

# MEMORANDUM



**TO:** DANIELLE MAHONEY, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER/TITLE  
**FROM:** EZEKIEL CHOJNACKI, GRADUATE MANAGEMENT ANALYST  
**SUBJECT:** PRIOR SUSTAINABILITY/ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES  
**DATE:** JULY 2, 2024

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Some of the prior Sustainability/Environmental initiatives identified are:

**Department of Public Works (DPW):**

- Tree City USA
- There are two annual plantings that add trees and shrubs throughout the City along streets and in parks/around facilities. We've planted thousands of trees in this manner over the years with an emphasis on replacing dead/dying trees, creating habitat/attractive landscapes, and planting the right tree (species, size at maturity, etc.) in the right place (no big trees beneath overhead utility lines, for example).
- The City has distributed thousands of free native tree and shrub seedlings to residents through an annual program that started in 2020.
- Arbor Day events are held each year to commemorate the holiday with Novi residents. Some past events have included tree plantings, award presentations to residents that've made notable sustainability efforts, and volunteer opportunities.
- Presentations for residents on environmental topics covering proper pruning practices, tree health, etc.
- Fleet Hybridization (see attachment)
- Friends of the Rouge Partnership (see attachment)

**Internal Solutions, Facilities**

- LED Light Replacements
- Recently applied for the EGLE Community Energy Management (CEM) program with the intent of auditing our buildings for energy efficiency

**Community Relations:**

- Many environmental posts are made on Novi.org to serve as informational resources.

**Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services (PRCS):**

- Annual Garlic Mustard Pull
- Nature. Nurture. Novi. Programming

**Beautification Commission:**

- Bee City USA
- Fuerst Park Monarch Waystation
- Perennial Exchange –
  - The original Program was established in 2008 and occurred twice a year (Spring and Autumn) but became defunct following the Fall 2017 exchange. Through this program residents would bring extra or overgrown plants to swap with other residents.
  - In collaboration with PRCS, Keith Salowich, & Rick Meader the program is planned to be resurrected this September 2024. In addition to the standard swap, it is planned for the City to give away some native plants, boosting local species diversity and aiding the pollinator population.
- River Day –
  - No longer an active program, formerly this was a yearly volunteer clean-up event for the local tributaries of the Rouge River (primarily at Rotary Park).
- Community Wildlife Habitat, via National Wildlife Federation –  
Program may be defunct, will confirm

**City Council:**

- Land Acquisition for Conservation Purposes