MEMORANDUM



TO: MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

FROM: CHRISTIAN CARROLL, PLANNER

SUBJECT: CASA LOMA, UNIT 4 WOODLAND PERMIT PHASE II

DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2020

The applicant, Compo Builders Inc., seeks approval of a Woodland Use Permit, PBR20-0228, to remove an additional nine regulated woodland trees ranging in size from 9 to 18 inches diameter-at-breast-height (DBH) from a lot located at 47685 Casa Loma Court, also known as Unit 4, Casa Loma Subdivision. The subdivision is located north of Eight Mile Road and west of Beck Road in Section 32 of the City. The Planning Commission reviewed the plans for Casa Loma subdivision in 2005 and granted a Woodland Use Permit, which included the preservation of large portions of existing woodlands in the open space, and in some instances, on individual lots in that subdivision, that would be addressed as building permits were requested for the individual lots. The site was previously approved for Woodland Use Permit by the Planning Commission on August 12, 2020 to remove twenty-six regulated woodland trees. The applicant is requesting the removal of an additional nine woodland trees to provide additional space to construct a single-family residential structure and pool on the lot. Existing woodland would remain to the southeast of the site within a conservation easement.

The City's Environmental Consultant reviewed the request and prepared a review letter dated September 22, 2020. Based on the attached site plan survey, the property contains trees that are considered regulated by the City of Novi as they are greater or equal to 8-inches DBH and located within an area mapped as Regulated Woodland. The nine regulated woodland trees proposed for removal are located outside the approved building area for the subdivision and were not included in the previous Woodland Use Permit that was approved by Planning Commission on August 12. Therefore, another Woodland Use Permit is required. An additional nineteen Woodland Replacement Credits would be required, and it is unclear whether the applicant intends to replace the trees on-site or pay into the City of Novi Tree Fund.

Per the City of Novi's Woodland Ordinance, where a proposed activity (i.e. home construction) does not otherwise require site plan or plat approval, the granting or denying of the (woodland) use permit shall be the responsibility of the Planning Commission. The applicant shall obtain approval of the Plan from Planning Commission prior to issuance of any permits. The Planning Commission is asked to hold the public hearing and either approve or deny the requested woodland removal permit.

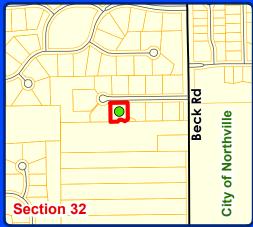
SUGGESTED MOTION:

To approve Woodland Use Permit, PBR20-0228, for the removal of nine regulated woodland trees within an area mapped as City Regulated Woodland. The approval is subject either to payment for the Woodland Replacement Credits into the City's Tree fund or subject to the planting of woodland replacement trees on site as shown on a woodland replacement plan, and any other conditions as listed in the Environmental Consultant's review letter.

MAPS Location Zoning Future Land Use **Natural Features**

PBR20-0228 CASA LOMA, UNIT 4 WOODLAND PERMIT LOCATION





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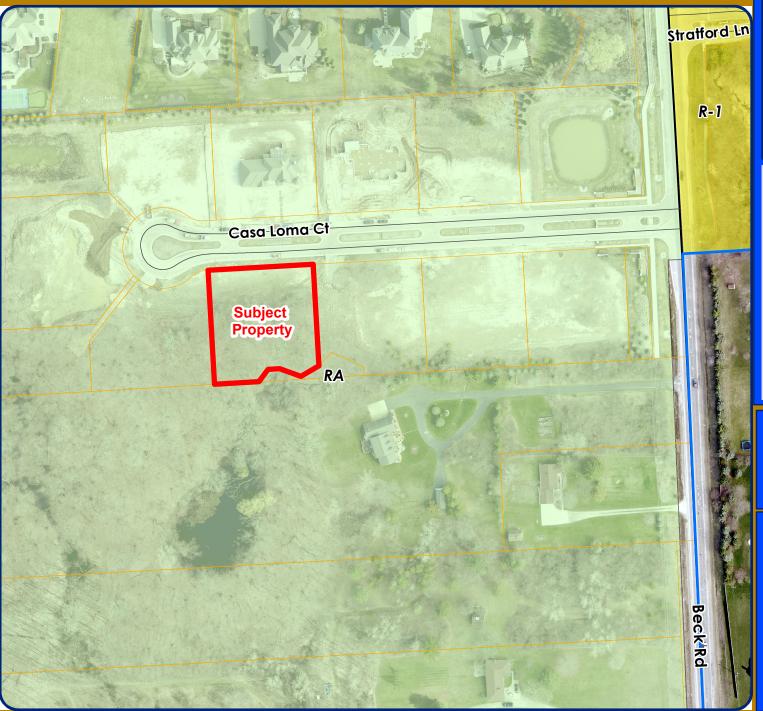


