



CITY OF NOVI
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August 22, 2024

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Mayor and Council –

As we continue to revise and improve how staff presents information to Council, please see the revised motion sheets for items on this agenda. The idea is to provide quick summaries of each item. As always, we welcome any feedback on how we can further improve our correspondence with Council.

- Victor

SUBJECT: Approval of resolution recognizing LCG iCare Foundation as a nonprofit organization operating in the City of Novi for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license from the State of Michigan.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- A gaming license is required from the community where the entity is located when holding a raffle
- LCG iCare Foundation is a nonprofit organization based in Novi.
- The drawing will take place in September at the Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

LCG iCare Foundation is a nonprofit organization based in Novi. Their purpose is to assist childcare providers in need. These childcare professionals dedicate their lives to the education and care of children, often sacrificing their own well-being. LCG iCare Foundation was created to help these dedicated caregivers experiencing an unexpected financial crisis or tragic event. They are applying for a Charitable Gaming License from the State of Michigan and are required by the State Act 382 of 1972 to request a resolution recognizing them as a non-profit organization from the jurisdiction where they are based. Such a resolution carries no obligation from or endorsement by the City of Novi.

The Police Department has reviewed their submission and finds no reason to deny the request.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of resolution recognizing LCG iCare Foundation as a nonprofit organization operating in the City of Novi for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license from the State of Michigan.



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL AUGUST 26, 2024

SUBJECT: Approval of a Resolution to set a public hearing for September 30, 2024 on the issue of vacating North Karevich Drive between West Oaks Drive and West Oaks Access Road, west of Novi Road and south of Twelve Mile Road.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Community Development Department

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- The first step in the process is to vacate North Karevich Dr.
- Requested by the developers of a proposed Culver's restaurant
- Public hearing will take place at Council's September 30, 2024 meeting

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

North Karevich Drive is a 32-foot-wide public right-of-way approximately 900 feet in length parallel to Novi Road. It serves as a marginal access road to the West Oaks shopping area. Currently only the Value City site has access points onto North Karevich Drive. The south end of the road bisects an undeveloped area.

The street vacation is being requested by Union Pacific Holdings, LLC, the owner of the bisected parcels, who is interested in developing the site at the southern end as a Culver's fast-food restaurant with a drive-thru. Vacating the road would permit them to combine the parcels and realign the roadway to accommodate the proposed development. South Karevich Drive will remain a public street south of West Oaks Drive. The applicant's current Preliminary Site Plan has been submitted and reviewed by the Plan Review Center. The applicant has been working to address the comments brought forth in previous plan submittals. This includes providing additional landscaping, the off-site location of the sanitary sewer and associated easement, a full traffic impact study, and a justification for why the City should consider vacating the public street.

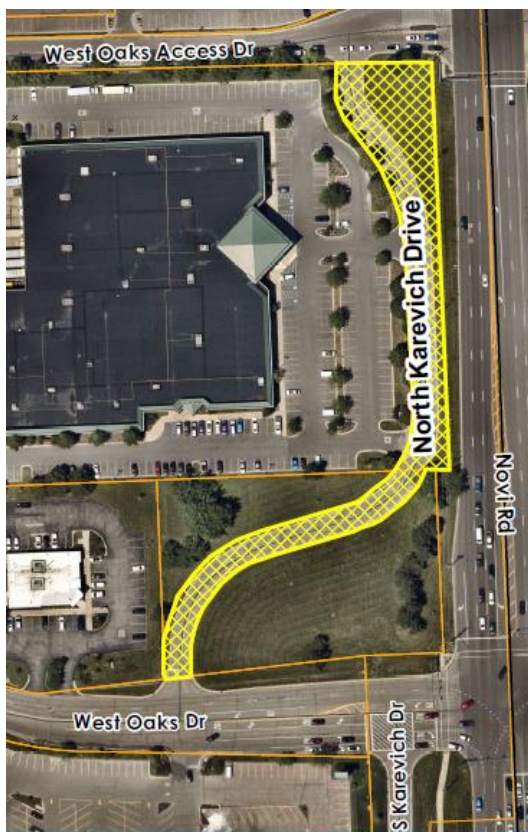
On June 26, 2024, the Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider the Culver's Preliminary Site Plan. Following the public hearing, Planning Commission recommended approval to City Council of the Preliminary Site Plan, Special Land Use

permit, and Stormwater Management Plan subject to City Council's action on the street vacation issue.

Subject Parcels

The two parcels that North Karevich Drive bisects at the south end are located south of Value City Furniture (former Art Van) and north of West Oaks Drive.

- The parcel on the southeast side of Karevich Drive is irregular in shape and contains approximately 0.96 acres (22-15-200-099)
- The parcel on the northwest side of Karevich Drive is irregular in shape and contains approximately 0.44 acres (22-15-200-097)
- If the street vacation and parcel combination are approved, the site would total 2.35 acres.



The full length of North Karevich Drive between West Oaks Drive and West Oaks Access Road is requested to be vacated and deeded to the applicant. A legal description of the road has been provided by the applicant, which lists the total area to be vacated as 0.945 acres. The applicant intends to reroute North Karevich Drive around the proposed Culver's so that traffic could still move between West Oaks Drive and West Oaks Access Drive. The new road through this area would be privately owned and maintained by the applicant if it is conveyed to them. The applicant states they would allow public access over the roadway by placing it in a Public Access Easement. Utility easements would also be given for all existing and proposed utilities within the area.

Zoning and Master Plan

The property is located in the RC, Regional Center District, and the Master Plan for Land Use indicates the Planned Development Option 2 (PD-2) is available for the site.

