

OIL AND GAS DRILLING IN ROCHESTER HILLS

The City of Rochester Hills leased city parks and cemetery for oil/gas exploration with Jordan Exploration. **Don't Drill The Hills (DDHI)**, a grassroots group of homeowners, are your neighbors working to protect home values, quality of life, and the Rochester Hills green environment.

The target zone identified by Jordan Exploration for oil and gas development is a two to three mile wide north/south corridor along Tienken Road from Squirrel Road to Dequindre Road.

An oil exploration well was drilled in July in a subdivision within 458 feet of homes at 25 Mile Road and Dequindre in Shelby Township. The property values near the well dropped about \$30,000 after 3 weeks of drilling. Upset by noise, trucks, lights, the sight of the well and the drop of property values, the Shelby Township government put temporary moratorium in place and started working with the residents on ordinances that will require drilling and processing activities to be zoned at greater distances from homes, schools, churches. These moratoriums have now been extended to allow for continuing ordinance development. Auburn Hills has enacted solid zoning ordinances that require any oil/gas drilling to be done at distances 1,000 feet away from homes, schools and not in areas zoned residential.

By law, cities have more rights than townships and the City of Rochester Hills does not currently have zoning ordinances regulating oil and gas well drilling.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. Become a member (free) of **Don't Drill The Hills, Inc.** to receive regular newsletters regarding oil drilling in Rochester Hills and surrounding communities.
2. Come to City Council and Planning Commission meetings to show your support as we address issues of property values, public safety and voting rights regarding drilling in high-density areas.
3. Are you interested in helping? We need people to join our group, or volunteer from home doing what you like to do. Some of tasks may be, post comments on Facebook, create flyers, deliver flyers, write or edit articles, make calls, engage others such as friends and neighbors, and spread the word. Call at 856-624-3344
4. We need your support for the appeal process at DontDrillTheHills.org
5. Check the website DontDrillTheHills.org or Facebook for more information or call us at 856-624-3344.



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New Oil Well (2014) at 25 Mile & Dequindre