CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 25, 2023



SUBJECT: Acceptance of an Open Space Preservation Easement from Toll Brothers being offered as a part of JSP 21-47 Parc Vista RUD, for property in Section 31, west of Garfield Road and north of Eight Mile Road.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Community Development, Planning

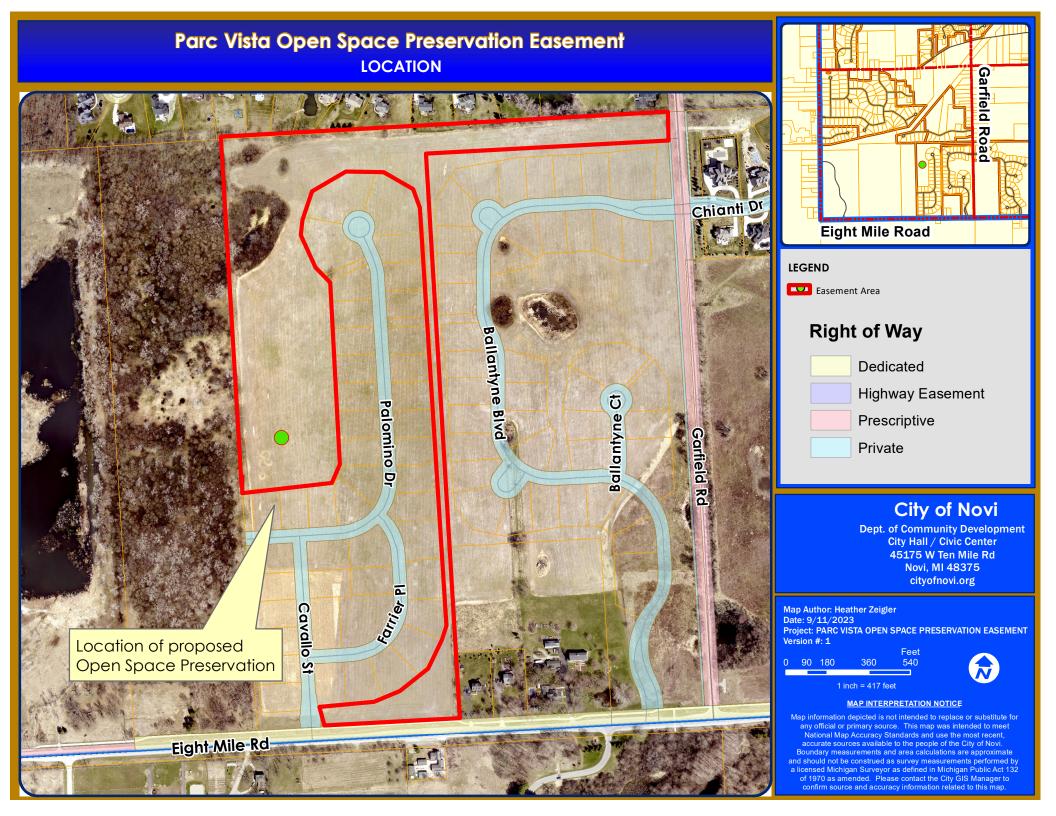
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The applicant received site plan approval of a 54.3-acre, 44-unit single-family residential development west of Garfield Road and north of Eight Mile Road. The City Council approved the Residential Unit Development agreement and Concept Plan on August 8, 2022. The Planning Commission approved the Preliminary Site Plan, Phasing Plan, Wetland Permit, Woodland Permit, and Storm Water Management Plan on September 28, 2022. Final approval was granted administratively on August 21, 2023.

The applicant is offering an Open Space Preservation Easement for the purpose of protecting and preserving Open Space, as well as wetland and woodland areas. The easement permits the mowing of certain general common elements of the condominium. The proposed preservation area is approximately \pm 23.8 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 acceptance by the City Council.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Acceptance of an Open Space Preservation Easement from Toll Brothers being offered as a part of JSP 21-47 Parc Vista RUD, for property in Section 31, west of Garfield Road and north of Eight Mile Road. <u>MAP</u> Location Map with Conservation Easement Areas



EXECUTED CONSERVATION EASEMENT

OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION EASEMENT

THIS OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION EASEMENT made this day of August, 2023 by Toll Northeast V, Corp., a Delaware corporation, whose address is 26200 Town Center Drive, Suite 200, Novi, MI 48375 (hereinafter the "Grantor"), and the City of Novi, a Michigan municipal corporation, and its successors or assigns, whose address is 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375, (hereinafter the "City").

