

**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi will hold a Public Hearing on the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant Application Proposal for land acquisition of parcel 50-22-31-200-021, for 20.31 acres of property located on Nine Mile Road, west of Garfield Road. The hearing will be held 7 p.m. Monday, March 27, 2017, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, for the purpose of hearing public comments on land acquisition of parcel 50-22-31-200-021, for 20.31 acres of property located on Nine Mile Road, west of Garfield Road.

**All interested citizens are requested to
attend these hearings**

Comments will also be received in writing or in person at the City Clerk's Office – City of Novi, 45175 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 until 5 p.m. March 27, 2017.

Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance. Contact Cortney Hanson at 248.347.0456 for special services.

CORTNEY HANSON
CITY CLERK

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Grants Management Division
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund
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To Whom It May Concern:

SUBJECT: ITC Trailhead Park Expansion – TF17-0162

I am writing in support of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant being submitted by the City of Novi for acquisition of property adjacent to the planned ITC Corridor Trail.

The City of Novi Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department plans to apply for a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant to fund acquisition of property adjacent to the ITC Corridor Trail. The trail is depicted on the City's 2011 Non-Motorized Master Plan. It will provide a five-mile, non-motorized recreation link traversing the entire City of Novi from north to south. Ultimately, this trail will link regional facilities – such as Maybury Park and Hines Park – in the neighboring communities of Northville, Livonia and Westland with parks in Novi.

The Parks Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Department's goal for this piece of property is to preserve the natural woodland and wetland habitat and extend the proposed ITC Trailhead Park on the southwest corner of Nine Mile and Garfield Roads.

I believe that the greatest asset of this property are the numerous wetlands that are scattered about underneath the forest canopy. For the majority of the residents living along Nine Mile Road between Napier Road and Beck Road who rely on drilled wells as their sole source of drinking water, the filtering actions of these wetlands are most important and should be protected to the greatest extent possible.

On several walks along the section of the ITC Trail that abuts this property, I have observed ponding in these wetland areas sometimes reaching 12-24 inches in depth. Two days later, these same wet areas were absorbed into the underlying soil and would most likely be filtered all the way to the first static water table which is located at a depth of 35 feet. Since most area residents cannot afford to tap into the city water supply running along either Nine Mile Road or Garfield Road, the filtering action of these wetlands could not be replaced if this property were developed.

I have also noted several varieties of reptiles both in the streams that drain into these wetlands and at various points along the ITC Trail. These small reptiles are

an important food source for the various waterfowl that reside on this property and if development were to take place, their habitat would be destroyed.

Again, I strongly support this development and request that the MNRTF board fully fund this project.

Sincerely,

KARL F. MIGRIN
49450 W 9 Mile Rd
Novi, Michigan 48374-3300
Telephone: 248-344-9946
Email: kmigrin@twmi.rr.com

Attachment- photographs of subject property taken in the Fall 2016



Common Brown snake sunning itself on the ITC Trail



After a nice summer rain the wetlands fill up with runoff



Two days later the water has been filtered through a layer of loam and sand eventually reaching the first static water table at 35 feet



Flowing water source on the South side of the ITC Trail Phase 1A. This water source is from a pond located just to the West of the subject property and is the home to numerous frogs and snakes. This water flows down into the wetlands on the subject property.

Jackett, Christopher

From: Muck, Jeffrey
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 9:13 AM
To: Jackett, Christopher
Subject: FW: Grant

From: Margaret Schmidt [<mailto:farmlady@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 9:12 AM
To: Muck, Jeffrey
Subject: Grant

In 1975, my husband and I moved to our 5 acre farm on Wixom Rd and we continue living here today. Our little farm has been called an oasis because we are now surrounded by high-end houses and condos. Everyday we are aware of the loss of habitat in this area and throughout Novi. For most of the 42 years we've lived in this community, I have worked with youth educating them about farms and nature. I am very concerned about their future as it relates to future encounters with natural environments in Novi. We need to ensure they have open protected spaces for them and for future generations. For this reason, I'm supporting the grant which would purchase the 20 acres near 9 mile and Garfield. It's all about the land - saving it for people and wildlife. Very important for Novi.

Margaret Schmidt - 25377 Wixom Rd, Novi, Michigan 48374 - 248-349-4226 - farmlady@gmail.com

Jackett, Christopher

From: Muck, Jeffrey
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 2:29 PM
To: Jackett, Christopher
Subject: FW: Purchase of land near 9 Mile Rd and Garfield

-----Original Message-----

From: sheila henderson [<mailto:rjsah@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 1:23 PM
To: Muck, Jeffrey
Subject: Purchase of land near 9 Mile Rd and Garfield

Dear Sir,

I am writing in support of the grant that would enable Novi to access land near 9 Mile Rd. and Garfield for the purpose of an open green area.

We moved to Novi in the 1970s and have worked in the city since. As a school social worker for Novi Schools, I witnessed over and over again the need for areas of 'green' available for play and exploration. It is well documented that green areas increase the mental and physical well being of not only children but adults as well. When children were asked to 'design their perfect city', they often included parks and green areas...and it is so sad when they didn't! My children had the blessing of growing up in Novi when it was smaller and when there were areas in which they could 'run free' and enjoy and learn in natural environments. They both were 4Hers. That experience and the respect and appreciation for nature they learned helped form them into the awesome adults they are today. I want that for future generations.

At this time, more than ever, we need to provide areas in which folks young and old can rest and 'recharge' in order to live happily and productively. Please support the acquisition of this property for a permanent 'green space' in Novi.

Sincerely,

Sheila Henderson, CSW

Jackett, Christopher

From: Muck, Jeffrey
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 1:00 PM
To: Jackett, Christopher
Subject: FW: Park Grant

From: Everett, Mike A [mailto:mike_everett@pall.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 11:26 AM
To: Muck, Jeffrey
Cc: everetra@hotmail.com; Everett Pa (everett.m@sbcglobal.net); Everett, Jason; tanyameverett@gmail.com; mjsimancek@gmail.com; jsimancek@gmail.com
Subject: Park Grant

Mr. Muck,

I have recent heard of an opportunity for the City of Novi to create a park area and wildlife habitat through a grant. The area being considered is near 9 mile and Garfield road. I lived in Novi for 25 years, attended Novi schools K-12, and my parents and many friends still live there. Since then I have moved to Florida and two years ago I was able to move back to Michigan and am presently living on the west side of the state. I love coming back to Novi and still consider it my home. Upon my frequent visits to Novi, it is hard to miss all of the changes, some for the better, some perhaps not in my opinion. While it is fantastic to see the growth of the city, the strong economy, etc., it has been at a cost. It seems like with every visit I notice a field or woods I once played in with friends years ago has been developed into another shopping center or subdivision. We should absolutely take advantage of opportunities to protect what is left of the natural resources in Novi, including making parks and natural habitats available to our community and its visitors. I fully support the grant allowing this to happen.

Sincerely,

Mike Everett
Buchanan, Michigan

Mike Everett
Pall Corporation
EHS Director, American Operations
734-368-3305

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GOVERNOR
March 15, 2017

KEITH CREAGH
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We appreciate your consideration of this development project and request that the MNRTF board fully fund this project.

Sincerely,

Traci Sincoc, Supervisor
Maybury State Park

C: Murdock Jemerson, Rose Lake District Supervisor- DNR
Scott Pratt, Chief of Southern Field Operations - DNR