

Eden Court Rezoning Gets Initial OK

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Nearly a year ago, at its [Sept. 6, 2011](#) meeting, the Ann Arbor city council voted to appropriate \$82,500 from its open space and parkland preservation millage to acquire the property at 5 W. Eden Court. The Eden Court property is immediately adjacent to the city's Bryant Community Center.

And at its Aug. 20, 2012 meeting, the council took another step toward conversion of the land to city property – by giving initial approval to zone the property as PL (public land). Because a rezoning is a change to the city's ordinances, the change will require a second council vote after a public hearing at a future meeting.

The [2011 taxes](#) on the property were estimated at \$1,400, which will be eliminated from the city's tax base. The parcel is expected to be used to expand the community center's programming services. It could also be used in other ways in support of the city's parks and recreation system.

During her staff report given to the [city planning](#) commission on [June 5, 2012](#), city planner Alexis DiLeo said the property contains a single-family home that will be used by the community center to expand its operations. Eventually, the center would like to renovate the interior and build an addition to connect the two buildings, she said. The center is managed under contract with the nonprofit [Community Action Network](#).

The planning commission voted unanimously to recommend the rezoning at its June 5 meeting.

This brief was filed from the city council's chambers on the second floor of city hall, located at 301 E. Huron. A more detailed report will follow: [\[link\]](#)

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