MEMORANDUM



TO: MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

FROM: CHRISTIAN CARROLL, PLANNER

SUBJECT: 22535 EVERGREEN COURT WOODLAND PERMIT

DATE: APRIL 28, 2023

The applicant, Angela Havistiuc, seeks approval of a Woodland Use Permit, PBR23-0107, to remove eleven regulated woodland trees ranging in size from 8 to 17 inches diameter-at-breast-height (DBH) from a lot located at 22535 Evergreen Court. The site is located north of Nine Mile Road and west of Garfield Road in Section 30 of the City. The applicant is requesting the removal of eleven regulated woodland trees in order to construct a single-family residential structure.

The City's Woodland Consultant reviewed the request and prepared a review letter dated April 12, 2023. Based on the plans provided, the applicant is proposing to remove eleven regulated woodland trees within an area mapped as city-regulated woodland and impacts to four critical root zones of regulated woodland trees. Therefore, twenty four woodland replacement credits would be required. The Woodland Consultant's review letter, which is attached, provides a detailed count and explanation of the required replacements. The proposed removals have no impact on any previously approved site plan, nor does it have any impact on any previous agreements. It should also be noted that the proposed removals are not located within any recorded conservation or preservation easements that abut and encroach onto the property. Please refer to the Woodland Consultant's review letter for additional information.

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 the 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.

Section 37-26 of the Woodland Protection Ordinance states the following:

- (b) Where a final subdivision plat or a final site development plan which includes activities regulated by this chapter has been reviewed and approved by the city in conformance with the requirements of this chapter, such approval together with any additional terms and conditions attached thereto shall be considered to have completed the requirements for a permit under this chapter which shall then be issued by the city.
- (c) Unless the requirements of this chapter can be satisfied by the setting aside without encroachment of sufficient woodland areas, the developer of a single-family residential subdivision plat or single-family residential site condominium shall, as a part of use permit approval under this article, designate building areas for all structures and impervious surfaces on each subdivision lot or site condominium unit. Once such building areas have been approved and made a part of the use permit, no additional woodland use permit shall be required for the

erection of structures within such a building area. Activities on a subdivision lot or site condominium unit that extend beyond the confines of such a designated building or impervious area shall require an additional approval pursuant to this chapter, which shall only be approved when it is not otherwise feasible to utilize the lot or site condominium unit for single-family residential purposes.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

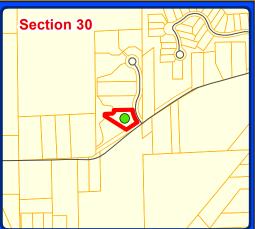
To approve Woodland Use Permit, PBR23-0107, for the removal of eleven regulated woodland trees within an area mapped as City Regulated Woodland at 22535 Evergreen Court for the construction of a single-family residence. The approval is subject to on-site tree replacements to the extent possible and payment into the City's Tree Fund for any outstanding Woodland Replacement Credits, along with any other conditions as listed in the Woodland Consultant's review letter.

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

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LOCATION





LEGEND

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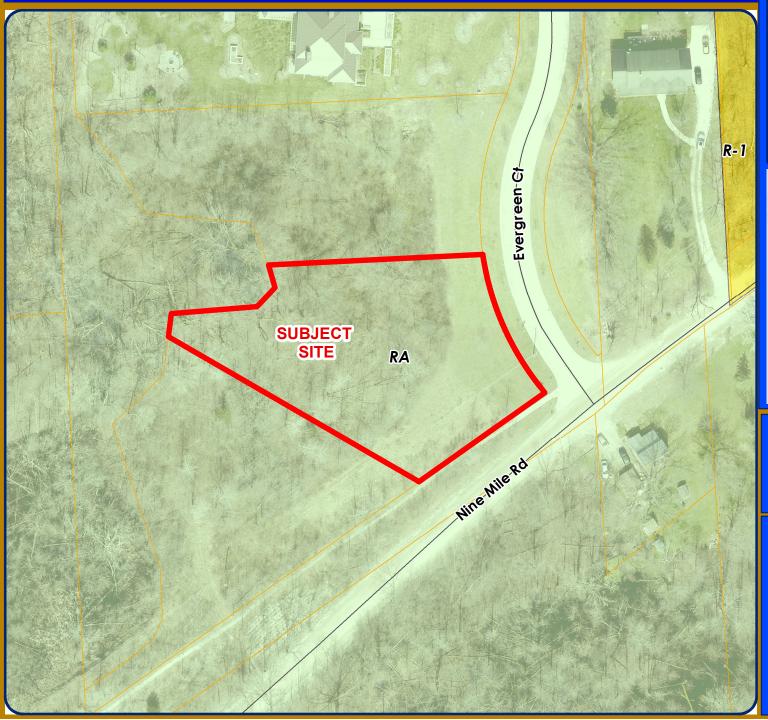