The Street Vacation

Since the public street was not designed as a part of a plat, but was conveyed to the City by a deed, the vacated land does not automatically go to the adjacent property owner. Staff has asked the applicant what benefit to the public results from the vacation of the roadway and the applicant's acquisition of the underlying property. The applicant has provided a narrative that states why the street vacation would benefit the City, which is included in the packet. In summary, these include:

- The applicant will construct the missing 8-foot-wide pathway segment along the adjacent Novi Road right-of-way (an approximately 695-foot portion of Segment 32A).
- Additional landscaping and park benches along the pathway.

In addition, the applicant will take over all future costs associated with maintaining and repairing the roadway, while still allowing public access over it. With the full public access easement across the length of the re-routed North Karevich Drive, and agreement to the terms recommended with the submitted site plan, JSP23-37, access will effectively be maintained to Value City, emergency vehicles, and others wishing to use the roadway.

Based on the information provided by the applicant and the submitted site plan, JSP23-37, the Planning Division is prepared to recommend approval of the proposed street vacation following the public hearing, with the following conditions:

1. The Engineering Division has no objections to the proposed vacation provided a maintenance and access agreement to the City and dedicates the necessary easements.
2. All future maintenance of the roadway will be the responsibility of the applicant if the street is conveyed to them.
3. The property owner to whom the vacated right-of-way is transferred shall provide a public ingress and egress easement across the entirety of the re-aligned North Karevich Drive.
4. The public ingress and egress easement area shall be maintained in good repair and kept unrestricted.
5. The property owner to whom the vacated right-of-way is transferred shall also provide a utility easement across the entirety of the re-aligned North Karevich Drive.

6. An access easement shall be granted to the owner of Parcel 50-22-15-200-104.
7. The property owner to whom the vacated right-of-way is transferred shall construct an 8-foot public pathway the full length of the adjacent Novi Road right-of-way, as well as seating areas and landscaping along the pathway. The City Council is asked to consider setting a public hearing for the September 30, 2024, City Council meeting to consider a resolution to vacate North Karevich Drive. The City Council will also be asked to consider the Preliminary Site Plan with PD-2 Option, Special Land Use and Stormwater Management Plan for JSP23-37 at that meeting.

Procedure for Street Vacation

Section 7.6 of the City Code provides the procedure for vacating public streets:

- a) Action to Vacate Public Places. Action to vacate, discontinue or abolish any highway, street land, alley or other public place, or part thereof, shall be by resolution. After the introduction of such resolution and before its final adoption, the Council shall hold a public hearing thereon and shall publish notice of such hearing at least one week prior thereto.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a Resolution to set a public hearing for September 30, 2024 on the issue of vacating North Karevich Drive between West Oaks Drive and West Oaks Access Road.



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 26, 2024

SUBJECT: Approval of the Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Novi and Lyon Township.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Public Safety, Fire Department

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- A mutual aid agreement is a tool a community can use to enhance emergency resources during a high-demand incident.
- Lyon Township and the City of Novi will commit to automatically respond with at least one engine and two personnel for a confirmed structure fire
- This will be the seventh such agreement the City will enter into

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of Novi Fire Department and the Lyon Township Fire Department propose to enter into an Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement (AMA). The AMA Agreement with Lyon Township will provide automatic response with at least an engine, tower/ladder or tender company with 2 personnel for confirmed structure fires in the areas of sections 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20. In return, Novi will automatically provide automatic response with at least an engine, tower/ladder or tender company with 2 personnel for confirmed structure fires in the areas of sections 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35 and 36.

The City of Novi Fire Department currently has AMA Agreements with the City of Wixom, City of Northville, Northville Township, City of Walled Lake, Salem Township, and Farmington Hills. All have proven to be highly effective.

The City of Novi legal counsel has reviewed this matter and finds no legal impediment which precludes the City of Novi from executing the Agreement.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of the Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Novi and Lyon Township.

MEMORANDUM

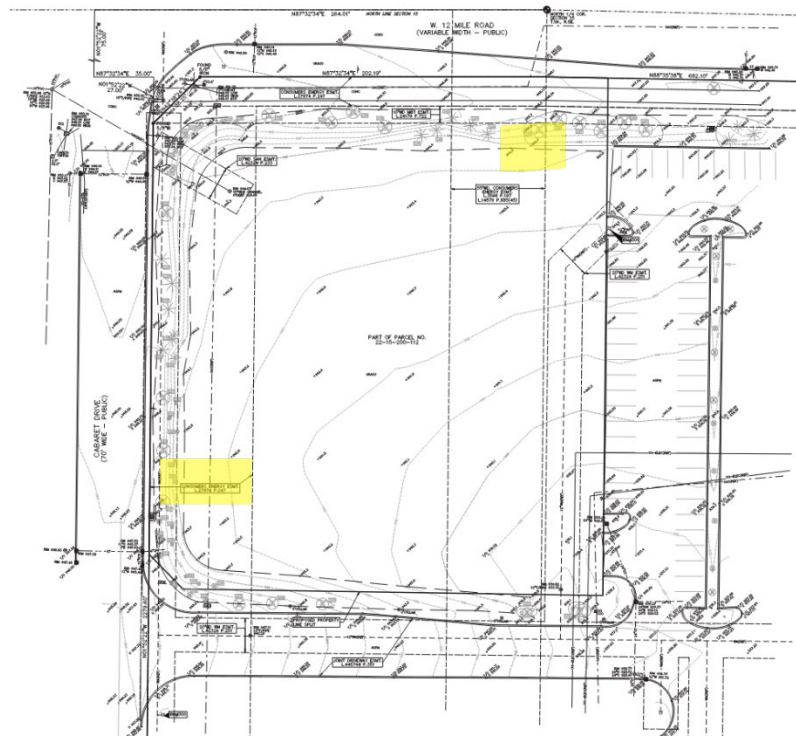


TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: VICTOR CARDENAS, CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: JAX KAR WASH
DATE: AUGUST 21, 2024

I wanted to provide a brief update on the Planned Rezoning Overlay (PRO) request that has [previously come before the City Council](#). During the discussions about the basis for using the PRO for the Jax Kar Wash site, one of the listed justifications was the fact that there were gas company easements across a significant swath of the property, rendering it challenging to develop. Since then, City staff has connected with Consumers Energy, who has confirmed that there are no actual utilities on the ground in that area and that there is no longer a need for them for the large easements. Engineering division staff have begun working with Consumers Energy to modify or eliminate those easements in the coming days/weeks.

