



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 8, 2021

SUBJECT: Approval of a resolution authorizing submission of a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant application for the development of Northwest Park. Total estimated development cost, including \$284,721 grant, is \$569,442.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The City of Novi acquired 9.94 acres of land southeast of 12 Mile and Napier Roads in 2015 to become the future site of Novi Northwest Park. The land was officially designated as parkland via an August 2017 City Council resolution in compliance with the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant that helped fund the park's acquisition. Novi Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department (PRCS) staff has been working internally with Parks Maintenance staff, the City Forester, Landscape Architect, and GIS staff to formulate a plan for developing the park with a nature-based theme.

In November 2019, PRCS conducted an online survey and held a public input meeting with neighboring households. Residents were in favor of maintaining the park in a natural state as much as possible including using crushed stone for trails rather than asphalt, a nature-based play area and/or equipment, renovation of the prairie in the south end of the park, and a gravel parking lot.

In November 2020, the PRCS Grants Committee met and recommended PRCS staff prioritize submittal of a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) development grant for the Northwest Park. The committee met again in January 2021 and was given a conceptual plan and asked to discuss the overall intent of the park, parking lot location and construction options, trail composition options, the natural play area, and plans for the prairie restoration. A consensus was reached by the Committee on the following:

1. The parking lot should be located off 12 Mile Road with approximately 12 spots and composed of crushed stone to match the overall natural design of the park.
2. The main trail (outer perimeter) should be composed of crushed stone for ADA Accessibility purposes. The interior trails could remain natural.
3. Staff were requested to inquire with the eastern boundary property owner (Catholic Central) on the possibility of a shared parking lot.

The PRCS Commission reviewed and discussed the Grant Committee's recommendations and the park conceptual plan at their January 2021 meeting and supported the recommendations. City staff revised the conceptual plan and budget to include the following Proposed Features:

- Crushed Stone Perimeter Trails (.5 mile)
- Natural Interior Trails
- 12 Mile Pathway Completion
- Natural Play Area
- Prairie Restoration & Overlook
- Interpretative Signage
- 12-15 Vehicle Gravel Parking Lot

The PRCS Commission reviewed the final conceptual plan and proposed budget at their February meeting and has recommended approval of the requested grant application to City Council.

In addition, a virtual public input meeting was held on February 25 with over 30 people in attendance. A few residents with property bordering the park expressed concerns regarding privacy and the proximity of the trail to their back yards. The route on the conceptual plan is not final and may be adjusted in the final design based on this feedback. Tree Fund dollars may also be allocated to enhance the property line with additional trees. Overall, the project received a favorable response from the attendees.

The total estimated construction cost for the project is \$569,442. The LWCF grant requires a mandatory 50% funding match. If the grant is approved the City's cost will be \$284,721.

Pending Council approval, staff will submit the application no later than April 1. It is anticipated the City will receive notice of the grant status in December 2021. If the grant is approved, construction would take place in FY 2022-23.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a resolution authorizing submission of a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant application for the development of Northwest Park. Total estimated development cost, including \$284,721 grant, is \$569,442.

**LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND
RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION
City of Novi
Northwest Park**

WHEREAS, City of Novi supports the submission of an application titled, "Northwest Park Improvements" to the Land and Water Conservation Fund for development of Nature Based park improvements to include a nature play area, nature trails, parking area, sidewalk and a prairie preservation. The park is located at 50635 Twelve Mile Road, Novi, MI 48374; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed application is supported by the Community's 5-Year Approved Parks and Recreation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, City of Novi is hereby making a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$284,721 matching funds, in cash and/or force account; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City of Novi hereby authorizes submission of a Land and Water Conservation Fund Application for \$284,721, and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$284,721 (50 %) of a total \$569,442 project cost, during the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

AYES:
NAYES:
ABSENT:

MOTION APPROVED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by City Council of City of Novi at their regular meeting held on March 8, 2021, at 7 p.m. electronically in Novi, MI, with a quorum present.

