CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL DECEMBER 19, 2022



SUBJECT: Acceptance of a Woodland Conservation Easement from Catholic Central High School of Detroit for woodland replacement areas being offered as a part of JSP21-17 Catholic Central Connector Road, for property located on the south side of Twelve Mile Road between Wixom Road and Napier Road in Section 18 of the City.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Community Development, Planning

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The applicant received site plan approval to construct a driveway and detention basins on its two adjoining parcels. The connector road provides a new site entrance/exit on Twelve Mile Road and will primarily serve as a construction route for future development phases. The Planning Commission approved the Preliminary Site Plan, Wetland Permit, Woodland Permit, and Stormwater Management Plan on December 8, 2021. Final Stamping Set approval was granted administratively on October 27, 2022.

The applicant is offering a Woodland Conservation Easement for the purpose of protecting the woodland areas and woodland replacement trees. The easement areas shall be perpetually preserved and maintained, in its natural and undeveloped condition, unless authorized by the City. The conservation easement plan, shown as Exhibit B of the easement document, graphically depicts the areas being preserved.

The easement has been reviewed by the City's professional staff and consultants. The easement is in a form acceptable to the City Attorney's office for acceptance by the City Council.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Acceptance of a Woodland Conservation Easement from Catholic Central High School of Detroit for woodland replacement areas being offered as a part of JSP21-17 Catholic Central Connector Road, for property located on the south side of Twelve Mile Road between Wixom Road and Napier Road in Section 18 of the City.

LOCATION MAP WITH EASEMENT AREAS



EXECUTED CONSERVATION EASEMENT

WOODLAND CONSERVATION EASEMENT

THIS CONSERVATION EASEMENT made this _____ day of ______, 20___, by and between The Catholic Central High School of Detroit, Inc, a Michigan nonprofit corporation, (aka Catholic Central High School of Detroit Michigan, Catholic Central High School, or Catholic Central High School of Detroit, Inc.), whose address is 27225 Wixom Road, Novi, Michigan 48374, (hereinafter the "Grantor"), and the City of Novi, and its successors or assigns, whose address is 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375 (hereinafter the "Grantee").

RECITATIONS:

A. Grantor owns a certain parcel of land situated in Section 18 of the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof (the "Property"). Grantor has received final site plan approval for construction of a driveway and detention basins on the Property, subject to provision of an appropriate easement to permanently protect the remaining woodland areas and/or woodland replacement trees located thereon from destruction or disturbance. Grantor desires to grant such an easement in order to protect the area. Tax Identification Number: 22-18-200-026 and 22-18-200-027

B. The Conservation Easement Areas (the "Easement Areas") situated on the Property are more particularly described on Exhibit B, attached hereto and made a part hereof, the second page of which contains a drawing depicting the protected area.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), in hand paid, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, Grantor hereby reserves, conveys and grants the following Conservation Easement, which shall be binding upon the Grantor, and the City, and their respective heirs, successors, assigns and/or transferees and shall be for the benefit of the City, all Grantors and purchasers of the property and their respective heirs, successors, assigns and/or transferees. This Conservation Easement is dedicated pursuant to subpart 11 of part 21 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act being MCL 324.2140, *et seq.*, upon the terms and conditions set forth herein as follows:

1. The purpose of this Conservation Easement is to protect the remaining woodland areas and/or woodland replacement trees as shown on the attached and incorporated Exhibit B. The subject areas shall be perpetually preserved and maintained, in their natural and undeveloped

condition, unless authorized by permit from the City, and, if applicable, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy and the appropriate federal agency.

2. Except for and subject to the activities which have been expressly authorized by permit, there shall be no disturbance of remaining woodland areas and/or woodland replacement trees and/or vegetation within the Easement Area, including altering the topography of; placing fill material in; dredging, removing or excavating soil, minerals, or trees, and from constructing or placing any structures on; draining surface water from; or plowing, tilling, cultivating, or otherwise altering or developing, and/or constructing, operating, maintaining any use or development in the Easement Area. No buildings or decks may encroach into the woodlands or buffer areas.

3. No grass or other vegetation shall be planted in the Easement Areas after the date of this Conservation Easement with the exception of plantings approved, in advance, by the City in accordance with all applicable laws and ordinances.

4. This Conservation Easement does not grant or convey to Grantee, or any member of the general public, any right of ownership, possession or use of the Easement Area, except that, upon reasonable written notice to Grantor, Grantee and its authorized employees and agents (collectively, "Grantee's Representatives") may enter upon and inspect the Easement Area to determine whether the Easement Area is being maintained in compliance with the terms of the Conservation Easement.

