



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 9, 2026

SUBJECT: Consideration to adopt a resolution placing a question on the August 2026 ballot, whether to authorize the City to levy a new millage for specified Capital Improvements and Projects of up to 1.0 mill, for a period of 10 years, beginning with the 2027 tax year.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Manager

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At the City Council's 2026 Goal Setting Meeting, a goal was reaffirmed to renew the City's Capital Improvement Millage, initially approved by voters back in August 2016. Further direction was provided to City Administration at Council's February 9, 2026, meeting, to mirror the question presented to voters 10 years ago. The attached resolution is the formal vehicle for placing the following language on the August ballot:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MILLAGE

Shall Section 9.1 of the Novi City Charter be amended to authorize a millage for capital improvements and capital projects, including, but not limited to, parks and facilities, land acquisition, pathways, and apparatus (such as fire trucks, heavy equipment), with such funds not to be used for operations or payroll, in the amount of 1.0 mills (being \$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of ten years, starting with the July 2027 levy and resulting in the authorization to collect an estimated \$5,412,997 in the first year if approved and levied, to replace an expiring capital improvements millage

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration to adopt a resolution placing a question on the August 2026 ballot, whether to authorize the City to levy a new millage for specified Capital Improvements and Projects of up to 1.0 mill, for a period of 10 years, beginning with the 2027 tax year, including authorization to City Manager and City Attorney's office to finalize language for same.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
CITY OF NOVI

RESOLUTION REGARDING CHARTER AMENDMENT
RESTORATION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MILLAGE

RESOLUTION NO. _____

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, held in the City Council Chambers on _____, 2026, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., with those present and absent being:

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

the following preamble and resolution were offered by Councilperson _____ and supported by Councilperson _____:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act No. 279 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1909, the Home Rule Cities Act (HRCA), as amended, and pursuant to Section 9.1 and 15.7 of the City Charter, provisions of the City Charter may be amended for the purposes stated herein by a Charter amendment proposal that has been approved by a majority vote of the electors of the City voting at an election called for said purpose; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the HRCA, a City Charter amendment may be proposed by the Council on a three-fifths vote of its seated members; and

WHEREAS, the voters previously approved a millage on August 2, 2016, for a 10-year period for the purpose of funding capital improvements and capital projects, including, but not limited to, parks and facilities, land acquisition, pathways, and apparatus (such as fire trucks, heavy equipment), and not to be used for operations or payroll, which millage is currently set to expire on June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, considering the City's current and forecasted fiscal circumstances, and in an effort to continue to provide and enhance the current level of investment in such capital improvements and projects, the City Council has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to submit a proposal to the voters for a restoration of this millage for the same capital purposes, at the election to be held on August 4, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Novi as follows:

1. The following proposition shall be submitted to the electors of the City at the election to be held on August 4, 2026:

CITY OF NOVI
CHARTER AMENDMENT

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MILLAGE

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YES

NO

2. Upon adoption of the proposed amendment, Section 9.1(g) of the City Charter would be added to the Charter to read as follows:

9.1(g) For capital improvements and capital projects – one-tenth of one percent (1 mill), to be used only for purposes of capital improvements and capital projects, including, but not limited to, parks and facilities, land acquisition, pathways, and apparatus (such as fire trucks, heavy equipment), to be effective only for a period of ten (10) years commencing July 1, 2027, and expiring on June 30, 2037.

3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to post and publish the proposed City Charter amendment set forth in Section 2 of this Resolution in a newspaper of general circulation in the City in the manner prescribed by law, and to do all other things necessary to provide for the submission of the ballot proposal set forth in Section 1 of this Resolution to the electors on the ballot for the August 4, 2026, election.

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED _____, 2026.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)ss
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Novi at a regular meeting held on _____, 2026, the original of which resolution is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my official signature, this ____ - day of _____, 2026.

CORTNEY HANSON, City Clerk
City of Novi

2016 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Millage Renewal

City of Novi | Feb 9, 2026



What is the CIP Millage?



Approved by
voters: August
2016



10-year
millage, up to
1.0 mills



Funds capital
projects only
(no operations/
payroll)



