

**RE: 20321 Roscommon Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225**

The City of Harper Woods has owned and maintained the vacant lot at 20321 Roscommon [Legal Description - 618C20B 21 WLY 58.50 FT OF LOT 20 ALSO LOT 21 WOODSIDE FARMS PC 618 L69 P66 WCR] since 2014. City officials are considering different options to make better use of this property.

The primary consideration for this property is the development of a municipal pocket park. In the City's Parks & Recreation Master Plan 2018-2022 the recommendation was made to, "Identify vacant or under-utilized land for future acquisition, prioritized in an area not currently serviced by a pocket or neighborhood park." This lot and its location would be an ideal place to develop a new park.

Pocket parks are typically less than one (1) acre in size. The layout and equipment that may be included are still to be determined. Equipment that is appropriate for parks of this size include small play structures, swing sets, walking paths, benches, and bike racks. A park of this size could not support larger amenities such as a basketball court or pavilion, that might bring larger groups of people and create a need for additional parking.

The City is in the process of pursuing grants to fund this project and determining the best way to proceed. Your input, as neighbors, is valued and town hall meetings will be scheduled in the future. When the date, time, and location of these meetings are scheduled, it will be posted on the City's website, <https://harperwoodscity.org/>.

If you have further questions about this letter or would like to submit your comments to the City, please reach out to Stephen Lindley, Economic and Community Development Deputy Director, at [slindley@harperwoods.net](mailto:slindley@harperwoods.net) or 313.939.2061 or Shavonne Lau, Parks and Recreation Director, at [harperwoodsparks@harperwoods.net](mailto:harperwoodsparks@harperwoods.net) or 313.343.2560.