# CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL MAY 19, 2025



**SUBJECT:** Initial review of eligibility of Mariella Estates, JZ24-43, to rezone property north of Eight Mile Road, west of Garfield Road, from Residential Acreage to R-1 One Family with a Planned Rezoning Overlay.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Community Development Department - Planning

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Rezoning 9.4 acres on Eight Mile Road to allow development of 10 single-family lots in R-1 District. Under the current zoning, 6 single-family lots could be built.
- Redevelopment of a vacant parcel surrounded by single family developments.
- As the benefits to the public from the rezoning, the applicant points to the installation of a 5-foot-wide paved pathway from the existing Eight Mile Road crosswalk to the entrance of Maybury State Park (approximately 280 feet). Approval by the park would be required.
- The applicant also would like to include a contribution to improvements at the City's ITC Park in the amount of \$15,000 as part of the benefits. A specific improvement would be identified for the formal PRO Agreement, but the applicant has talked to PCRS about baseball dugout covers and bench seating, new playground structure, walking paths, additional sporting infrastructure, or concept planning for the park expansion to the recently acquired 88-acre site adjacent.
- Planning Commission reviewed the Initial PRO Plan and provided feedback on April 23, 2025.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Braciole Brothers, LLC is requesting a Zoning Map Amendment for approximately 9.4 acres of property on the north side of Eight Mile Road, to the west of Garfield Road, utilizing the Planned Rezoning Overlay option. The site is currently vacant and was formerly farmland. The current zoning is Residential Acreage.

As shown in the PRO Concept Plan, the applicant proposes to rezone to R-1 Single Family District and develop the property with 10 single family lots. The lot sizes are a minimum of ½ acre, which meets the requirements of the R-1 District. As shown in the parallel plan provided by the applicant, the property could be developed with six

single family homes under the current zoning. Therefore, the net increase of the rezoning is four homes.

The current zoning of the property is Residential Acreage. The properties to the north, east and west are also zoned RA, but have developed under the Residential Unit Development option, or RUD.

The Future Land Use Map identifies this property and those around it as Single Family. The density map shows a maximum planned density of 0.8 dwellings per acre.

The natural features map does not show any regulated features on the property, however current and historic aerial photos show a pond feature in the southeast corner of the property. We have asked the applicant to provide additional information to be able to determine if it is a regulated wetland. The tree survey also indicates trees that are greater than 36-inches in diameter, which are regulated by the woodland ordinance, and will require a woodland permit for removal.

The applicant had wanted to use the RUD option, which is how the adjacent Ballentyne and Parc Vista developments were approved, however that option requires a minimum site size of 20 acres. Therefore, they have proposed to utilize the Planned Rezoning Overlay to rezone the property to R-1 One Family Residential to achieve a similar and complementary development. The initial concept plan shows 10 single family lots. The development is accessed by a private gated street with one entrance off Eight Mile Road. While not required in the R-1 district, they have proposed a 20-foot landscape buffer around the lots to make the development consistent with the Ballentyne and Parc Vista developments.

As shown by this chart, the proposed Mariella Estates would have very similar minimum and average lot sizes to the surrounding developments, with the smallest lots being one-half of an acre and the largest being almost three-quarters of an acre. No façade elevations have been provided, but the applicant indicates these will be custom-built homes that would need to comply with ordinance standards at the time of plot plan review for individual lots.

	Number of lots	Average lot size	Minimum lot size	Maximum lot size
Mariella Estates (Proposed PRO)	10	23,622 sf	21,834 sf	31,856 sf
Ballantyne (Approved RUD)	41	25,295 sf	21,780 sf	43,717 sf
Parc Vista (Approved RUD)	44	25,295 sf	21,840 sf	49,560 sf

# **Comparison of Adjacent Developments**

Rezoning to the R-1 category requested by the applicant would permit the use proposed. Some of the conditions proposed include:

- 1. Open space as shown on the plan. Neither the RA nor R-1 district require open space to be provided, so rezoning to allow the smaller lot sizes could result in more preserved open space than required.
- 2. Perimeter landscape buffers that offer additional separation from the existing lots, which is not required in the RA nor R-1 District. The applicant states additional trees will be provided in the buffers in future submittals.
- 3. Limiting the overall density of the development to 1.07, which is more restrictive than the 1.6 dwellings per acre permitted in the R-1 District and more similar to the 0.8 dwellings per acre average of the surrounding developments.
- 4. The applicant also now shows the pond area in the southeast corner to be preserved.

Since the Planning Commission meeting, the applicant has refined their proposed benefits to the public:

- 1. Providing a 5-foot paved pathway on the south side of Eight Mile Road from the existing crosswalk to the entrance of Maybury State Park. The existing crosswalk is approximately 460 feet east of the entrance to the proposed development, and there is no paved pathway on the south side of Eight Mile Road to get users of the crosswalk to the entrance of Maybury State Park. The applicant states in their letter dated May 9th that the estimated cost of this improvement is \$25,000, and that approval from the park will be required.
- 2. The applicant suggests making a contribution to improvements at the City's ITC Park in the amount of \$15,000. A specific improvement would need to be identified for the formal PRO Agreement, but the applicant suggests they could include baseball dugout covers and bench seating, new playground structure, walking paths, additional sporting infrastructure, or concept planning for the park expansion to the recently acquired 88-acre site adjacent.

With the exception of the ability to identify specific benefit to the public, Staff and consultants have not identified any significant issues with the proposed rezoning and Concept Plan. There are only three deviations requested, which staff support as they are each relatively minor. No deviations for building height or setbacks are proposed. The remaining deviations are generally supported by staff given the justifications provided. Additional information will need to be reviewed at the time for Formal PRO plan submittal to confirm.

The proposal could help fulfill the goals and objectives contained in the Master Plan for Land use, as well as other positive outcomes, such as:

- 1. The goal to ensure the availability of a wide range of attractive housing choices that are protected from noise, traffic and other impacts of non-residential development,
- 2. The goal to encourage the development of neighborhood open space within residential developments.

- 3. The objective to maintain the semi-rural character of the southwest quadrant of the City that is created by low-density residential development and undeveloped land.
- 4. The objective to maintain existing housing stock and related infrastructure, as no existing homes would be removed to develop this plan.
- 5. The impacts on traffic and public utilities are expected to be similar to development under the existing zoning.
- 6. Submittal of a Concept Plan and any resulting PRO Agreement, provides assurance to the Planning Commission and the City Council of the manner in which the property will be developed, and can provide benefits that would not be likely to be offered under standard development options.

### **BURDEN ON APPLICANT**

The applicant bears the burden of demonstrating eligibility for a PRO:

In order to be eligible for the proposal and review of a rezoning with PRO, an applicant must propose a rezoning of property to a new zoning district classification, and must, as part of such proposal, propose clearly-identified site-specific <u>conditions</u> relating to the proposed improvements that (1) are in material respects, more strict or limiting than the regulations that would apply to the land under the proposed new zoning district, including such regulations or conditions as set forth in Subsection C below; and (2) constitute an overall benefit to the public that outweighs any material detriments <u>or</u> that could not otherwise be accomplished without the proposed rezoning.

The ordinance then goes on to specifically describe the **applicant's** burden in proving to the Planning Commission and City Council that its property is a good candidate for a PRO:

(a) The PRO accomplishes the integration of the proposed land development project with the characteristics of the project area in such a manner that results in an enhancement of the project area as compared to the existing zoning that would be unlikely to be achieved, or would not be assured, in the absence of the use of a PRO.

In other words, an applicant needs to prove not only that its proposed project can integrate with the other development in the area, but that it results in an **enhancement** of the project area as compared to the existing zoning, one that couldn't happen without the rezoning and the PRO.

The ordinance adds to the "restrictions" requirement as follows:

(1) Restrictions/limitations not required by ordinance. Development and use of the property shall propose and be subject to, following City Council review and approval, requirements shown, depicted, or specified on the PRO Plan, and/or in the PRO Conditions imposed, and/or in other conditions and provisions set forth in the PRO Agreement, that are more restrictive, in ways that are material and identifiable and capable of being shown or described **and as required in this Ordinance.** Such PRO Plan, PRO Conditions, and PRO Agreement shall overlay and supersede all inconsistent regulations otherwise applicable under this Ordinance.

The PRO ordinance also separately discusses the concept of "benefits" as a concept related to the PRO Conditions and the public interest generally:

b. Sufficient conditions have been included on and in the PRO Plan and the PRO Agreement such that the City Council concludes, in its discretion, that, as compared to the existing zoning and considering the site-specific land use proposed by the applicant, it would be in the public interest to grant the rezoning with PRO. In determining whether approval of a proposed application would be in the public interest, the benefits which would reasonably be expected to accrue from the proposal shall be balanced against, and be found to clearly outweigh the reasonably foreseeable detriments thereof, taking into consideration reasonably accepted planning, engineering, environmental and other principles, as presented to the City Council, following recommendation by the Planning Commission, and also taking into consideration the special knowledge and understanding of the City by the City Council and Planning Commission.

The PRO Conditions shall not authorize uses or development not permitted in the district proposed by the zoning (and shall not permit uses or development expressly or implicitly prohibited in the PRO Agreement), and may include some or all of the following, in addition to conditions that may be imposed by the City under MCL 125.3504:

- 1. Establishment of development features such as the location, size, height, area, or mass of buildings, structures, or other improvements in a manner that cannot be required under the Ordinance or the City's Code of Ordinances, to be shown on the PRO Plan.
- 2. Specification of the maximum density or intensity of development and/or use, as shown on the PRO Plan and expressed in terms fashioned for the particular development and/or use (for example, and in no respect by way of limitation, units per acre, maximum usable floor area, hours of operation, and the like).
- 3. Provision for setbacks, landscaping, and other buffers in a manner that exceeds what the Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances can require.
- 4. Exceptional site and building design, architecture, and other features beyond the minimum requirements of the Ordinance or the Code of Ordinances.
- 5. Preservation of natural resources and/or features, such as woodlands and wetlands, in a manner that cannot be accomplished through the Ordinance or the Code of Ordinances and that exceeds what is otherwise required. If such areas are to be affected by the proposed development, provisions designed to minimize or mitigate such impact.
- 6. Limitations on the land uses otherwise allowed under the proposed zoning district, including, but not limited to, specification of uses that are permitted and those that are not permitted.

- 7. Provision of a public improvement or improvements that would not otherwise be required under the ordinance or Code of Ordinances to further the public health, safety, and welfare, protect existing or planned uses, or alleviate or lessen an existing or potential problem relating to public facilities. These can include, but are not limited to, road and infrastructure improvements; relocation of overhead utilities; or other public facilities or improvements.
- 8. Improvements or other measures to improve traffic congestion or vehicular movement with regard to existing conditions or conditions anticipated to result from the development.
- 9. Improvements to site drainage (storm water) or drainage in the area of the development not otherwise required by the Code of Ordinances.
- 10. Limitations on signage.
- 11. Creation or preservation of public or private parkland or open space.
- 12. Other representation, limitations, improvements, or provisions approved by the City Council.

After this initial round of comments by the public bodies, the applicant may choose to make any changes, additions or deletions to the proposal based on the feedback received. The applicant will then submit their formalized PRO Plan, which will be reviewed by City staff and consultants. The project would then be scheduled for a 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing before Planning Commission. Following the 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing the Planning Commission will make a recommendation on the project to the City Council. The City Council would then consider the rezoning with PRO, and if it determines it may approve it, would direct the City Attorney to work with the applicant on a PRO Agreement. Once completed, that final PRO Agreement would return to Council for final determination.

#### **CONDITIONS**

The suggested types of conditions of Subsection C of the PRO Ordinance are summarized in the table below. The Full text of Ordinance Amendment, including Subsection C, can be found here.

Types of PRO Conditions (Section 7.13.2.C.ii.b)	Included	Notes
(1) Establishment of development features such as the location, size, height, area, or mass of buildings, structures, or other improvements in a manner that cannot be required under the Ordinance or the City's Code of Ordinances, to be shown in the PRO Plan.	No	Each single family lot would need to meet ordinance standards at time of plot plan review
(2) Specification of the maximum density or intensity of development and/or use, as shown on the PRO Plan and expressed in terms fashioned for the particular development and/or use (for example, and in no respect by way of limitation, units per acre, maximum usable floor area, hours of operation, and the like).	Yes	Use and lots as shown in PRO Plan could be stated as the maximum density allowed. The density proposed is less than allowed in the R-1 District.
(3) Provision for setbacks, landscaping, and other buffers in a manner that exceeds what the Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances can require.	Yes	The 25-foot landscape buffer surrounding the lots is not required in the RA or R-1 districts, so this exceeds ordinance standards. The landscaping within the buffer area also exceeds ordinance standards.
(4) Exceptional site and building design, architecture, and other features beyond the minimum requirements of the Ordinance or the Code of Ordinances.		
(5) Preservation of natural resources and/or features, such as woodlands and wetlands, in a manner that cannot be accomplished through the Ordinance or the Code of Ordinances and that exceeds what is otherwise required. If such areas are to be affected by the proposed development, provisions designed to minimize or mitigate such impact.	Yes	Pond in southeast corner proposed to be preserved.
(6) Limitations on the land uses otherwise allowed under the proposed zoning district, including, but not limited to, specification of uses that are permitted and those that are not permitted.	Yes	Only Single family homes proposed
(7) Provision of a public improvement or improvements that would not otherwise be required under the ordinance or Code of Ordinances to further the public health, safety, and welfare, protect existing or planned uses, or alleviate or lessen an existing or potential problem related to public facilities. These can include, but are not limited to, road and infrastructure improvements; relocation of overhead utilities; or other public facilities or improvements.	Yes	Provision of a 5-foot pathway to get non-motorized users from crosswalk to entrance of Maybury State Park

(8) Improvements or other measures to improve traffic congestion or vehicular movement with regard to existing conditions or conditions anticipated to result from the development.	No	Not proposed
(9) Improvements to site drainage (storm water) or drainage in the area of the development not otherwise required by the Code of Ordinances.		Stormwater management to be collected by underground detention/infiltration system.
(10) Limitations on signage.	No	Not proposed
(11) Creation or preservation of public or private parkland or open space.	Yes	<ul> <li>Open space provided within the development exceeds ordinance standards</li> <li>Contribution of \$15,000 for TBD improvements at ITC Park</li> </ul>
(12) Other representation, limitations, improvements, or provisions approved by the City Council.	TBD	

### **BENEFITS TO THE PUBLIC**

The following is a summary of features that the applicant asserts may be considered to meet the standard of constituting an overall benefit to the public that outweighs any material detriments or that could not otherwise be accomplished without the proposed rezoning:

- 1. A To Be Determined improvement at ITC Park. A specific improvement will be identified for the formal PRO Agreement, but possible options include baseball dugout covers and bench seating, new playground structure, walking paths, additional sporting infrastructure, or concept planning for the park expansion to the recently acquired 88-acre site adjacent. An issue regarding the donation is the lack of connection to the land being developed or even the general area of the city. The "conditions" imposed on a development to ensure that there's public benefit to the City are generally required to "relate to the underlying land use and the **potential impacts** of that land use..." under the state zoning law. As that City Council has heard in connection with other projects, a "donation," even if to a public space like a park or library, doesn't necessarily always relate to the development (though it can in some cases).
- Perimeter Landscape Buffers: The development proposes a minimum 25-foot perimeter landscape buffer from the lots to the property boundary. Only a few areas of the buffer show any landscaping being provided. The applicant states additional trees will be planted to be considered as an enhancement of the project.
- Increased Open Space: The development proposes an extensive amount of open space for a single-family development (28%) and a majority of the proposed open space is usable active open space. The pond area near 8 Mile is now proposed for preservation.

- 4. Overall density shall not exceed 1.07 dwelling units per acre. This would be more limiting than the 1.6 dwelling units per acre allowed in the R-1 District, and closer to what has been developed in the surrounding neighborhoods.
- 5. A 5-foot sidewalk from the south side of the Eight Mile crosswalk to the entrance of Maybury State Park. The existing crosswalk is approximately 460 feet east of the entrance to the proposed development, and there is no paved pathway on the south side of Eight Mile Road to get users of the crosswalk to the entrance of Maybury State Park. The applicant states in their response letter that they will pursue providing a 5-foot pathway that avoids the ditch and natural features on the south side of Eight Mile.

## **DEVIATIONS**

The proposed PRO Concept Plan includes the following ordinance deviation requests:

1. Lot Width (Sec 3.1.2.D): A Zoning Ordinance deviation is requested to reduce the required lot width for lots 4 and 5 to 98 feet (120 feet required). The deviation is requested for the two pie-shaped lots near the corner of the road.

<u>Applicant Justification:</u> These lots still provide adequate space for the intended housing product, are the two largest lots proposed, and exceed the R-1 minimum lot area requirements for over 10,000 square feet and 5,000 square feet respectively.

2. <u>Road Centerline Radius (Code of Ordinances, Sec. 11-194.b.2)</u>: Design and Construction Standards deviation for proposed street with 90-foot centerline radius (230-foot radius standard).

<u>Applicant Justification:</u> This does not provide a safety concern given the short distance of the road, the low travel speed, and the minimal traffic volumes expected with 10 homes.

3. <u>Screening Berm (Sec. 5.5.3.B.ii, iii)</u>: Landscape deviation for not providing the required berm on the east side of the road adjacent to the Public Right of Way. This is supported if the existing wetland/pond is preserved, which appears to be shown.

## PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission held an initial Public Hearing on April 23, 2025, to review and make comments on the proposal's eligibility for using the Planned Rezoning Overlay option. Comments made at that time are reflected in the draft meeting minutes included in this packet, and the Commission's comments are summarized here:

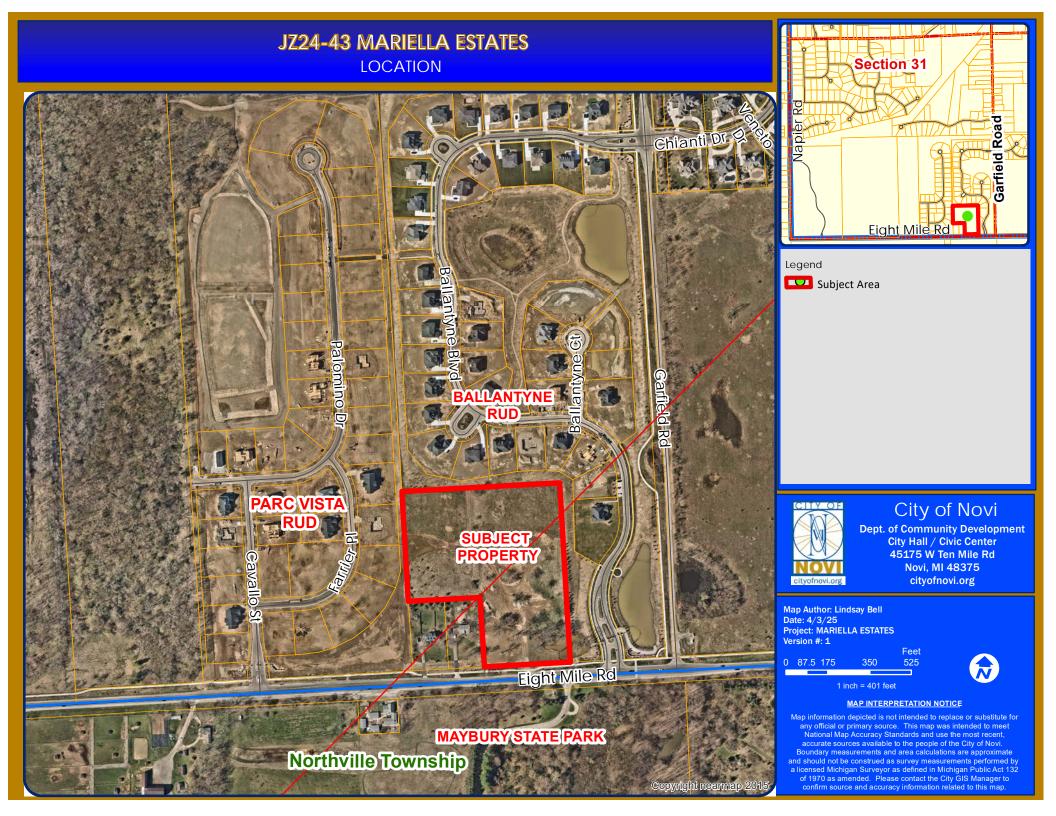
- Commissioners expressed familiarity with other projects by the developer, and acknowledged they are high quality.
- Commissioners stated with similar lot sizes, the development would fit in with the character of the surrounding developments.

