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Fuerst Park gardens bloom thanks to community partnerships

The Novi Parks Foundation provided funding for two formal garden installations that will be maintained by the Beautification Commission and Novi High School students.

NOVI, Mich., August 23, 2010 – Two large formal gardens have been planted at Fuerst Park utilizing funding provided by the Novi Parks Foundation (NPF). NPF is a non-profit 501 c(3) corporation and a licensed Michigan charity founded to raise private contributions and create innovative partnerships to facilitate improvements to the city of Novi's Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department.

The placement of the gardens mimic the size and location of two barns that were part of the original Fuerst farmstead, in recognition of the rural heritage of the property and the legacy of the early settlers to Novi. The gardens feature perennial plants that provide seasonal color throughout the warmer months and an open center in anticipation of future sculptures and artwork. The gardens flank an accessible pathway and include a small plaza area and decorative benches perfect for relaxation and community events. Through a unique partnership, the gardens will be maintained by members of the Beautification Commission and Novi High School students.

Fuerst Park is the western gateway to the Novi Civic Center Campus located at the corner of Ten Mile and Taft Roads, adjacent to Novi High School and the Novi Public Library. Fuerst Park is home to a 150-seat amphitheatre, historic Township Hall, meandering pathways, colorful landscaping, and Novi's Public Sculpture Exhibit. Annually, the park hosts the Sizzling Summer Art Series, Spring Perennial Exchange, Fuerst Fall Nights, and other recreational programming.

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