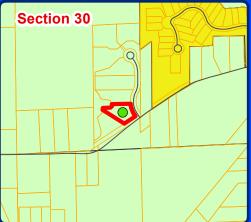
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R-A: Residential Acreage

R-1: One-Family Residential District

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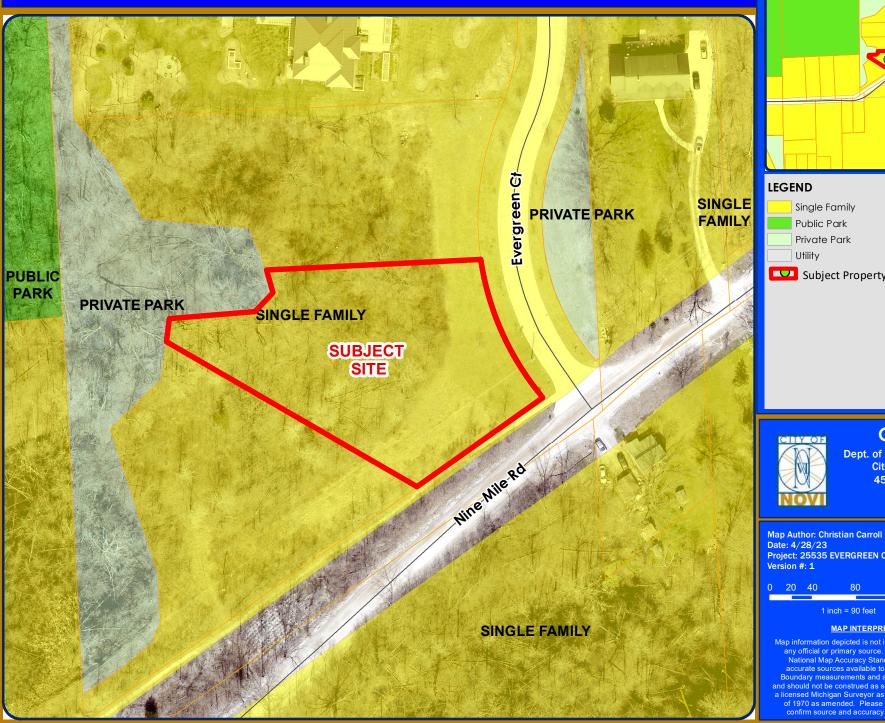


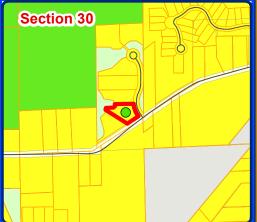
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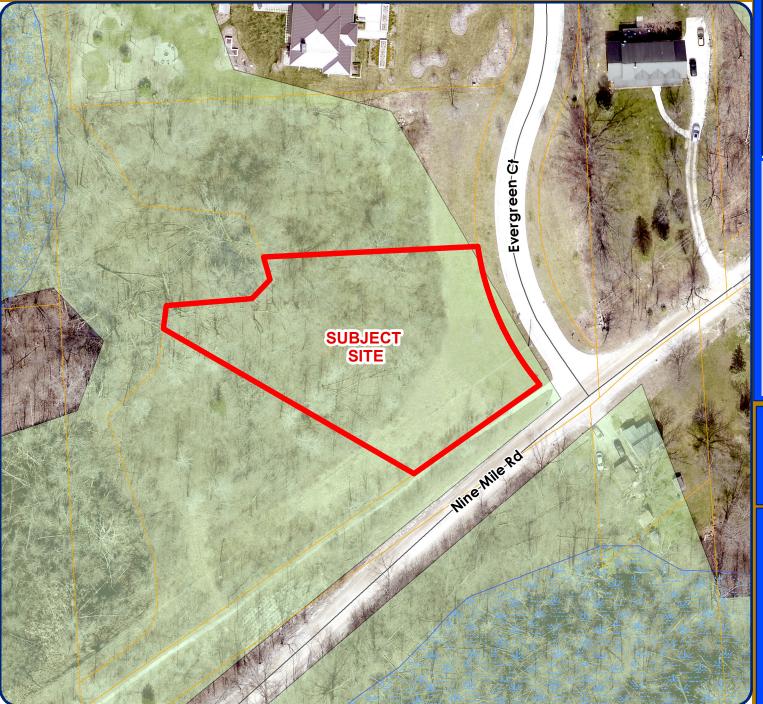