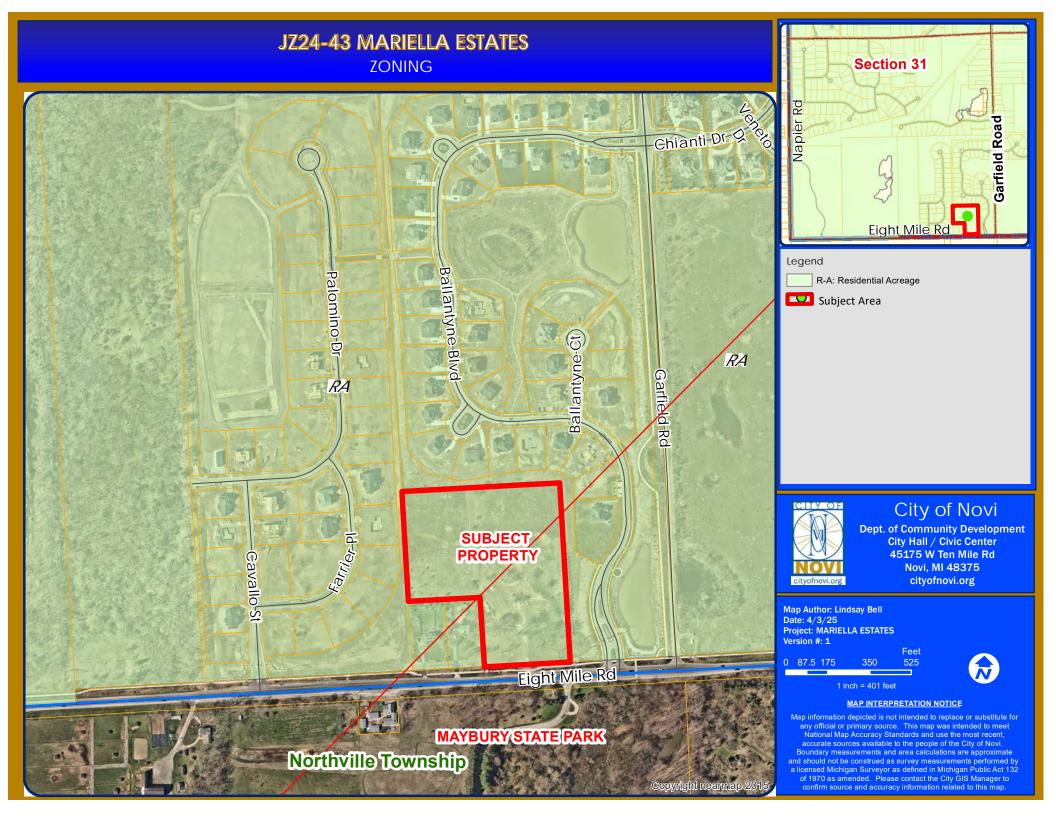
- Commissioners thought the current crosswalk location would be safer than moving it to the west, but an enhancement of it might be warranted.
- Commissioners stated that more trees should be provided within the open spaces bordering the adjacent developments.
- Commissioners encouraged the applicant to consider other conditions that confirm an overall benefit to the public, as those presented were fairly minor, and may not be enough to satisfy the requirements for use of the PRO rezoning process.

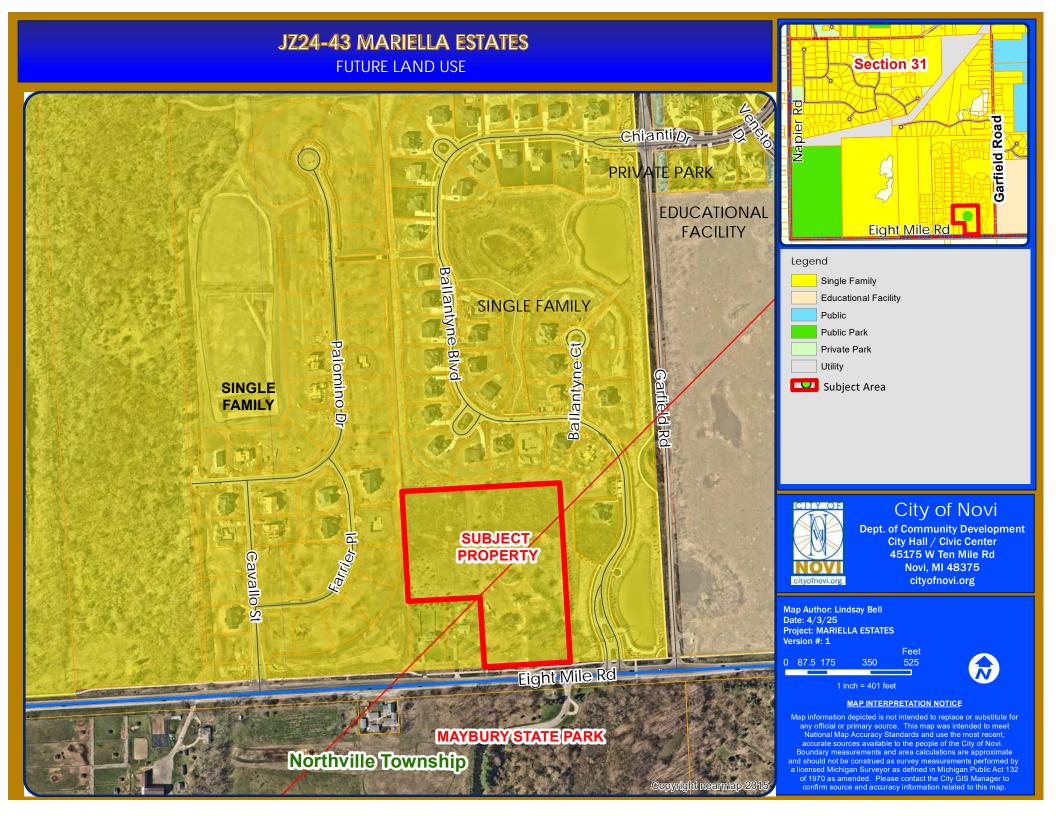
### CITY COUNCIL ACTION

This is the City Council's opportunity to comment on the eligibility of the proposal according to the standards of the PRO Ordinance and offer feedback to the applicant. No motion is necessary at this time, but the table above contains the examples of conditions that may be more strict or limiting, and/or provide an overall benefit to the public, as listed in the Ordinance that could be discussed at the City Council meeting.

<u>MAPS</u> Location Zoning Future Land Use Natural Features









**INITIAL PRO PLAN** 

#### DEVELOPMENT TEAM

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#### SITE DATA

EXISTING SITE ZONING: PROPOSED ZONING:	RA, RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE PRO, PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY (R-1)
PARCELS NO .:	22-31-400-008
EXISTING SITE AREA:	9.36 ACRES
NO, OF SINGLE FAMILY LOTS ANTICIPATED POPULATION MIN. LOT SIZE TYP. LOT WIDTH	10 35 (3.5 PER LOT) 21,780 SQ. FT. (0.5 ACRE) 120' MINIMUM
PROPOSED DENSITY RA REQUIRED R-1 REQUIRED	1.07 DU/ACRE 0.80 DU/ACRE 1.65 DU/ACRE
BUILDING SIZE: HEIGHT: STORIES: FLOOR AREA PER UNIT:	35 FEET 2 3,200 TO 4,300 SF
OPEN SPACE:	±2.65 AC (28%)

FIRE DEPARTMENT NOTES

- ALL FIRE HYDRANTS AND WATER MAINS SHALL BE INSTALLED AND IN SERVICE PRIOR TO ABOVE FOUNDATION BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AS EACH PHASE IS BUILT.
- ALL ROADS SHALL BE PAVED AND CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING 35 TONS PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION ABOVE FOUNDATION. BUILDING ADDRESSES SHALL BE POSTED FACING THE STREET DURING ALL PHASES OF CONSTRUCTION. ADDRESSES SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF THREE INCHES IN HEIGHT ON A CONTRASTING BACKGROUND.
- FIRE LANES SHALL BE POSTED WITH 'FIRE LANE NO PARKING'' SIGNS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE #05.99.02.

#### GENERAL NOTES

- ALL WORK SHALL CONFORM TO THE CITY OF NOVI'S CURRENT STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS, UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED IN THE PRO AGREEMENT.
- 2. THE CONTRACTOR MUST OBTAIN A PERMIT FROM THE ROAD COMMISSION FOR OAKLAND COUNTY FOR ANY WORK WITHIN THE FIGHT-OF-WAY OF EIGHT MILE ROAD.
- 3 ALL PAVEMENT MARKINGS, TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS, AND PARKING SIGNS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE DESIGN AND PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE 2011 MICHIGAN MANUAL ON UNFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.
- 4. THE CITY OF NOVI HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY TO IMPROVE OR MAINTAIN THE PRIVATE STREETS CONTAINED WITHIN OR PRIVATE STREETS PROVIDING ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY DESCREED IN THIS PLAN.

#### SUMMARY OF PUBLIC BENEFITS

- PUBLIC-USE PARK: THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSES AN ACTIVE OPEN SPACE PARK AREA INTENDED FOR USE BY THE RESIDENTS AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE, WITH DIRECT PUBLIC ACCESS OFF OF 8-MLE ROAD.
- PUBLIC-USE PLAYGROUND STRUCTURE: THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSES A PLAYGROUND FOR PUBLIC USE, WITH DIRECT PUBLIC ACCESS FROM 8-MILE ROAD.
- PERIMETER LANDSCAPE BUFFERS: THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSES A MINIMUM 25'
   PERIMETER LANDSCAPE BUFFER FROM THE LOTS TO THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY.
- INCREASED OPEN SPACE: THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSES AN EXTENSIVE AMOUNT OF OPEN SPACE FOR A SINGLE-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT (28%) AND A MAJORITY OF THE PROPOSED OPEN SPACE IS USABLE ACTIVE OPEN SPACE.
- FLASHING CROSSWALK AT 8-MILE: THE EXISTING 8-MILE CROSSWALK WILL BE UPGRADED WITH FLASHING CROSSWALK SIGNS.
- REDUCED DENSITY: A REDUCED DENSITY OF 1.07 UNITS PER ACRE IS BEING PROPOSED.
   R-1 ZONING ALLOWS UP TO 1.65 UNITS PER ACRE.

#### DEVIATIONS

- LOTS WOTHS FOR LOTS 4 AND 5 ARE 98'WDE. THIS IS 22'BELOW THE 120'MINMUM LOT WOTH REQUIRED UNDER R-1 ZONIO AS MEASURED AT THE FRONT SETTACK LINE. THESE LOTS STLL PROVDE ADCUALE SPACE FOR THE INTEDIDE HOUSING PRODUCT, ARE THE TWO LARGEST LOTS PROVBED, AND EXCEED THE R-1 MINMUM LOT AREA REQUIREMENTS FOR VOET NOOS SQUARE FEET MOS 5000 SOURCE FEET RESPECTIVELY.
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- A REDUCED CENTERLINE RADIUS OF 50 DEGREES IS PROPOSED DUE TO GEOMETRIC SITE CONSTRAINS. THIS DOES NOT PROVIDE A SAFETY CONCERN GIVEN THE SHORT DISTANCE OF THE ROAD, THE LOW TRAVEL SPEED AND THE MINIMAL TRAFFIC VOLUMES EXPECTED.





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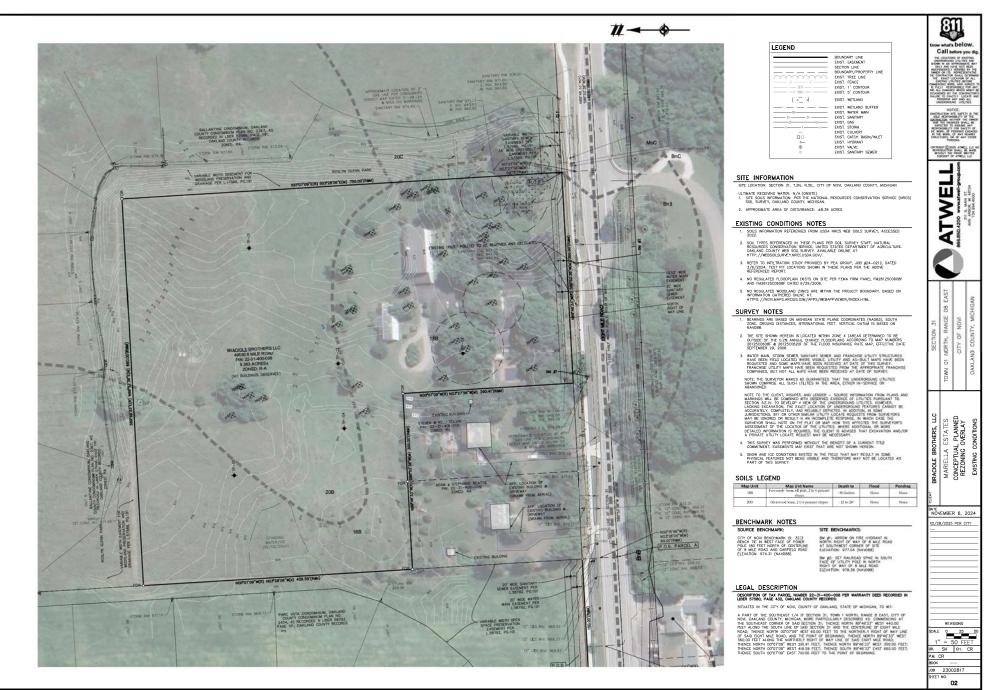
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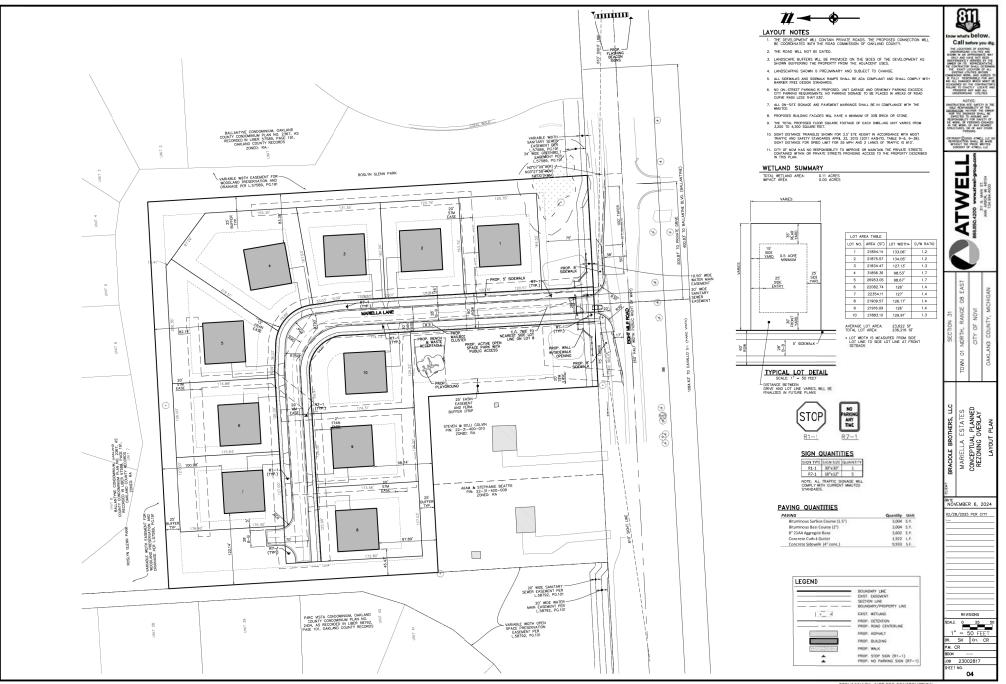
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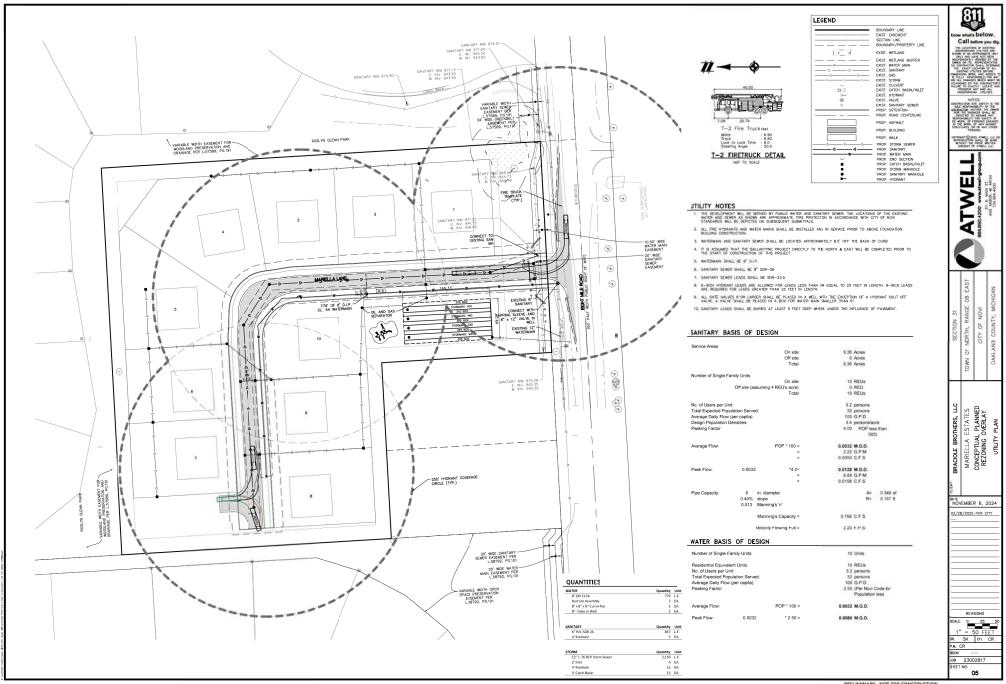