Dated: _____

Clerk Signature: _____

Parks, Recreation &
Cultural Services

Novi Northwest Park

**LWCF Development
Grant**

February 2021



Novi Northwest Park History

- 9.94 acres located on 12 Mile Road, east of Napier Road.
- Purchased in fall 2015 with MNRTF grant assistance.
- \$385,000 grant funding. \$165,000 City funds.
- 2700 Novi households within a two-mile radius.
- In November 2019, PRCS conducted an online survey and held a public input meeting with neighboring households. Residents were in favor of maintaining the park in a natural state as much as possible including using crushed stone for trails rather than asphalt, a nature-based play area and/or equipment, renovation of the prairie in the south end of the park and a gravel parking lot.



Northwest Park Conceptual Plan

Proposed Features

- Crushed Stone Perimeter Trails (.5 mile)
- Natural Interior Trails
- 12 Mile Pathway Completion
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- Prairie Restoration & Overlook
- Interpretative Signage
- 12-15 Vehicle Gravel Parking Lot



Natural Play Area Concepts



Novi Northwest Park Estimated Budget

Parking Lot and Trail Construction
\$397,933

12 Mile Pathway Construction
\$75,509

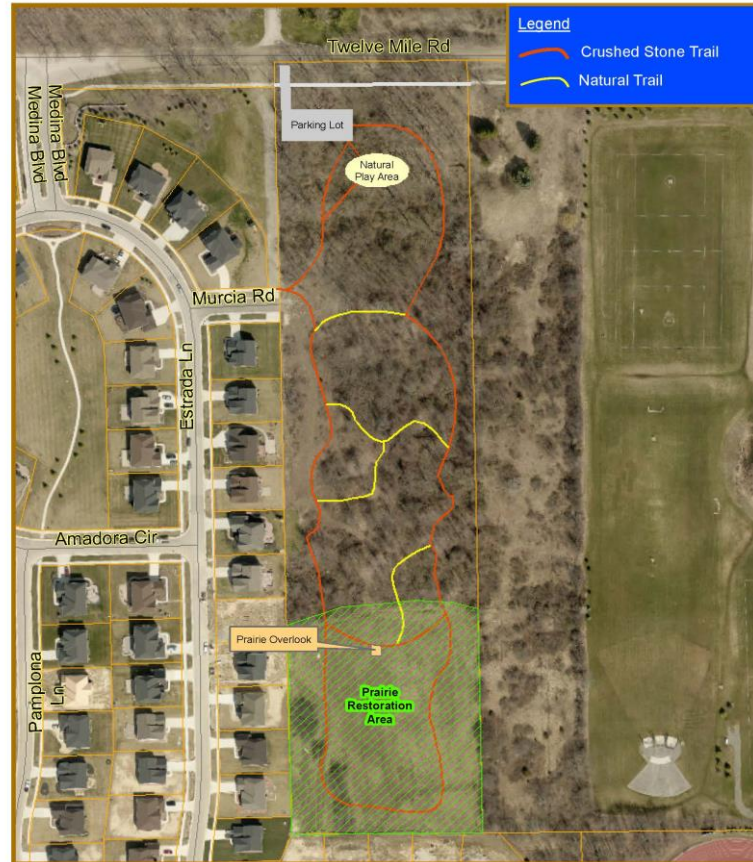
Natural Play Area
\$80,000

Prairie Restoration
\$11,000

Signage- entryway, rules, interpretive, etc
\$5,000

Total: \$569,442

50% Required Grant Match: \$284,721

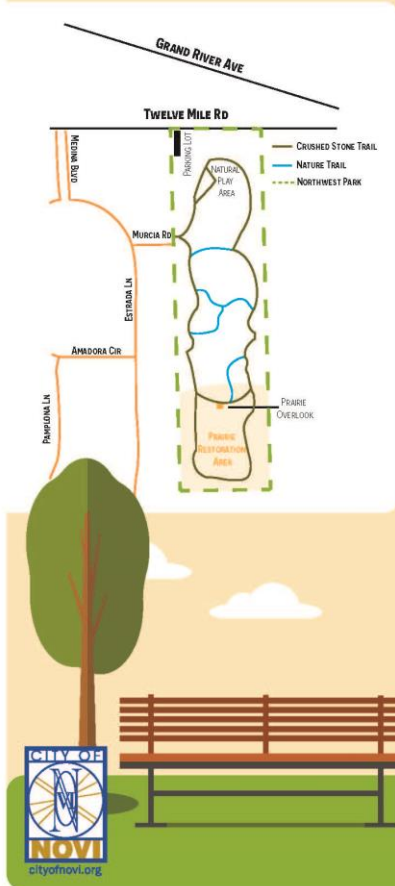


Novi Northwest Park Grant Timeline

- **Feb 18, 2021: PRCS Commission Input/Recommendation**
- **Feb 25, 2021: Virtual Public Meeting**
- **March 8, 2021: Public Hearing and City Council Resolution**
- **April 1, 2021: Deadline to Apply for LWCF grant**
- **December 2021: MNRTF Board Recommends Projects for Funding**
- **2022: Funds released for projects**
- **FY 2022-23: Park Construction**



PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING



THIS YEAR, PRCS IS PLANNING TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TITLED, “**NORTHWEST PARK IMPROVEMENTS**” TO THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NORTHWEST PARK.

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THE PARK IS LOCATED AT
50635 TWELVE MILE ROAD,
NOVI, MI 48374
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A VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

**THURSDAY
FEB 25
AT 6PM**

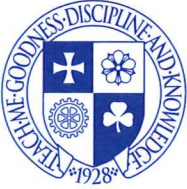
TO DISCUSS THE PROJECTS, ANSWER QUESTIONS,
AND RECEIVE FEEDBACK.

INTERESTED RESIDENTS
MAY JOIN VIA ZOOM:
<https://bit.ly/2Zb0sR7>



Questions?





The Catholic Central High School of Detroit
27225 Wixom road
Novi, MI 48374
February 18, 2021

Jeffrey Muck
Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
City of Novi
45175 Ten Mile Road
Novi, MI 48375

Dear Mr. Muck