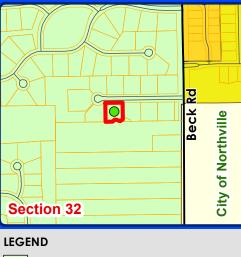
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R-A: Residential Acreage

R-1: One-Family Residential District

RM-1: Low-Density Multiple Family

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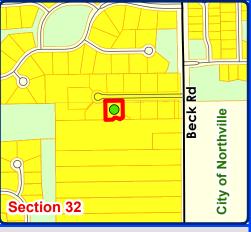
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Single Family

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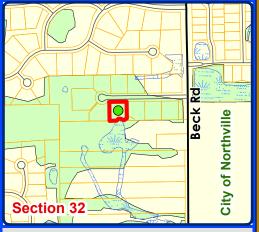
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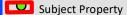




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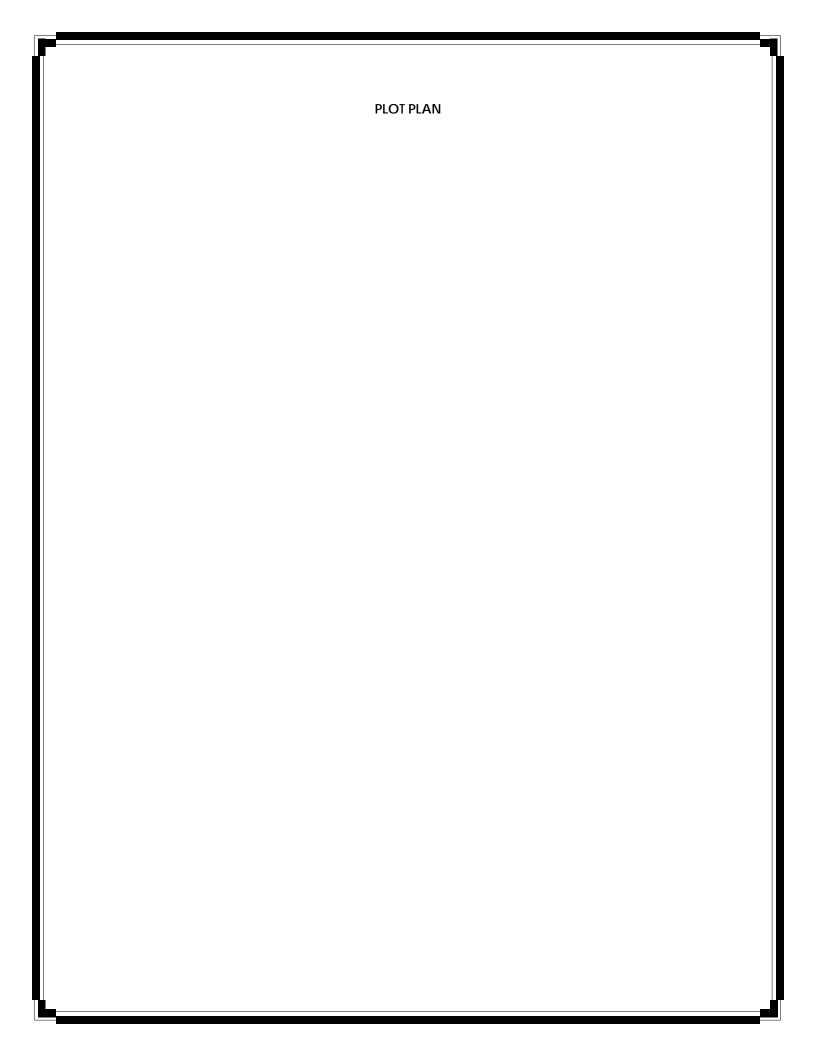
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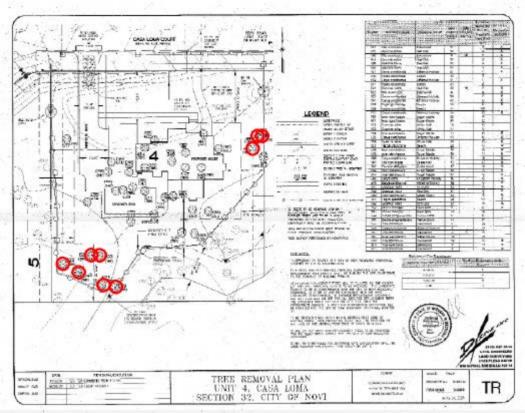