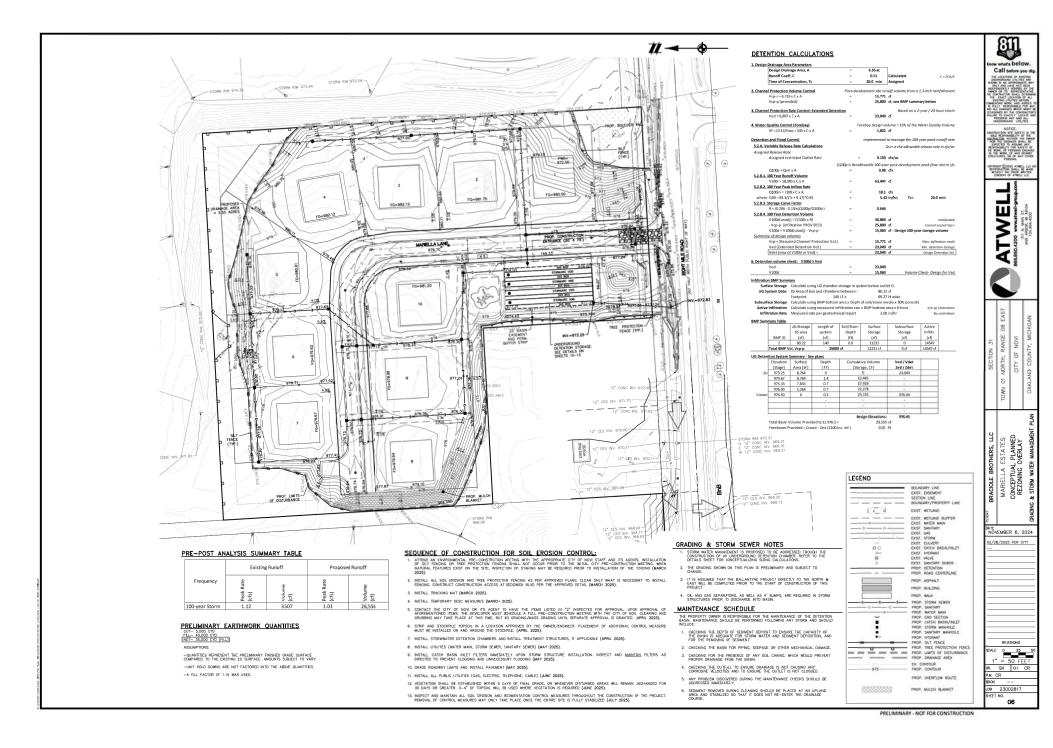
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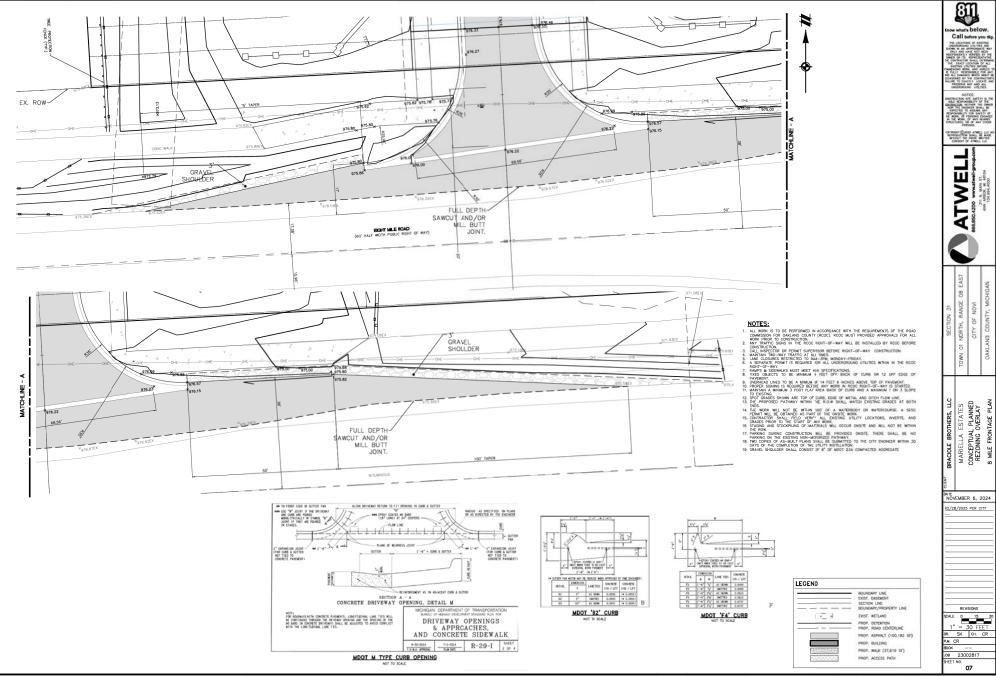
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1785	ACPL	Acer platanoides	Norway Maple	24	Good	No		Yes	Yes
1786	PIGL	Picea glauxa	White Spruce	18	Fair	No	Dead Branches	No	Yes
1787	ACSAN	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	52	Fair	No	Fused Trunk	Yes	Yes
1788	ACSA	Acer sacchaium	Sugar Maple	22	Fair	No	Topped For Utility Line	No	Yes
1789	ACSA	Acer sacchaium	Sugar Maple	25	Fair	No	Topped For Utility Line	Yes	No
1790	MASPP	Malus speces	Apple/Crabapple	16	Fair	No	Two Trunk (2T): 12; Dead Main Branches	No	Yes
1791	ACSAN	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	61.5	Good	No	2T: 29; Fused Trunk	Yes	Yes
1792	JUVI	Juniperus virghiana	Eastern Red Cedar	14.5	Fair	No	Dead Branches, Missing Bark	Yes	Yes
1793	MAGR	Magnolia grantifiora	Magnolia	16	Good	No	Three Trunk (3T): 12, 8	No	Yes
1794	ACSAN	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	33.5	Good	No		Yes	Yes
1795	ACSA	Acer sacchaium	Sugar Maple	11	Good	No		No	Yes
1796	ACSAN	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	20	Good	No		No	Yes
1797	ACSAN	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	24	Good	No		Yes	Yes
1798	ACSAN	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	25	Good	No		Yes	Yes
1799	ACSAN	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	12	Good	No	Seven Trunk (7T): 11, 11, 8.5, 6.5, 6, 3.5	No	Yes
2237	AEGL	Aesculus glabra	Ohio Buckeye	32.5	Fair	No	Trimmed Main Limb	Yes	Yes
2238	MAGR	Magnolia grantiflora	Magnolia	17.5	Fair	No	2T: 14.5; Missing Branches	No	Yes
2246	GLTR	Gleditsia triacanthos	Honey Locust	36	Good	No		Yes	Yes
2247	ACSAN	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	35	Fair	No	Dead Limbs, Trimmed	Yes	No
2401	ACSAN	Acer saccharinum	Silver Maple	27.5	Good	No		Yes	Yes
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2403	MOAL	Morus alba	White Mulberry	16	Good	No	3T: 13, 11	No	Yes
2404	MOAL	Morus alba	White Mulberry	8.5	Good	No		No	Yes
2405	MOAL	Morus alba	White Mulberry	8	Good	No	2T: 7	No	Yes
2406	MOAL	Morus alba	White Mulberry	17	Good	No	2T: 6; Fused Trunk	No	Yes
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2414	MOAL	Morus alba	White Mulberry	8	Good	No		No	Yes
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2416	ACNE	Acer negurdo	Boxelder	12	Good	No		No	Yes
2417	ACSA	Acer sacchaium	Sugar Maple	13	Good	No		No	Yes
2418	PIPU	Picea pungens	Blue Spruce	10.5	Good	No		No	Yes
2419	POTR	Populus tremuioides	Quaking Aspen	8	Good	No		No	No
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2421	MOAL	Morus alba	White Mulberry	15.5	Good	No	2T: 4; Fused Trunk	No	Yes
2422	ROPS	Robinia pseudaacacia	Black Locust	8	Good	No		No	Yes
2423	ROPS	Robinia pseudoacacia	Black Locust	8	Good	No		No	Yes
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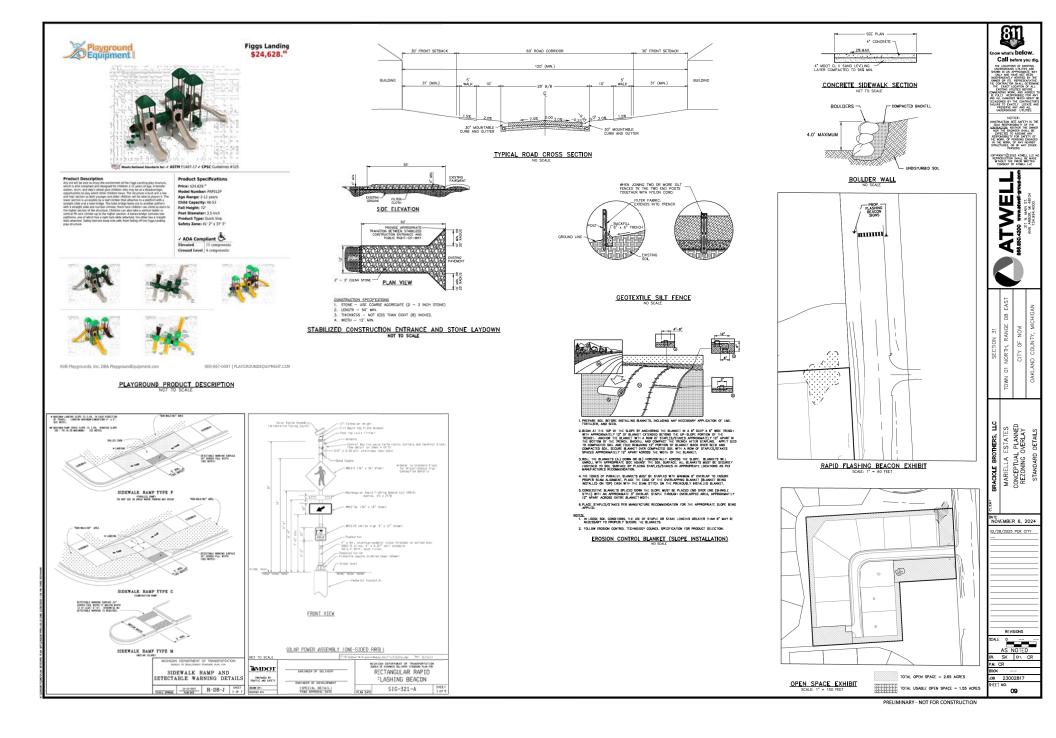
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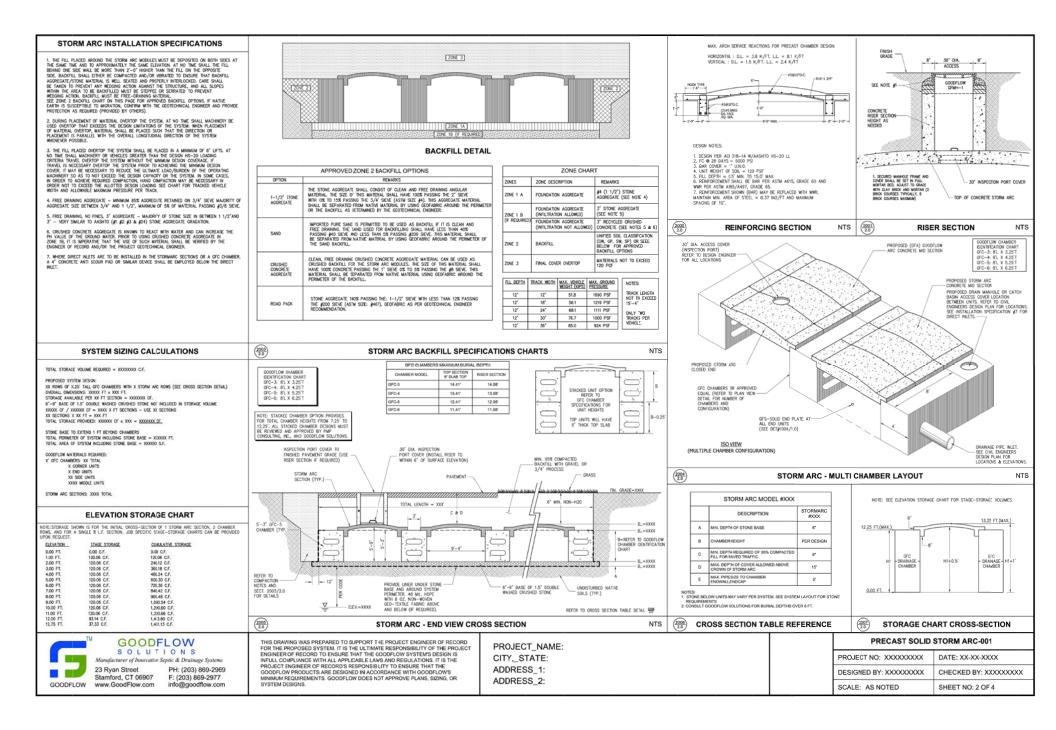


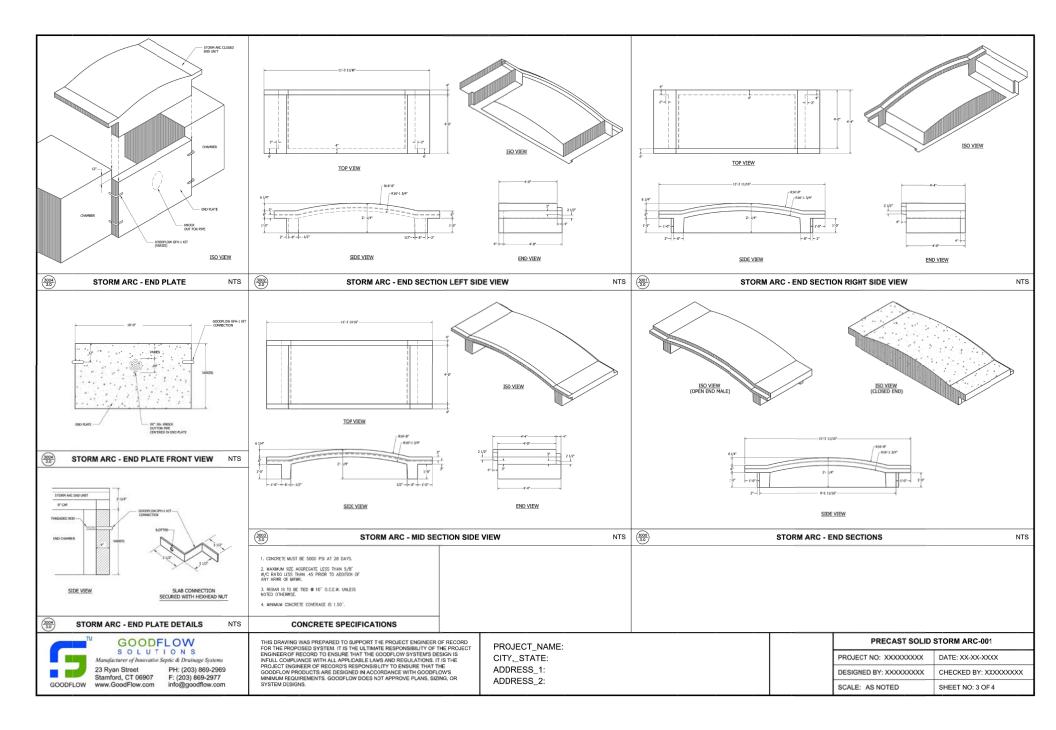


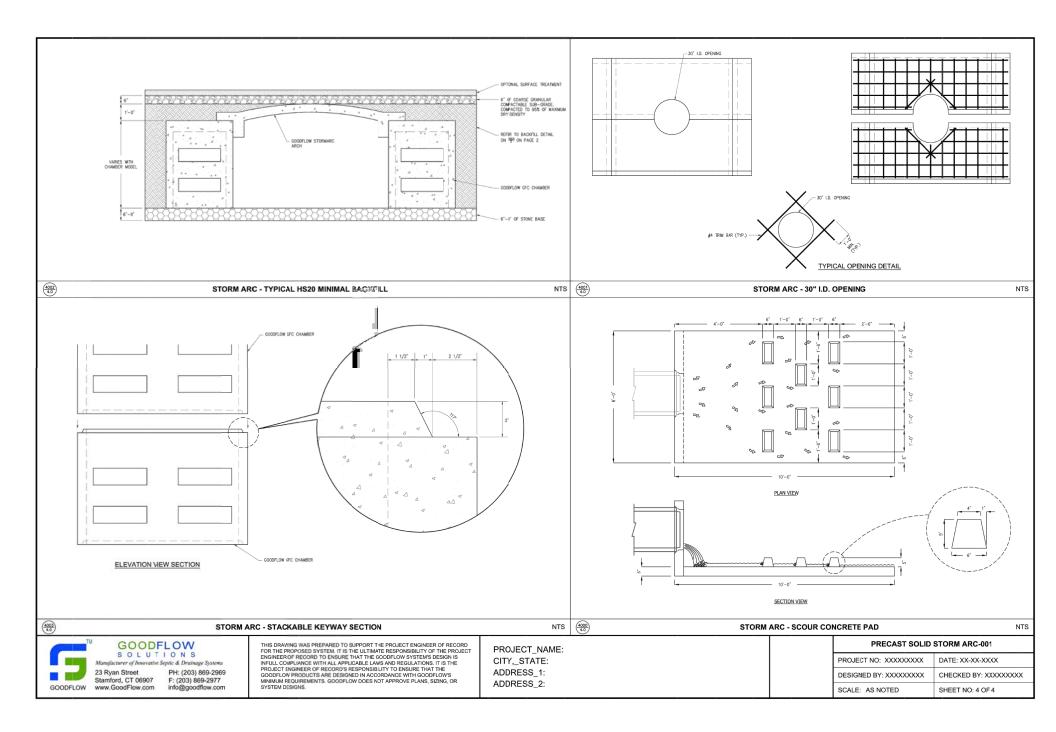
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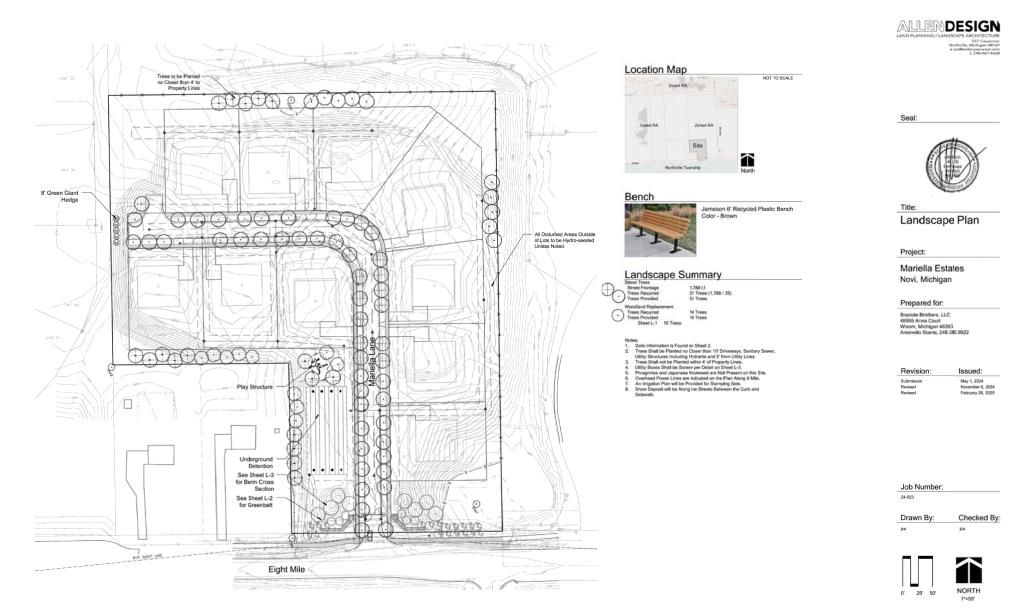
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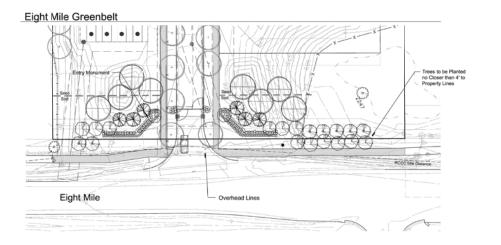




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Landscape S	ummary
Greenbelt Plantings	
Total Street Frontage	3601 f

Total Street Frontage	360 1.f.
Less ROW	281.6
Net Frontage	33211.
Canopy Trees Required	8.3 Trees (332 / 40)
Canopy Trees Provided	8 Trees
Sub-Canopy Trees Required	13.3 Trees (332 / 25)
Sub-Canopy Trees Provided	13 Trees
Street Trees	
Eight Mile	
Total Street Frontage	3601.6
Less RCCC Site Vision	294 Lf.
Net Frontage	66 L.f.
Trees Required	1.9 Trees (66 / 35)
Ornamental Trees Provided	5 Trees (1.5 Ornamental per Tree)
Note:	

Note: 1. Trees Shall be Planted no Closer than 10' Driveways, Sanitary Sewer, Utility Structures Including Hydrantis and 5' from Utility Lines. 2. Trees Shall not be Planted within 4' of Property Lines.



