



DISTRICT DIALOGUE

WINDMILL ROUNDABOUT

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We all have fond memories of how beautiful the iconic windmill roundabout at the entrance to the golf course used to look. The blades used to be painted and in good repair, and the roundabout used to be filled with beautiful flowers. So, why does it look so shabby today?

Historically, the windmill and its roundabout were owned and maintained by the Murphy Creek landowner via District 1, the operating District. At the dedication of the golf course, it has been reported that the landowner (District 1) gifted the windmill to the City of Aurora but continued to maintain the roundabout as the majority owner of the adjacent property. The only revenue source in Murphy Creek was generated by the homeowners in District 3, and District 3 revenue was historically funneled to District 1; therefore, District 3 has actually been paying to landscape, water, and maintain the roundabout all these years, and the landowner (District 1) has, from time-to-time, painted and repaired the windmill.

In 2017, when District 3 severed ties with District 1, there was no formal or legal transfer of responsibility or ownership of the windmill roundabout from District 1 to District 3, even though other roundabouts were legally transferred to District 3 at that time. Through research and legal proceedings, it is now known that the City of Aurora is the majority owner of the adjacent property and is therefore responsible for the roundabout. District 3 has asked to purchase the property from the City so that it can be properly maintained; however, to date, the City has refused to sell, and apparently is not going to landscape.

The landowner sent someone to repair the windmill blades a couple months ago, as they were becoming quite dangerous. But, due to a rainstorm, the repairs were not completed, and the individual has not been back since.

That's why the windmill roundabout looks so shabby today!

Since 2018, the District 3 board have been diligently researching records and site plans to determine who owns what properties and who is responsible for maintaining those properties. When the developers were in control, District 3 funds, funneled through to District 1, were routinely used to pay for the maintenance of developer property, City property, utility company property, and Parkways property. That is now changing, and District 3 funds are being used to maintain District 3 property only.

If you would like to see the windmill roundabout restored to its former beauty, please contact [Access Aurora](#) and complain that the City is not maintaining its property.