has the Rouge River cutting through it. The parcel is considered unsuitable for building.

However, the parcel is within the city's new \$13 million retention basin and pumping station. The city needs it as part of Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Natural Resources rules and regulations.

The city had dibe on the property dating back to the 1950s. It bought the land from Robert and Dorothy Sallow in 1959, though it was within Hills city limits.

Open sewerage sedimentation and treatment tanks were built there, which are no longer operational.

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turnarounds, adding more aggression and danger to the neighborhood, Zerbo said.

Another problem for residents is the lack of paved roads, sewer and water service. To have the city put in those services, residents would have to petition for a special assessment district, and in effect, pay for the improvements themselves.

If the development comes in, those improvements would be part of the bargain.

Allen and Zerbo said they and their neighbors either work or have other roots in Farmington Hills and don't plan to move out of the city, just out of harm's way.

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**Rick Zerbo**

in Farmington Hills," Allen said. "We work close to where we live and have children in the Farmington schools."

Zerbo said he likes the schools system and wants to stay in the district.

"Sure, I'd like to get a little more money than what I paid for my house," he said. "But the main thing is nobody wants to buy into this situation. I couldn't sell (to a prospective homeowner)

even if I wanted to."

West Bloomfield's decision not to allow Northwestern Highway through has helped force the issue for Clairview residents, Allen said. Now the West Bloomfield residents are complaining about the impact the proposed mall would have "on their quality of life."

"We feel we're being the sacrificial lamb," she said. Developers like the area be-

cause of the buying power of nearby residents in both communities. NCC-3 has submitted a site plan for consideration by the planning commission.

Residents waiting to be bought out have sometimes put off home improvements, further lowering values, Allen said.

The timing for the proposal, which coincides with the controversial Timbercrest development at Middlebelt and Orchard Lake, is unfortunate, Zerbo said.

"I've talked with Sharon Stein (of Voters' Voice)," Zerbo said. "I sympathize with their situation (opposing the Timbercrest development). But they are surrounded by other subdivisions. We aren't."

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These items are obscured, though, by some of the bill's frivolous features.

Spencer agrees. "If it was strictly a crime bill that addressed crime only, I think I'd be a lot more for it," Spencer said.

A social crime-prevention program — namely midnight basket-

ball — is one detraction both mention.

"I would think the money could be better spent," Spencer said. "You start having a place where people can congregate at midnight. The more people you have, the more crime you have."

"They would probably have to assign these (the proposed

100,000) new officers just to police midnight basketball."

There's also a general wariness when it comes from Washington. Whatever the outcome, Goss and Spencer are the ones who have to put the legislators' work into action.

"I look at it from the fourth branch of government perspec-

tive," Goss said. "The fourth branch is the one typically that has to implement the bills."

"Typically a legislative body will formulate laws in a generic fashion in order to gain broad-based support. . . . Very often the impact of a bill is changed when a quote-unquote professional gets a hold of it."

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