Title: Greenbelt and Detention

Project:

Mariella Estates Novi, Michigan

Prepared for:

Braciole Brothers, LLC 48955 Anna Court Wixom, Michigan 48393 Antonello Stante, 248.380.9922

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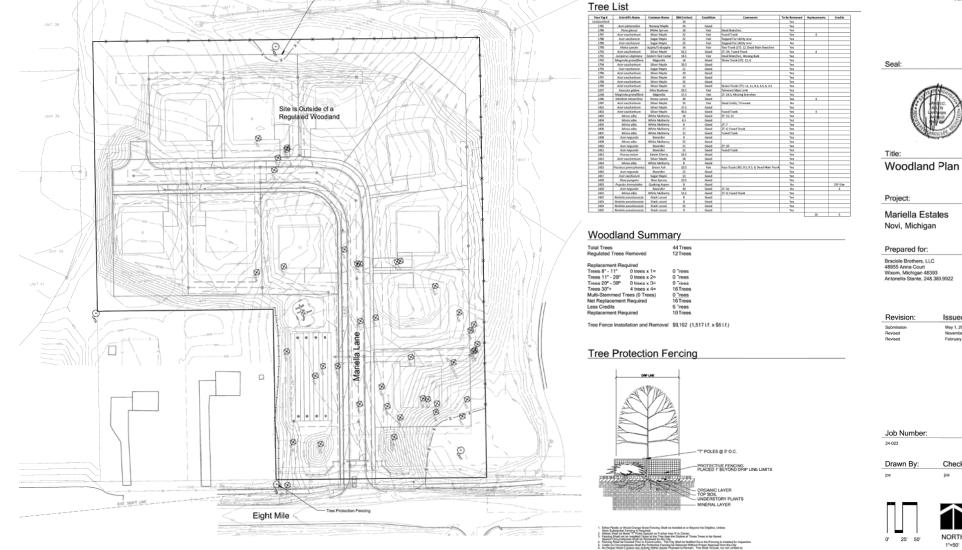


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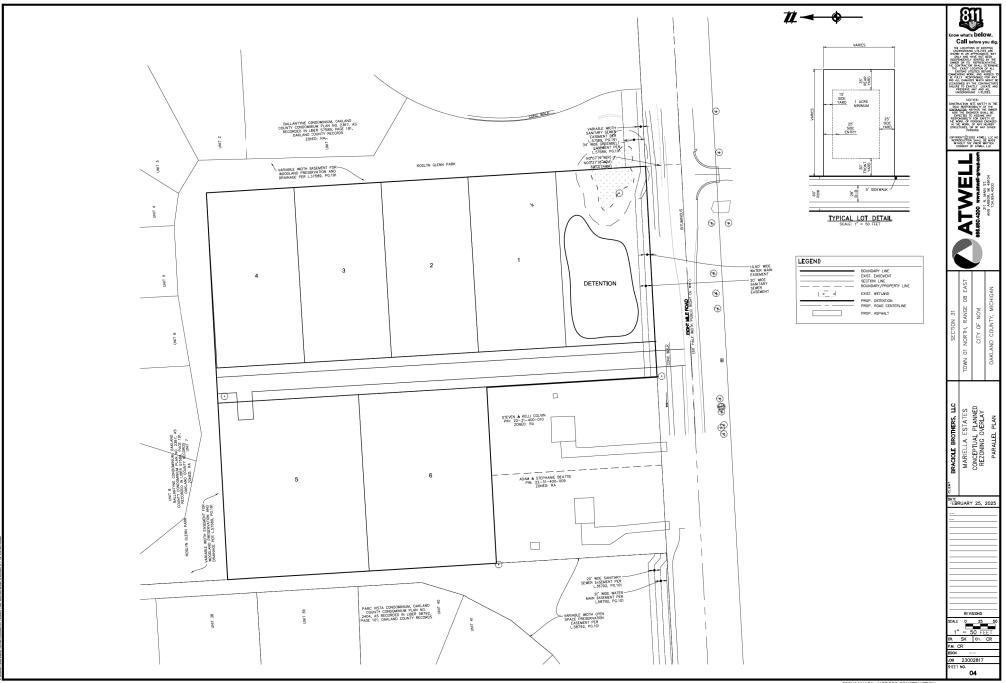
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PARALLEL PLAN



PROJECT NARRATIVE

February 28, 2024



Ms. Lindsay Bell City of Novi – Planning Department 45175 West Ten Mile Road Novi, Michigan 48375

Re: Preserves of Maybury Planned Rezoning Overlay (PRO) Submittal Package PREAPP24-01

Dear Ms. Bell,

We are pleased to present to you a proposed single family residential development by Braciole Brothers LLC. Please accept this letter document, accompanying plans, and supplemental information as the Conceptual PRO submittal for our client's Preserves of Maybury development. We are providing these plans for your distribution and comments.

#### **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

The Preserves at Maybury project is a single-family residential community proposed on approximately 9-acres in the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan. The proposed development is located on the north side of 8-Mile Road, just west of Garfield Road. The subject property is directly adjacent and surrounded by two RUD developments on either site, the Ballantyne and Parc Vista. The subject parcel and surrounding parcels in the area are currently zoned RA and prominently support development of 1/2-acre lots. The development will utilize the City's Planned Rezoning Overlay (PRO) option to allow for single family housing at a lot size and density more in line with that of the directly adjacent RUD developments. Multiple public benefits are being proposed as a part of the PRO that are at the scale appropriate for a residential development with 10 houses being proposed.

The development will contain private roads and is proposed to be served by public sewer and water located within the 8-mile road right-of-way. These public utilities will have the capacity to serve the development per the city's engineering standards. Storm water management is proposed to be addressed through the construction of an underground detention vault on the west side of the property. The vault will be designed in accordance with the city's requirements.

The development is planned to be constructed in one phase.

#### PARALLEL PLAN

Under the current RA zoning a maximum of 9 lots would be allowed based on site acreage. However, given geometric challenges of the property as well as providing an access road and stormwater detention, 6 lots are represented on the enclosed parallel plan.

### PUBLIC BENEFITS FOR REZONING

The requested R-1 underlay zoning, with a PRO Development Agreement would be the most cohesive option for development of this site to maintain a consistent lot size and product type between the two adjacent developments. Additionally, R-1 zoning is in compliance with the "Single-Family" designation listed for this site in the City of Novi Master Plan. As required with all PRO requests, we offer the following specific public benefits with the PRO project:

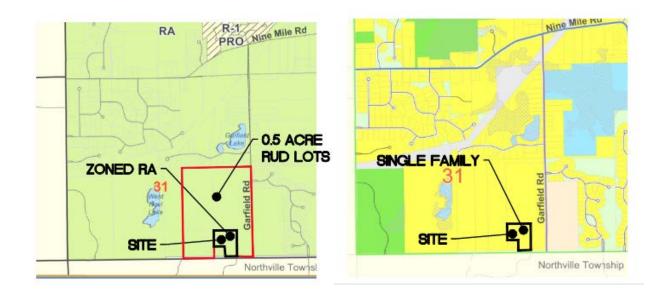
- <u>Public-Use Park</u>: The development proposes an active open space park area indented for use by the residents and the public at large, with direct public access off of 8-Mile Road.
- <u>Public-Use Playground Structure</u>: The development proposes a playground for public use, with direct public access from 8-Mile Road.
- <u>Perimeter Landscape Buffers</u>: The development proposes a minimum 25' perimeter landscape buffer from the lots to the property boundary.
- <u>Increased Open Space</u>: The development proposes an extensive amount of open space for a single-family development (28%) and a majority of the proposed open space is usable active open space.
- <u>Flashing Crosswalk at 8-Mile</u>: The existing 8-mile crosswalk will be upgraded with flashing crosswalk signs.
- <u>Reduced Density</u>: A reduced density of 1.07 units per acre is being proposed. R-1 zoning allows up to 1.65 units per acre.

### REQUESTED ORDINANCE DEVIATIONS

Three deviations are being requested, as follows:

- Lots widths for lots 4 and 5 are 98' wide. This is 22' below the 120' minimum lot width required under R-1 zoning as measured at the front setback line. These lots still provide adequate space for the intended housing product, are the two largest lots proposed, and exceed the R-1 minimum lot area requirements for over 10,000 square feet and 5,000 square feet respectively.
- No cul-de-sac is being provided. Given the low volume of traffic that this subdivision will encounter a T-turnaround is being proposed due to geometric constraints and a way to reduce total pavement on site. The dimensions of the proposed turnaround meets current International Fire Code (IFC) requirements.
- A reduced centerline radius of 90 degrees is proposed due to geometric site constrains. This does not provide a safety concern given the short distance of the road, the low travel speed and the minimal traffic volumes expected.

### ZONING AND FUTURE LAND USE MAPS (FOR REFERENCE)



### **CONCLUSION AND SUBMITTAL**

We look forward to your earliest review of this development and rezoning proposal. For your record, included with this submittal are the following documents:

- One (1) Site Plan Revision application
- One (1) updated Road and Project Name application
- One (1) Woodland and Wetland Permit application
- Four (4) Site Plans (24" x 36") signed & sealed by a licensed engineer
- One (1) Response Letter addressing the previous review comments
- One (1) Copy of the Wetland memo
- One (1) Copy of the Parallel plan
- One (1) Copy of the Sign Location Plan

Thank you for your continued assistance and cooperation with respect to this project. If you should have any questions or need any additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely, ATWELL, LLC

Chris Rothhaar, P.E. Project Manager

PLANNING REVIEW



# PLAN REVIEW CENTER REPORT Planning Review

March 21, 2025 JZ24-43 Mariella Estates PRO (fka Preserves of Maybury) Zoning Map Amendment No. 18.750

### APPLICANT Braciole Brothers, Inc

### **REVIEW TYPE**

Revised Initial PRO Plan: Consideration of Eligibility Rezoning Request from RA Residential Acreage to R-1 One Family Residential with a Planned Rezoning Overlay

### PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS

Section	31				
Site Location	West of Ga	West of Garfield Road and North of Eight Mile Road (Parcel 22-31-400-008)			
Site School District	Northville C	Community School District			
Site Zoning	RA Residen	RA Residential Acreage			
Adjoining Zoning	North	RA Residential Acreage			
	East	RA Residential Acreage			
	West	RA Residential Acreage			
	South	(Northville Township) Maybury State Park			
Current Site Use	Farmland	nd			
	North	Single Family Residential (under construction)			
Adjoining Uses	East	Single Family Residential			
	West Single Family Residential (under construction)				
South Maybury State Park/Single Family Residential					
Site Size	9.36 acres				
Plan Date	February 28, 2025				

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The subject property is located on the north side of Eight Mile Road, west of Garfield Road in Section 31 of the City of Novi. The property to be rezoned totals about 9.36 acres and is currently vacant. The applicant is proposing to develop a 10-unit single family residential development. The development proposes a private street with one entrance off Eight Mile Road with a gated entrance. The applicant is requesting to rezone the site from RA Residential Acreage to R-1 One Family Residential with a Planned Rezoning Overlay.

### PRO OPTION

The PRO option creates a "floating district" with a conceptual plan attached to the rezoning of a parcel. As part of the PRO, the underlying zoning is proposed to be changed (in this case from RA

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to R-1), and the applicant submits a conceptual plan for development of the site. After Staff and consultant review, the proposed request goes through initial review by the Planning Commission and City Council. Each of those bodies will provide feedback and comments on whether the project meets the eligibility criteria for the PRO process.

The applicant can then make any changes to the Concept Plan based on the feedback received, and resubmit for formal review. The Planning Commission holds a public hearing and makes a recommendation to City Council. The City Council reviews the Concept Plan, and if the plan receives tentative approval, it directs the preparation of an agreement between the City and the applicant, which also requires City Council approval. Following final approval of the PRO concept plan and PRO agreement, the applicant will submit for Preliminary and Final Site Plan approval under standard site plan review procedures. The PRO runs with the land, so future owners, successors, or assignees are bound by the terms of the agreement, absent modification by the City of Novi, or unless otherwise stated in the agreement or terminated.

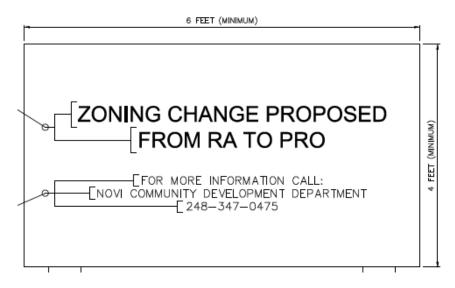
### RECOMMENDATION

Staff notes there will not be a significant change in the number of units as a result of the rezoning, with lots that are similar in size to the RUD developments adjacent. The percentage of open space preservation is less than the RUD developments adjacent. The identified benefit of rezoning is the provision of an open space park area with a play structure that will be available to the public. In the interest of the public, the applicant should consider implementing the recommendations of the Active Mobility Plan, as described on page 3.

### **REVIEW CONCERNS**

This project was reviewed for conformance with the Zoning Ordinance with respect to Article 3 (Zoning Districts), Article 4 (Use Standards), Article 5 (Site Standards), Section 7.13 (Amendments to Ordinance) and any other applicable provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. <u>Please see the attached</u> <u>chart for additional information pertaining to ordinance requirements.</u> Items in **bold** below must be addressed and incorporated as part of the next submittal:

- 1. <u>Supporting Documentation</u>: The applicant has provided the following as part of their application packet:
  - a. Narrative: The narrative provided states that Rezoning allows for development consistent with the adjacent communities that have developed under a Residential Unit Development (RUD) Agreement Ballyntine and Parc Vista. This property is not eligible for an RUD as it is less than 20 acres in size, therefore the applicant is seeking a rezoning to R-1 in order to create similar-sized lots. The applicant indicates 6 lots could be feasibly developed under the existing RA standards when providing an access road and stormwater detention. A "Parallel Plan" has been provided to demonstrate the potential lot layout under RA standards. The change in Residential Equivalent Units (REUs) would be from 6 under the current zoning to 10 with the proposed zoning.
  - b. The statement also notes the conditions and deviations proposed, as well as public benefits. Future submittals should be updated to reflect the most current requests, including any deviations.
  - c. **Traffic Impact Study:** Not required as does not meet the threshold (rezoning to residential category two or more higher).
  - d. Sign Location Plan: A sign placement plan and rezoning sign mock-up have been provided for review. Please change the wording in the 2<sup>ND</sup> line on the signage to <u>"FROM RA TO R-1</u> with PRO". Signage must be posted on the site a minimum of 15 days prior to the public hearing date. The sign placement is approved for the location shown.



- 2. <u>Wetland Delineation</u>: The applicant has provided a statement from Atwell indicating the likely presence of a wetland on the site prior to grading that was conducted earlier, however that evaluation was based on a February site visit when no vegetation was growing, and no soil borings were taken. Based on aerial imagery from 2000-present, the southeastern area of the site has exhibited standing water. The wetland area is now shown on the plans, as is a 25-foot wetland buffer that extends onto Lot 1. The City advises the applicant to conduct further wetland investigation of the area during the growing season as described in Merjent's review letter, including wetland flagging (including U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Data Forms). Further, the applicant should propose a PRO Condition that would provide a physical indication to the future owner of Lot 1 that the wetland buffer shall be protected from mowing/vegetation removal and no structures or impervious surfaces shall intrude into the wetland buffer.
- 3. <u>Active Mobility Plan:</u> The City's Active Mobility Plan, adopted in 2024, recommends improvements to the Eight Mile Road crosswalk (flashing beacons or HAWK signal), and coordinating with Maybury State Park to provide a non-motorized connection between the crosswalk and the park entrance. Currently cyclists and pedestrians must use the narrow shoulder on the south side of 8 Mile to access the entrance to the park. While the south side of 8 Mile is in Northville Township, improved safety enhancements to access this important regional recreational destination would benefit Novi residents as well.

The applicant now proposes to upgrade the existing crosswalk with flashing crosswalk signage as a benefit to the public at large. The existing crosswalk is approximately 460 feet east of the entrance to the proposed development, and there is no paved pathway on the south side of the Eight Mile Road to get users of the crosswalk to the entrance of Maybury State Park 270 feet to the west. The applicant states they do not want to pursue paving a pathway or sidewalk on the south side of the road due to grading and drainage concerns, as well as natural features impacts. Given these concerns, consideration should be given to relocate the crosswalk westward, closer to the entrance of Maybury State Park, while also upgrading the crosswalk with flashing signage if a crosswalk study indicates this treatment is warranted. Road Commission for Oakland County would also need to agree to any changes to the crosswalk. This would increase the likelihood of achieving an overall benefit to the public.



Figure 1: Google Street view image of existing crosswalk, just east of the Ballantyne entrance



Figure 2: Aerial view of the crosswalk on the east, with Maybury State Park entrance 270 feet to the west with no non-motorized connection between.

- 4. <u>Plan Review Chart:</u> The attached chart provides additional comments on many of the Ordinance review standards. Please refer to it in detail and note deviations that may be required if not corrected in the Formal PRO submittal.
- 5. Other Reviews:
  - a. **Engineering:** Engineering recommends approval of the Initial PRO Plan. Negative impacts to public utilities are not expected with the requested change in zoning. Additional comments shall be addressed in the Site Plan submittal.
  - b. Landscape: Landscape review previously recommended approval with the condition that utilities be revised to remove conflicts with required street trees.
  - c. **Traffic:** Traffic review notes that the applicant would need a deviations for centerline radius of the proposed private road, which are below the City standards. Approval is recommended.
  - d. Woodlands: The site does not contain regulated woodlands. However, there are 4-5 trees on the site that are regulated as they are 36 inches diameter or greater. A woodland permit would be required for their removal.
  - e. Wetlands: Wetlands notes that the plans have been revised to indicate the wetland area. Future submittals shall ensure flagging of wetland area has been completed.
  - f. Façade: No elevations of future homes have been provided for review.
  - g. Fire: Fire has some additional concerns to be addressed in future submittals. Conditional approval is recommended.

### LAND USE AND ZONING: FOR SUBJECT PROPERTY AND ADJACENT PROPERTIES

Figure 1: Current Zoning

Figure 2: Future Land Use



The following table summarizes the zoning and land use status for the subject property and surrounding properties.

	Existing Zoning	Existing Land Use	Master Plan Land Use Designation
Subject Property	Residential Acreage	Vacant	
Northern Parcels	Residential Acreage	Single family homes	Single Family
Eastern Parcels	Residential Acreage	Single family homes	Single Family
Western Parcels	Residential Acreage	Single family homes	Single Family
Southern Parcels		State Parkland	Public Park

### Compatibility with Surrounding Land Use

The subject property is located along the north side of Eight Mile Road, west of Garfield Road. It is surrounded by single family lots and subdivisions. The area to the south of Eight Mile is Maybury State Park in Northville Township. The proposed use consistent with the surrounding existing uses.

The applicant's narrative notes that they have attempted to create a layout that is similar to the adjacent new-construction communities that developed under the Residential Unit Development (RUD) provisions of the Ordinance. Because the subject property is less than 20 acres in size, it is not eligible for RUD consideration.



Figure 3: Names of surrounding developments

### **Comparison of Zoning Districts**

The following table provides a comparison of the current (RA) and proposed (R-1) zoning classifications. The two districts are not significantly different from one another in terms of the types of uses allowed and building style permitted for homes. Differences are noted in bold text.