The Catholic Central High School of Detroit wishes to express its support for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application being submitted by the City of Novi for the Northwest Park Improvements.

The City of Novi has a long history of providing outstanding parks and recreational activities to its residents and visitors. The project design reflects the commitment to supporting and encouraging a variety of outdoor activities and amenities in Novi. The Nature Based theme and design of the park will be unique and is sure to draw people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds to the park.

Again, The Catholic Central High School of Detroit wishes to express its support for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application. The recreational and conservation efforts supported by the project are critical to providing outdoor recreation opportunities and improving the physical and mental health of residents and visitors alike in the City of Novi.

Sincerely,

Edward Turek
President
The Catholic Central High school of Detroit



Paralyzed Veterans of America

Michigan Chapter

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February 9, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) wishes to express its support for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application being submitted by the City of Novi for the Northwest Park Improvements.

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Again, the MPVA wishes to express its support for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application. The recreational and conservation efforts supported by the project are critical to providing outdoor recreation opportunities and improving the physical and mental health of residents and visitors alike in the City of Novi.

Sincerely,

Jaclyn K. Kochis
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LifeTown



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Volunteer Club



SOUL PROJECTS



March 2, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

As the Founder and Executive Director of Friendship Circle, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving individuals with special needs in West Bloomfield, Michigan, it is my pleasure to express the organization's support for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application being submitted by the City of Novi for the Northwest Park Improvements.

The City of Novi has a long history of providing outstanding parks and recreational activities to its residents and visitors. The project design reflects the commitment to supporting and encouraging a variety of outdoor activities and amenities in Novi. The Nature Based theme and design of the park will be unique and is sure to draw people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds to the park.