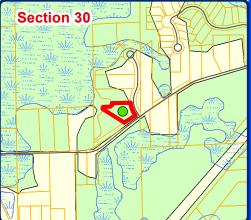
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NATURAL FEATURES





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WETLANDS

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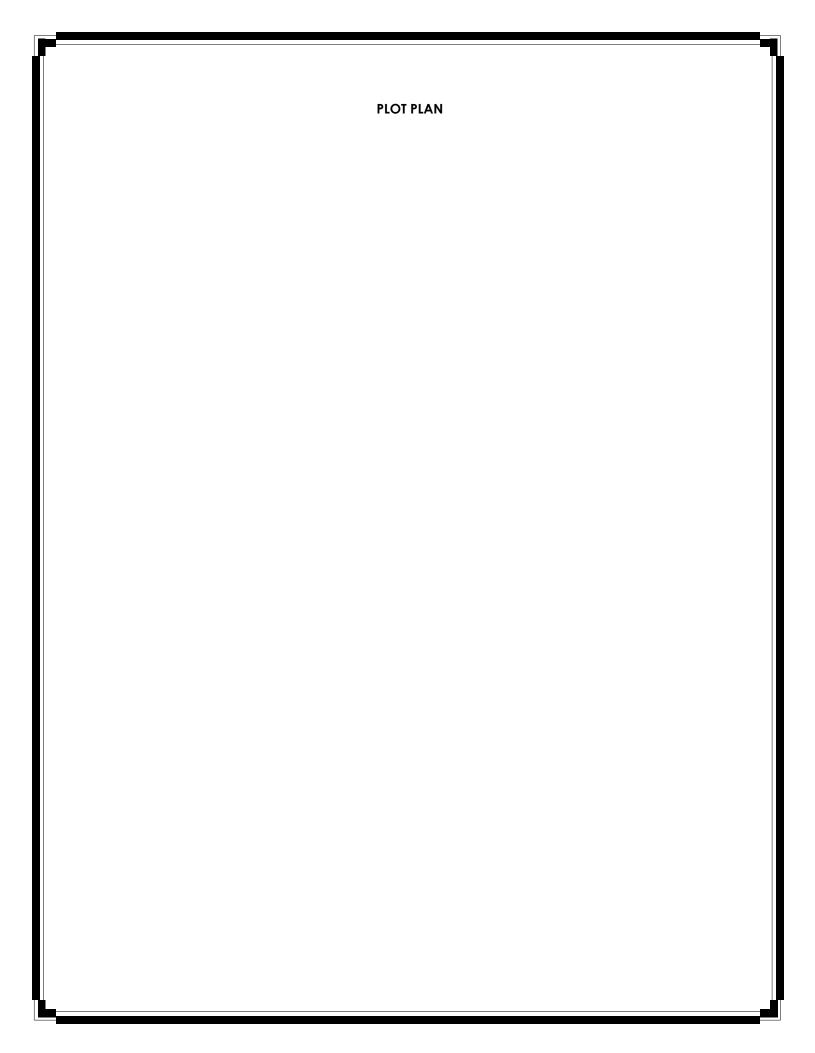
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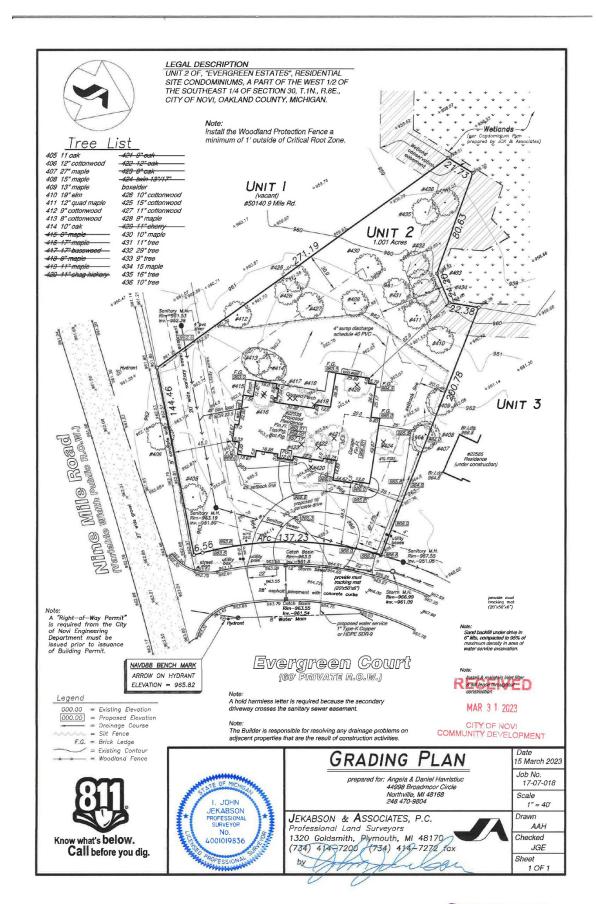
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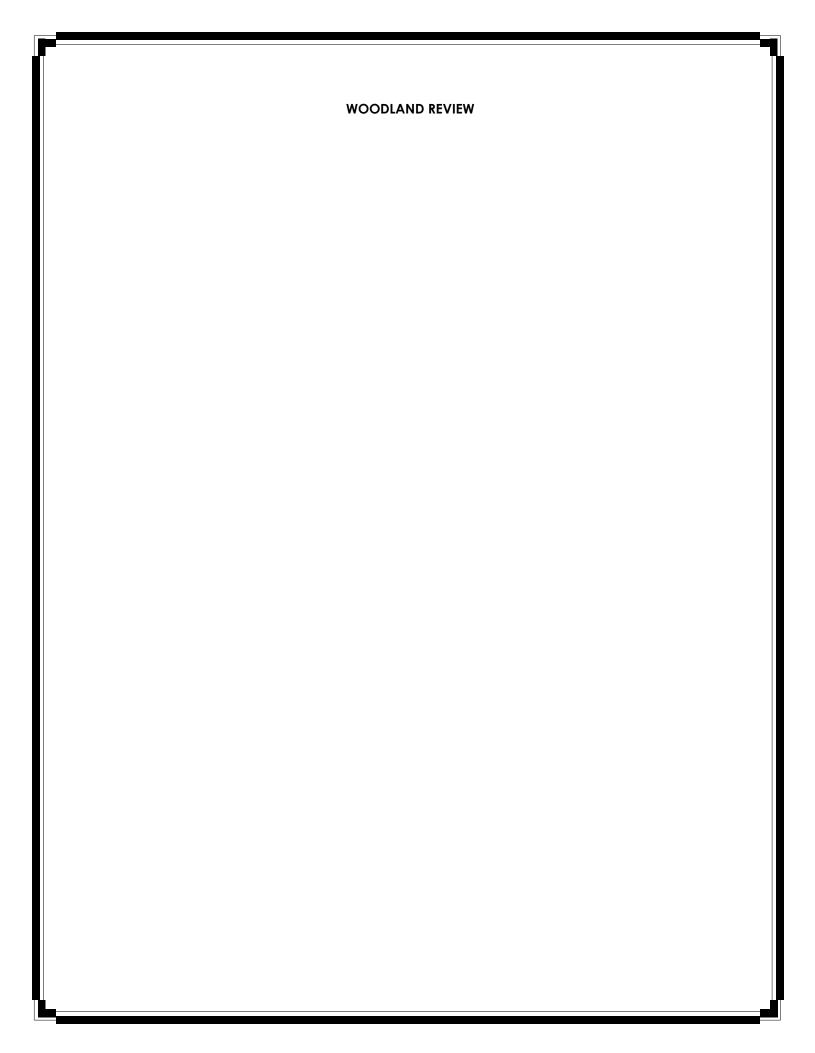