	RA (EXISTING)	R-1 (PROPOSED)		
Principal Permitted Uses	One-family dwellings Farms and Greenhouses Publicly owned and operated parks, parkways and outdoor recreation facilities Home occupations Family day care homes Accessory buildings and uses customarily incidental to any of the above uses	One-family dwellings Farms and Greenhouses Publicly owned and operated parks, parkways and outdoor recreation facilities Home occupations Family day care homes Accessory buildings and uses customarily incidental to any of the above uses		
Special Land Uses	<ul> <li>Raising of nursery plant materials</li> <li>Dairies</li> <li>Keeping and raising of livestock</li> <li>Places of worship</li> <li>Public, parochial and private elementary, intermediate or secondary schools</li> <li>Utility and public service buildings and uses (without storage yards)</li> <li>Group day care homes, day care centers, and adult day care</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Places of worship</li> <li>Public, parochial and private elementary, intermediate or secondary schools</li> <li>Utility and public service buildings and uses (without storage yards)</li> <li>Group day care homes, day care centers, and adult day care</li> <li>Private noncommercial recreational areas, institutional or community recreation centers, nonprofit</li> </ul>		

	RA (EXISTING)	R-1 (PROPOSED)		
	<ul> <li>Private noncommercial recreational areas, institutional or community recreation centers, nonprofit swimming pool clubs</li> <li>Golf courses</li> <li>Colleges, universities, and other such institutions of higher learning</li> <li>Private pools</li> <li>Cemeteries</li> <li>Railroad right-of-way, but not including terminal freight facilities, transfer and storage tracks</li> <li>Mortuary establishments</li> <li>Bed and Breakfasts</li> <li>Limited non-residential use of historic buildings</li> <li>Accessory buildings and uses incidental to the above</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>swimming pool clubs</li> <li>Golf courses</li> <li>Colleges, universities, and other such institutions of higher learning</li> <li>Private pools</li> <li>Cemeteries</li> <li>Railroad right-of-way, but not including terminal freight facilities, transfer and storage tracks</li> <li>Mortuary establishments</li> <li>Bed and Breakfasts</li> <li>Accessory buildings and uses incidental to the above</li> </ul>		
Lot Size	1 acre	21,780 sf (1/2 acre)		
Lot Width	150 feet	120 feet		
Lot Coverage	25%	25%		
Building Height	35 ft or 2.5 stories, whichever is less	35 ft or 2.5 stories, whichever is less		
Building Setbacks	Front: 45 feet Rear: 50 feet Side: 20 feet min, total 50 ft two sides	Front: 30 feet Rear: 35 feet Side: 15 feet min, total 40 ft two sides		
Minimum Floor Area	1000 sf	1000 sf		
Dwelling unit density maximum	0.8 dwellings/acre	1.65 dwellings/acre		

### **DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL**

The land is currently vacant. Development under the current Residential Acreage zoning could result in 7 single family lots, based strictly on density permitted. However, the parallel plan provided shows only 6 lots could be fit onto the site given road, lot and stormwater configuration.

The current concept plan proposes the development of 10 single family lots (density of 1.07 dwellings per acre) for a single-family development which is below the 1.65 dwellings/acre maximum density allowed in the R-1 zoning district. The lots all meet the ½-acre minimum lot size, and all comply with the minimum lot width except units 4 and 5 which are somewhat narrower than the 120-foot minimum due to being on the corner of the road. While the provision of "open space" is not required for standard R-1 developments, the proposed plan includes 2.65 acres of open space within the development to mimic what was provided with the adjacent RUD developments. This includes a 25-foot buffer between the lot areas and the adjacent developments, which matches similar buffers on in those developments.

The RUD option allows the City Council to approve deviations from lot size requirements if the development dedicates a portion of the overall land for open space/preservation of natural features. However, the overall density cannot exceed the underlying zoning district. The adjacent Ballantyne and Parc Vista developments both have RUD Agreements that allowed a majority of the lots to meet R-1 District standards (rather than the R-A standards) in exchange for the preservation of a significant area of open space and/or existing wetland and woodland areas. The Parc Vista development preserved 44% of the site and Ballantyne preserved 35.7% of the site as open space while maintaining an overall density of 0.8 dwellings per acre.

The Master Plan for Land Use states the anticipated density for this area is 0.8 dwellings per acre, which is consistent with the existing Residential Acreage zoning.

The applicant provides a reasonable justification for the change of use, but greater density is proposed and less open space is maintained compared to the adjacent developments. This is generally due to the smaller area of land available for development. The small wetland area is now proposed to be retained.

Based on the feedback provided, and any additional comments from the Planning Commission and City Council, the applicant should consider addressing those comments and revise the drawings accordingly before the Formal PRO submittal.

### 2016 MASTER PLAN FOR LAND USE: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The proposed use is currently not recommended by the 2016 Master Plan for Land Use. The following objectives as listed in the Master Plan are applicable for the proposed development. However, at this time the plan follows only a few. The applicant should consider revisions to the plan to comply with as many goals as possible. Please refer to staff comments in bold and revisions recommended in <u>bold and underline</u>.

### 1. General Goal: Quality and Variety of Housing

- a. Provide residential developments that support healthy lifestyles. Ensure the provision of neighborhood open space within residential developments. <u>The development proposes the required sidewalks along the private street</u>. A portion of the site is to remain undeveloped in open space, with one play structure amenity, which the applicant states would be available for public use. However, as gates are now shown at the entrance it is very unlikely that non-residents would utilize this space.
- b. Safe housing and neighborhoods. Enhance the City of Novi's identity as an attractive community in which to live by maintaining structurally safe and attractive housing choices and safe neighborhoods.
- c. Maintain existing housing stock and related infrastructure. <u>No homes would be removed</u> to create the development.
- d. Provide a wide range of housing options. Attract new residents to the City by providing a full range of quality housing opportunities that meet the housing needs of all demographic groups including but not limited to singles, couples, first time home buyers, families and the elderly. The development would provide additional housing options in <u>Novi.</u>

### 2. General Goal: Community Identity

- a. Maintain quality architecture and design throughout the City. <u>No architectural drawings</u> <u>have been provided</u>.
- 3. General Goal: Environmental Stewardship
  - a. Protect and maintain the City's woodlands, wetlands, water features, and open space. The concept plan proposes additional removal of regulated woodlands. <u>Please refer to</u> <u>the wetland review letter for opportunities to further protect this natural feature.</u>
  - b. Increase recreational opportunities in the City. <u>The Concept plan proposes a play</u> <u>structure on a park area that is to be available to the public.</u>
  - c. Encourage energy-efficient and environmentally sustainable development through raising awareness and standards that support best practices. <u>The applicant should</u> <u>consider sustainable, energy-efficient and best-practice design for site elements and building materials, such as LEED recommended strategies.</u>

### 4. General Goal: Infrastructure

- a. Provide and maintain adequate water and sewer service for the City's needs. <u>Please</u> refer to the Engineering memo.
- b. Provide and maintain adequate transportation facilities for the City's needs. Address vehicular and non-motorized transportation facilities. With the proximity to Maybury State Park, the applicant has proposed to upgrade the existing crosswalk on 8 Mile Road with flashing crosswalk signs, which is a recommendation in the Active Mobility Plan to provide enhanced connections for pedestrians and bicyclists coming from Novi. However, the location of the existing crosswalk is further east, and there is no paved pathway from the end of the crossing to the entrance to the park. A crosswalk study would be needed to determine the appropriate treatment for the crossing.
- 5. General Goal: Economic Development / Community Identity
  - a. Ensure compatibility between residential and non-residential developments. <u>Please refer</u> to comments about compatibility with surrounding development earlier in this review.

### **ORDINANCE DEVIATIONS**

Section 7.13.2.D.i.c(2) permits deviations from the strict interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance within a PRO agreement. These deviations must be accompanied by a finding by City Council that "each Zoning Ordinance provision sought to be deviated would, if the deviation were not granted, prohibit an enhancement of the development that would be in the public interest, and that approving the deviation would be consistent with the Master Plan and compatible with the surrounding areas." Such deviations must be considered by City Council, who will make a finding of whether to include those deviations in a proposed PRO agreement. A proposed PRO agreement would be considered by City Council only after tentative approval of the proposed concept plan and rezoning.

The Concept Plan submitted with an application for a rezoning with a PRO is not required to contain the same level of detail as a preliminary site plan. Staff has reviewed the applicant's Concept Plan in as much detail as possible to determine what deviations from the Zoning Ordinance are currently shown. The applicant may choose to revise the concept plan to better comply with the standards of the Zoning Ordinance, or may proceed with the plan as submitted with the understanding that those deviations would have to be approved by City Council in a proposed PRO agreement. The previous concept plan required 8 deviations. The revised submittal has reduced that number to 6.

The following are Ordinance deviations that have been requested by the applicant:

1. <u>Lot Width (Sec 3.1.2.D)</u>: A Zoning Ordinance deviation is requested to reduce the required lot width for lots 4 and 5 to 98 feet (120 feet required). The deviation is requested for the two pie-shaped lots near the corner of the road.

<u>Applicant Justification</u>: These lots still provide adequate space for the intended housing product, are the two largest lots proposed, and exceed the R-1 minimum lot area requirements for over 10,000 square feet and 5,000 square feet respectively.

2. <u>Lack of Cul-de-Sac (Code of Ord, Figure VIII-F):</u> A deviation is required to provide a Tturnaround in lieu of a cul-de-sac at the end of the roadway. (Note: this deviation is no longer required as the road design meets the appropriate standards.)

<u>Applicant Justification</u>: Given the low volume of traffic that this subdivision will encounter a Tturnaround is being proposed due to geometric constraints and a way to reduce total pavement on site. The dimensions of the proposed turnaround meets current International Fire Code requirements. 3. <u>Road Centerline Radius (Code of Ordinances, Sec. 11-194.b.2):</u> Design and Construction Standards deviation for proposed street with 90-foot centerline radius (230-foot radius standard).

<u>Applicant Justification</u>: This does not provide a safety concern given the short distance of the road, the low travel speed, and the minimal traffic volumes expected.

### Additional Deviations required:

4. <u>Screening Berm (Sec. 5.5.3.B.ii, iii)</u>: Landscape deviation for not providing the required berm on the east side of the road adjacent to the Public Right of Way. This is supported if the existing wetland/pond is preserved, which appears to be shown.

All deviations from the ordinance requirements shall be identified and included in PRO Agreement. Any additional deviations identified during Site Plan Review (after the Concept Plan and PRO Agreement is approved), will require amendment of the PRO Agreement.

### APPLICANT'S BURDEN UNDER PRO ORDINANCE

The Planned Rezoning Overlay ordinance (PRO) requires the applicant to demonstrate that certain requirements and standards are met. The applicant should be prepared to discuss these items, especially in number 1 below, where the ordinance suggests that <u>the enhancement under the PRO</u> request would be unlikely to be achieved or would not be assured without utilizing the Planned Rezoning Overlay. Section 7.13.2.D.ii states the following:

- 1. (Sec. 7.13.2.D.ii.a) The PRO accomplishes the integration of the proposed land development project with the characteristics of the project area in such a manner that results in an enhancement of the project area as compared to the existing zoning that would be unlikely to be achieved or would not be assured in the absence of the use of a Planned Rezoning Overlay.
- 2. (Sec. 7.13.2.D.ii.b) Sufficient conditions shall be included on and in the PRO Plan and PRO Agreement such that the City Council concludes, in its discretion, that, as compared to the existing zoning and considering the site specific land use proposed by the applicant, it would be in the public interest to grant the Rezoning with Planned Rezoning Overlay. In determining whether approval of a proposed application would be in the public interest, the benefits which would reasonably be expected to accrue from the proposal shall be balanced against, and be found to clearly outweigh the reasonably foreseeable detriments thereof, taking into consideration reasonably accepted planning, engineering, environmental and other principles, as presented to the City Council, following recommendation by the Planning Commission, and also taking into consideration the special knowledge and understanding of the City by the City Council and Planning Commission.

### The applicant has listed the following conditions in the public interest for consideration:

1. A Public-use Park: The development proposes an active open space park area intended for use by the residents and the public at large, with direct public access off of 8 Mile Road. As the entrance to the development is gated, Staff has concerns that future residents of the development will seek to exclude non-residents from using the park with the justification that the liability and maintenance are borne by the HOA and therefore it is a private space. Given non-residents are unlikely to use the playground in a gated community, and with the proximity to both Maybury Park and ITC Park playgrounds, Staff does not see much in the way of benefit for the general public.

- 2. Public-Use Playground Structure: The development proposes a playground for public use, with direct public access from 8-Mile Road. See comment above.
- 3. Perimeter Landscape Buffers: The development proposes a minimum 25-foot perimeter landscape buffer from the lots to the property boundary. Only a few areas of the buffer show any landscaping being provided. Additional trees should be planted to be considered as an enhancement of the project.
- 4. Increased Open Space: The development proposes an extensive amount of open space for a single-family development (28%) and a majority of the proposed open space is usable active open space. The only amenity shown in the open spaces is the play structure, which as noted above is unlikely to be utilized by non-residents. Compared to the adjacent RUD developments, this proposal has a lower percentage of open space preserved. The wetland area near 8 Mile is now proposed for preservation.
- 5. Overall density shall not exceed 1.07 dwelling units per acre. This would be more limiting than the 1.6 dwelling units per acre allowed in the R-1 District, and closer to what has been developed in the surrounding neighborhoods.
- 6. Flashing Crosswalk at 8-Mile: The existing 8 Mile crosswalk will be upgraded with flashing crosswalk signs. The existing crosswalk is approximately 460 feet east of the entrance to the proposed development, and there is no paved pathway on the south side of Eight Mile Road to get users of the crosswalk to the entrance of Maybury State Park. The applicant states they do not want to pursue paving for a pathway or sidewalk on the south side of the road due to grading and drainage concerns, as well as natural features impacts. Given these concerns, consideration should be given to relocate the crosswalk with flashing signage\_if a crosswalk study indicates this treatment is warranted. Road Commission for Oakland County would also need to agree to any changes to the crosswalk.
- 7. If unit model building elevations are provided for review and determined to exceed the standards of the ordinance, that could be considered in the public interest/an enhancement of the project.

Additional conditions to be included in the PRO Agreement, if it should be approved, will likely be added during the review process.

This is a PRO in which the applicant seeks both a rezoning and a list of ordinance deviations. In Staff's opinion the conditions could be further enhanced to result in a positive impact to the public, and we have offered some suggestions for the applicant to consider in this and the other review letters.

The Planning Commission and City Council should offer their thoughts on whether the proposed benefits are sufficient, and whether they have other ideas for improvements to the proposal.

### NEXT STEP: PLANNING COMMISSION CONSIDERATION OF ELIGIBILITY

The Planning Commission will have an opportunity to discuss the revised initial PRO submittal and eligibility of the rezoning request from RA to R-1 with a Planned Rezoning Overlay.

As stated in the newly amended PRO Ordinance,

In order to be eligible for the proposal and review of a rezoning with PRO, an applicant must propose a rezoning of property to a new zoning district classification, and must, as part of such proposal, propose clearly-identified site-specific conditions relating to the proposed improvements that,

- (1) are in material respects, more strict or limiting than the regulations that would apply to the land under the proposed new zoning district, including such regulations or conditions as set forth in Subsection C below; and
- (2) constitute an overall benefit to the public that outweighs any material detriments or that could not otherwise be accomplished without the proposed rezoning.

(See attachment for Full text, including Subsection C)

The next available date for the Planning Commission for initial review and comment on the PRO Plan is Wednesday, April 23, 2025. Please let me know no later than Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, if that date does not work for you. Please ensure that the rezoning signage, revised to indicate "R-1 with PRO" as the requested zoning district, are posted in the appropriate location indicated on the map provided no later than <u>April 3</u>, to give proper notice prior to the public hearing before the Planning <u>Commission</u>.

### CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF ELIGIBILITY

Following the Planning Commission's initial review of the proposed project, the City Council will likewise have the opportunity to review the PRO proposal and comment on whether the project is eligible for the PRO process.

If the applicant has any questions concerning the above review or the process in general, do not hesitate to contact me at 248.347.0484 or <u>lbell@cityofnovi.org</u>.

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Lindsay Bell, AICP, Senior Planner

Attachments: 1. Planning Chart



# PLANNING REVIEW CHART: Rezoning to R-1 with PRO

Review Date:	March 19, 2025
Review Type:	Revised Initial PRO Plan
Project Name:	JZ24-43 MARIELLA ESTATES PRO
Plan Date:	February 28, 2025
Prepared by:	Lindsay Bell, AICP, Senior Planner
Contact:	E-mail: lbell@cityofnovi.org; Phone: (248) 347-0484

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Sign Location Plan (Page 23, SDM)Installed within 15 days prior to public hearing Located along all road frontagesProvidedYesSee comments in Review. Signage in posted no later th days prior to public hearing	nust be an 15
Traffic ImpactA Traffic Impact Study as required by the City (Site Plan & DevelopmentNADevelopment 	

Item	Required Code	Proposed	Meets Code	Comments	
Impact Statement (Sec. 2.2)	permitted non- residential projects - Over 10 acres in size for a special land use - All residential projects with more than 150 units A mixed-use development, staff shall determine				
Market Study	Optional: a Market study to provide a market demand analysis for the proposed project.		NA		
R-1 One-Family Re	sidential, Height, bulk, der	nsity and area limitations (S	Sec. 3.1.2	?)	
Lot Size (Sec 3.1.2.D)	R-1 zoning requires: • 21,780 sf lot area • 120 ft. lot widths	Minimum area : 21,780 sf Lot width: 98-feet shown in lot table sheet 04 for lots 4 and 5	Yes No	Lots 4 and 5 require a deviation for lot width	
Building Setbacks (Sec 3.1.2.D)	Front: 30 ft. Side: 15 ft. one side, 40 ft. two sides Rear: 35 ft.	30 ft 40 total, 15-ft minimum 35 ft	Yes Yes Yes	Proposed to comply based on building footprints	
Maximum % of Lot Area Covered (By All Buildings) (Sec 3.1.2)	25%	Not shown	TBD	Provide maximum lot coverage in Formal PRO plan submittal – potentially a condition of development, or to comply at time of plot plan review	
Minimum Floor Area (Sec 3.1.2)	1,000 Sq.ft.	3,200-4,300 sq ft. per unit indicated	Yes	Details reviewed at plot plan phase	
Building Height (Sec 3.1.2)	35 ft. or 2.5 stories whichever is less	35 feet, 2 stories indicated	Yes	Details reviewed at plot plan phase	
Frontage on a Public Street. (Sec. 5.12)	No lot or parcel of land shall be used for any purpose permitted by this Ordinance unless said lot or parcel shall front directly upon a public street, unless otherwise provided for in this Ordinance.	All units front on a proposed private road within the proposed condominium, with access to Eight Mile Road	Yes	Frontage on Private road for individual lots is permitted for a Condominium development	
Note to District Standards (Sec 3.6)					
Area Requirements	<ul> <li>Lot width shall be measured between</li> </ul>	Lot widths clarified	Yes?		