I've made the applicant/owner of Fountain Walk aware of this newfound information. He was grateful to hear the news but clarified that the easements were not the only reason for the difficulty developing the property. He also cited property line setbacks as well as the restrictions from all the tenants in the complex as really the main reasons for the request.

The PRO will be coming before Council again after the Planning Commission's coming discussion. If you have any questions regarding this, please don't hesitate to contact me.



MEMORANDUM



TO: VICTOR CARDENAS, CITY MANAGER
FROM: JAN ZIOZIOS, ASSESSOR
SUBJECT: JULY 2024 REALCOMP REPORT & 2025 IRM ESTIMATE
DATE: AUGUST 20, 2024

Realcomp Update – July 2024

Supply

The Realcomp reports for Novi and Oakland County as of July 2024 are attached for your review. At the end of July, Novi had a 2.4 months' supply of non-condominium home inventory, a 33.3% increase over the prior year, and up from June's supply of 2.1 months. Oakland County reflected a 2.0 months' supply in July.

Novi's condominium supply in July was 1.0 month, a slight increase from June's supply of 0.80 month. This compares to the county's July supply of 1.9 months. On average, both condo and non-condo homes in Novi are on the market for only 14 days before sale.

Pricing

For Novi's non-condo homes, the July average percent of list price received was 103.1%, compared to the county average of 101.1% of asking price. Novi's median sale price was \$635,000, compared to the county's median price of \$398,300.

Sales Volume

Forty-five (45) non-condo homes sold in Novi in July 2024, a 45.2% increase over the prior year, and 24 condo sales closed, a 14.3% decrease over the previous year. Overall, inventory is increasing but still tight, as indicated by the average percent of list price received and less than two month's available inventory.

2025 CPI / IRM Forecast

The inflation rate multiplier forecast for the 2025 tax year is currently hovering around 3.20%. The August and September CPI must still be included, when available. The IRM is the percent that taxable values will increase due to inflation (not including losses or additions). The 2024 IRM was 5.0%. The chart on the next page illustrates.

2025 IRM Forecast Estimate						
Month	10/22-9/23	10/23-9/24	10/22-9/23	10/23-9/24	Calc	%
Oct	298.012	307.671	298.012	307.671	1.0324	3.24%
Nov	297.711	307.051	595.723	614.722	1.0319	3.19%
Dec	296.797	306.746	892.520	921.468	1.03243	3.24%
Jan	299.170	308.417	1191.690	1229.885	1.03205	3.21%
Feb	300.840	310.326	1492.530	1540.211	1.03195	3.19%
Mar	301.836	312.332	1794.366	1852.543	1.03242	3.24%
Apr	303.363	313.548	2097.729	2166.091	1.03259	3.26%
May	304.127	314.069	2401.856	2480.160	1.03260	3.26%
June	305.109	314.175	2706.965	2794.335	1.03228	3.23%
July	305.691	314.500	3012.656	3108.835	1.03192	3.19%
* The individual IRM data are compiled from the US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.						

Mortgage Rates

On August 14, 2024, the Mortgage Banker's Association reported the 30-year conforming rate dropped to 6.54 percent, a new low since the first week of May 2023. Mortgage applications increased 16.8 percent from the prior week.

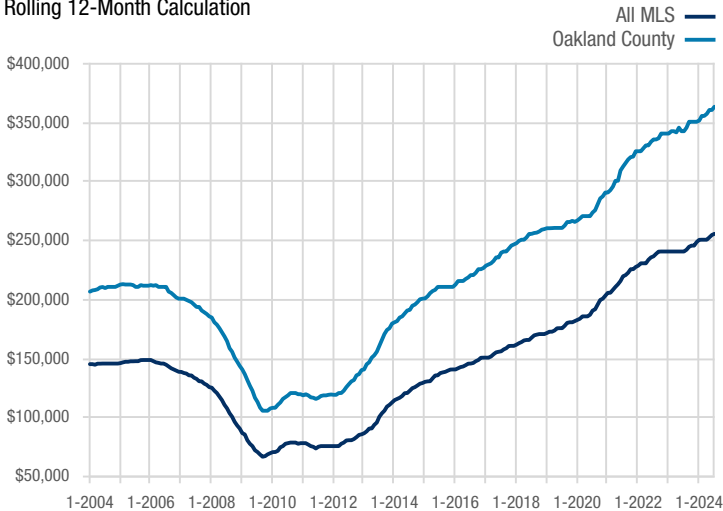
Oakland County

Residential	July			Year to Date		
Key Metrics	2023	2024	% Change	Thru 7-2023	Thru 7-2024	% Change
New Listings	1,666	1,726	+ 3.6%	9,555	9,925	+ 3.9%
Pending Sales	1,202	1,190	- 1.0%	7,432	7,463	+ 0.4%
Closed Sales	1,108	1,166	+ 5.2%	6,908	6,900	- 0.1%
Days on Market Until Sale	20	19	- 5.0%	28	25	- 10.7%
Median Sales Price*	\$371,000	\$398,300	+ 7.4%	\$350,000	\$375,000	+ 7.1%
Average Sales Price*	\$456,082	\$497,063	+ 9.0%	\$433,293	\$466,647	+ 7.7%
Percent of List Price Received*	101.2%	101.1%	- 0.1%	100.4%	100.8%	+ 0.4%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	1,916	2,035	+ 6.2%	—	—	—
Months Supply of Inventory	1.8	2.0	+ 11.1%	—	—	—