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Date: April 13, 2023

RE: 22535 Evergreen Ct - Single Family Residential Plot Plan

Woodland Review #1 - PBR23-017

Davey Resource Group, Inc. (DRG) has conducted a review of the single-family residential plot plan for 22535 Evergreen Ct. prepared by Jekabson & Associates, PC (date: 03/15/2022). DRG reviewed the plan for conformance with the City of Novi's Woodland Protection Ordinance, Chapter 37. The site (parcel 22-30-451-002) contains City-regulated woodlands and a woodland/wetland conservation easement (Figure 1).

Recommendation: DRG **recommends approval** of the 22535 Evergreen Ct. Residential Plot Plan contingent upon addressing the Woodland Review comments. The Woodland Use Permit **will require Planning Commission approval** because 14 trees are proposed to be removed or have critical root zone impacts.

The following Woodland Regulations apply to this site:

| Woodland Regulation | Required |
|--|----------|
| Woodland Permit (Chapter 37, Section 37-26) | YES |
| Tree Replacement (Chapter 37, Section 37-8) | YES |
| Tree Protection (Fence) (Chapter 37, Section 37-9) | YES |
| Woodland Conservation Easement (Chapter 37-30 (e)) | Existing |

WOODLAND IMPACTS

The site contains regulated woodlands and trees. The applicant is proposing the removal of 11 and impacts to 3 regulated woodland trees for the construction of a single-family residential home.