Item	Required Code	Proposed	Meets Code	Comments
(Sec 3.6A & Sec. 2.2)	two lines where a front setback line intersects with side setback lines. - Distance between side lot lines cannot be less than 90% between the front setback line and the main building.			
Additional Setbacks (Sec 3.6.B)	NA	No off-street parking lots	NA	
Exterior Side yard abutting Streets(Sec 3.6.C)	NA	Side yards abutting residential districts	NA	
Wetland/Water- course Setback (Sec 3.6.M)	25ft. from boundary of a wetland and 25ft. from the ordinary highwater mark of a watercourse is required	Small wetland in SE corner of property – wetland buffer extends onto Lot 1	Yes?	Lot 1 shall include buffer delineation to prevent encroachment/mowing/r emoval of vegetation
Subdivision Ordina	nce			
Blocks (Subdivision Ordinance: Sec. 4.01)	<ul> <li>Maximum length for all blocks shall not exceed 1,400 ft.</li> <li>Widths of blocks shall be determined by the conditions of the layout.</li> </ul>	Small site, so blocks not longer than 1400 ft.	Yes	
Lots: Sizes and Sha	pes (Subdivision Ordinance	e: Sec. 4.02A)		
Lot Depth Abutting a Secondary Thoroughfare (Subdivision Ordinance: Sec. 4.02.A5)	Lots abutting a major or secondary thoroughfare must have a depth of at least 140'	No lots abutting 8 Mile	Yes	
Depth to Width Ratio (Subdivision Ordinance: Sec. 4.02.A6)	Single Family lots shall not exceed a 3:1 depth to width ratio	Maximum of 1.7:1 ratio is maintained	Yes	
Arrangement (Subdivision Ordinance: Sec. 4.02.B)	<ul> <li>Every lot shall front or abut on a street.</li> <li>Side lot lines shall be at right angles or radial to the street lines, or as nearly as possible thereto.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All lots front on proposed street</li> <li>Al lots conform to shape requirement</li> </ul>	Yes	

Item	Required Code	Proposed	Meets Code	Comments
Streets (Subdivision Ordinance: Sec. 4.04)	Extend streets to boundary to provide access intervals not to exceed 1,300 ft. unless one of the following exists: - practical difficulties because of topographic conditions or natural features - Would create undesirable traffic patterns	No stub streets proposed – recent abutting developments do not have any connecting points to take advantage of	Yes	Extension to the north and west is impractical as the approved subdivisions have no streets available for connection
Topographic Conc	litions (Subdivision Ordinan	ice Sec 4.03)		
A. Flood plain	Compliance with applicable state laws and City Code Areas in a floodplain cannot be platted	Not Applicable	NA	
B. Trees and Landscaping	Compliance with Chapter 37 and Article 5 of City Zoning Code	Tree survey and Landscape Plans are provided	Yes	
C. Natural Features	To be preserved Lots cannot extend into a wetland or watercourse	Wetland appears to exist on southeast corner of the site – not delineated	No?	
D. Man-made Features	To be built according to City standards	Underground detention proposed	Yes	See Engineering Review letter for detail on SWM Plan comments
E. Open Space Areas	<ul> <li>Any Open Space Area shall meet the following:</li> <li>Require performance guarantee</li> <li>Shall be brought to a suitable grade</li> <li>Compliance with zoning ordinance</li> <li>Except for wooded areas, all ground area should be top dressed with a minimum of 25% of red fescue and a maximum of 20% perennial rye.</li> </ul>	A park area with a playground is proposed, with public access permitted	Yes	Usable open space noted in northwestern area of the site – could this area be enhanced with landscaping, benches, gazebo, etc. in order to amenitize it?
F. Non-Access Greenbelt Easements	Along rear or side property lines for reverse frontage lots	75 ft greenbelt between 8 Mile and side yards of nearest lot	Yes	

Item	Required Code	Proposed	Meets Code	Comments	
G. Zoning Boundary Screening	A non-residential development abutting a residential development would need screening		NA		
Sidewalks Require	ments				
<u>Active Mobility</u> <u>Plan</u>	AMP recommends upgrading nearby crosswalk and providing a trail connection to entrance of Maybury State Park; New subdivision entrances	Applicant proposes upgrading existing crosswalk to include flashing walk signs	TBD	See Planning Review for discussion	
Public Sidewalks (Chapter 11, Sec.11-276(b), Subdivision Ordinance: Sec. 4.05)	An 8' wide public sidewalk shall be constructed along all arterial and collector roads except in industrial districts	8' sidewalk existing along Eight Mile Road within ROW	Yes		
Other Requiremen	ts		•		
Development and Street Names	Development and street names must be approved by the <u>Street</u> <u>Naming Committee</u>	Mariella Estates proposed Mariella Lane proposed	Yes	The committee has considered and approved the requested names	
Development/ Business Sign	Signage if proposed requires a permit.		TBD	Sign permits are reviewed separately. If deviations are anticipated submit concurrently with Formal PRO	
PRO         NOTES:         1. This table is a working summary chart and not intended to substitute for any Ordinance or City of Novi requirements or standards.					

2. The section of the applicable ordinance or standard is indicated in parenthesis. Please refer to those sections in Article 3, 4 and 5 of the zoning ordinance for further details.

3. Please include a written response to any points requiring clarification or for any corresponding site plan modifications to the City of Novi Planning Department with future submittals.

**ENGINEERING REVIEW** 



# PLAN REVIEW CENTER REPORT

03/20/2025

# **Engineering Review**

Mariella Estates JSP24-0043

## APPLICANT

Braciole Brothers LLC

### **REVIEW TYPE**

Revised Initial PRO Plan

## **PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS**

- Site Location: Located on the north side of 8 Mile Road west of Garfield Road located in section 31 of the City of Novi
   Site Size: 9.36 acres
   Plan Date: 02/28/2025
- Design Engineer: Atwell Group

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

- Planned Rezoning Overlay Site Plan (PRO): Currently zoned R-A (Residential Acreage), applicant wishes to rezone to R-1.
- Construction of a 10-unit single family residential home development. Site access would be provided via 8 Mile Road.
- Water service would be provided by an extension from the existing 12-inch water main along the north side of 8 Mile Road, along with 2 additional hydrants.
- Sanitary sewer service would be provided by an extension from the existing 8-inch sanitary sewer along the north side of 8 Mile Road.
- Storm water would be collected by a single storm sewer collection system and discharged to an on-site underground detention system.

### RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the revised Initial PRO Plan is **recommended** at this time, the plan meets the general requirements of the design and construction standards as set forth in <u>Chapter 11 of the City of Novi Code of Ordinances</u>, the Storm Water Management Ordinance and the <u>Engineering Design Manual</u> with the following items to be addressed at the time of site plan submittal:

### COMMENTS

- 1. Based on the existing zoning RA zoning six homes could be proposed on this site, the new zoning will allow for 10 homes. Engineering does not have any concerns with the 4 additional REUs that would be allowed with this rezoning.
- 2. Applicant must obtain RCOC approval for the approach tapers prior to final PRO plan approval. Permit will not be required at that time, but applicant must have RCOC review the approach location. Engineering does not have concerns with the proposed approach tappers.
- 3. Sheet 04 Layout Notes state that the road will not be gated and that roads will be private, the plan shows a gate at the entrance and the road is labeled with 60' ROW. Clarify if roads will be private, revise note to state 60' private road ROW.
- 4. Provide a utility crossing table at the time of the site plan submittal.
- 5. Generally, all proposed trees shall remain outside utility easements. Where proposed trees are required within a utility easement, the trees shall maintain a minimum 5-foot horizontal separation from water main and storm sewer and 10-foot horizontal separation from sanitary sewer.
- 6. Indicate if an entrance streetlight shall be proposed. The City of Novi has a streetlighting program where the city pays for one standard streetlight at the entrance of subdivisions. This would be an agreement with DTE, if a decorative streetlight is proposed the applicant/HOA will need to pay the difference in cost.

### WATER MAIN

- 7. All public water main shall be within a dedicated water main easement.
- 8. Additional details shall be provided at time of site plan submittal. Profiles shall be needed at time of final site plan submittal.
- 9. EGLE water main permit will be required for the main extension, the application can be submitted at time of final site plan submittal.

### SANITARY SEWER

- 10. All public sanitary sewer shall be within a dedicated sanitary sewer easement.
- 11. Sanitary sewer should be relocated outside of the pavement to the east and north side of Mariella Lane.
- 12. EGLE sanitary sewer extension permit shall be required prior to the pre-con meeting, EGLE application can be submitted at time of final site plan submittal.

### STORM SEWER

- 13. A minimum cover depth of 3 feet shall be maintained over all proposed storm sewer. Provide profiles for all storm sewer 12-inch and larger at time of site plan submittal.
- 14. Provide Storm sewer basis of design table at time of site plan submittal.

### STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

- 15. The proposed outlet location is acceptable, the applicant should ensure that the existing driveway culverts have adequate capacity and are cleaned out as part of this project.
- 16. The Ballantyne storm water detention basin does not outlet to the wetlands near the entrance of Mariella Estates.
- 17. Provide supporting calculations for the runoff coefficient determination. C factor greenspace shall be based on hydrologic soil type.
- 18. Provide the overland routing that would occur in the event the underground system cannot accept flow. This route shall be directed to a recognized drainage course or drainage system.
- 19. Provide a soil boring in the vicinity of the proposed underground detention system to determine bearing capacity and the high-water elevation of the groundwater table.
- 20. Provide inspection ports throughout the underground detention system at the midpoint of all storage rows. Additional inspection ports may be required for systems larger than 200 feet. Inspection ports shall be a minimum of 8-inches.
- 21. For piped/chamber systems the underground storage system shall include 4foot diameter manholes at one end of each row for maintenance access purposes. Manholes are shown on plans.
- 22. Provide critical elevations for the detention system. Also, provide a crosssection for the underground detention system. Ensure that there is at least 1 foot of freeboard between the 100-year elevation and the subgrade elevation beneath the proposed park area.
- 23. The underground detention system shall be kept outside of the influence of any planting areas. Show manhole locations on landscaping sheets.

### PAVING & GRADING

- 24. Provide a construction materials table on the Paving Plan listing the quantity and material type for each pavement cross-section being proposed.
- 25. Label specific ramp locations on the plans where the detectable warning surface is to be installed.
- 26. Provide existing and proposed contours on the Grading Plan at the time of the Final Site Plan submittal.
- 27. Site grading shall be limited to 1V:4H (25-percent), regrade or relocate the proposed home and driveway on lot 8 so that the slopes steeper than 1V:4H are not on the proposed on the residential lot.
- 28. Retaining walls that are 48-inches or larger shall need a permit from Building Department.
- 29. A retaining wall that has a grade change of 30" or more within a 3' horizontal distance will require a guardrail.
- 30. Soil borings along the proposed road will be required at 500-foot intervals per Section 11-195(d) of the Design and Construction Standards.

### **OFF-SITE EASEMENTS**

31. No off-site easements anticipated at this time.

### THE FOLLOWING MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE NEXT SUBMITTAL:

32. A letter from either the applicant or the applicant's engineer must be submitted with the Stamping Set highlighting the changes made to the plans addressing each of the comments listed above <u>and indicating the revised</u> <u>sheets involved</u>. Additionally, a statement must be provided stating that all changes to the plan have been discussed in the applicant's response letter.

To the extent this review letter addresses items and requirements that require the approval of or a permit from an agency or entity other than the City, this review shall not be considered an indication or statement that such approvals or permits will be issued.

Please contact Humna Anjum at (248) 735-5632 or email at <u>hanjum@cityofnovi.org</u> with any questions.

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Humna Anjum, Project Engineer

cc: Lindsay Bell, Community Development Milad Alesmail, Engineering Ben Croy, City Engineer LANDSCAPE REVIEW



# PLAN REVIEW CENTER REPORT November 14, 2024 <u>Preserves of Maybury</u> Initial PRO Concept Plan - Landscaping

**<u>Review Type</u>** Initial PRO Concept Plan Landscape Review

**Job #** JZ24-43

### Property Characteristics

- Site Location:
- Site Acreage:
- Site Zoning:
- Adjacent Zoning:

9.36 ac. RA North, East, West: RA, South: Maybury State Park 11/6/2024

Plan Date:

# Ordinance Considerations

This project was reviewed for conformance with Chapter 37: Woodland Protection, Zoning Article 5.5 Landscape Standards, the Landscape Design Manual and any other applicable provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. Items in **bold** below must be addressed and incorporated as part of the revised Preliminary Site Plan submittal. Underlined items must be addressed on the Final Site Plans. Please follow guidelines of the Zoning Ordinance and Landscape Design Guidelines. This review and the accompanying Landscape Chart are summaries and are not intended to substitute for any Ordinance.

8 Mile Road west of Ballantyne

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

This project is **recommended for approval of the concept**. Some revisions to the utility and landscaping must be made for the project to be compliant with City landscape requirements, but that could be done within the current lot and road layout.

# LANDSCAPE DEVIATIONS THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR THE PROPOSED LAYOUT:

• Lack of screening berm east of driveway – not supported by staff unless the pond is preserved.

# Please revise the utilities to provide room for all of the required interior street trees.

# Ordinance Considerations

Existing Trees (Sec 37 Woodland Protection, Preliminary Site Plan checklist #17 and LDM 2.3 (2))

- 1. Tree survey is provided but it doesn't include offsite trees within 50 feet of the project. Please add the offsite trees within 50 feet of the project to the tree survey.
- 2. There is a pond at the southwest corner of the site that extends onto the Ballantyne property, and is being partially filled to create Lot 1. See the Merjent letter regarding this.
- 3. <u>Please add tree protection fencing for all trees to be saved.</u>

# Adjacent to Residential - Buffer (Zoning Sec. 5.5.3.B.ii and iii)

- 1. The project is only adjacent to other single-family residential property so no screening between the developments is required.
- 2. While a berm is not required, dense evergreen hedges must be added to the ends of both of the turnaround legs to shield the residences in the adjacent developments from headlights.

Adjacent to Public Rights-of-Way - Berm/Wall, Buffer and Street Trees (Zoning Sec. 5.5.3.B.ii, iii)

- 1. Only one of the required berms is proposed. **This would require a deviation** that would not be supported by staff unless the pond is preserved as it is, a berm was proposed where it could be, and the required landscaping is provided across the frontage, including on the pond's banks.
- 2. Please provide the additional subcanopy tree that is required.
- 3. The required street trees are provided.

Interior Street Trees (Zoning Sec 5.5.3.F.iii)

- 1. The required street trees are shown.
- 2. There are a number of areas where the required spacing between the trees and the underground utilities is not provided. If they couldn't be planted, a deviation would be required. That deviation would not be supported by staff.
- 3. Please revise the underground utility layout such that the required spacing between curb, tree and underground utility lines can be met.

<u> Plant List (LDM 4, 10)</u>

Please provide a plant list on the Final Site Plans at the very latest.

Planting Notations and Details (LDM 10) Provided

Storm Basin Landscape (Zoning Sec 5.5.3.E.iv and LDM 3)

- 1. Underground detention is proposed. If that is approved by engineering, no detention basin landscaping is required.
- 2. If above-ground detention is required, detention basin landscaping will also be required.

Irrigation (LDM 10)

- 1. If an irrigation system will be used, a plan for it must be provided with Final Site Plans.
- 2. <u>If alternative means of providing water to the plants for their establishment and long-term</u> <u>survival, information regarding that is also required with Final Site Plans.</u>

If the applicant has any questions concerning the above review or the process in general, do not hesitate to contact me at 248.735.5621 or <u>rmeader@cityofnovi.org</u>.

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Rick Meader - Landscape Architect

# LANDSCAPE REVIEW SUMMARY CHART – Initial PRO Concept Plan

Project name:	JZ24-43: Preserve at Maybury
Property location:	8 Mile Road, west of Ballantyne subdivision
Plan Date:	November 6, 2024
Review Date:	November 14, 2024
Reviewed by:	Rick Meader, Landscape Architect, LLA <u>rmeader@cityofnovi.org</u> , (248) 735-5621

Items in **Bold** need to be addressed by the applicant before approval of the Preliminary Site Plan. <u>Underlined</u> items need to be addressed for Final Site Plan.

### LANDSCAPE DEVIATIONS REQUIRED FOR PROPOSED PLAN:

• Lack of screening berm east of driveway – not supported by staff unless the pond is preserved.

Item	Required	Proposed	Meets Code	Comments
Landscape Plan Requir	ements (LDM (2)			
Landscape Plan (Zoning Sec 5.5.2, LDM 2.e.)	<ul> <li>New commercial or residential developments</li> <li>Addition to existing building greater than 25% increase in overall footage or 400 SF whichever is less.</li> <li>1"=20' minimum with proper North. Variations from this scale can be approved by LA</li> <li>Consistent with plans throughout set</li> </ul>	1″ = 50′	Yes	
Project Information (LDM 2.d.)	Name and Address	Location map provided	Yes	
Owner/Developer Contact Information (LDM 2.a.)	Name, address and telephone number of the owner and developer or association	On title block	Yes	
Landscape Architect contact information (LDM 2.b.)	Name, Address and telephone number of RLA/PLA/LLA who created the plan	Jim Allen – Allen Design	Yes	
Sealed by LA. (LDM 2.g.)	Requires original signature	Copy of signature and seal	Yes	
Miss Dig Note (800) 482-7171 (LDM.3.a.(8))	Show on all plan sheets	On title block	Yes	
Zoning (LDM 2.f.)	Include all adjacent zoning	<u>Shown on location</u> <u>map</u> Site: RA North, East & West: RA	Yes	Please show zoning of adjacent parcels on Sheet LS-1

Item	Required	Proposed	Meets Code	Comments
		South: Northville Twp		
<b>Survey information</b> (LDM 2.c.)	<ul> <li>Legal description or boundary line survey</li> <li>Existing topography</li> </ul>	Sheet 2	• Yes	
Existing plant material Existing woodlands or wetlands (LDM 2.e.(2))	<ul> <li>Show location type and size. Label to be saved or removed.</li> <li>Plan shall state if none exists.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Tree survey on L-4</li> <li>All tree removals are indicated on L-4</li> <li>Woodland replacement calculations and trees are provided</li> <li>Existing pond at southwest corner of site appears to be partially filled in to create Lot 1</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Yes</li> <li>Yes</li> <li>Yes</li> <li>TBD</li> </ul>	<ol> <li>Please provide a current wetland delineation.</li> <li>See the Merjent review for a complete discussion of the trees and wetlands.</li> <li>Offsite trees within 50 feet of the limits of disturbance should be added to the tree survey.</li> </ol>
Soil types (LDM.2.r.)	<ul> <li>As determined by Soils survey of Oakland Co.</li> <li>Show types, boundaries</li> </ul>	Sheet 2 – Fox Sandy Ioam and Glynwood Ioam	Yes	
Existing and proposed improvements (LDM 2.e.(4))	Existing and proposed buildings, easements, parking spaces, vehicular use areas, and R.O.W	Yes	Yes	
Existing and proposed utilities (LDM 2.e.(4))	<ul> <li>Overhead and underground utilities, including hydrants</li> <li>Show all proposed light posts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Proposed storm water system, including underground storage, is shown</li> <li>Water and sanitary lines and structures are also shown</li> </ul>	• Yes • Yes	<ol> <li>Please adjust the layout of the sanitary line to leave room for the required street trees. There should be 10 feet of space between a tree trunk and an underground storage line.</li> <li>There should also be 5 feet of space between a tree and water line, and at least 3 feet between the tree and the curb.</li> </ol>
Proposed grading. 2' contour minimum (LDM 2.e.(1))	Provide proposed contours at 2' interval	<ul> <li>Sheet 6</li> <li>The required berms along the 8 Mile Road frontage are not shown on the grading plan.</li> <li>One berm is shown on the</li> </ul>	Yes	The grading shown should be consistent between the grading plan and landscape plan