5. In the event that the Grantor shall at any time fail to carry out the responsibilities specified within this Document, and/or in the event of a failure to preserve, replace and/or maintain the remaining woodland areas and/or woodland replacement trees in reasonable order and condition, in accordance with the final approved site plan for the Property, the City may serve written notice upon the Grantor setting forth the deficiencies in maintenance and/or preservation. Notice shall also set forth a demand that the deficiencies be cured within a stated reasonable time period, and the date, time and place of the hearing before the City Council, or such other . Council, body or official delegated by the City Council, for the purpose of allowing the Grantor to be heard as to why the City should not proceed with the maintenance and/or preservation which has not been undertaken. At the hearing, the time for curing the deficiencies and the hearing itself may be extended and/or continued to a date certain. If, following the hearing, the City Council, or other body or official, designated to conduct the hearing, shall determine that maintenance and/or preservation have not been undertaken within the time specified in the notice, the City shall thereupon have the power and authority, but not obligation to enter upon the property, or cause its agents or contractors to enter upon the property and perform such maintenance and/or preservation as reasonably found by the City to be appropriate. The cost and expense of making and financing such maintenance and/or preservation including the cost of notices by the City and reasonable legal fees incurred by the City, plus an administrative fee in the amount of 25% of the total of all costs and expenses incurred, shall be paid by the Grantor, and such amount shall constitute a lien on an equal pro rata basis as to all of the lots on the property. The City may require the payment of such monies prior to the commencement of work. If such costs and expenses have not been paid within 30 days of a billing to the Grantor, all unpaid amounts may be placed on the delinquent tax roll of the City, pro rata, as to each lot, and shall accrue interest and penalties, and shall be collected as, and shall be deemed delinquent real property taxes, according to the laws made and provided for the collection of delinquent real property taxes. In the discretion of the City, such costs and expenses may be collected by suit initiated against the Grantor, and, in such event, the Grantor shall pay all court costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred by the City in connection with such suit.

6. Within 90 days after the Conservation Easement shall have been recorded, Grantor at its sole expense, shall place such signs, defining the boundaries of the Easement Area and, describing its protected purpose, as indicated herein.

7. This Conservation Easement has been made and given for a consideration of a value less than One Hundred (\$ 100.00) Dollars, and, accordingly, is (i) exempt from the State Transfer Tax, pursuant to MSA 7.456(26)(2) and (ii) exempt from the County Transfer Tax, pursuant to MSA 7.456(5)(a).

8. Grantor shall state, acknowledge and/or disclose the existence of this Conservation Easement as of the day and year first above set forth.

GRANTOR

The Catholic Central High School of Detroit, Inc, a Michigan nonprofit corporation

By: Edward Turek Its: President

STATE OF MILLINGIN

COUNTY OF OAKLAND

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 5^{74} day of <u>DecenBick</u>, 20 <u>22</u>, by Edward Turek, as the President of The Catholic Central High School of Detroit, Inc, a Michigan nonprofit corporation, on its behalf.

) ss.

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Notary Public Acting in _____OAILIMN _____County My Commission Expires: _____O-15-2分

> MICHAEL D. WILSON NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF MI COUNTY OF OAKLAND MY COMMISSION EXPIRES OCI 15, 2028 ACTING IN COUNTY OF CALL IN-

GRANTEE

CITY OF NOVI A Municipal Corporation

Ву: _____

Its:

STATE OF MICHIGAN)) ss. COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20__, by _____, on behalf of the City of Novi, a Municipal Corporation.

Notary Public Acting in Oakland County, Michigan My Commission Expires: _____

Tax Identification Number: 22-18-200-026 and 22-18-200-027

Drafted By: Elizabeth K. Saarela, Esquire Rosati, Schultz, Joppich & Amtsbeuchler, P.C. 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 250 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48331

After Recording, Return to: Cortney Hanson, Clerk City of Novi 45175 Ten Mile Road Novi, Michigan 48375

EXHIBIT 'A'

OVERALL LEGAL DESCRIPTION: (TAX ID. 23-18-200-026 AND 22-18-200-027)

