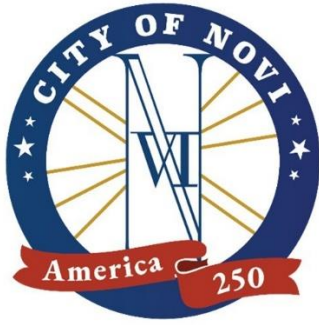




CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL August 31, 2026

SUBJECT: Acceptance of a Conservation Easement associated with Michigan CAT, for property located east of Novi Road, north of Catherine Drive.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Community Development, Planning

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Planning Commission approved a Woodland Permit as part of a site plan to allow the construction of a new pump and shore equipment storage yard.
- The project is also subject to a PRO Agreement, approved by City Council on February 27, 2023.
- The City Council is asked to accept a conservation easement to protect woodland replacement trees planted on-site.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The applicant, Tarbert Properties, received site plan approval to construct their pump and shore maintenance yard. The Planning Commission approved the Preliminary Site Plan, Woodland Permit and Stormwater Management Plan on January 10, 2024.

The applicant is offering a Conservation Easement for the purpose of protecting woodland replacement trees, which is a condition of the PRO Agreement. The easement states the subject area shall be perpetually preserved and maintained in its natural and undeveloped condition, unless authorized by permit from the City, and, if applicable, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy. The proposed conservation area, shown in Exhibit B of the easement document, illustrates the easement area at the northwest corner of the property totaling approximately 0.63 acres.

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 Conservation Easement associated with JSP23-47 Michigan CAT, for property located east of Novi Road, north of Catherine Drive.