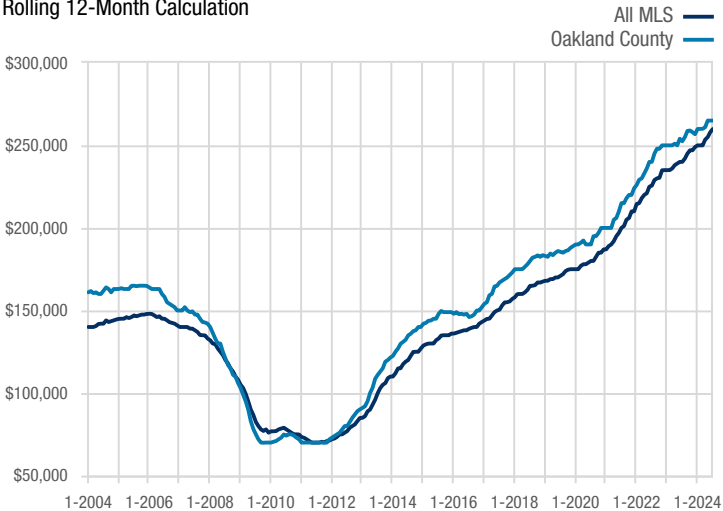
Condo	July			Year to Date		
Key Metrics	2023	2024	% Change	Thru 7-2023	Thru 7-2024	% Change
New Listings	418	404	- 3.3%	2,212	2,410	+ 9.0%
Pending Sales	265	258	- 2.6%	1,769	1,857	+ 5.0%
Closed Sales	282	288	+ 2.1%	1,657	1,749	+ 5.6%
Days on Market Until Sale	21	23	+ 9.5%	29	27	- 6.9%
Median Sales Price*	\$268,000	\$276,000	+ 3.0%	\$258,500	\$275,000	+ 6.4%
Average Sales Price*	\$302,075	\$312,962	+ 3.6%	\$294,853	\$302,634	+ 2.6%
Percent of List Price Received*	100.4%	99.3%	- 1.1%	99.7%	99.5%	- 0.2%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	411	501	+ 21.9%	—	—	—
Months Supply of Inventory	1.7	2.0	+ 17.6%	—	—	—

* Does not account for sale concessions and/or downpayment assistance. | Percent changes are calculated using rounded figures and can sometimes look extreme due to small sample size.

Median Sales Price - Residential
Rolling 12-Month Calculation



Median Sales Price - Condo
Rolling 12-Month Calculation



A rolling 12-month calculation represents the current month and the 11 months prior in a single data point. If no activity occurred during a month, the line extends to the next available data point.

Local Market Update – July 2024

A Research Tool Provided by Realcomp

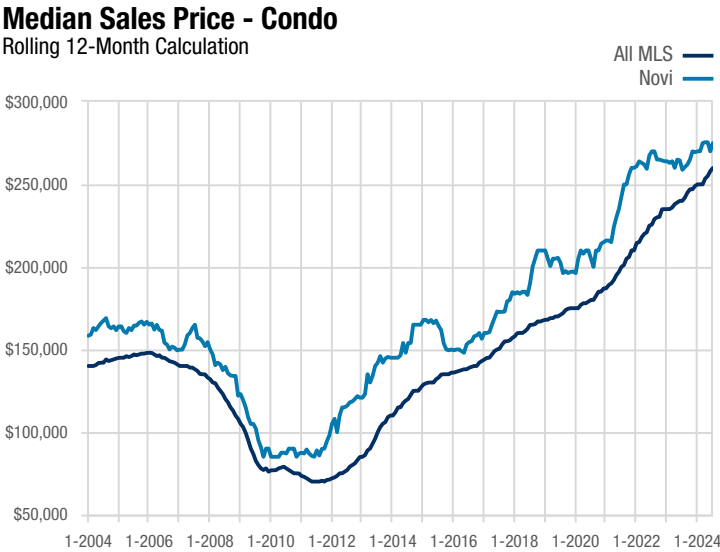
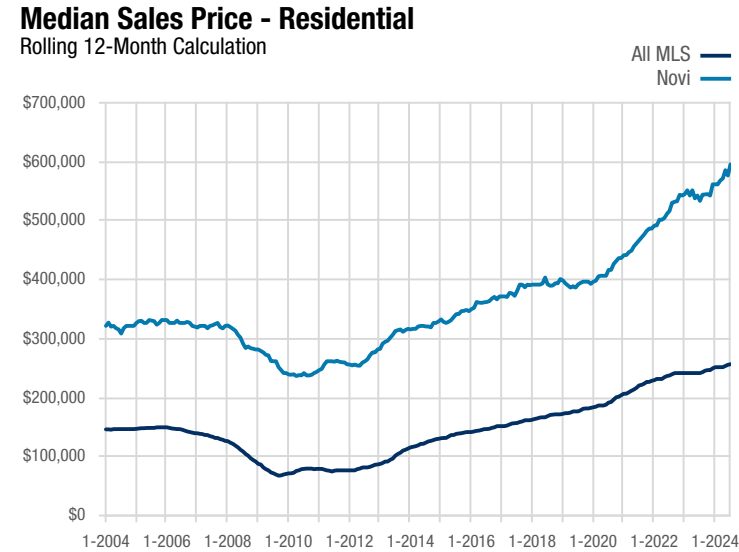