November 14, 2024			Meets	JZ24-43: Preserves at Maybury
Item	Required	Proposed	Code	Comments
		west side of <b>the</b> development's road.		
<b>Snow deposit</b> (LDM.2.q.)	Show snow deposit areas on plan	<ul> <li>No areas are shown</li> <li>A note indicates that snow will be deposited along the road, between the curb and sidewalk</li> </ul>	TBD	
LANDSCAPING REQUIRE	MENTS			
Parking Area Landscap	e Requirements LDM 1.c. &	Calculations (LDM 2.0	.)	
<b>General requirements</b> (LDM 1.c)	<ul> <li>Clear sight distance within parking islands</li> <li>No evergreen trees</li> </ul>	No parking areas are proposed		
Name, type and number of ground cover (LDM 1.c.(5))	As proposed on planting islands	NA		
General (Zoning Sec 5.	5.3.C.ii)			
<b>Parking lot Islands</b> (a, b. i)	<ul> <li>A minimum of 300 SF to qualify</li> <li>6" curbs</li> <li>Islands minimum width 10' BOC to BOC</li> </ul>	NA		
Curbs and Parking stall reduction (C)	Parking stall can be reduced to 17' and the curb to 4" adjacent to a sidewalk of minimum 7ft.	NA		
Plantings around Fire Hydrant (d)	No plantings with matured height greater than 12' within 10 ft. of fire hydrants or other utility structures, and 5 feet from underground utility lines	It appears that trees are correctly spaced from structures, but not all of the lines	No	<ol> <li>Please add a note to all sheets with plantings clearly stating that trees must be planted at least 10 feet from utility structures and 5 feet from underground utility lines.</li> <li>Please show lines a little heavier so conflicts can be avoided.</li> <li>Please revise the utility layout to provide room for all required trees.</li> </ol>
Landscaped area (g)	Areas not dedicated to parking use or driveways exceeding 100 sq. ft.	NA		

November 14, 2024			r	JZ24-43: Preserves at Maybury
Item	Required	Proposed	Meets Code	Comments
	shall be landscaped			
<b>Clear Zones</b> (LDM 2.3.(5))	<ul> <li>25 ft corner clearance required at Garfield Road entry. Refer to diagram from Section 5.5.9</li> <li>RCOC guidelines to determine required clear vision zone for 8 Mile Road entry.</li> </ul>	The RCOC clear zone is shown and no trees are located within it	Yes	If the RCOC does not allow any or all of the street trees shown along 8 Mile Road, they do not need to be planted, but a copy of their decision must be provided to the City.
Berms, Walls and ROW	Planting Requirements			
Berms				
Berm should be locat     Berms should be cont	a maximum slope of 33%. G ted on lot line except in cor structed with 6″ of topsoil.	nflict with utilities.		now 1ft. contours
-	Non-residential (Zoning Se	c 5.5.3.A and LDM 1.a	)	
Berm requirements (Zoning Sec 5.5.A)	Adjacent Zoning is RA	NA		
Planting requirements (LDM 1.a.)	LDM Novi Street Tree List	NA		Although a berm is not required between single family residential developments, a dense evergreen hedge should be placed at both end sections of the turnaround to block headlights from impacting the residences in adjacent developments.
Adjacent to Public Righ	nts-of-Way (Zoning Sec 5.5.3	3.A and LDM 1.b)		
<b>Cross-Section of Berms</b>	(Zoning Sec 5.5.3.B and LD	M 2.j)		
Slope, height and width (Zoning Sec 5.5.3.A.v)	<ul> <li>Label contour lines</li> <li>Maximum 33% slope</li> <li>Min. 4 feet crest</li> </ul>	Provided	Yes	
Type of Ground Cover		Lawn	Yes	
Setbacks from Utilities	Overhead utility lines and 15 ft. setback from edge of utility or 20 ft. setback from closest pole	Overhead utilities are shown along 8 Mile Road	Yes	
Walls (LDM 2.k & Zoning Sec 5.5.3.vi)				
Material, height and type of construction footing	Freestanding walls should have brick or stone exterior with masonry or concrete interior	None proposed		

Item	Required	Proposed	Meets Code	Comments
Walls greater than 3 ½ ft. should be designed and sealed by an Engineer		NA		
-	ning Requirements (Sec 5.5.	3.B. ii)		
Greenbelt width (2)(3) (5)	34 ft./40-foot non-	75 ft	Yes	
Min. berm crest width	4 ft.	A large berm is proposed west of the drive, but not east of it due to the pond.	No	<ol> <li>Please provide the berm on the east side of driveway for as much of the 8 Mile road frontage as possible</li> <li>A landscape waiver is required for the proposed configuration – it would not be supported by staff unless the pond is preserved in its current configuration and the required landscaping is provided around the banks.</li> </ol>
Minimum berm height (9)	4 ft.	See above	No	
3' wall (4) (7)	NA	No walls are proposed		
Canopy deciduous or large evergreen trees (Sec 5.5.3.B)	<ul> <li>1 tree per 40 l.f.;</li> <li>8 Mile Road (360- 28)/40= 8 trees</li> </ul>	8 trees	Yes	
Sub-canopy deciduous trees (Sec 5.5.3.B)	<ul> <li>1 tree per 25 l.f.;</li> <li>8 Mile Road (360- 28)/25= 13 trees</li> </ul>	12 trees	No	Please add another subcanopy tree.
Street Trees (Sec 5.5.3.B and LDM 2)	<ul> <li><u>External Trees</u></li> <li>1 tree per 35 l.f.;</li> <li>8 Mile Road (360- 180)/35= 5 trees or 8 subcanopy trees</li> <li><u>Internal streets</u></li> <li>1 tree per 35 lf</li> <li>1788/35 = 51 trees</li> </ul>	<u>8 Mile Road</u> : 14 subcanopy trees <u>Internal streets:</u> 51 trees	• Yes • Yes	
Island & Boulevard Planting (Zoning Sec5.5.3.f.ii & LDM 1.d.(1)(e))	<ul> <li>Must be landscaped &amp; irrigated</li> <li>Mix of canopy/sub- canopy trees, shrubs, groundcovers, etc.</li> <li>No plant materials between heights of 3-6</li> </ul>	No islands are proposed		

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	feet as measured from			
<b>Transformers/Utility boxes</b> (LDM 1.e from 1 through 5)	<ul> <li>street grade</li> <li>A minimum of 2ft. separation between box and the plants</li> <li>Ground cover below 4" is allowed up to pad.</li> <li>No plant materials within 8 ft. from the doors</li> </ul>	None shown	TBD	<ol> <li>When location of <u>transformer/utility</u> <u>boxes is determined,</u> <u>add landscaping per</u> <u>city requirements.</u></li> <li>Add a note to this <u>effect to the plans.</u></li> </ol>
Detention/Retention Ba	sin Requirements (Sec. 5.5.3	3.E.iv)	I	1
<b>Planting requirements</b> (Sec. 5.5.3.E.iv)	<ul> <li>Clusters of large shall cover 70-75% of the basin rim area at 10 feet from the bottom or permanent water level.</li> <li>Canopy trees at 1/35 lf measured at 10 feet above the bottom or permanent water level around the east, west and south sides of the basins -woodland replacement trees may be used to meet this requirement.</li> <li>10" to 14" tall grass along sides of basin</li> </ul>	An underground detention basin is proposed	§ NA	If above-ground detention is required, it must be landscaped per the current standards.
Phragmites and Japanese Knotweed Control (Sec 5.5.6.B.i)	<ul> <li>Any and all populations of Phragmites australis and/or Japanese Knotweed on site shall be included on tree survey.</li> <li>Treat populations per MDEQ guidelines and requirements to eradicate the weed from the site.</li> </ul>	None indicated	TBD	<ol> <li>Please survey the site for any populations of Phragmites australis and show its location on the topographic survey or landscape plan.</li> <li>If some is found, add plans for its removal.</li> <li>If none is found, please indicate that on the survey.</li> </ol>
LANDSCAPING NOTES, I	DETAILS AND GENERAL REQU	JIREMENTS		
Landscape Notes - Utilize City of Novi Standard Notes				
Installation date (LDM 2.1. & Zoning Sec 5.5.5.B)	Intended dates of planting should be between Mar 15 – Nov 15	Mar 15-Nov 15	Yes	
Maintenance & Statement of intent (LDM 2.m & Zoning	<ul> <li>Include statement of intent to install and guarantee all</li> </ul>	Both notes included	Yes	

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Sec 5.5.6)	<ul> <li>materials for 2 years.</li> <li>Include a minimum one cultivation in June, July and August for the 2-year warranty period.</li> </ul>			
Plant source (LDM 2.n & LDM 3.a.(2))	Shall be northern nursery grown, No.1 grade	Yes	Yes	
Irrigation plan (LDM 2.s.)	A fully automatic irrigation system and a method of draining is required with Final Site Plan or alternative means of providing sufficient water for plant establishment and long- term survival	No		Need for final site plan
Other information (LDM 2.u)	Required by Planning Commission	NA		
Establishment period (Zoning Sec 5.5.6.B)	2 yr. Guarantee	Yes	Yes	
Approval of substitutions. (Zoning Sec 5.5.5.E)	City must approve any substitutions in writing prior to installation.	Yes	Yes	
Plant List (LDM 4, 11) - I	nclude all cost estimates			
Quantities and sizes	See Table 11.b.(2)(a).i	Shown in plant lists	Yes	
Root type	• B&B or Cont	Shown in plant lists	Yes	
Botanical and common names	<ul> <li>Species native to Michigan shall constitute at least 50% (preferably more) of the plants used, not including woodland replacements or seed mix species.</li> <li>Non-woodland replacement trees shall conform to the LDM Section 4 standards for diversity</li> </ul>	No plant list is provided	TBD	<u>Please provide a plant</u> <u>list no later than the</u> <u>Final Site Plans,</u> <u>preferably on</u> <u>Preliminary Site Plans</u>
Type and amount of lawn		Not shown on plans	TBD	Please clearly indicate which areas are to be seeded with which type of seed on plan view
Cost estimate (LDM 2.t)	For all new plantings, mulch and sod as listed on the plan	No		Need for Final Site Plan
Planting Details/Info (Ll	DM 2.i) – Utilize City of Novi	Standard Details		
	Refer to LDM for detail	Yes	Yes	

Item	Required	Proposed	Meets Code	Comments
Tree	drawings			
Evergreen Tree	-	Yes	Yes	
Multi-stem Tree		Yes	Yes	
Shrub		Yes	Yes	
Perennial/ Ground Cover		Yes	Yes	
Tree stakes and guys. (Wood stakes, fabric guys)		Yes	Yes	
Tree protection fencing	Located at Critical Root Zone (1' outside of dripline)	Yes	Yes	
Other Plant Material Re	quirements (LDM 3)			
General Conditions (LDM 3.a)	Plant materials shall not be planted within 4 ft. of property line	No	No	<u>Please add note near</u> property lines.
Plant Materials & Existing Plant Material (LDM 3.b)	Clearly show trees to be removed and trees to be saved.	<ul> <li>All but 2 of the trees on-site will be removed.</li> <li>No protective tree fencing for the trees to remain on or offsite is shown</li> </ul>	• Yes • No	<ol> <li>Please leave tree labels for trees to be saved on Landscape Plans L-1</li> <li>Please add tree protection fencing for all trees within 50 feet of the project work area to be saved.</li> </ol>
Landscape tree credit (LDM3.b.(d))	Substitutions to landscape standards for preserved canopy trees outside woodlands/ wetlands should be approved by LA. Refer to Landscape tree Credit Chart in LDM	None		
Plant Sizes for ROW, Woodland replacement and others (LDM 3.c)	Refer to Chapter 37, LDM for more details	No plant list is provided	TBD	Please use correct sizes for plant material on the plant list when it is provided.
Plant size credit (LDM3.c.(2))	NA			
Prohibited plants (LDM 11.b(2)b)	No plants on City Invasive Species List	No species are specified	TBD	
Recommended trees for planting under overhead utilities (LDM 3.e)	Label the distance from the overhead utilities			
Collected or Transplanted trees (LDM 3.f)		None		

Item	Required	Proposed	Meets Code	Comments
Nonliving Durable Material: Mulch (LDM 4)	<ul> <li>Trees shall be mulched to 3" depth and shrubs, groundcovers to 2" depth</li> <li>Specify natural color, finely shredded hardwood bark mulch. Include in cost estimate.</li> </ul>	Yes	Yes	

# NOTES:

- 1. This table is a working summary chart and not intended to substitute for any Ordinance or City of Novi requirements or standards.
- 2. The section of the applicable ordinance or standard is indicated in parenthesis. For the landscape requirements, please see the Zoning Ordinance landscape section 5.5 and the Landscape Design Manual for the appropriate items under the applicable zoning classification.
- 3. Please include a written response to any points requiring clarification or for any corresponding site plan modifications to the City of Novi Planning Department with future submittals.

WETLAND REVIEW



March 19, 2025

Lindsay Bell Planner – Community Development City of Novi 45175 Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375

### Submitted electronically to <a href="https://www.bell@cityofnovi.org">lbell@cityofnovi.org</a>

Re: Preserves of Maybury Planned Rezoning Overlay Wetland Review (revised Initial Concept Plan; JZ24-43)

Dear Lindsay,

Merjent, Inc. (Merjent) has conducted a site plan review of the planned rezoning overlay (PRO) for the revised Initial Concept PRO Plan (rICP) for Preserves of Maybury (site). Two sets of plans were provided:

- One plan prepared by Atwell dated February 28, 2025. This plan contains the primary design/engineering information for the ICP.
- One plan prepared by Allen Design dated February 28, 2025. This plan contains the landscape and woodland replacement information for the ICP.

Merjent reviewed the plans for conformance with the City of Novi's (City) current Wetlands and Watercourse Protection Ordinance, Chapter 12 Article V. The site is located approximately at 49680 Eight Mile Road in Section 31 of the City (Parcel No. 50-22-31-400-008). The site contains City-regulated wetlands (**Figure 1**).

An ICP review of woodlands was completed for the site on December 3, 2024 and deficiencies were found that required addressing wetland issues at the site.

### <u>Wetlands</u>

**Wetland Recommendation**: Merjent **recommends approval** of the Preserves of Maybury rICP **with requests for edits** for future submittals. Additional comments have been provided to meet the City's Wetlands and Watercourse Protection Ordinance.

Upon review of published resources, the Site appears to contain or immediately borders:

- ☑ City-regulated wetlands, as identified on the City of Novi interactive map website. Note that both wetland and property limits depicted on the City's map are considered approximations (Figure 1). Although not depicted on the City of Novi's interactive regulated wetland map viewer (Figure 1), this should be used as an initial planning tool and does not constitute the presence or absence of City-regulated wetlands.
- □ Wetlands that are regulated by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).

- □ Wetlands as identified on National Wetland Inventory (NWI) and Michigan Resource Inventory System (MIRIS) maps, as identified on the EGLE Wetlands Viewer interactive map website (map provided in Wetland Boundary Review). NWI and MIRIS wetlands are identified by the associated governmental bodies' interpretation of topographic data and aerial photographs.
- □ Hydric (wetland) soil as mapped by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, as identified on the EGLE Wetlands Viewer interactive map website (map provided in Wetland Boundary Review).

#### Permits and Regulatory Status

Due to the comments below, the following wetland-related items may be required for this project:

Item	Required/Not Required
Wetland Permit (specify Non-minor or Minor)	Likely Required
	(see Comment 1(a)(ii))
Wetland Mitigation	Likely Not Required
Environmental Enhancement Plan	Likely Not Required
Wetland Buffer Authorization	Likely Required
EGLE Wetland Permit	Likely Not Required*
Wetland Conservation Easement	Likely Required
	(see Comment 5)

\*Final determination is at the discretion of EGLE

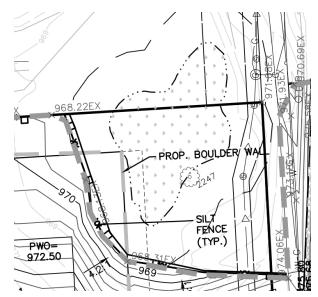
#### Wetland Review Comments

- 1. As noted in PREAPP24-01 (49680 Eight Mile Subdivision) and the ICP Review from December 2024, it is possible that a wetland may be present in the southeastern portion of the site. The applicant provided a March 19, 2024 Wetland Delineation and Threatened and Endangered Species Assessment and stated that the southeastern portion of the site was flooded during a February site visit. The applicant states that the area exhibited minimal hydrophytic vegetation. However, with the site visit being conducted during February (outside of the growing season), no vegetation was likely growing whether hydrophytic or not. Merjent recommends the applicant conduct a growing season wetland delineation to verify the presence or absence of hydrophytic vegetation. Additionally, the applicant states that historical aerial review of the site indicates that wetland signatures may be present on-site.
  - a. The applicant provided a February 14, 2025 response letter that requests that the historic footprint of the feature be utilized based on a March 3, 2020 aerial image. It should be noted that boundaries should be determined based on <u>current</u> conditions on-site. Whether the applicant determines the area be considered a watercourse or wetland, Section 12-171 states that "It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct any activities within a watercourse or wetland location without first having obtained a use permit upon proper application. Activities requiring a use permit include but are not limited to the following: (1) Depositing or permitting the depositing of any material including structures into, within or upon any watercourse or wetland; or (6) Creating, enlarging or diminishing any <u>natural</u> or <u>artificially</u> constructed canal, channel, ditch, lagoon, pond, lake or other waterway for navigation or any other purpose, whether or not connected to an existing lake, stream or watercourse."
    - i. Therefore, boundaries should be flagged (see Comment 3) and determined based on the <u>current</u> conditions. Whether it is determined that the feature is a wetland or



watercourse (pursuant to Section 12-152) the current boundary may be affected by the proposed design. It is understood that the applicant intends to avoid the historic boundary of this feature, but application reviews are based on current features present on-site. Additionally, aerial photographs are provided in **Attachment A** dating back to 2006 showing a potentially larger feature compared to the optimal photo provided from March 2020, likely based on yearly precipitation conditions and the time of photograph capture.

ii. Sheet 06 contains a label pointing to a proposed boulder wall that is unclear of the extent of the boulder wall. It is requested that in future submittals (once the current boundary is established) that symbols are provided showing the extent of the proposed boulder wall. Additionally, fill information (cubic yards and square feet) will be required for potential impacts to the feature and its setback.



- Merjent conducted a site visit on March 18, 2025. While this visit was also outside of the growing season, remnant hydrophytic vegetation was present such as large barnyard grass (*Echinochloa crusgalli*, FACW [Midwestern Regional Supplement]), hybrid cat-tail (*Typha X glauca*), northern waterplantain (*Alisma triviale*, OBL), and dock-leaf smartweed (*Persicaria lapathifolia*, FACW). Additionally, as noted in the tree survey, this area has silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*, FACW) trees present throughout the flooded and low lying portions of the site. Additionally, mallard ducks (*Anas pltyrhynchos*) and common muskrats (*Ondatra zibethicus*) were seen utilizing the standing water and herbaceous vegetation as nesting material. Photographs from the site visit are provided in **Attachment B**.
  - a. Due to the presence of multiple wildlife species utilizing the water resource on-site, the on-site water resource should be considered essential to the City of Novi due to meeting the criteria under Section 12-174(b)(6).
- 3. Merjent recommends that a growing season wetland delineation be completed and that U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Data Forms be provided in future submittals for this project. The applicant intends to avoid this area based on the current design, but as stated in Comment 1, the extent of this feature should be mapped based on <u>current</u> conditions. Additionally, pursuant to Section 12-172 (f), the



applicant shall have the boundary lines of any watercourses or wetlands on the property flagged or staked, and the flagging or staking shall remain in place throughout the conduct of the permit activity.

