# **CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL**



Agenda Item P July 31, 2017

## SUBJECT:

Acceptance of a streambank maintenance easement for a property along Bishop Creek as part of the streambank restoration project (Parcel 50-22-25-126-032).

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Services, Engineering Division GDM

## CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Bishop Creek and Ingersol Creek streambank project involves the restoration and stabilization of multiple locations along Bishop Creek south of Ten Mile and along Ingersol Creek between Bishop Creek and Meadowbrook Road where streambank erosion has occurred. The 2013 Stormwater Master Plan identified these areas needing repair. This project will include the acquisition of an estimated fourteen easements needed to complete the work behind the houses along the creek. Enclosed is one proposed easement for streambank maintenance. The easement consists of a twenty-foot-wide easement that overlaps the existing private easement.

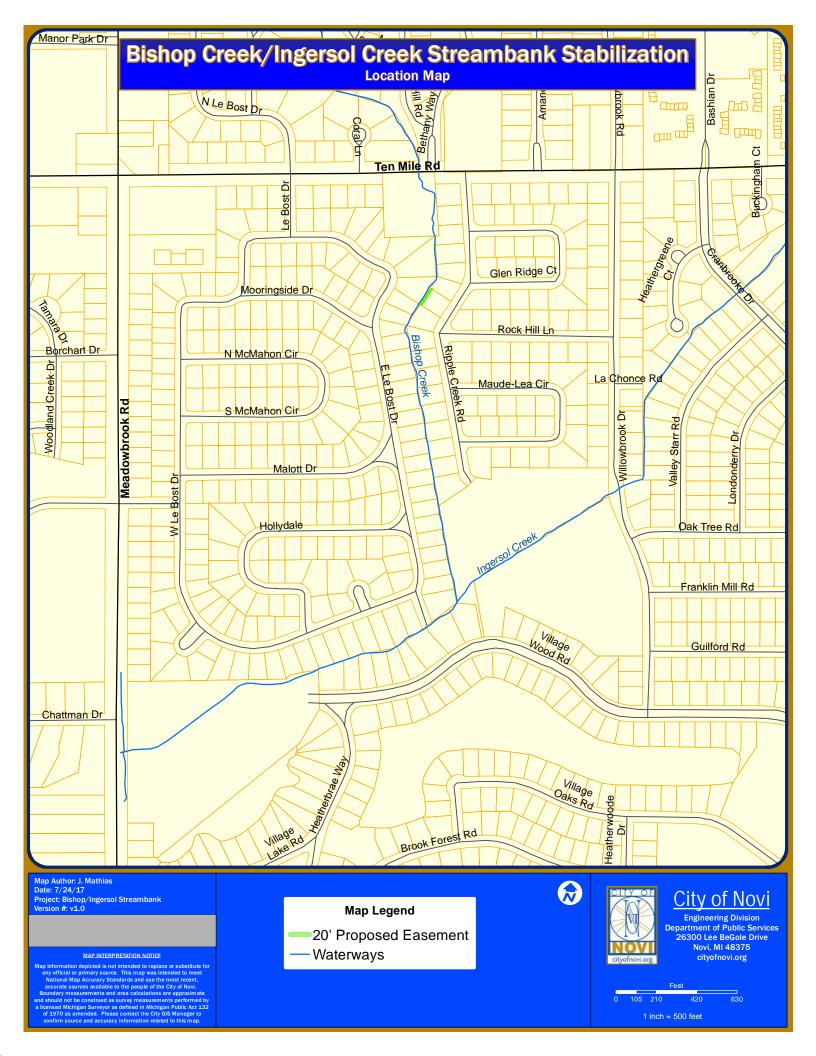
Spalding DeDecker, the City's engineering consultant, is assisting with the design and construction engineering services and the easement acquisitions for this project.

This project is expected to be completed in the late fall 2017.