RECITATIONS:

A. Grantor owns a certain parcel of land situated in the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, described in <u>Exhibit A</u>, attached hereto and made a part hereof (the "Property"). Grantor has received final site plan approval for establishment and development of a residential condominium development on the Property which will be known as Parc Vista (the "Condominium"), subject to provision of an appropriate easement to permanently protect the remaining woodlands and wetlands, replacement trees, landscaped open space and parks, if any, thereon from destruction or disturbance. Grantor desires to grant such an easement in order to protect the area.

B. The open space preservation easement areas (the "Easement Areas") situated on the Property are more particularly described on <u>Exhibit B</u>, attached hereto and made a part hereof, which contains a legal description and drawing depicting the protected area.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), in hand paid, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, Grantor hereby reserves, conveys and grants the following easement (the "Open Space Preservation Easement"), which shall be binding upon the Grantor, and the City, and their respective heirs, successors, assigns and/or transferees and shall be for the benefit of the City, all Grantors and purchasers of the Property and their respective heirs, successors, assigns and/or transferees. This Open Space Preservation Easement is dedicated pursuant to subpart 11 of part 21 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act being MCL 324.2140, et. Seq., upon the terms and conditions set forth herein as follows:

1. The purpose of this Open Space Preservation Easement is to preserve the remaining woodlands, woodland replacement trees, remaining wetlands, wetland mitigation areas, landscaped open space, and parks, if any. The Easement Area shall be perpetually preserved and maintained, in its natural and undeveloped condition, unless authorized by permit from the City, and, if applicable, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy and the appropriate federal agency.

2. Except for and subject to the activities which have been expressly authorized by permit or approved by City, which have been approved in accordance with the RUD Agreement and Plan for the Project, which RUD Agreement is dated August 1, 2022, and is recorded at Liber 58317, Page 65 thru 95, Oakland County Records, and all applicable laws and ordinances, including construction, installation and maintenance of certain storm water drainage areas, utilities, improvements and grading as shown on the approved final site plan for the Condominium, and installation and maintenance of all approved parks, park improvements, and landscaping, including pathways and access for such purposes, there shall be no disturbance of the Easement Area, including altering the topography of; placing fill material in; dredging, removing or excavating soil, minerals, or trees, and from constructing or placing any structures on; draining surface water from; or plowing, tilling, cultivating, or otherwise altering or developing, and/or constructing, operating, maintaining any use or development. Grantor and its successors or assigns reserve the right to amend the Final Site Plan to add certain improvements to the Easement Area upon review and approval by the City. Grantor and its successors or assigns reserve the right to mow certain areas of the Easement Area as identified in Exhibit C.

3. All areas identified on Exhibit B as Easement Area shall be forever preserved and maintained, in the condition specifically approved by the City in accordance with the approved final site plan for a Residential Unit Development with respect to the Development.

4. This Open Space Preservation Easement does not grant or convey to City, or any member of the general public, any right of ownership, possession or use of the Easement Areas, except that, upon reasonable written notice to Grantor, City and its authorized employees and agents (collectively, "City's Representatives") may enter upon and inspect the Easement Area to determine whether the Easement Area is being maintained in compliance with the terms of this Open Space Preservation Easement.