Supports
parks,
facilities,
pathways, fire
apparatus,
and
infrastructure

**Major
Accomplishments
(2017–Present)**

Lakeshore Park building/renovations

Park land acquisitions/preservation and shoreline stabilization

Greenway/ITC Trail and sidewalk improvements

Fire apparatus replacements – 3 engines, 1 Ladder

DPW expansion

Splash pad, pickleball courts, and boardwalk repairs

LAKESHORE PARK BUILDING & RENOVATIONS



Parkland Acquisition

Added more than 160 acres



Bosco Fields



Shawood Island

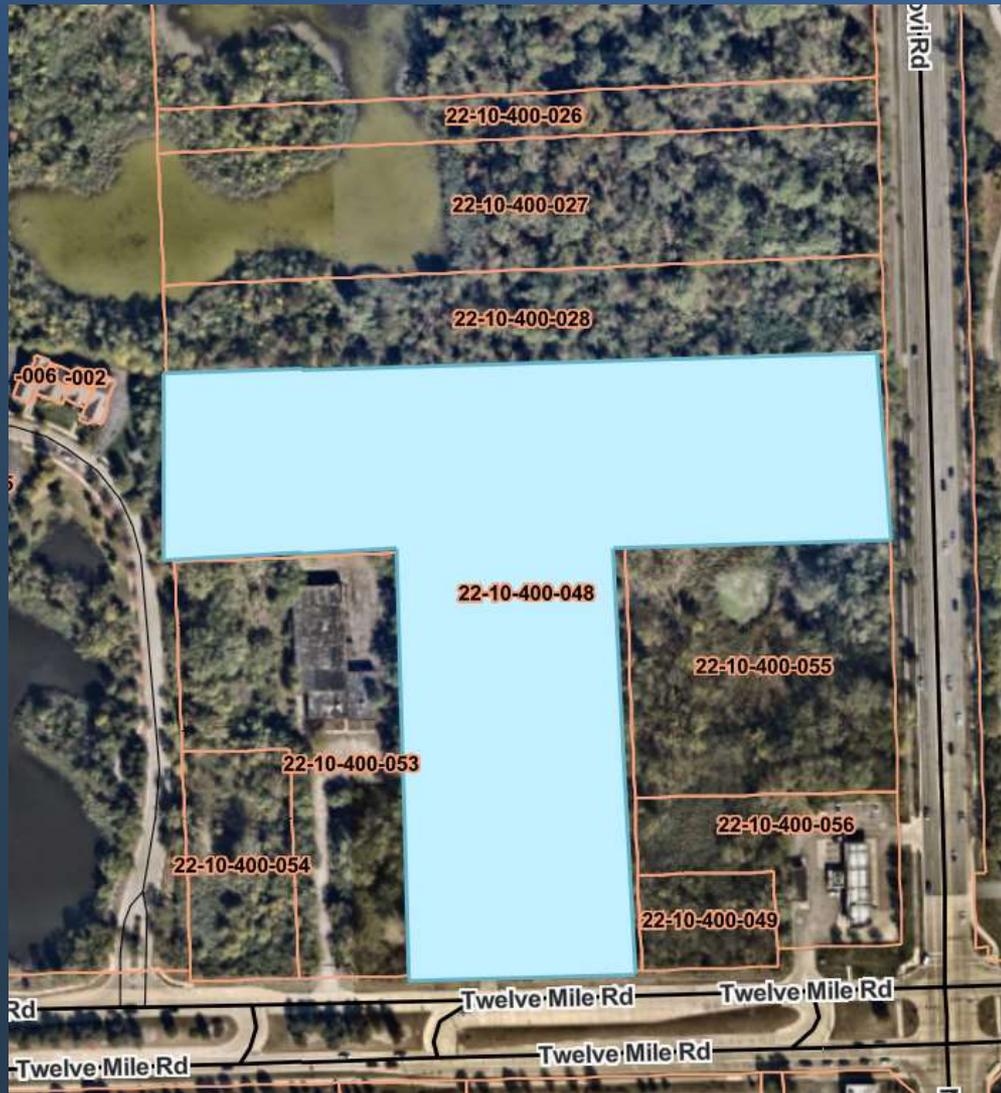


ITC Community Sports Park
potential future expansion



Northwest Park

Property Acquisition & Preservation



DPW EXPANSION



JESSICA'S SPLASH PAD



Why Consider Renewal Now?

Current millage expires in FY 2027 (last tax collection July 2026)

Provides stable funding for capital needs

Supports long-range planning

Decision #1: Election Timing

Option A **August 2026 ballot**

Option B **November 2026 ballot**

Key
Deadlines **May 12 for August; August 11 for
November**

Decision #2: Millage Duration

Option A: 10-year renewal

Option B: 20-year renewal

Option C: Indefinite
(requires Charter
Amendment)

Decision #3: Millage Rate

Option A: Return to 1.0 mills
(\$5,164,810)

Option B: Keep current
Headlee-rolled back rate
(~0.9491 = \$4,902,010)

*all based on 2025 TV

*annually

The next 10 or 20 years

What could the proceeds from the renewal go toward:

ITC Park Renovation and development of acquired adjacent land

Community Center/Senior Activity Space

Public Safety Equipment (Fire trucks)

Additional land acquisition/preservation

Continued sidewalk/boardwalk investments

Next Steps

Council to make final decisions on **timing, duration, and rate**

Staff will draft ballot language and revenue projections

Staff will develop public engagement strategy