The proposed easement has been favorably reviewed by the City Attorney (Beth Saarela's July 5, 2017) and is recommended for approval.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

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July 5, 2017

George D. Melistas, Engineering Senior Manager CITY OF NOVI City of Novi 45175 Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375-3024

## Re: Bishop Creek and Ingersol Creek Streambank Restoration Easements for Streambank Maintenance

Dear Mr. Melistas:

We have received and reviewed, and enclosed please find the following Easement for Streambank Maintenance for the Bishop Creek and Ingersol Creek Streambank Restoration Project as acquired through Spalding DeDecker on the City's behalf with the assistance of First ROW:

• Wrathell Parcel 22-25-126-032

The above easement was donated by the property owner with respect to the City's project. The Easement appears to be properly executed and consistent with the title search documents attached. Please note that the property owner has acknowledged a name change within the easement document.

Please place the above easement on an upcoming City Council agenda for acceptance. Once accepted, the original should be recorded with the Oakland County Register of Deeds by the City Clerk's Office in the usual manner.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns in regard to this matter.

Verý truly vours, JOHNSON, ROSATI, SCHULTZ & JOPPICH, P.C. Elizabeth Kudla Saarela

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# EKS

Enclosures

C: Cortney Hanson, Clerk (w/Original Enclosures) Aaron Staup, Construction Engineer (w/Enclosures) Joey Mathias, Graduate Engineer (w/Enclosures) Taylor Reynolds, Spalding DeDecker (w/Enclosures) Margaret Stekettee, First ROW (w/Enclosures) Thomas R. Schultz, Esquire (w/Enclosures)

#### **EASEMENT FOR STREAMBANK MAINTENANCE**

THIS EASEMENT made this <u>1</u> day of <u>23927</u>, 2017, by Stefan Lennstrand, f/k/a Stefan U. Wrathell, a single man, whose address is 23927 Ripple Creek Road, Novi, MI. 48375, (hereinafter referred to as "Grantor"), being title holder and developer of the property described in the attached and incorporated, Exhibit A, (hereinafter referred to as the "Property").

Grantor, in consideration of One (\$1.00) Dollar, receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, does reserve and grant, on behalf of itself, it heirs, successors, assigns and transferees, a private, non-exclusive, perpetual easement for purposes reconstruction and on-going preservation and maintenance of the streambank over, upon, across, in, and through, the Property, which easement is described and depicted, as stated in the attached and incorporated Exhibit A (hereinafter referred to as the "Easement Area") to the City of Novi, a Michigan municipal corporation, whose address is 45175 Ten Mile, Novi, Michigan 48375, (hereinafter referred to as "Grantee").

As a result of the reconstruction of the streambank for the purpose of stabilizing it and preventing further erosion, the City installed streambank stabilization measures including but not limited to Vegetative Mechanically Stabilized Earth, Vegetative Rip-Rap, Live Staking/Joint Planting, Live Crib Walls, and Log Vanes (the "Stabilization Improvements"), which the City will maintain and repair, from time-to-time, as needed.

This easement is for the benefit of the Property and all heirs, successors, assigns and transferees of the Property and the City of Novi (hereinafter referred to as "Grantees").

The Grantor shall maintain the Easement Area, so at all times, it continues to function as intended. The Grantor, shall be prohibited from altering or placing anything in the Easement Area which shall obstruct or impede, damage or interfere with the Stabilization Improvements. Grantor agrees not to build or to convey to others permission to build any structures or improvements on, over, across, in, through, or under the above-described Easement Area, or to develop or allow the development of the Easement Area in any manner which removes, damages, impedes or obstructs the Stabilization Improvements without prior written approval from the City, or, alternatively, as part of an approved site plan, the Grantor may construct and/or install surface improvements to the property, which improvements do not interfere with use, operation, and maintenance, of the Easement Area.

The City, and it agents and employees shall be permitted to enter upon the Easement Area and sufficient land adjacent to said Easement Area for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges granted herein.

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This Easement does not grant or convey to Grantee, or any member of the general public, any right of ownership, possession or use of the Easement Area.

All portions of the Property damaged or disturbed by Grantee's exercise of easement rights, shall be reasonably restored by Grantee to the condition that existed prior to the damage or disturbance.

This instrument shall run with the land first described above and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Grantor, Grantee, and their respective heirs, representatives, successors and assigns.

This Easement is exempt from transfer taxes under MCLA 207.505(a) and MCLA 207.526(a).

IN WATNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Grantor has affixed their signature this  $\underline{14 \text{ th}}$  day of  $\underline{14 \text{ th}}$ , 2017.