Novi Oakland County

Residential	July			Year to Date		
Key Metrics	2023	2024	% Change	Thru 7-2023	Thru 7-2024	% Change
New Listings	52	56	+ 7.7%	254	310	+ 22.0%
Pending Sales	35	38	+ 8.6%	207	234	+ 13.0%
Closed Sales	31	45	+ 45.2%	174	207	+ 19.0%
Days on Market Until Sale	18	14	- 22.2%	20	17	- 15.0%
Median Sales Price*	\$516,900	\$635,000	+ 22.8%	\$573,000	\$621,250	+ 8.4%
Average Sales Price*	\$598,994	\$804,457	+ 34.3%	\$619,905	\$723,836	+ 16.8%
Percent of List Price Received*	101.3%	103.1%	+ 1.8%	101.1%	103.5%	+ 2.4%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	54	70	+ 29.6%	—	—	—
Months Supply of Inventory	1.8	2.4	+ 33.3%	—	—	—

Condo	July			Year to Date		
Key Metrics	2023	2024	% Change	Thru 7-2023	Thru 7-2024	% Change
New Listings	35	27	- 22.9%	178	172	- 3.4%
Pending Sales	23	22	- 4.3%	150	155	+ 3.3%
Closed Sales	28	24	- 14.3%	140	144	+ 2.9%
Days on Market Until Sale	10	14	+ 40.0%	17	16	- 5.9%
Median Sales Price*	\$260,500	\$282,500	+ 8.4%	\$265,000	\$275,000	+ 3.8%
Average Sales Price*	\$283,750	\$302,700	+ 6.7%	\$296,500	\$309,853	+ 4.5%
Percent of List Price Received*	102.3%	100.9%	- 1.4%	100.9%	100.9%	0.0%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	25	20	- 20.0%	—	—	—
Months Supply of Inventory	1.2	1.0	- 16.7%	—	—	—

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MEMORANDUM



TO: JEFFREY HERCZEG, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
FROM: REBECCA RUNKEL, PROJECT ENGINEER
SUBJECT: 2025 PLANNED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
DATE: AUGUST 22, 2024

Mayor and Council –

As requested from a few members of City Council, please see the planned road projects for next construction year.

- Victor

The following projects are currently planned for **construction in 2025**. The project details are listed below. A map which corresponds to the project list is attached.

1. 2025 Neighborhood Road Program – Concrete Streets

- Concrete road reconstruction of the following:
 - Riverview Lane (Simmons Orchard No.2)
 - White Pines Drive (Royal Crown Estates)
 - Foxton Drive (Dunbarton Pines)
 - Mystic Forest Drive (Mystic Forest)

2. 2025 Neighborhood Road Program – Asphalt Streets

- Asphalt road rehabilitation of the following:
 - Amberlund Court (Amberlund Estates)
 - Petros Boulevard (Cedarspring Estates)
 - Copland Lane (Cedarspring Estates)
 - Junction (Creek Crossings)
 - Creek Crossing (Creek Crossings)
 - Trestle Street (Creek Crossings)

3. Capital Preventative Maintenance Program – Chip Seal Streets

- All 44 of the City's chip seal streets, listed below, will be treated by spray patch, chip seal, fog seal or a thin mill & overlay (applies to Summit Dr/Ct only).

North Haven	Henning Dr	Pleasant Cove Dr	Lashbrook
Amis Ave	Eubank	Shamrock Hill	Parklow
Rexton	Maudlin	Shawood Dr	Herman Ave
Faywood	Lemay	Crown Dr	Summit Dr
Lebenta	Owenton	Austin Dr	Summit Ct
Lavon	Bernstadt St	Charlotte St	Joseph Dr
Penhill	12.5 Mile Rd	Elm Ct	Brenda Ln
Pickford	Dixon Rd	Duana Ave	Burton Dr
South Lake C	Taft Rd	Endwell	
West Lake Dr	Delmont Dr	Paramount Ave	
Buffington Dr	Dinser Dr	Chapman	
Pembina	Garfield Rd	Monticello	

4. 9 Mile Road Rehabilitation, Meadowbrook Rd to Haggerty Rd

- Scope includes asphalt rehabilitation, widening to add a center left turn lane between Sunrise Blvd and Cranbrook Dr and at Crosswinds Dr, a new mid-block crossing at Heatherbrae Way, and storm sewer improvements.
- Project will be bid out through MDOT with the Meadowbrook Road Rehab project this fall.
- Tree removals will occur this winter to avoid disturbing protected bat species. Construction will occur in 2025. The road will be open to eastbound traffic only. Westbound traffic will be detoured to Haggerty Rd/10 Mile Rd/Meadowbrook Rd.

5. Meadowbrook Road Rehabilitation, 10 Mile Rd to 11 Mile Rd

- Scope includes asphalt rehabilitation, shoulder widening, and minor sidewalk ramp improvements.
- Project will be bid out through MDOT with the 9 Mile Road Rehab project this fall.
- Construction will occur in 2025. The road will be open to southbound traffic only. Northbound traffic will be detoured to 10 Mile Rd/Haggerty Rd/12 Mile Rd.

6. West Park Drive Rehabilitation, 12 Mile Rd to Pontiac Trl

- The south half of West Park Dr between 12 Mile Rd and West Rd will be milled and resurfaced. The north half of West Park Dr between West Rd and Pontiac Trl will be repaired using a crush and shape method of rehabilitation. Sidewalk ramp and drainage inefficiencies will be corrected as needed.
- Project will be bid out through MDOT with the 13 Mile Rd Rehab project in spring 2025. Potential summer 2025 construction start.