In the event that the Grantor shall at any time fail to carry out the responsibilities 5. specified within this Open Space Preservation Easement, and/or in the event of a failure to preserve the Easement Areas in accordance with this Open Space Preservation Easement, the City may serve written notice upon the Grantor setting forth the deficiencies in maintenance and/or preservation. Notice shall also set forth a demand that the deficiencies be cured within a stated reasonable time period, and the date, time and place of the hearing before the City Council, or such other Council, body or official delegated by the City Council, for the purpose of allowing the Grantor to be heard as to why the City should not proceed with the maintenance and/or preservation which has not been undertaken. At the hearing, the time for curing the deficiencies and the hearing itself may be extended and/or continued to a date certain. If, following the hearing, the City Council, or other body or official, designated to conduct the hearing, shall determine that maintenance and/or preservation have not been undertaken within the time specified in the notice, the City shall thereupon have the power and authority, but not obligation, to enter upon the Easement Area, or cause its agents or contractors to enter upon the Easement Area and perform such maintenance and/or preservation as reasonably found by the City to be appropriate. The cost and expense of making and financing such maintenance and/or preservation, including the cost of notices by the City and reasonable legal fees incurred by the City, plus an administrative fee in the amount of 25% of the total of all costs and expenses incurred, shall be paid by the Grantor, and such amount shall constitute a lien on an equal pro rata basis as to all of the units in the Condominium. The City may require the payment of such monies prior to the commencement of work. If such costs and expenses have not been paid within 30 days of a billing to the Grantor, all unpaid amounts may be placed on the delinquent tax roll of the City, pro rata, as to each unit, and shall accrue interest and penalties, and shall be collected as, and shall be deemed delinquent real property taxes, according to the laws made and provided for the collection of delinquent real property taxes. In the discretion of the City, such costs and expenses may be collected by suit initiated against the Grantor, and, in such event, the Grantor shall pay all court costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred by the City in connection with such suit.

6. This Open Space Preservation Easement has been made and given for a consideration of a value less than One Hundred (\$ 100.00) Dollars, and, accordingly, is (i) exempt from the State Transfer Tax, pursuant to MCL 207.526(a), and (ii) exempt from the County Transfer Tax, pursuant to MCL 207.505(a).

7. Grantor shall state, acknowledge and/or disclose the existence of this Open Space Preservation Easement on legal instruments used to convey any interests in the Property.

8. This instrument shall run with the Property and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Grantor, City, and their respective heirs, representatives, successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor and City have executed the Open Space Preservation Easement as of the day and year first above set forth.

(signatures on following page)

GRANTOR

Toll Northeast V Corp., a Delaware corporation

By: Nith 2. Path

Name: KEITH W. PATTON

Its: DIRECTOR OF PRODUCTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN)) ss COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

Keith Patton, the Director of Production of Toll Northeast V Corp., a Delaware corporation.

MARJORIE J. GOOCH NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF GENESEE My Commission Expires 3/8/2026 Acting in the County of Oaluana

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Marjolie A Gooch Notary Public Genesee County, Michigan My Commission Expires: <u>38</u>4024

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City of Novi,			
a Municipal Corporation			

By:_____

Name:_____

Its:_____

STATE OF MICHIGAN)) ss COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this _____day of ______ 2023, by______, on behalf of the City of Novi, a Municipal Corporation.

> Notary Public Oakland County, Michigan My Commission Expires:_____

THIS INSTRUMENT DRAFTED BY:

Elizabeth K. Saarela, Esquire Rosati, Schultz, Joppich & Amtsbuechler, P.C. 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 250 Farmington Hills, MI 48331

WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO:

Courtney Hanson Clerk-City of Novi 45175 Ten Mile Rd. Novi, Michigan 48375 **EXHIBIT A** Legal Description of Property ų,