Again, Friendship Circle wishes to express its support for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application. The recreational and conservation efforts supported by the project are critical to providing outdoor recreation opportunities and improving the physical and mental health of residents and visitors alike in the City of Novi.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Levi Shemtov
Founder and Executive Director

friendshipcircle.org



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February 5, 2021

Land and Water Conservation Fund

RE: City of Novi Grant Application

The Novi Parks Foundation is pleased to express its support for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application being submitted by the City of Novi for the Northwest Park Improvements.

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Again, the Novi Parks Foundation enthusiastically wishes to express its support for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application. The recreational and conservation efforts supported by the project are critical to providing outdoor recreation opportunities and improving the physical and mental health of residents and visitors alike in the City of Novi.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David B. Landry", is written over the typed name.

David B. Landry
President Novi Parks Foundation



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February 12, 2021

Re: City of Novi 2021 Application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund

Dear grant review team:

On behalf of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission I would like to express our support for the city of Novi's application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the Northwest Park Improvements.

The City of Novi has a long history of providing outstanding parks and recreational activities to its residents and visitors. The Northwest Park Improvements project reflects that commitment to supporting and encouraging a variety of unique outdoor activities and amenities in the city of Novi. The nature-based theme and design of the park will be unique and is sure to draw people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to the park. We at OCPR have also been looking at adding some nature play amenities to some of our parks – these unique play places serve many purposes including getting kids and families outside, interested in nature, and excited about where they live.

Again, Oakland County Parks and Recreation fully supports the city of Novi's application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The recreational and conservation efforts supported by the project are critical in providing outdoor recreation opportunities and improving both the physical and mental health of residents and visitors alike in the city of Novi.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Stencil
Executive Officer

Cc: Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission
Oakland County Commissioner Gwen Markham, 9th District

The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission:

Gary R. McGillivray - Chairman, J. David VanderVeen - Vice Chairman,
Ebony Bagley - Secretary, Christine Long - Executive Committee Member
Amanda Herzog, Gregory C. Jamian, Robert E. Kostin, Andrea LaFontaine, Jim Nash, Nancy L. Quarles
Daniel J. Stencil - Executive Officer

Bret Rasegan, Planning Manager

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February 9, 2021

ATTN: Ms. Merrie Carlock
Grants Management Division
PO Box 30425
Lansing, MI 48909-7925

RE: City of Novi, Northwest Park Improvements— LWCF

Dear Ms. Carlock:

On behalf of the Oakland County Department of Economic Development, I am writing to express our strong support for the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application being submitted by the City of Novi to make improvements to Northwest Park. Once completed, the proposed project will construct a nature play area, nature trails, parking area, sidewalk connector and a prairie restoration area to serve as a Monarch Butterfly Waystation.

The proposed project is in an area that has been identified as a key restoration link in the Oakland County Green Infrastructure Vision. The countywide Green Infrastructure Vision is a locally driven effort that was developed to identify the remaining valuable ecological lands and the linkages between them. The foundation of this process is largely based on the Potential Natural Area data, created by the Michigan Natural Features Inventory, and has input from a broad collection of stakeholders. The Vision also identifies opportunities for communities to reconnect people to the land through trails, parks, scenic vistas and waterways. The proposed improvements clearly support the environmental, social, recreational and economic benefits associated with Green Infrastructure.

