



Waynesboro City Council Agenda Briefing

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| Meeting Date: | September 25, 2023 | Staff/Council Member(s): Mike Hamp, City Manager |
| Agenda Item # | 11 | |
| Ordinance | | |
| Department: | | |
| Subject: | Land Gift E.I. DuPont deNumours Company | |

Background: In 2020, the DuPont Company gifted the city about 256 acres of undeveloped land east of S. Delphine Avenue; generally, the property is east of the former DuPont plant site. The 256 acres, at the time of the gift, was assessed at \$830,000. A Phase I environmental site assessment was conducted prior to accepting the initial 256 acres gift.

While there are not immediate recommendations or plans for the property, potential uses for the property include but are not limited to:

- 1) Recreational uses such as biking and hiking
- 2) View shed and corridor protection
- 3) Connections to other recreational facilities to the east and northeast.

The environmental assessment notes, the likely, historic use of the property as an orchard. Commentary is provided regarding the common use of pesticides in the industry and associated residual presence in the topsoil. No other environmental concerns are raised by the study.

Outdoor recreation and natural beauty are significant contributors to Waynesboro's brand, community identity, and quality of life. All of these contribute to Waynesboro's improved competitive position in the region.

The Council is asked to adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of an additional 1.25 acre parcel which DuPont intended to convey in the original gift but inadvertently failed to do so.

City Manager's Recommendation: Receive the information and adopt the resolution accepting the gift.

Suggested Motion(s): Move adoption of the resolution authorizing the city to accept the land gift.

Attachments:

Resolution
Agreement
Map/Plat