7. 13 Mile Road Rehabilitation, M-5 to Haggerty Rd

- Scope includes asphalt rehabilitation with curb, sidewalk ramp, and drainage improvements as needed.
- Project will be bid out through MDOT with the West Park Dr Rehab project in spring 2025. Potential summer 2025 construction start.

8. Village Wood Road Reconstruction, Cranbrooke Rd to Haggerty Rd

- Design on this project will be brought to City Council this fall. The feasibility of enclosing the ditch and adding 6-foot sidewalk to the north and/or south side of the road will be evaluated during design.
- Potential summer 2025 construction start date.

9. Novi Road Rehabilitation, 8 Mile Rd to 9 Mile Rd (RCOC)

- The RCOC is working on design of the project which includes asphalt rehabilitation, widening to add a center left turn lane, a pedestrian crossing at Galway Drive, and storm sewer construction.
- Potential 2025 start date, easement acquisitions and utility relocations may delay the project start until 2026.

10. Novi Road at CSX Railroad Bridge Preventative Maintenance (RCOC)

- The RCOC will be performing bridge preventative maintenance at this location in 2025.

11. Pontiac Trail Culvert Replacement (RCOC/WRC)

- Oakland County is planning a large diameter culvert replacement with a con-span bridge on Pontiac Trail, west of Wixom Road in the City of Wixom.
- The project is expected to occur in 2025 and will require closure of Pontiac Trail.

12. Meadowbrook Rd Ditch Enclosures, 9 Mile Rd to 10 Mile Rd

- This project consists of enclosing ditches where feasible along Meadowbrook Road and cleaning out ditches that cannot be enclosed. Existing residential culverts under driveways will be replaced.
- Construction is expected to begin next spring and will involve intermittent lane closures as needed.

13. Orchard Hills and Leavenworth Basin Improvements

- This project includes sediment dredging of the detention basin on the east side of Haggerty Rd and just north of 8 Mile Rd. Other maintenance activities to the basin infrastructure on both basins (east and west sides of Haggerty Rd) will be completed.
- Minor dredging and infrastructure maintenance on the Leavenworth sediment basin (located on the north side of 11 Mile, east of Taft Rd) will be included with the project.
- Staff plan to bid this project out with the Meadowbrook Rd Ditch Enclosure project this fall/winter for 2025 construction.

14. Monticello/East Lake Drive Storm Sewer Improvements

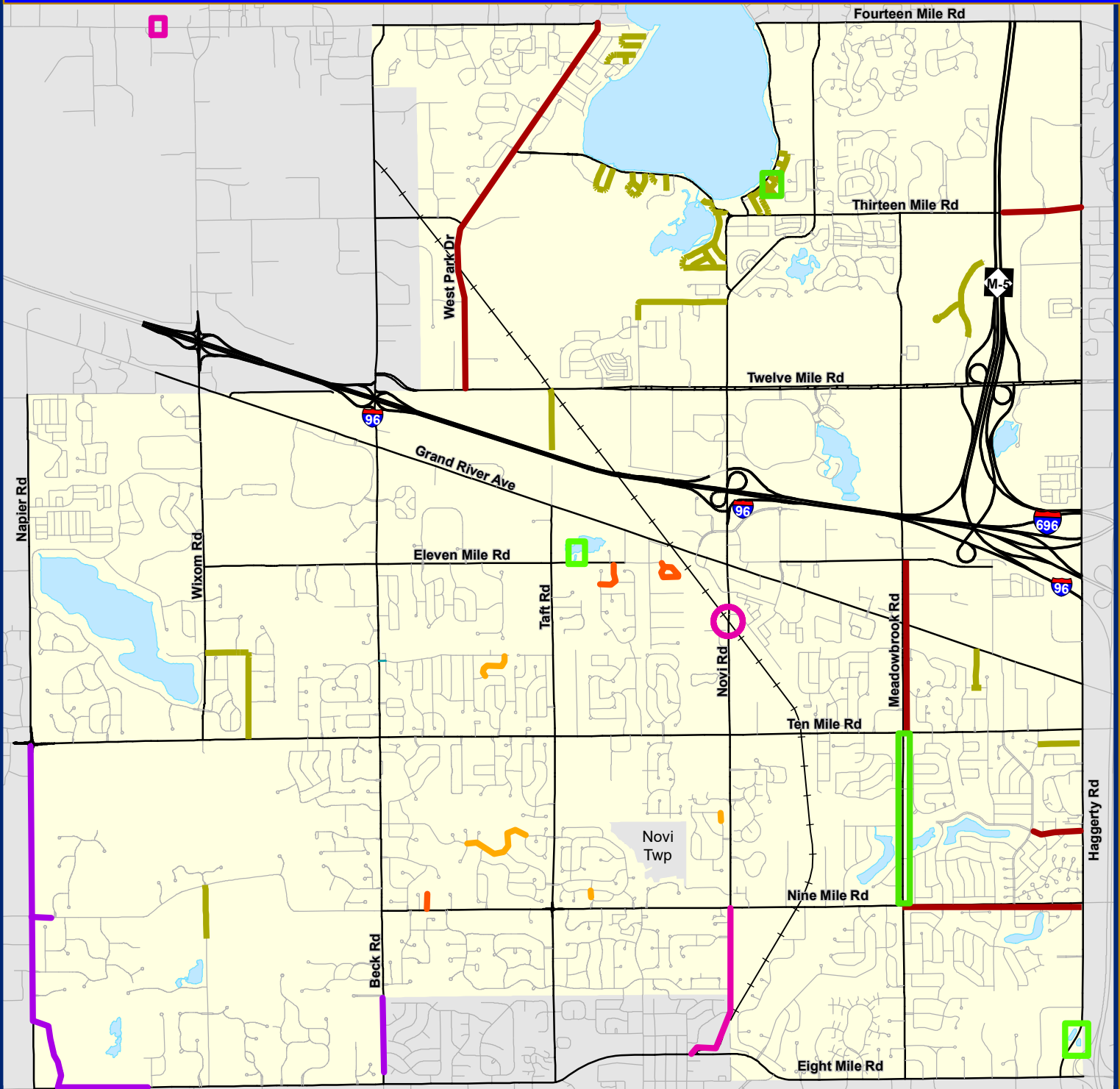
- Design on this project will be brought to City Council this fall. The stormwater system along Monticello Drive, which outlets to Walled Lake, is failing and in need of improvements and repair. The project will involve enclosing the ditch along Monticello Drive and reconstructing the outlet to Walled Lake.

