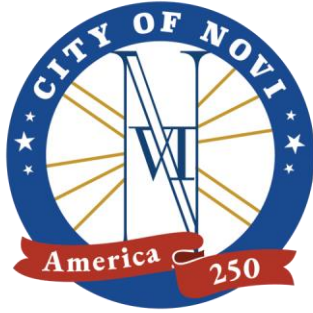


MEMORANDUM



TO: JEFFREY HERCZEG, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
FROM: KEITH SALOWICH, FORESTER/CONTRACTS SUPERVISOR
SUBJECT: FY 2025 – 26 PLANTING SUMMARY AND FORESTRY ACTIVITY
DATE: JUNE 23, 2026

Trees play a vital role in Novi's environment by providing a wide array of economic, environmental, and social benefits which far exceed the investments in planting, maintaining, and removing them.

As such, the management of Novi's urban forest is multi-faceted, and must include proactive tree maintenance, reactive work in the wake of storms or resident concerns, and a focus on long-term urban forest resilience in a world of emerging threats.

PLANTING HIGHLIGHTS

The City of Novi plants trees and shrubs on a semi-annual basis during the spring and fall planting seasons. Nearly all plantings are native species. Native species provide the greatest benefits to local ecosystems and are also well adapted to the growing conditions of southeast Michigan. Staff also make every effort to abide by the "right tree—right place," ethos to plant sites where trees may thrive for many years without posing significant conflicts with infrastructure.

The total number of tree and shrub plantings are illustrated in a table below, but some significant plantings of note are as follows:

- **Street trees** were planted adjacent to 75 different residences throughout Novi. Many of them were replacements for trees that had died, failed in storms, or were removed as part of the Neighborhood Sidewalk Program.
- A total of 52 trees and 3 shrubs were installed along Nine Mile Road following the road rehabilitation project.



- There were 39 shrubs added to Lakeshore Park's tunnel area following construction. These shrubs will soften the hardscape and provide wildlife habitat.

	Trees	Shrubs	Total Cost
Fall 2025	73	132	\$36,915
Spring 2026	99	58	\$42,345
Seedling Giveaway	980	478	\$2,747

MAINTENANCE HIGHLIGHTS

City forestry contractors continuously remove dead/damaged/diseased trees, grind stumps, and prune trees year-round. The City Forester also assesses, diagnoses, and monitors public trees to form management decisions.



- Proactive maintenance pruning is performed on every City-owned tree in every Novi neighborhood as part of the City's block pruning program. This ensures that sidewalks and roadways remain clear of low-hanging branches, removes hazardous dead or damaged branches, and aids in scouting for pests, diseases, and dead trees that should be removed. Two block pruning crews worked in the following subdivisions during FY 2025-26, pruning a total of approximately 4,300 street trees:

Dunbarton Pines, Willowbrook Estates, Royal Crown Estates, Arden Glen, Echo Valley Estates, Iroquois Estates, Andover Point, Hummingbird Estates, Weston Estates, Mystic Forest, Bella Terra, Deer Run, Addington, Westmont Village, Wintergreen Park, Windridge Place, Simmons Orchard, Roma Ridge, Briarwood, and Homestead Court. These areas are indicated in the black sections on the map found on the last page.