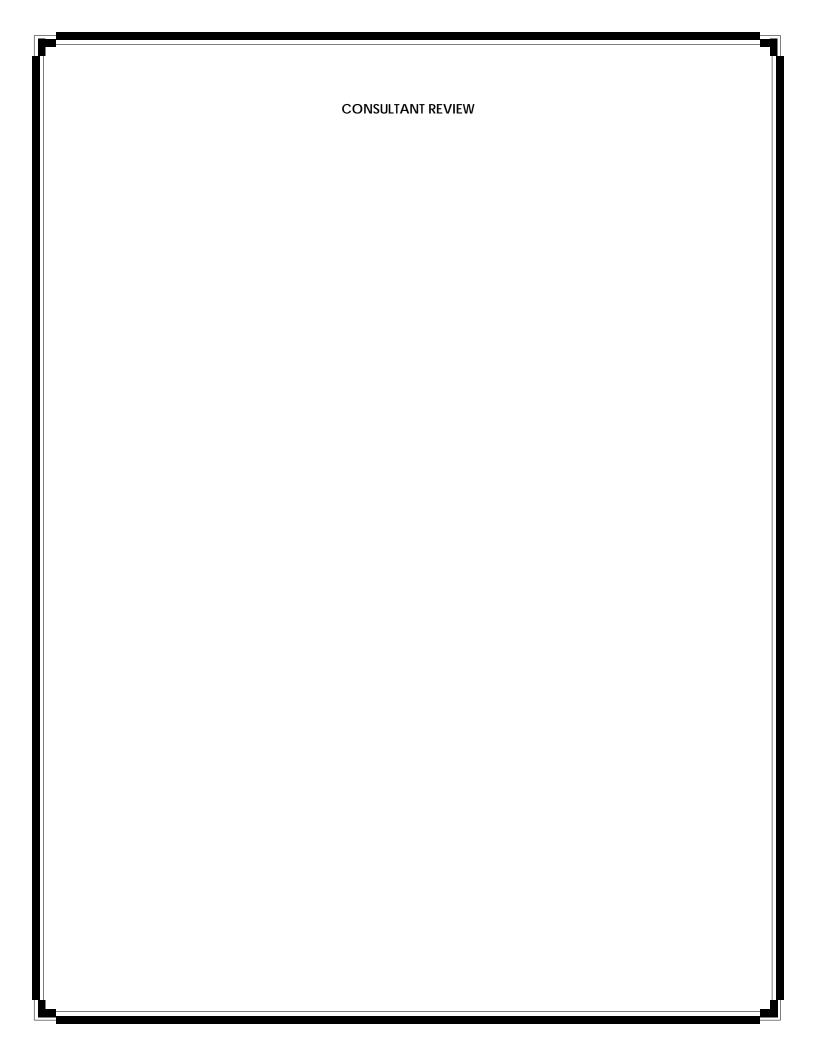
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memo



TO: Patricia Deering, City of Novi Account Clerk

Katherine Oppermann, City of Novi Account Clerk

FROM: Pete Hill, P.E., P.H.