Tree Removals

Tree #415-8" maple

Tree #416 – 17" maple

Tree #417 - 17" basswood

Tree #418 – 8" maple

Tree #419 – 11" maple

Tree #420 – 11" shagbark hickory

Tree #421 – 8" oak

Tree #422 – 12" oak

Tree #423 – 8" oak

Tree#424 – 13"/17" boxelder (multi-stem)

Tree#429 – 11" cherry

Critical Root Zone Impacts

Tree #407 – 27" maple

Tree #408 – 15" maple

Tree #413 - 8" cottonwood

Tree #414 – 10" oak

A Woodland Use Permit is required to perform construction on any site containing regulated woodlands. This permit requires Planning Commission approval because there are more than 3 regulated trees proposed to be removed or impacted.

WOODLAND REVIEW COMMENTS

1. Woodland Replacement Credits. The following woodland replacements are required:

| Tree Size (DBH) | Number of Trees | Ratio Replacement/Removed Tree | Total Replacements Required |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 8-11" | 9 | 1 | 9 |
| 12-20" | 4 | 2 | 8 |
| 21-29" | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| 30+" | - | 4 | - |
| Multi-Stem | 1 | Add Stems/8 | 4 |
| Total Replacement Credits Required | | 24 | |

Trees #407, #408, #413, and #414 will have impacts to their critical root zones and will require woodland replacements. The replacements for those trees are included in the table above. **Revise plans to note the critical root zone impact to these trees and the woodland replacement requirement.**

2. Woodland replacement credits can be provided by:

- Planting the woodland tree replacement credits on-site.
- Payment to the City of Novi Tree Fund at a rate of \$400/woodland replacement credit.
 - Note: Payment into the Tree Fund is required for critical root zone impacts (Chapter 378, Section 37-9(a)(1) that require woodland replacements.
- Combination of on-site tree planting and payment into the City of Novi Tree Fund (\$400/woodland replacement credit).

Indicate on the Plot Plan the number of required woodland replacement credits and how the requirements will be met.

- 3. Woodland Replacement Trees.
 - a. Replacement trees shall be Michigan native species. A list of suitable species can be found in this memo. The City can deny the use of certain trees based upon disease or insect susceptibility or the growing conditions on the site. Further, the City can determine the number of different tree species in a planting as a diversity of tree species is strongly encouraged (Chapter 37, Section 37-8).
 - b. Replacement trees should not be located:
 - i. within 10' of built structures or the edges of utility easements and
 - ii. over underground structures/utilities or within their associated easements.
 - iii. In addition, replacement tree spacing should follow the Plant Material Spacing Relationship Chart for Landscape Purposes found in the City of Novi Landscape Design Manual.
- 4. **Financial Guarantees.** The following Financial Guarantees and/or City of Novi Tree Fund payments are required prior to issuance of the City of Novi Woodland Use Permit:
 - 1. A **financial guarantee of \$6,800** (17 woodland replacement credits x \$400/tree replacement credit) is required to ensure planting of woodland replacement credits. The financial guarantee will be released after trees have been planted and approved by the City of Novi. The applicant must request the tree planting inspection.
 - 2. **City of Novi Tree Fund.** A payment into the City of Novi Tree Fund in the amount of \$2,800 for the four trees that will have critical root zone impacts (7 woodland replacement credits required x \$400/woodland replacement).
 - If space constraints prohibit other required tree replacement credits from being planted on site a payment into the City of Novi Tree Fund at a rate of \$400/tree replacement credit is required. This payment is non-refundable.
 - 3. The applicant shall guarantee trees for two (2) growing seasons after installation and the City's acceptance, per The City's Performance Guarantees Ordinance. A two-year maintenance bond in the amount of twenty-five (25) percent of the value of the trees, but in no case less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), shall be required to ensure the continued health of the trees following acceptance (Chapter 26.5, Section 26.5-37). Based on a successful inspection two (2) years after installation of the on-site Woodland Replacement trees, the Woodland Replacement

Performance Guarantee shall be returned to the Applicant. The Applicant is responsible for requesting this inspection.

5. A financial guarantee in the amount of \$750 is required for tree protection fencing maintenance per Chapter 26.5-37. This guarantee shall be paid prior to issuance of the City of Novi Woodland Use Permit and shall be released after tree removals following inspection by the City of Novi. The applicant must request the fence removal inspection.



Figure 1. 22535 Evergreen Ct (red outlined parcel) City of Novi Regulated Woodland Map

(green shading = regulated woodland; purple shading = woodland/wetland conservation easement)