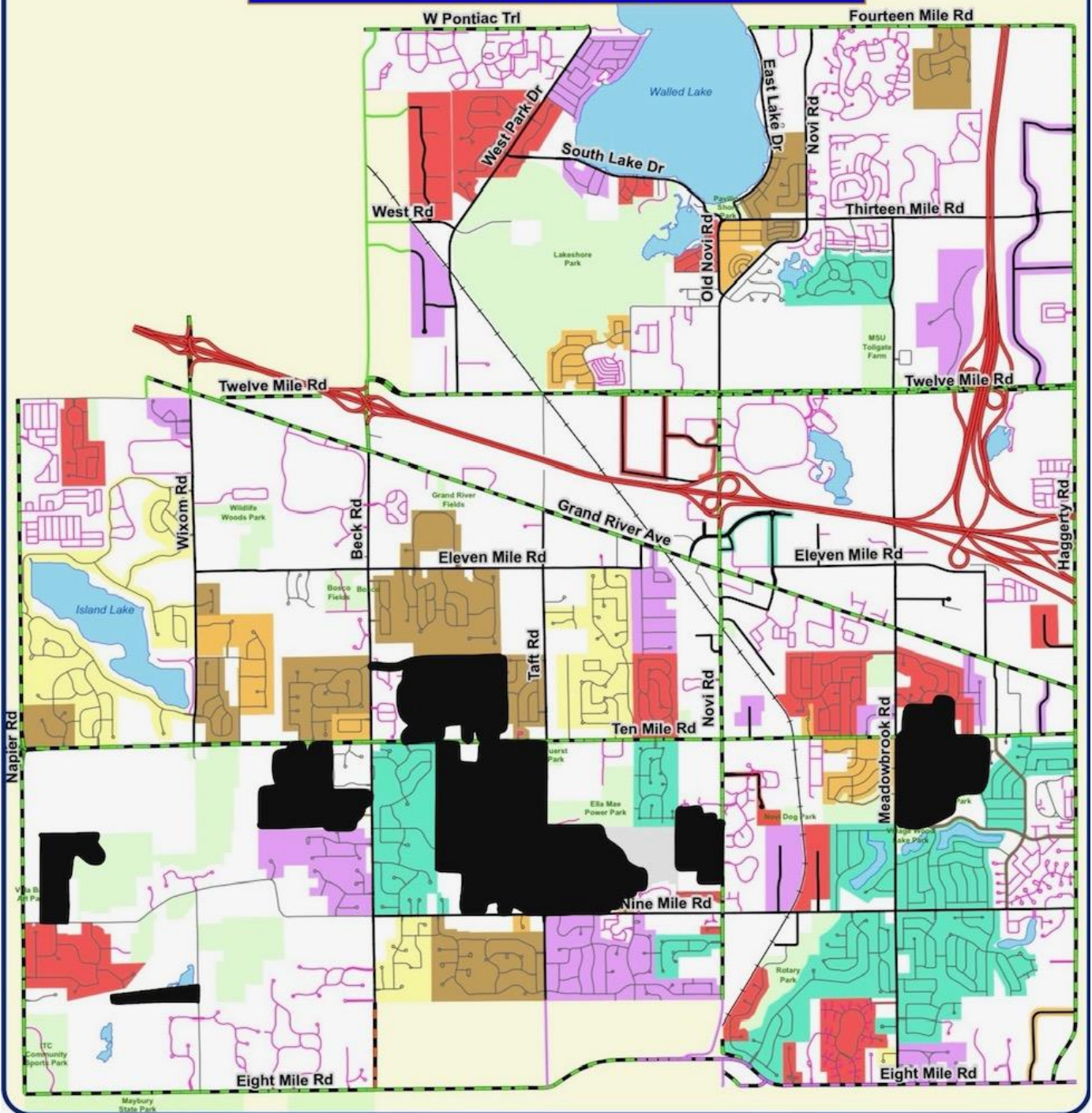
- A City contractor removed invasive woody species—most notably buckthorn, autumn olive, and bittersweet—from Rotary Park, Northwest Park, and several detention basins throughout the City. Invasive species cause great harm to the environment by crowding out native species, thus drastically reducing species diversity, while providing minimal benefits for wildlife. The contractor removed the woody invasive species and treated the plants with an herbicide concentrate to ensure long-term eradication.

MISCELLANEOUS HIGHLIGHTS

- On June 22, A new unit rate contract was awarded to two forestry service providers—CutMyTreeDown.com and Owen Tree Service. The initial contract term lasts through February 2027 and includes three 1-year renewal options.
- Urban forestry efforts in Novi earned recognition by the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA (TCUSA) program for the 34th time. Novi also earned its 16th Growth Award through the TCUSA program by going above and beyond the program's regular standards.
- A Michigan State University student, Voka Schiller, was hired as a seasonal intern with a focus on updating the City's street tree inventory, among other forestry tasks. Voka is a third-year student dual-majoring in MSU's forestry and wildlife ecology programs.
- City of Novi Forester Keith Salowich successfully tested to be re-certified as a Tree Risk Assessment Qualified (TRAQ) arborist through the International Society of Arboriculture's TRAQ program. The certification is good through the year 2033.

Tree Pruning Schedule

City of Novi, Michigan



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Legend

Road Jurisdiction		Pruning Schedule	
— City of Novi-Local	Wayne County	2023	
— City of Novi-Major	State	2024	
— City of Novi-Private	City of Northville	2025	
— Novi Township	City of Wixom	2026	
— City-Shared (Northville)		2027	
— Oakland County		2028	
		To Be Determined	



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