15. Southwest Water Main Loop Connection

- This project consists of constructing a watermain loop in the southwest district between 8 Mile Rd and 10 Mile Rd. Approximately 16,800 feet of water main will be constructed along Beck Rd, 8 Mile Rd, through ITC Park, and along Napier Rd.
- Potential 2025 construction start date.

2025 Planned Construction Projects*

City of Novi



Map Author: Runkel
Date: 8/19/2024
Project: 2025 Novi Projects
Version #: 1.0

MAP INTERPRETATION NOTICE

Map information depicted is not intended to replace or substitute for any official or primary source. This map was intended to meet National Map Accuracy Standards and use the most recent, accurate sources available to the people of the City of Novi. Boundary measurements and area calculations are approximate and should not be construed as survey measurements performed by a licensed Michigan Surveyor as defined in Michigan Public Act 132 of 1970 as amended. Please contact the City GIS Manager to confirm source and accuracy information related to this map.

Legend

- NRP - Concrete
- NRP - Asphalt
- CPM - Chip Seal
- City Road Project
- RCOC Project
- City Drain Project
- Water & Sewer Project

*Projects are subject to change.



City of Novi

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1 inch = 4,300 feet



MEMORANDUM



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: KATHERINE OPPERMANN, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
SUBJECT: CITY OF NOVI BECOMES AN AFFILIATE OF BEE CITY USA
DATE: AUGUST 22, 2024

On April 8, 2024 the Novi City Council unanimously voted to become a Bee City USA®, joining many other cities and campuses across the country united in improving their landscapes for pollinators. This action, alongside the culmination of months of effort by the Beautification Commission to accomplish this affiliation was officially certified on August 16, 2024.

Bee City USA is an initiative of the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, a nonprofit organization based in Portland, Oregon, with offices across the country. Bee City USA's mission is to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators by providing them with healthy habitat, rich in a variety of native plants and free of insecticides. Pollinators like bumble bees, sweat bees, mason bees, honeybees, butterflies, moths, beetles, flies, hummingbirds, and many others are responsible for the reproduction of almost ninety percent of the world's flowering plant species and one in every three bites of food we consume.

"The program aspires to make people more PC—pollinator conscious, that is," said Scott Hoffman Black, Xerces' executive director. "If lots of individuals and communities begin planting native, pesticide-free flowering trees, shrubs and perennials, it will create large-scale change for many, many species of pollinators."

"How each city completes the steps to conserve pollinators is up to them," said Bee City USA Coordinator Laura Rost. "To maintain their affiliation, each affiliate is expected to report on their achievements and celebrate being a Bee City USA affiliate every year."

Each affiliate should hold public awareness activities; publicly acknowledge the commitment to the program through a standing committee, signage and web links; and prepare an annual report on habitat enhancement activities.

Bee City USA especially encourages school gardens and educational programs for children.

City Council has designated the Beautification Commission the facilitating committee for Novi's efforts to engage the community in promoting pollinator conservation. The Beautification Commission meets monthly, typically the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center and invites all residents of the City of Novi to offer their

ideas for pollinator-friendly initiatives. The more people and organizations involved; the sooner pollinator declines will be reversed.

For more information about the City of Novi's Bee City USA program, contact Katherine Oppermann at koppermann@cityofnovi.org or 248-347-0478.

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For more information about Bee City USA, visit <https://www.beecityusa.org/>

For more information about the Xerces Society, visit <https://xerces.org/>

For information about four simple ways to help pollinators, visit

<https://xerces.org/bringbackthepollinators/>

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We're a Bee City USA!



BEE CITY USA
AN INITIATIVE OF THE XERCES SOCIETY

Photo: Jennifer Hopwood

Present and upcoming programming in support of our Bee City USA® affiliation:



The Beautification Commission partnered with the Novi Public Library to install this July/August 2024 informational display "What's the Buzz About Pollinators!?", it can be still viewed through the end of this month.



The Beautification Commission will be partnering with Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services in bringing back the Perennial Exchange on **Saturday, September 21st**

This is an opportunity for residents to Exchange plants with fellow gardeners and go home with exciting, fresh additions for their landscapes.

Additionally, it is planned for there to be a pollinator-friendly native plant giveaway and a special talk given by Fire Captain Mark Theisen, also an experienced beekeeper, about the importance of pollinators.



Through Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services the City will be taking part in the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) program Parks for Pollinators Bioblitz in **September 2024**.

Parks for Pollinators is a national campaign to raise awareness and community involvement in the pollinator crisis through local parks and recreation and like-minded organizations.

Recreation Supervisor Madison Lachance is the primary programmer for both of these events and can be reached at mlachance@cityofnovi.org for more information.

