



# CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

**Agenda Item E**  
**May 21, 2018**

**SUBJECT:** Approval to increase forestry maintenance services for local streets and to amend the budget.

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Department of Public Services, Field Operations Division

**CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:** *PA*

<b>EXPENDITURE REQUIRED</b>	<b>\$ 34,685</b>
<b>AMOUNT BUDGETED</b>	<b>\$ 182,883</b>
<b>APPROPRIATION REQUIRED</b>	<b>\$ 34,685</b>
<b>LINE ITEM NUMBER</b>	<b>209-000.00-939.203 Forestry Maintenance- Local Streets</b>

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The City recently acquired park property, 12.5 acres on Nine Mile Road and Garfield Road, leveraging grant dollars from the Natural Resource Trust Fund (MNRTF) program. Funds from the City's Tree Fund were utilized to cover the 30% match required under the program. After the official closing for the property, occurred savings of \$34,685 were realized from the property transaction. The Department of Public Services Forestry Section works to identify routine pruning and maintenance needs. In order to continue providing the highest level of customer service, staff requests reallocating the realized savings from the acquisition of the Nine Mile Road west of Garfield Road property to forestry maintenance of local streets. The proposed reallocation would have a net zero effect on the Tree Fund fund balance.

The increase in funding due to the reallocation would allow the pruning of an additional 800 trees in Island Lake and Chase Farms Subdivisions. Island Lake Subdivision has approximately 3,000 trees, and the additional funding would allow for completion of the maintenance program this year. Since Chase Farms is a priority emergency services route, staff recommends additional street tree elevation to provide clearance for delivery, winter maintenance, and emergency vehicles.

Furthermore, the updated Tree Management Plan for Novi recommends allocating additional funding to routine maintenance to improve the overall health and longevity of Novi's urban forest.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval to increase forestry maintenance services for local streets and to amend the budget.

**RESOLUTION**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following Budget Amendment for the forestry maintenance services for local streets is authorized:

	<b>INCREASE (DECREASE)</b>
<b>TREE FUND</b>	
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>	
Other Services and Charges	34,685
Capital Outlay	(34,685)
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) to Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$ -</u>

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Novi at a regular meeting held on May 15, 2018

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Cortney Hanson  
City Clerk