



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 18, 2024

SUBJECT: Acceptance of a Woodland Conservation Easement from Catholic Central High School of Detroit, Inc, being offered as a part of JSP21-44, Catholic Central STEM, for property located west of Wixom Road and south of Twelve Mile Road, in Section 18 of the City.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Community Development, Planning

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The applicant received site plan approval to construct an addition on the northeast side of Catholic Central's main school building to house their Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) classrooms and labs. The school's campus is a 70.88-acre site located west of Wixom Road and south of Twelve Mile Road. The Planning Commission approved the Revised Special Land Use Permit, Preliminary Site Plan, Woodland Permit and Stormwater Management Plan at their January 12, 2022, meeting.

The applicant is offering a Woodland Conservation Easement for the purpose of protecting woodland replacement trees. The easement area shall be perpetually preserved and maintained, in its natural and undeveloped condition, unless authorized by the City, and, if applicable, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy, and the appropriate federal agency. The conservation easement area, shown in Exhibit B of the easement document, graphically depicts the areas being preserved. The proposed conservation area is approximately 0.21 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 consideration and acceptance by the City Council.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Acceptance of a Woodland Conservation Easement from Catholic Central High School of Detroit, Inc, being offered as a part of JSP21-44, Catholic Central Stem, for property located west of Wixom Road and south of Twelve Mile Road, in Section 18 of the City.