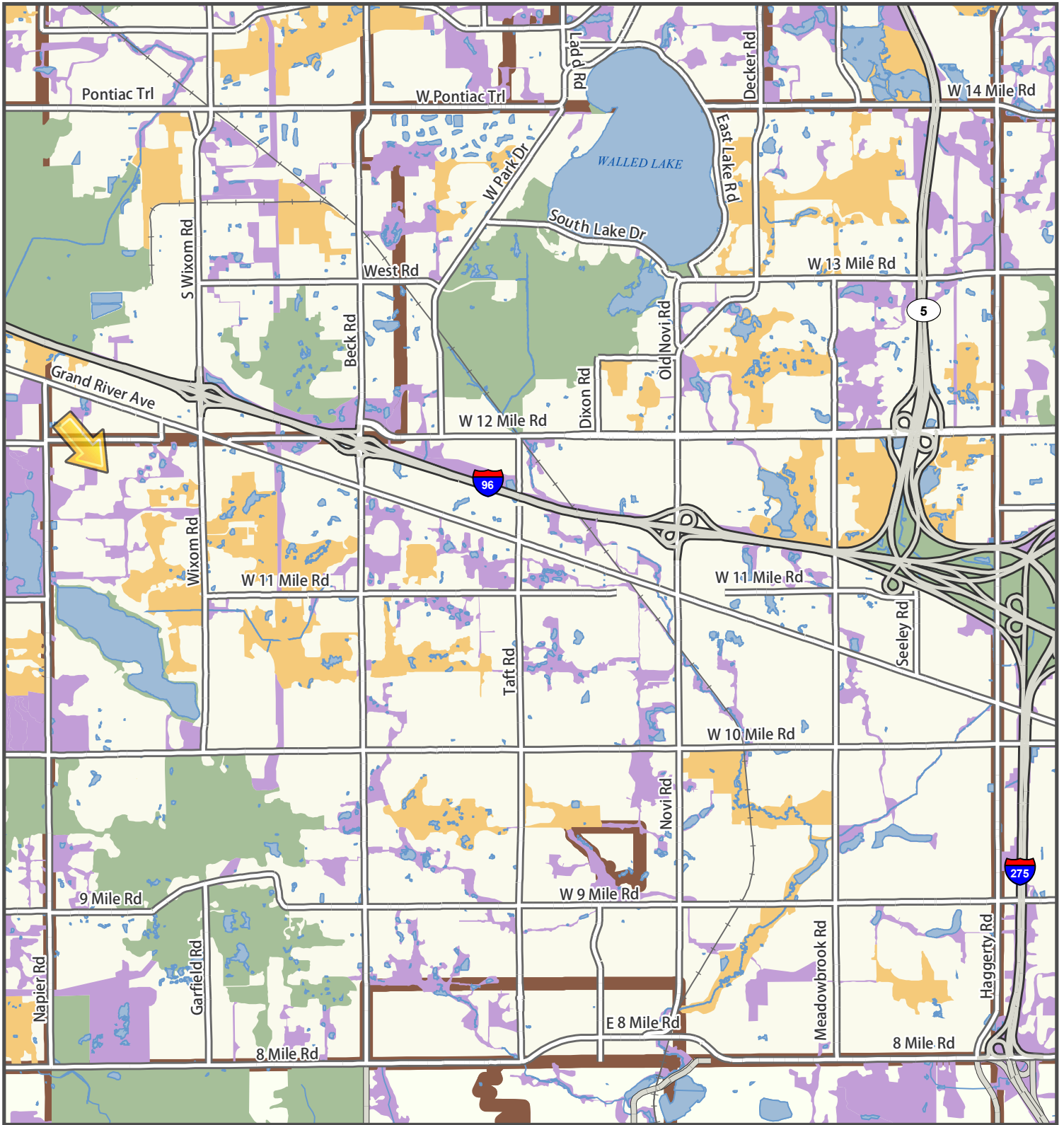
Thank you for your consideration. Again, we strongly support this request for funding.

Sincerely,









Bret Rasegan

Planning Manager, Economic Development



City of Novi Green Infrastructure

-  Municipal Boundary
-  Highway
-  Major Road
-  Hub
-  Site
-  Link

The information provided herewith has been compiled from recorded deeds, plats, tax maps, surveys and other public records. It is not a legally recorded map or survey and is not intended to be used as one. Users should consult the information sources mentioned above when questions arise.