NEWS RELEASE

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Mayor and Council –

A heads up on a ballot proposal appearing on citizen's ballots in November. It's taking the current mill rate of 0.35 to 0.65, generating about \$24 million dollars additionally. The average increase for a county household is \$40/year. For Novi, it will be about \$60/year.

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Bipartisan County Commission vote places Oakland County Parks millage proposal on November ballot

New funding will allow for greater investments in the renewal of aging park facilities, enhanced access to outdoor recreational activities and preservation of threatened natural areas

OAKLAND COUNTY, MI – July 31, 2024 – In a bipartisan vote at its July 18 meeting, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution placing a millage question on the Nov. 5, 2024 General Election ballot that would provide Oakland County Parks with millions in additional funding for needed investments in improved parks, trails and outdoor recreational activities.

“Great parks build healthy, vibrant and thriving communities. I hope everyone will join me in supporting our county millage proposal this November. It’s a wise investment in the renewal of our parks for future generations, free admission and expanded recreational opportunities for all our residents,” said Board of Commissioners Chairman David Woodward (D-Royal Oak).

“Voters deserve an opportunity to choose if they want to support increased taxes to protect the investments we have made in great parks like Independence, Groveland, Lyon and Catalpa Oaks and support other recreational resources that contribute towards making Oakland County a great place to live, work and raise a family,” said Commissioner Mike Gingell (R-Orion Township).

“Parks and natural spaces played a critical role in sustaining our health and well-being during the pandemic. The increased public enthusiasm for recreational activities we experienced during that period is continuing to grow and gain momentum as people look for new opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and get active,” said Parks Commission Chair Ebony Bagley. “We must continue to invest in our recreational facilities to ensure they are welcoming and accessible for people of all backgrounds and abilities.”

“Oakland County Parks has delivered great recreational experiences and lasting memories for our residents for nearly 60 years. The strong support of voters for our millage throughout those years has made all of our successes possible,” said Parks Director Chris Ward. “Their approval of this proposal will provide the funding we need to renew our parks with much needed improvements, develop new parks and trailways in partnership with local communities, and take a more active role in the preservation of threatened natural areas and green space.”

The ballot proposal would authorize the replacement of Oakland County Parks' current 0.35 millage set to expire in 2029 with a new tax rate of 0.65 millage that would expire in 2043. If approved, the net .30 increased rate will generate approximately \$24 million annually for investment in parks, trails, recreation programs and conservation. The impact of the net rate increase for the owner of a home with the county's average residential taxable value would be \$40 a year.

Oakland County residents will benefit from the millage proposal with:

- **FREE entry** and enjoyment of Oakland County Parks and dog parks (excluding pay to play attractions such as golf courses, waterpark, campground, off-road vehicle activities)
- **\$100 million investment** in major capital improvements to improve enjoyment of parks, trails, recreational attractions and the Oakland County Farmers Market
- New and expanded **regional trailways** and improved maintenance of existing trails
- More opportunities for **recreational enjoyment of major rivers**
- Investment in equipment and facilities designed to be **accessible for all, regardless of age and ability**
- Continued **expansion of the park system** with additional locations near population centers through cost-effective **partnerships with local government**
- Support for greater participation in **school field trips to nature and farm education centers** and expanded enrichment programs for people of all ages
- **Preservation and protection** of sensitive **natural habitats, wetlands, and green spaces**

The Oakland County Parks system began in 1966 with one park of 190 acres. Today, it is a 15-park system with more than 7,000 acres, 80 miles of trails and nearly 2 million annual visitors. Oakland County Parks recently entered into partnerships with local governments that resulted in the addition of Pontiac Oaks County Park and planned new park locations in Southfield and Oak Park. In the past two years, local communities have received more than \$2.5 million in financial support for local park and natural resources stewardship projects from Oakland County Parks. Outreach via the Recreation Assistance Partnership Program (RAPP) served 54 of the county's 62 cities, villages and township and reached 118,000 participants. Its Mobile Recreation Program served 313,450 participants. The voter approved dedicated countywide millage provides 70% of the funds that support the operations and programs of Oakland County Parks and the acquisition, improvement and maintenance of its assets.

For more information about Oakland County Parks, visit OaklandCountyParks.com. Join the conversation on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [X](#).

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION MILLAGE

The Oakland County Parks System includes 17 park locations with nearly 7,200 acres of public park and recreational lands, 80 miles of trails, campgrounds, dog parks, golf courses, aquatic recreation facilities, and nature education centers.

To continue to provide revenue to the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission, shall the current millage, which has been reduced by required rollback, be replaced, and increased to .65 mills for 20 years from 2024 to 2043. The .65 mills is equal to 65 cents per \$1,000.00 of taxable value. The millage, if approved and levied, shall generate approximately \$52,191,139 in 2024. The purpose of the millage is to expand, improve, operate, maintain, and acquire parks, recreational facilities, open spaces, lakes, rivers, water areas, and trailways; to support nature education, recreational, and outdoor educational and health programming; to support partnerships for access to and awareness of recreational lands and facilities; to promote the conservation and restoration of high-quality natural and wildlife habitats; and to allow free general park admission to all county parks for residents. Revenue from this millage shall be disbursed only to the County of Oakland to be used solely for the purpose of funding the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission and shall be subject to oversight by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and to an independent audit.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Millage Benefits to Oakland County Residents

Free entry to all county parks,
nature preserves and dog parks



If approved, Oakland County Parks current 0.35 millage would be replaced with a 0.65 millage expiring in 2043, generating approximately \$52 million annually for investment in parks, trails, education and enrichment programs and the preservation of threatened natural areas and green spaces throughout Oakland County. The net .30 increase would equal \$40 or less a year for the average residential taxable value home.