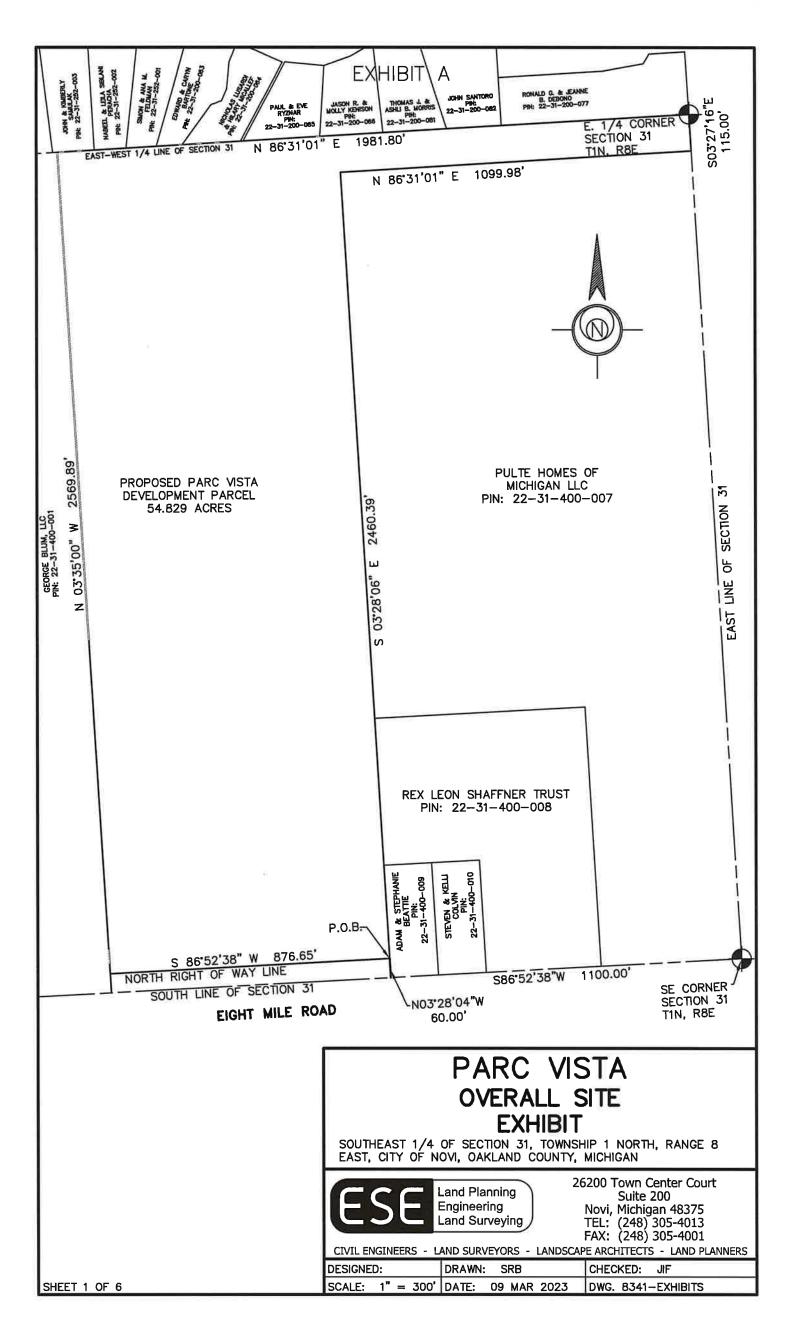


EXHIBIT A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OVERALL PARCEL (BY OTHERS)

DESCRIPTION OF A 54.829 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 31, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, CITY OF NOVI, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 31, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, CITY OF NOVI, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE S86'52'38"W (RECORDED AS N89'46'33"W AND N89'55'04"W) 1100.00 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 31, LYING IN EIGHT MILE ROAD (60 FOOT HALF WIDTH); THENCE NO3'28'04"W (RECORDED AS NO0'15'46"W) 60.00 FEET FOR A PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE S86'52'38"W (RECORDED AS N89'55'04"W) 876.65 FEET ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID EIGHT MILE ROAD; THENCE NO3'35'00"W (RECORDED AS NO0'22'42"W AND NO0'14'04"W) 2569.89 FEET; THENCE N86'31'01"E (RECORDED AS N89'43'21"E AND N89'51'00"E) 1981.80 FEET ALONG THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 31, ALSO BEING THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF DEER RUN OF NOVI CONDOMINIUM, OAKLAND COUNTY CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION PLAN NO. 1303, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 21978, PAGE 266, OAKLAND COUNTY RECORDS, AND ITS EASTERLY EXTENSION THEREOF; THENCE S03'27'16"E (RECORDED AS S00'07'08"E AND S00'15'06"E) 115.00 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 31, LYING IN GARFIELD ROAD (33 FOOT HALF WIDTH); THENCE S86"31'01"W (RECORDED AS S89'51'00"W AND S89'43'21"W) 1099.98 FEET; THENCE S03'28'06"E (RECORDED AS S00°15'46"E AND S00°07'08"E) 2460.39 FEET (RECORDED AS 2460.38 FEET) TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 54.829 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, BEING SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC OVER THE EAST 33 FEET THEREOF AS OCCUPIED BY SAID GARFIELD ROAD, ALSO BEING SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS OF RECORD, IF ANY.