DATE: October 1, 2020 (Originally Submitted September 22, 2020)

RE: Woodland Review ("Phase 2")

PBR20-0228 Lot 4 Casa Loma (47685 Casa Loma Court)

Plan Date: August 28, 2020 July 17, 2020 (Submittal Stamped "Received" by the City of

Novi Community Development Department on September 9, 2020)

Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc. (ECT) has reviewed the plan prepared by Desine Inc. dated August 28, 2020 (Plan) for the above-referenced lot for conformance with the requirements of the City's Woodland Ordinance Chapter 37. The submittal was stamped "Received" by the City of Novi Community Development Department on September 9, 2020. The current Plan continues to propose the construction of a home and a pool. Tree removals associated with the proposed house and pool (and associated grading) were previously approved by the Planning Commission on August 12, 2020. This included the removal of twenty-six (26) trees requiring forty-seven (47) Woodland Replacement Credits.

The current Plan proposes the removal of an additional nine (9) trees requiring and additional nineteen (19) Woodland Replacement Credits.

This Plan is currently **APPROVED FOR WOODLANDS** contingent on the Applicant addressing the items in the *Woodland Comments* section of this memo.

Woodland Evaluation

ECT previously completed a Woodland Evaluation for the above referenced parcel on June 26, 2020. The subject parcel is located within the Casa Loma development, north of Eight Mile Road and west of Beck Road. Lot 4 is on the south side of Casa Loma Court. ECT has reviewed the submitted information, aerial photos, Novi GIS, the City of Novi Official Regulated Woodlands Map (see Figure 1) as well as the Plan indicated above. This entire lot is located with area mapped as City Regulated Woodland. The Plan includes a tree list that contains survey information for forty-nine (49) trees. A small number of these trees are located off of Lot 4 to the west (i.e., on Lot 5).

Proposed Woodland Impacts and Replacement

As noted, Planning Commission previously approved the removal of 26 trees requiring 47 Woodland Replacement Credits on August 12, 2020. The current Plan (see Figure 1) proposes the removal of nine (9) additional trees requiring nineteen (19) Woodland Replacement Credits.

Based on the current Plan and the tree list (see Figure 2), the following nine (9) regulated trees are proposed for removal:

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No.	Tree #	DBH	Туре	Replacements Required
1	487	12	red oak	2
2	488	14	red oak	2
3	489	14	red oak	2
4	521	14/16	red oak	4
5	522	9	basswood	1
6	523	14	bitternut hickory	2
7	524	13	bitternut hickory	2
8	525	18	beech	2
9	529	15	bitternut hickory	2
	Total			19

Woodland Comments

ECT recommends that the applicant address the items below prior to issuance of building permits for construction on this lot:

1. Per the City of Novi's Woodland Ordinance, it should be noted that where a proposed activity (i.e., home construction) does not otherwise require site plan or plat approval, the granting or denying of the (woodland) use permit shall be the responsibility of the Planning Commission.

The applicant will need to obtain approval from the Planning Commission for the removal of the nine (9) regulated trees as indicated on the current Plan.

2. As the removal of existing regulated trees is proposed, either on-site replacement trees or a payment of a fee to the City Tree Fund would be required prior to receiving building plan approval. This payment would amount to the number of Woodland Replacement Credits required x \$400/Credit. Previously, the removal of the twenty-six (26) Regulated Woodland trees required a total of **forty-seven (47)** Woodland Replacement Credits.

The current Plan includes the removal of nine (9) additional trees requiring nineteen (19) additional Woodland Replacement Credits.