PART OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF SECTION 18, T. 1 N., R. 8 E., CITY OF NOVI, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 18 AND PROCEEDING ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, SAID LINE ALSO BEING THE CENTERLINE OF 12 MILE ROAD (33 FEET WIDE, 1/2 WIDTH) S. 88°55'17" E. 1316.65 FEET; THENCE THE FOLLOWING SEVEN (7) COURSES ALONG BERKSHIRE POINTE, OAKLAND COUNTY CONDOMINIUM PLAN NUMBER 2080, 1) S. 00°44'12" E. 630.03 FEET, 2) S. 89°31'51" E. 29.92 FEET, 3) 177.40 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, RADIUS 200.00 FEET, CENTRAL ANGLE 50°49'12" AND A CHORD THAT BEARS S. 64°07'16" E. 171.64 FEET, 4) 417.22 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, RADIUS 459.96 FEET, CENTRAL ANGLE 51°58'21" AND A CHORD THAT BEARS S. 64°41'50" E. 403.07 FEET, 5) N. 89°19'00" E. 165.00 FEET, 6) S. 00°41'00" E. 384.00 FEET AND 7) N. 89°19'00" E. 539.99 FEET TO A POINT ON THE 60 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WIXOM ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID LINE S. 00°41'00" E. 1098.12 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF ISLAND LAKE VINEYARDS, OAKLAND COUNTY CONDOMINIUM PLAN NUMBER 1271; THENCE ALONG SAID LINE N. 89°23'05" W. 2585.76 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, ALSO BEING THE EAST LINE OF ANDELINA RIDGE, OAKLAND COUNTY CONDOMINIUM PLAN NUMBER 2063; THENCE ALONG SAID LINE N. 00°15'03" W. 1028.05 FEET; THENCE N. 89°31'51" W. 165.00 FEET; THENCE N. 00°15'03" W. 1320.00 FEET TO A POINT ON SAID NORTH LINE OF SECTION 18, ALSO BEING THE CENTERLINE OF 12 MILE ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID LINE S. 89°31'51" E. 165.00 FEET TO SAID NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 18 AND POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 115.11 ACRES MORE OR LESS, BEING SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD AND THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC OR ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY OVER WIXOM ROAD AND 12 MILE ROAD.

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EXHIBIT 'B'

CONSERVATION EASEMENT LEGAL DESCRIPTION

A DESCRIPTION OF SIX (6) NON-CONTIGUOUS CONSERVATION EASEMENTS REFERRED TO AS EASEMENTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 AND 6 LOCATED IN THE N.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T. 1 N., R. 8 E., CITY OF NOVI, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS:

COMMENCING AT THE N. 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 18, THENCE S. 88°55'17" E. 988.29 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, ALSO BEING THE CENTERLINE OF 12 MILE ROAD (33 FEET WIDE, 1/2 WIDTH); THENCE S. 01°04'43" W. 70.47 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF SAID EASEMENT 1; THENCE ALONG SAID EASEMENT S. 11°18'43" E. 207.58 FEET; THENCE S. 26°56'52" E. 73.60 FEET; THENCE S. 20°44'18" W. 77.05 FEET; THENCE S. 71°32'32" W. 154.20 FEET TO POINT 'A'; THENCE N. 20°29'13" E. 62.26 FEET; THENCE N. 67°23'19" E. 5.46 FEET; THENCE N. 75°38'01" E. 83.64 FEET; THENCE N. 08°33'13" W. 308.35 FEET; THENCE N. 84°00'57" E. 37.69 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF SAID EASEMENT 1; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING OF EASEMENT 1 S. 77°48'52" E. 300.90 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF SAID EASEMENT 2; THENCE ALONG SAID EASEMENT N. 02°36'15" E. 85.47 FEET TO A POINT ON THE PROPOSED 43 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF 12 MILE ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID LINE S. 88°55'17" E. 32.19 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF BERKSHIRE POINTE, OAKLAND COUNTY CONDOMINIUM PLAN NUMBER 2080; THENCE ALONG SAID WEST LINE S. 00°44'12" E. 395.72 FEET; THENCE N. 72°29'32" W. 66.25 FEET; THENCE N. 10°45'19" W. 86.98 FEET; THENCE N. 03°05'44" E. 43.16 FEET; THENCE N. 29°03'55" W. 63.31 FEET; THENCE N. 23°42'45" E. 34.02 FEET; THENCE N. 41°37'14" E. 51.29 FEET; THENCE N. 26°43'35" E. 42.11 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF SAID EASEMENT 2; THENCE FROM SAID POINT 'A' S. 40°46'39" E. 207.99 FEET BEGINNING OF SAID EASEMENT 2; THENCE FROM SAID POINT A S. 40°46 39 E. 207.99 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF SAID EASEMENT 3; THENCE ALONG SAID EASEMENT N. 80°35'47" E. 28.52 FEET; THENCE N. 62°58'24" E. 54.47 FEET; THENCE N. 13°30'29" E. 129.44 FEET; THENCE S. 89°42'32" E. 84.46 FEET; THENCE S. 14°55'02" E. 104.54 FEET; THENCE S. 06°05'47" E. 101.02 FEET; THENCE S. 03°23'26" W. 106.50 FEET TO POINT 'B'; THENCE S. 84°21'28" W. 24.74 FEET; THENCE N. 05°18'15" W. 277.17 FEET; THENCE N. 88°31'32" W. 33.36 FEET; THENCE S. 15°36'39" W. 92.56 FEET; THENCE S. 31°42'45" W. 49.89 FEET; THENCE S. 73°45'13" W. 85.74 FEET; THENCE N. 09°24'13" W. 34.56 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF EASEMENT 3; THENCE FROM SAID POINT 'B' S. 53°51'22" E. THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF EASEMENT 3; THENCE FROM SAID POINT 'B' S. 53°51'22" E. 232.56 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF SAID EASEMENT 4; THENCE ALONG SAID EASEMENT S. 51°39'57" E. 31.41 FEET TO POINT 'C'; THENCE S. 51°32'48" W. 87.03 FEET; THENCE S. 66°53'57" W. 127.01 FEET; THENCE N. 30°55'38" W. 23.86 FEET; THENCE N. 64°48'09" E. 132.02 FEET; THENCE N. 48°39'28" E. 70.79 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF SAID EASEMENT 4; THENCE FROM SAID POINT 'C' S. 71°01'19" E. 206.67 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF SAID EASEMENT 5; THENCE ALONG SAID EASEMENT S. 88°25'01" E. 19.61 FEET; THENCE S. 04°43'12" E. 47.22 FEET; THENCE S. 88°32'34" E. 120.76 FEET; THENCE N. 02°50'33" E. 49.19 FEET; THENCE S. 84°37'52" E. 21.24 FEET TO POINT 'D'; THENCE S. 00°12'31" W. 74.42 FEET; THENCE N. 88°47'29" W. 171.26 FEET; THENCE N. 02°51'11" E. 74.43 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF SAID EASEMENT 5; THENCE FROM SAID POINT 'D' S. 85°04'31" E. 71.57 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF SAID EASEMENT 6; THENCE ALONG SAID EASEMENT N. 18°00'19" E. 37.93 FEET; THENCE N. 03°47'44" W. 85.28 FEET TO A POINT ON SAID BERKSHIRE POINTE; THENCE ALONG SAID BERKSHIRE POINTE N. 89°19'00" E. 106.93 FEET; THENCE S. 16°20'31" E. 37.15 FEET; THENCE S. 22°55'14" W. 25.70 FEET; THENCE S. 72°05'28" W. 43.18 FEET; THENCE S. 21°48'01" W. 68.06 FEET; THENCE S. 87°02'49" W. 14.52 FEET; THENCE N. 66°36'45" W. 35.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF SAID EASEMENT 6.