EXHIBIT B Legal Description of Easement Area

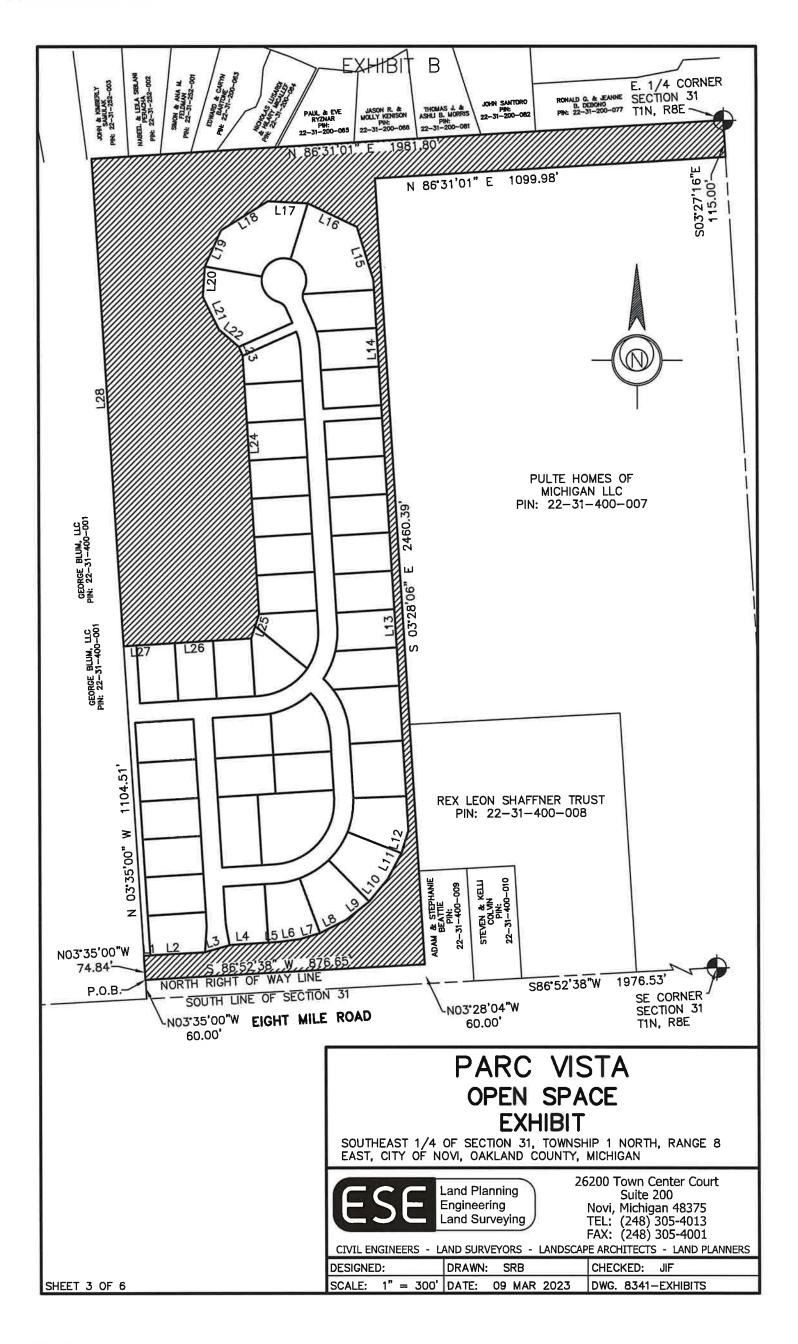


EXHIBIT B

LEGAL DESCRIPTION (OPEN SPACE)

PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 31, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, CITY OF NOVI, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH EAST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 31; THENCE ALONG SAID SECTION LINE S86'52'38"W 1976.53 FEET; THENCE N03'35'00"W 60.00 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF EIGHT MILE ROAD AND THE EASTERLY LINE OF GEORGE BLUM, LLC PIN: 22-31-400-001 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING: THENCE ALONG SAID LINE N03.35'00"W 74.84 FEET; THENCE N86.25'00"E 20.00 FEET; THENCE N86'52'52'E 170.38 FEET; THENCE N74'12'51"E 82.84 FEET; THENCE N86'32'26"E 120.00 FEET; THENCE N86'32'26"E 34.62 FEET; THENCE N82'17'41"E 65.45 FEET; THENCE N73'48'10"E 65.45 FEET; THENCE N63"35'12"E 91.95 FEET; THENCE N51"38'46"E 91.95 FEET; THENCE N39"42'20"E 91.95 FEET; THENCE N27'45'54"E 91.95 FEET; THENCE N16'56'52"E 74.69 FEET; THENCE N03'28'06"W 1333.51 FEET; THENCE N03'27'29"W 391.57 FEET; THENCE N17'05'19"W 173.99 FEET; THENCE N64'45'26"W 170.34 FEET; THENCE N87'04'27"W 125.00 FEET; THENCE S58*54'32"W 171.74 FEET; THENCE S24*06'38"W 125.00 FEET; THENCE S03*44'12"W 95.83 FEET; THENCE S25'58'50"E 114.55 FEET; THENCE S49'07'01"E 82.12 FEET; THENCE S22'53'34"E 30.00 FEET; THENCE S03'28'06"E 808.26 FEET; THENCE S17'57'11"W 80.49 FEET; THENCE S86'31'56"W 360.00 FEET; THENCE S86'25'00"W 40.34 FEET; THENCE N03'35'00"W 1525.38 FEET TO THE EAST-WEST LINE OF SECTION 31; THENCE ALONG SAID LINE N86'31'01"E 1981.80 FEET TO THE EAST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 31; THENCE S03'27'16"E 115.00 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF PULTE HOMES OF MICHIGAN, LLC PIN: 22-31-400-007; THENCE ALONG SAID LINE S86'31'01"W 1099.98 FEET TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF PULTE HOMES OF MICHIGAN; THENCE ALONG SAID LINE S03'28'06"E 2460.39 FEET; THENCE S86'52'38"W 876.65 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.