GRANTOR: Stefan Lennstrand, f/k/a Stefan U. Wrathell, a single man  $\frown$ 

Stefan Lennstrand, f/k/a Stefan U. Wrathell

STATE OF MICHIGAN ) )SS COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

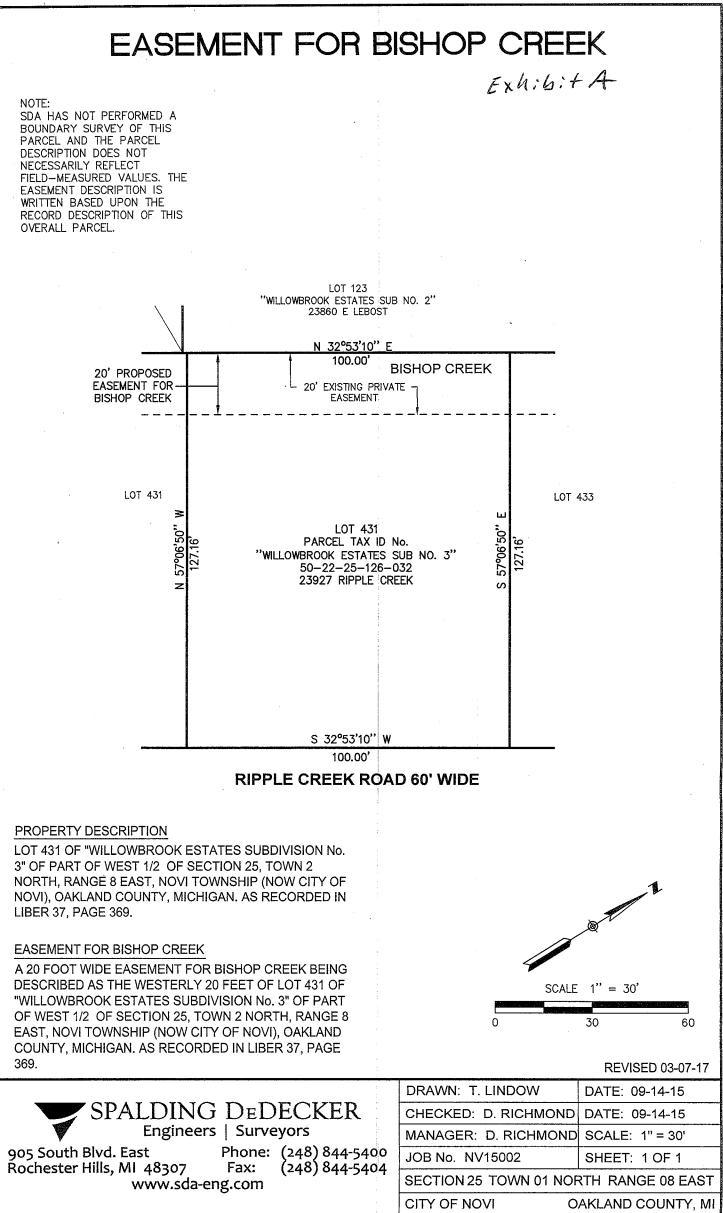
On this  $\underline{/4^{\prime\prime}}$  day of  $\underline{J_{\prime\prime}}$  day of  $\underline{J_{\prime\prime}}$ , 2017, before me, personally appeared the above named Stefan Lennstrand, f/k/a Stefan U. Wrathell, a single man to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

Margaret Ann Steketer

Notary Public, <u>Kent</u> County, MI My commission expires <u>1.9.2020</u> Acting in Oakland County, MI.

THIS INSTRUMENT DRAFTED BY: ELIZABETH K. SAARELA JOHNSON, ROSATI, SCHULTZ & JOPPICH 27555 EXECUTIVE DRIVE, SUITE 250 FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48331

WHEN RECORDED, RETURN COPY TO: CORTNEY HANSON, CLERK, CITY OF NOVI 45175 TEN MILE RD, NOVI, MI 48375 MARGARET ANN STEKETEE NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF MI COUNTY OF KENT MY COMMISSION EXPIRES Jan 9, 2020 ACTING IN COUNTY OF Oak I and



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