3. Previously, the applicant intended to provide all 47 Woodland Replacement Credits either on Lot 4 or within the Casa Loma development. The Applicant shall be required to provide a financial guarantee for any required on-site Woodland Replacement tree credits. Previously, the Woodland Performance Financial Guarantee required for all *on-site* tree replacements was \$18,800 (47 Woodland Replacement Credits x \$400/Credit). This Woodland Performance Financial Guarantee shall be paid by the Applicant prior to issuance of Building Permits.

The current Plan requires an additional nineteen (19) Woodland Replacement Credits and the associated financial guarantee is \$7,600 (19 Woodland Replacement Credits x \$400/Credit).

- 4. Any Woodland Replacement Credits that will not be planted on-site shall be paid to the City of Novi Tree Fund at \$400/Credit.
- 5. On-site Woodland Replacement Trees shall be 2.5" caliper diameter if deciduous trees are selected and be 6-feet height (minimum) if coniferous trees are selected. The deciduous replacement trees count at a 1-to-



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1 replacement ratio and the coniferous trees (i.e. evergreen trees) count at a 1.5-to-1 replacement ratio (i.e., each evergreen tree is 0.67-credit). All Woodland Replacement trees shall be tree species native to Michigan and included as acceptable for Woodland Replacements on the *Woodland Tree Replacement Chart* (attached).

- 6. Any proposed on-site Woodland Replacement tree locations shall be shown on the Plan and replacement planting spacing shall be consistent with the City of Novi Landscape Design Manual. It should be noted that the replacement trees for existing deciduous canopy trees shall be spaced 22' (minimum distance) from one another, as noted in the Landscape Design Manual.
- 7. Prior to any release/reduction of Woodland Performance Guarantee that applicant shall provide a plan/as-built of all Woodland Replacement tree locations for this lot.
- 8. Upon successful inspection of installed replacement trees, the Woodland Performance Financial Guarantee shall be returned to the Applicant. At that time, a Woodland Maintenance Guarantee in the amount of 25% of the value of the original Woodland Replacement material will be kept for a period of 2-years after the successful inspection of the tree replacement installation. It should be noted that the minimum Woodland Maintenance Guarantee is \$1,000 based on the City's Woodland Ordinance.
- 9. Tree protection fencing shall be provided in order to protect existing on-site trees to remain. The Applicant must have Tree Protection Fence installed (in good condition) and installed in a manner that protects all trees that are to remain on site. It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure that the fence remains in good condition. The location of Tree Protection Fence shall be shown on the Plan.
- 10. The Applicant shall pay a *\$750 (\$500 x 1.5) Woodland Protection Fence Maintenance Guarantee* prior to receiving building plan approval.

Please contact our office if you have any further questions regarding woodland-related issues.

Sincerely,

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING & TECHNOLOGY, INC.

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Attachments: Figure 1. Proposed Plot Plan

Figure 2. Current Tree List

Woodland Tree Replacement Chart



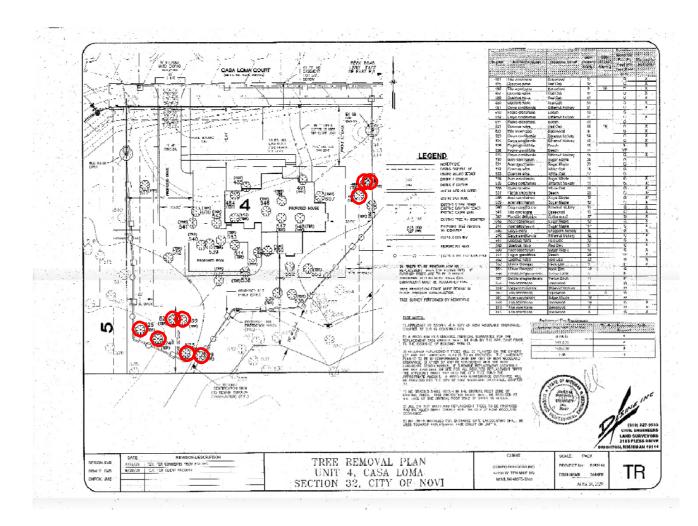


Figure 1. Proposed Plot Plan. Nine (9) additional tree removal are indicated in red.