EXHIBIT C Legal Description of Mowed Area

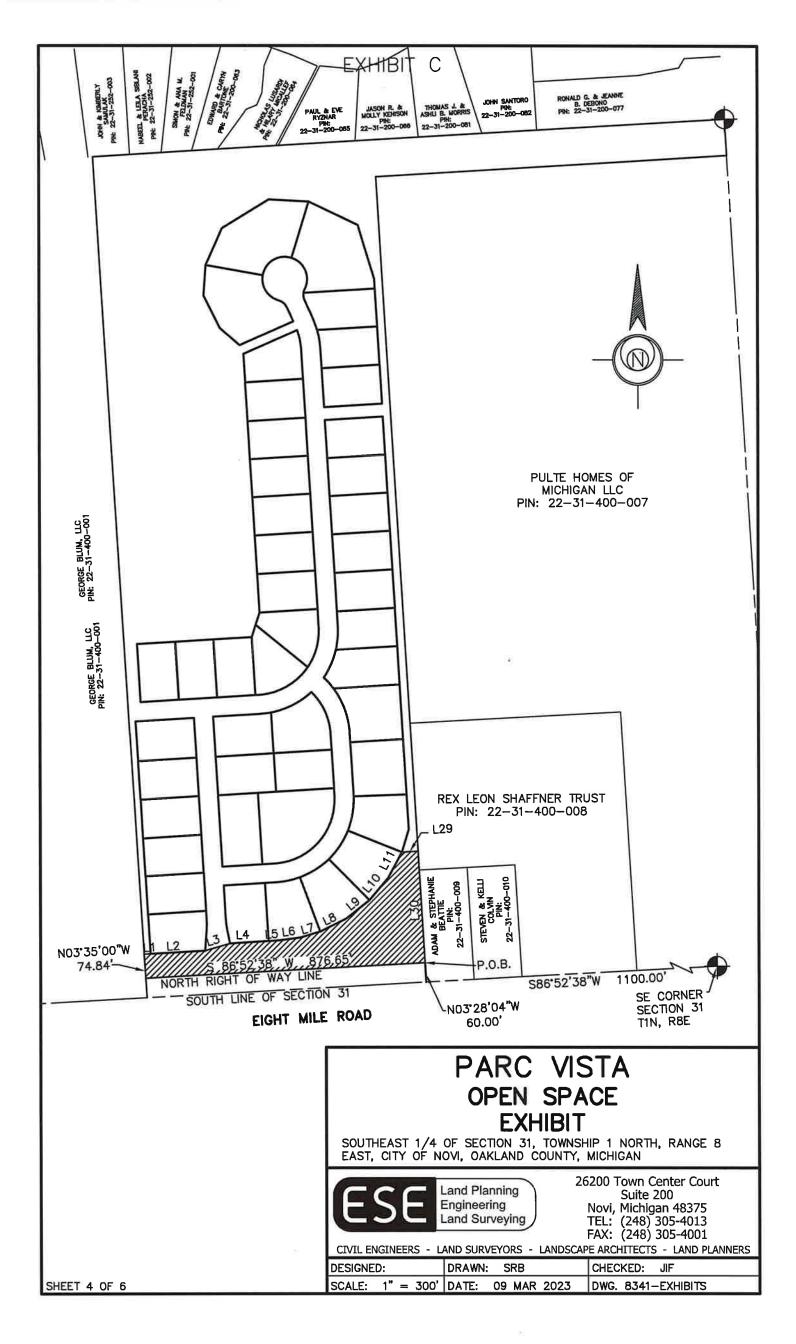


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ATTORNEYS APPROVAL LETTER

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August 17, 2023

Barb McBeth, City Planner City of Novi 45175 Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375-3024

RE: Parc Vista Condominium JSP 21-47 Open Space Preservation Easement

Dear Ms. McBeth:

We have received and reviewed the final executed Open Space Preservation Easement for the Parc Vista Condominium. The Open Space Preservation Easement is for the purpose of preservation of wetland and woodland areas within the Parc Vista Condominium. It allows for the mowing of certain general common elements of the Condominium as described in Exhibit C to the Open Space Preservation Easement consistent with the final approved site plan. Subject to approval of all exhibits by the City Planner and Consulting Engineer, the Open Space Preservation Easement may be placed on an upcoming City Council Agenda for acceptance.

This review is subject to additional comments by City Engineering Division and Planner.

Should you have any questions or concerns relating to the issues set forth above, please feel free to contact me in that regard.

Very truly yours,

ROSATI SCHULTZ JOPPICH & AMTSBUECHLER PC Elizabeth Kudla Saarela

EKS

C: Cortney Hanson, Clerk Charles Boulard, Community Development Director Lindsay Bell, Planner Barb McBeth, City Planner City of Novi August 17, 2023 Page 2

> Diana Shanahan, Planning Assistant Angie Sosnowski, Bond Coordinator Sarah Marchioni, Community Development Building Project Coordinator Ben Croy, City Engineer Rebecca Runkel, Project Engineer Adam Yako, Project Engineer Michael Freckelton, Taylor Reynolds & Ted Meadows, Spalding DeDecker Jan Ziozios, Deputy Assessor Alyssa Craigie, Administrative Assistant Scott Hansen, Toll Brothers Thomas R. Schultz, Esquire

ENGINEERING CONSULTANT'S APPROVAL LETTER



August 7, 2023

Barb McBeth, City Planner City of Novi 45175 Ten Mile Road Novi, Michigan 48375

Re: Parc Vista - Planning Document Review Novi # JSP21-0047 SDA Job No. NV23-201 EXHIBITS APPROVED

Dear Ms. McBeth,

We have reviewed the following document(s) received by our office on August 3, 2023 against the current submitted plan set. We offer the following comments:

Submitted Documents:

- 1. Master Deed Exhibit B (exhibit dated 03/13/2023) Exhibits Approved.
- 2. Open Space Preservation Easement (executed 08/01/2023: exhibit dated 03/09/2023) Exhibits Approved.

The exhibits do not require further revisions for review. The draft exhibits are approved and ready for execution and City Council acceptance.

Sincerely,

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Mike Freckelton, PE Project Engineer

Cc (via Email):

Lindsay Bell, City of Novi Diana Shanahan, City of Novi Sarah Marchioni, City of Novi Adam Yako, City of Novi Taylor Reynolds, Spalding DeDecker Ted Meadows, Spalding DeDecker Humna Anjum, City of Novi Beth Saarela, Rosati, Schultz, Joppich, Amtsbuechler