



CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

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Agenda Item E
3/5/2007

SUBJECT: Approval to Schedule Public Hearing to be held March 19, 2007 for Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant Application for land acquisition of 16 acres located adjacent to the Singh Trail property.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: 

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED	N/A
AMOUNT BUDGETED	N/A
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	N/A
LINE ITEM NUMBER	N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public input for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant application for land acquisition of 16 acres located adjacent to the Singh Trail.

The parcel includes high quality woodlands, and wetlands as part of the core reserve wildlife habitat area. Additionally, the property is adjacent to the Singh Trail property and is at the headwaters of the Huron River. Based upon these factors, the grant application should be competitively rated.

The property owners, Heritage Shoppes, LLC, have provided the City with an appraisal of the property, which sets the value at \$485,000 and a letter that indicates their willingness to submit the property for a land acquisition grant. The owners have also committed to make a land donation valued at \$160,000 (33% of the total appraised value of the property), plus an additional cash contribution of \$37,750 to the City to cover city administrative costs (if the grant is awarded) such as appraisal fees, environmental phase one assessment fees, etc. The donations made by the property owners will more than cover the required 25% local match for the grant application and there will be NO cost to the City of Novi.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Schedule Public Hearing to be held March 19, 2007 for Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Grant Application for land acquisition of 16 acres located adjacent to the Singh Trail property.

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Mayor Landry				
Mayor Pro Tem Capello				
Council Member Gatt				
Council Member Margolis				

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Council Member Mutch				
Council Member Nagy				
Council Member Paul				

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

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Novi will hold a public hearing at their regular meeting on Monday, March 19, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., in the Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan for the purpose of obtaining public input for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application. This grant is requesting funding for the acquisition of 16.2 acres of property located north of Nine Mile Road and east of Garfield Road, known as the Heritage Shoppes, LLC property.

If you have any comments regarding this proposal, they may be presented in writing or during the Public Hearing section of the Agenda.

Randy Auler
Parks, Recreation and Forestry
Director