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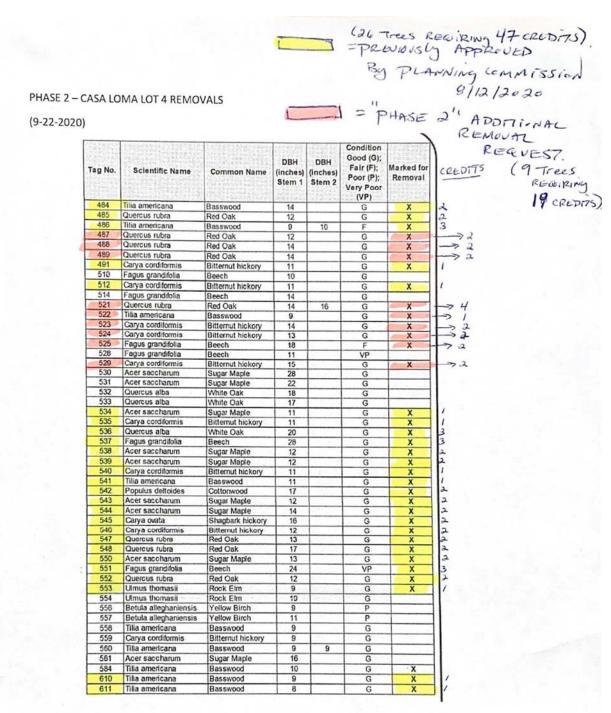


Figure 2. Current Tree List. Tree approved for removal by Planning Commission on August 12, 2020 are indicated in yellow. Additional tree removals per the current Plan are indicated in pink (9 additional tree removals requiring 19 Woodland Replacement Credits).



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Woodland Tree Replacement Chart

(from Chapter 37 Woodlands Prote "ction) - Revised 5/7/2018 (All canopy trees to be 2.5" cal or larger, evergreens as listed)

Common Name	Botanical Name	
Black Maple	Acer nigrum	
Striped Maple	Acer pennsylvanicum	
Red Maple	Acer rubrum	
Sugar Maple	Acer saccharum	
Mountain Maple	Acer spicatum	
Ohio Buckeye	Aesculus glabra	
Downy Serviceberry	Amelanchier arborea	
Smooth Shadbush	Amelanchier laevis	
Yellow Birch	Betula alleghaniensis	
Paper Birch	Betula papyrifera	
American Hornbeam	Carpinus caroliniana	
Bitternut Hickory	Carya cordiformis	
Pignut Hickory	Carya glabra	
Shagbark Hickory	Carya ovata	
Northern Hackberry	Celtis occidentalis	
Eastern Redbud	Cercis canadensis	
Pagoda Dogwood	Cornus alternifolia	
Flowering Dogwood	Cornus florida	
American Beech	Fagus grandifolia	
Thornless Honeylocust	Gleditsia triacanthos inermis	
Kentucky Coffeetree	Gymnocladus diocus	
Walnut	Juglans nigra or Juglans cinerea	
Eastern Larch	Larix laricina	
Tuliptree	Liriodendron tulipfera	
Tupelo	Nyssa sylvatica	
American Hophornbeam	Ostrya virginiana	
White Spruce_(1.5:1 ratio) (6' ht.)	Picea glauca	
Black Spruce_(1.5:1 ratio) (6' ht.)	Picea mariana	
Red Pine_(1.5:1 ration) (6' ht.)	Pinus resinosa	
White Pine_(1.5:1 ratio) (6' ht.)	Pinus strobus	
American Sycamore	Platanus occidentalis	
Black Cherry	Prunus serotina	
White Oak	Quercus alba	
Swamp White Oak	Quercus bicolor	
Scarlet Oak	Quercus coccinea	
Shingle Oak	Quercus imbricaria	
Burr Oak	Quercus macrocarpa	
Chinkapin Oak	Quercus muehlenbergii	
Red Oak	Quercus rubra	
Black Oak	Quercus velutina	
American Basswood	Tilia americana	