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ROSATI | SCHULTZ JOPPICH | AMTSBUECHLER

December 7, 2022

Barb McBeth, City Planner City of Novi 45175 Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375-3024

RE: Catholic Central Connector Road JSP 21-17 Woodland Conservation Easement

Dear Ms. McBeth:

We have received and reviewed a copy of the original executed Woodland Conservation Easement for the Catholic Central Connector Road Project. The Woodland Conservation Easement provided is satisfactory for the purpose of protecting the remaining woodlands and woodland replacement trees. Subject to the approval of the Exhibits by the City's Consulting Engineer. the Woodland Conservation Easement may be placed on an upcoming City Council Agenda for approval.

Should you have any questions or concerns relating to the issues set forth above, please feel free to contact me in that regard.

Very truly yours,

ROSATI SCHULTZ JOPPICH & AMTSBUECHLER PC Elizabeth Kudla Saarela

EKS

C: Cortney Hanson, Clerk Charles Boulard, Community Development Director Lindsay Bell, Planner Christian Carroll, Planner Ben Peacock, Planner Angie Sosnowski, Community Development Bond Coordinator Barb McBeth, City Planner City of Novi December 7, 2022 Page 2

> Ben Croy, City Engineer Humna Anjum, Project Engineer Rebecca Runkel, Project Engineer Sarah Marchioni, Community Development Building Project Coordinator Adam Chludzinski, Project Engineer Michael Freckelton, Taylor Reynolds & Ted Meadows, Spalding DeDecker Andy Wozniak, Ziemet Wozniak & Associates Thomas R. Schultz, Esquire

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT'S APPROVAL LETTER



November 7, 2022

Barb McBeth, Planning Director City of Novi 26300 Lee BeGole Drive Novi, Michigan 48375

Re: Catholic Central Connector Road - Planning Document Review Novi # JSP21-0017 SDA Job No. NV22-205 EXHIBITS APPROVED

Dear Ms. McBeth,

We have reviewed the following document(s) received by our office on November 7, 2022 against the current submitted plan set. We offer the following comments:

Submitted Documents:

1. Woodland Conservation Easement – (unexecuted: exhibit dated 10/28/2022) Exhibits Approved.

The exhibits do not require further revisions for review. The draft exhibits are approved and ready for execution and City Council acceptance.

Sincerely,

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Mike Freckelton, PE Project Engineer

Cc (via Email): Lindsay Bell, City of Novi Madeleine Daniels, City of Novi Sarah Marchioni, City of Novi Taylor Reynolds, Spalding DeDecker Ted Meadows, Spalding DeDecker Humna Anjum, City of Novi Christian Carroll, City of Novi Beth Saarela, Rosati, Schultz, Joppich, Amtsbuechler Ben Peacock, City of Novi