- 4. The City of Novi regulates wetland and watercourse buffers/setbacks. Section 3.6.2 (M)(i) of the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance states: "There shall be maintained in all districts a wetland and watercourse setback, as provided herein, unless and to the extent, it is determined to be in the public interest not to maintain such a setback. The intent of this provision is to require a minimum setback from wetlands and watercourses". The 25-foot limit is measured as horizontal feet, regardless of grade change.
  - a. Similar to Comment 1, impacts resulting from the proposed boulder wall should be quantified (cubic yards and square feet).
- 5. The Applicant is encouraged to provide wetland conservation easements for any areas of remaining wetland and 25-foot wetland buffer. The Applicant shall provide wetland conservation easements as directed by the City of Novi Community Development Department for any areas of proposed wetland mitigation areas. This language shall be submitted to the City Attorney for review. The executed easement must be returned to the City Attorney within 60 days of the issuance of the City of Novi Wetland and Watercourse permit.
  - a. If final approval is granted for this project, it is recommended that the water resource and subsequent buffer on-site be retained in a conservation easement. This will include the prevention of mowing, which could have impacts to the residents of the proposed Lot 1.

Should you have any questions or concerns with this review, please contact me via email at <u>jason.demoss@merjent.com</u> or via phone at (619) 944-3835.

Sincerely,

Merjent, Inc.

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Jason DeMoss, PWS Environmental Consultant

Enclosures:

Figure 1 – City of Novi Woodlands and Wetlands Map Attachment A – Aerial Imagery Attachment B – Site Photographs

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Figure 1. City of Novi Regulated Woodlands Map

Approximate Site boundary is shown in Red.

No mapped regulated woodland areas are shown in the map view. Regulated wetland areas are shown in turquoise. Area identified as being inundated with water approximately outlined in blue and filled with yellow.



Attachment A Aerial Imagery





2017 Imagery showing the extent of flooding and multiple Acer saccharinum trees within the flooded area



2006 Imagery showing the extent of flooding on-site that is similar to the current extent of flooding in 2024 (see image below).



2024 Imagery showing the extent of flooding and silt fence placement from the Ballantyne development

Attachment B Site Photographs





A common muskrat seen utilizing and nesting within the water on-site.



No flagging seen present on-site





Overview of wetland feature on-site



Overview of emergent wetland vegetation on-site.



TRAFFIC REVIEW

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AECOM 39575 Lewis Dr, Ste. 400 Novi MI, 48377 USA aecom.com

**Project name:** JZ24-43 – Mariella Estates Revised Intial PRO Traffic Review

From: AECOM

Date: March 20, 2025

To: Barbara McBeth, AICP City of Novi 45175 10 Mile Road Novi, Michigan 48375

**CC:** Lindsay Bell, Dan Commer, Humna Anjum, Diana Shanahan, Milad Alesmail, Stacey Choi

# Memo

Subject: JZ24-43 - Mariella Estates Revised Initial PRO Traffic Review

The revised initial PRO concept site plan was reviewed to the level of detail provided and AECOM recommends **approval** as long as the comments provided below are adequately addressed to the satisfaction of the City.

# **GENERAL COMMENTS**

- 1. The applicant, Braciole Brothers, LLC, is proposing a ten home single-family subdivision.
- 2. The development is located on the north side of Eight Mile Road, west of Garfield Road. Eight Mile Road is under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission of Oakland County and Garfield Road is under the jurisdiction of the City of Novi.
- 3. The site is zoned R-A (Residential Acreage) and the applicant is utilizing the PRO option.
- 4. There are following traffic related deviations are being requested by the applicant:
  - a. Below standard centerline radius.

# **TRAFFIC IMPACTS**

1. AECOM performed an initial trip generation based on the ITE Trip Generation Manual, 11<sup>th</sup> Edition, as follows.

ITE Code: 210 – Single-Family Detached Housing Development-specific Quantity: 10 Dwelling Units Zoning Change: N/A

Trip Generation Summary	Estimated Trips	Estimated Peak- Direction Trips	City of Novi Threshold	Above Threshold?
AM Peak-Hour Trips	9	7	100	No
PM Peak-Hour Trips	11	7	100	No
Daily (One-Directional) Trips	121	N/A	750	No

2. The City of Novi generally requires a traffic impact study/statement if the number of trips generated by the proposed development exceeds the City's threshold of more than 750 trips per day or 100 trips per either the AM or PM peak hour, or if the project meets other specified criteria.

Trip Impact Study Recommendation		
Type of Study: Justification		

none
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# **TRAFFIC REVIEW**

The following table identifies the aspects of the plan that were reviewed. Items marked O are listed in the City's Code of Ordinances. Items marked with ZO are listed in the City's Zoning Ordinance. Items marked with ADA are listed in the Americans with Disabilities Act. Items marked with MMUTCD are listed in the Michigan Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

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The values in the 'Compliance' column read as 'met' for plan provision meeting the standard it refers to, 'not met' stands for provision not meeting the standard and 'inconclusive' indicates applicant to provide data or information for review and 'NA' stands for not applicable for subject Project. The 'remarks' column covers any comments reviewer has and/or 'requested/required variance' and 'potential variance'. A potential variance indicates a variance that will be required if modifications are not made or further information provided to show compliance with the standards and ordinances. The applicant should put effort into complying with the standards; the variances should be the last resort after all avenues for complying have been exhausted. Indication of a potential variance does not imply support unless explicitly stated.

EXT	EXTERNAL SITE ACCESS AND OPERATIONS				
No.	Item	Proposed	Compliance	Remarks	
1	Driveway Radii   O Figure IX.3	35'	Met		
2	Driveway Width   O Figure IX.3	28'	Met		
3	Driveway Taper   O Figure IX.11				
3a	Taper length	75' and 100'	Met		
3b	Tangent	0' and 50'	Met		
4	Emergency Access   O <u>11-</u> <u>194.a.19</u>	-	N/A		
5	Driveway sight distance   O Figure VIII-E	610'	Met		
6	Driveway spacing				
6a	Same-side   O <u>11.216.d.1.d</u>	400.83' and 1084.63'	Met		
6b	Opposite side   O <u>11.216.d.1.e</u>	200.87' to private drive	Met		
7	External coordination (Road agency)	Indicated coordination with RCOC	Met		
8	External Sidewalk   <u>Master Plan &amp;</u> EDM	8' proposed, tying into existing	Met		
9	Sidewalk Ramps   <u>EDM 7.4</u> & <u>R-</u> <u>28-K</u>	Indicated	Partially Met	Update detail to latest R-28-K version in future submittal.	
10	Any Other Comments:				

INT	ERNAL SITE OPERATIONS			
No.	Item	Proposed	Compliance	Remarks
11	Loading zone   <u>ZO 5.4</u>	-	N/A	

INTE	INTERNAL SITE OPERATIONS					
No.	Item	Proposed	Compliance	Remarks		
12	Trash receptacle   <u>ZO 5.4.4</u>	Not indicated	Inconclusive	Indicate if individual trash collection is to be present for single family homes.		
13	Emergency Vehicle Access	Turning movements not provided	Inconclusive	Provide turning movements in future submittal.		
14	Maneuvering Lane   <u>ZO 5.3.2</u>	-	N/A			
15	End islands   <u>ZO 5.3.12</u>					
15a	Adjacent to a travel way	-	N/A			
15b	Internal to parking bays	-	N/A			
16	Parking spaces   <u>ZO 5.2.12</u>	On-street parking not allowed	Met			
17	Adjacent parking spaces   <u>ZO</u> <u>5.5.3.C.ii.i</u>	-	N/A			
18	Parking space length   <u>ZO 5.3.2</u>	-	N/A			
19	Parking space Width   ZO 5.3.2	-	N/A			
20	Parking space front curb height   ZO 5.3.2	-	N/A			
21	Accessible parking – number   ADA	-	N/A			
22	Accessible parking – size   <u>ADA</u>	-	N/A			
23	Number of Van-accessible space   ADA	-	N/A			
24	Bicycle parking					
24a	Requirement   <u>ZO 5.16.1</u>	-	N/A			
24b	Location   <u>ZO 5.16.1</u>	-	N/A			
24c	Clear path from Street   ZO 5.16.1	-	N/A			
24d	Height of rack   <u>ZO 5.16.5.B</u>	-	N/A			
24e	Other (Covered / Layout)   <u>ZO</u> 5.16.1	-	N/A			
25	Sidewalk – min 5' wide   <u>Master</u> Plan	5' proposed	Met			
26	Sidewalk ramps   EDM 7.4 & R-28- K	None proposed	N/A			
27	Sidewalk – distance back of curb   EDM 7.4	10' proposed	Met			
28	Cul-De-Sac   O Figure VIII-F	-	N/A			
29	EyeBrow   O <u>Figure VIII-G</u>	54' radius proposed	Met			
30	Turnaround   <u>ZO 5.10</u>	Proposed and dimensioned	Met			
31	Any Other Comments:	Proposed 90' centerline radius is below 230' standard per Section 11-194.b.2 of the City's Code of Ordinances. The applicant is requesting a deviation.				

SIG	SIGNING AND STRIPING					
No.	Item	Proposed	Compliance	Remarks		
32	Signing: Sizes   MMUTCD	Indicated	Met			
33	Signing table: quantities and sizes	Indicated	Met	Remove "typ." from the sign labels on site plan.		

SIG	SIGNING AND STRIPING						
No.	Item	Proposed	Compliance	Remarks			
34	Signs 12" x 18" or smaller in size shall be mounted on a galvanized 2 lb. U- channel post   <u>MMUTCD</u>	Not indicated	Inconclusive	Provide in future submittal.			
35	Signs greater than 12" x 18" shall be mounted on a galvanized 3 lb. or greater U-channel post   <u>MMUTCD</u>	Not indicated	Inconclusive	Provide in future submittal.			
36	Sign bottom height of 7' from final grade   <u>MMUTCD</u>	Not indicated	Inconclusive	Provide in future submittal.			
37	Signing shall be placed 2' from the face of the curb or edge of the nearest sidewalk to the near edge of the sign   MMUTCD	Not indicated	Inconclusive	Provide in future submittal.			
38	FHWA Standard Alphabet series used for all sign language   MMUTCD	Not indicated	Inconclusive	Provide in future submittal.			
39	High-Intensity Prismatic (HIP) sheeting to meet FHWA retro-reflectivity   MMUTCD	Not indicated	Inconclusive	Provide in future submittal.			
40	Parking space striping notes	-	N/A				
41	The international symbol for accessibility pavement markings   ADA	-	N/A				
42	Crosswalk pavement marking detail	-	N/A				
43	Any Other Comments:		s proposing flashing be installed by RCO	beacon signs on 8 Mile C.			

Note: Hyperlinks to the standards and Ordinances are for reference purposes only, the applicant and City of Novi to ensure referring to the latest standards and Ordinances in its entirety.

Should the City or applicant have questions regarding this review, they should contact AECOM for further clarification.

Sincerely,

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FIRE REVIEW



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TO: Barbara McBeth - City Planner Lindsay Bell - Plan Review Center Dan Commer – Plan Review Center Diana Shanahan – Plan Review Center

RE: Preserves of Maybury - Initial PRO

# JZ24-43

**<u>Project Description</u>**: Build new subdivision on 9.36 acres, with 10 Single family homes.

# Comments:

- All fire hydrants MUST be installed and operational prior to any combustible material is brought on site. IFC 2015 3312.1.
   ONE additional hydrant is needed near lot #1. Sheet #5 only shows 2 hydrants being added to new water main.
- Fire lanes will be designated by the Fire Chief or his designee when it is deemed necessary and shall comply with the Fire Prevention Ordinances adopted by the City of Novi. The location of all "fire lane – no parking" signs are to be shown on the site plans. (Fire Prevention Ord.).

Additional "No Parking signs" needed at end of proposed Maybury Dr, near cul-de-sac turnaround.

Fire apparatus access drives to and from buildings through parking lots shall have a minimum fifty (50) feet outside turning radius and designed to support a minimum of thirty-five (35) tons. (D.C.S. Sec 11-239(b)(5)).

Sheet #5 indicates 45' turning radii. Have this updated and include 50' turning capabilities.

All other Fire Department notes (from sheet 1) will be followed for next review.

# Recommendation:

Approved w/Conditions to be followed from list above for next review.

Sincerely,

Novi Public Safety Administration 45125 Ten Mile Road Novi, Michigan 48375 248.348.7100 248.347.0590 fax

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Andrew Copeland – Acting Fire Marshal City of Novi Fire Department cc: file

# APPLICANT RESPONSE LETTERS

May 9, 2025



Novi City Council 45175 Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375

# RE: JZ24-43 MARIELLA ESTATES PRO

Dear Council Members,

We look forward to your review and feedback on the above-referenced project at the May 19th City Council meeting. In response to feedback from the Planning Commission and City Staff, we've worked with the applicant to identify public benefits that we can offer as part of the PRO that are both meaningful to the community and appropriate for the scale of the project. We propose the following:

- **Maybury State Park Pathway:** Installation of a 5-foot wide paved pathway from the existing crosswalk between the Ballantyne development and the proposed Mariella Estates development to the entrance of Maybury State Park. The estimated cost of this improvement is \$25,000 and will require approval from the park. If park approval is not granted or easements are unable to be obtained to facilitate the construction of the, the applicant would be open to a donation to the city in the amount anticipated for the cost of path construction.
- ITC Park Improvements: A \$15,000 contribution toward improvements at the nearby ITC Park. The specific improvements to be provided will be based on the current needs of the park, as determined by the City Parks Department. Based on preliminary discussions with the Parks Department, known needs at ITC Park include new baseball dugout covers and bench seating, as well as concept planning for a park expansion on the newly acquired 88-acre site directly east of the existing park. Other potential improvements include a new playground structure, walking paths, additional sporting infrastructure, etc. This donation is being made in lieu of the park and playground structure previously proposed on-site, as it will have a greater benefit for both the new residents and the broader community.

We appreciate the City's continued review and assistance with this project. We will remain committed to working closely with the City to ensure a smooth and timely review process. Should you have any remaining questions regarding the public benefits or other aspects of the project, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (947) 886-9874.

Sincerely, ATWELL, LLC

Chris Rothhaar, P.E. Land Development- Project Manager

April 14, 2025



Lindsay Bell, AICP Senior Planner 45175 Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375

# RE: JZ24-43 MARIELLA ESTATES PRO

Ms. Bell,

Thank you for providing your review and feedback for the above referenced project. We have reviewed the plans in accordance with your review letter dated February 28, 2024. For your use, below are our responses on how we plan to address each of the comments in your letter, pending the results of the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for April 23, 2025.

### **Review Concerns – Reviewed by Lindsay Bell**

- 1. Supporting Documentation: The applicant has provided the following as part of their application packet:
  - a. Narrative: The narrative provided states that Rezoning allows for development consistent with the adjacent communities that have developed under a Residential Unit Development (RUD) Agreement Ballyntine and Parc Vista. This property is not eligible for an RUD as it is less than 20 acres in size, therefore the applicant is seeking a rezoning to R-1 in order to create similar-sized lots. The applicant indicates 6 lots could be feasibly developed under the existing RA standards when providing an access road and stormwater detention. A "Parallel Plan" has been provided to demonstrate the potential lot layout under RA standards. The change in Residential Equivalent Units (REUs) would be from 6 under the current zoning to 10 with the proposed zoning.

**Response:** The applicant agrees with the assessment outlined above.

- b. The statement also notes the conditions and deviations proposed, as well as public benefits. Future submittals should be updated to reflect the most current requests, including any deviations.
   Response: The noted conditions and deviations will be revised as needed to accurately reflect the current proposed plan with each resubmittal.
- c. Traffic Impact Study: Not required as does not meet the threshold (rezoning to residential category two or more higher).
   Response: Understood.
- d. Sign Location Plan: A sign placement plan and rezoning sign mock-up have been provided for review. Please change the wording in the 2ND line on the signage to "FROM RA TO R-1 with PRO". Signage must be posted on the site a minimum of 15 days prior to the public hearing date. The sign placement is approved for the location shown.

**Response:** The requested revision has been completed, and the sign was installed on April 1, 2025. Photographs were provided to the City as confirmation.

2. Wetland Delineation: The applicant has provided a statement from Atwell indicating the likely presence of a wetland on the site prior to grading that was conducted earlier, however that

evaluation was based on a February site visit when no vegetation was growing, and no soil borings were taken. Based on aerial imagery from 2000-present, the southeastern area of the site has exhibited standing water. The wetland area is now shown on the plans, as is a 25-foot wetland buffer that extends onto Lot 1. The City advises the applicant to conduct further wetland investigation of the area during the growing season as described in Merjent's review letter, including wetland flagging (including U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Data Forms). Further, the applicant should propose a PRO Condition that would provide a physical indication to the future owner of Lot 1 that the wetland buffer shall be protected from mowing/vegetation removal and no structures or impervious surfaces shall intrude into the wetland buffer.

**Response:** The wet area has expanded following the recent construction of the Ballantyne development to the east. Based on our review of historical aerial imagery, we have provided our professional opinion on the wetland boundary which is shown in the current plans. The lot line for Lot 1 has been relocated outside of this historic wetland, and no grading is proposed within its buffer. The applicant is currently assessing the standing water area outside of the historic wetland line for the presence of hydric soils. If hydric soils are identified, the wetland will be re-delineated during the growing season. Should the delineation confirm a regulated wetland, the applicant will submit the necessary permit documentation to allow for Lot 1 construction.

3. Active Mobility Plan: The City's Active Mobility Plan, adopted in 2024, recommends improvements to the Eight Mile Road crosswalk (flashing beacons or HAWK signal), and coordinating with Maybury State Park to provide a non-motorized connection between the crosswalk and the park entrance. Currently cyclists and pedestrians must use the narrow shoulder on the south side of 8 Mile to access the entrance to the park. While the south side of 8 Mile is in Northville Township, improved safety enhancements to access this important regional recreational destination would benefit Novi residents as well.

The applicant now proposes to upgrade the existing crosswalk with flashing crosswalk signage as a benefit to the public at large. The existing crosswalk is approximately 460 feet east of the entrance to the proposed development, and there is no paved pathway on the south side of the Eight Mile Road to get users of the crosswalk to the entrance of Maybury State Park 270 feet to the west. The applicant states they do not want to pursue paving a pathway or sidewalk on the south side of the road due to grading and drainage concerns, as well as natural features impacts. Given these concerns, consideration should be given to relocate the crosswalk with flashing signage if a crosswalk study indicates this treatment is warranted. Road Commission for Oakland County would also need to agree to any changes to the crosswalk. This would increase the likelihood of achieving an overall benefit to the public.

**Response:** Enhancing the existing crosswalk location is preferable, as it already includes pavement markings and receiving ramps at both ends and avoids crossing vehicular taper lanes, unlike the alternative location near the park entrance. Following a site visit, a clear route was identified for a 5-foot-wide pathway from the existing south receiving ramp to the park boundary that would not impact natural features or the roadside ditch. If directed by the Planning Commission, the applicant is open to further discussion on either installing this pathway extension to the park or relocating the crosswalk as a public benefit. The selected revision will be reflected in future plan submittals.

 Plan Review Chart: The attached chart provides additional comments on many of the Ordinance review standards. Please refer to it in detail and note deviations that may be required if not corrected in the Formal PRO submittal.
 Response: Understood.

#### Additional Miscellaneous Comments – Reviewed by Lindsay Bell

- The development proposes the required sidewalks along the private street. A portion of the site is to remain undeveloped in open space, with one play structure amenity, which the applicant states would be available for public use. However, as gates are now shown at the entrance it is very unlikely that non-residents would utilize this space.
   **Response:** Understood. As the City does not consider the playground a public benefit due to the gated nature of the community, the applicant intends to remove it from the list of public benefits and will likely omit it from future plan submittals. Should a playground be constructed, it would be at the discretion of the HOA and would remain private.
- 2. No architectural drawings have been provided. **Response:** The homes are anticipated to be custom builds, consistent with the character of adjacent developments. Representative architectural drawings or images will be included in a future submittal.
- The applicant should consider sustainable, energy-efficient and best-practice design for site elements and building materials, such as LEED recommended strategies.
   Response: Understood. The applicant will not be constructing the homes, however this request will be passed on to the homebuilders.
- 4. With the proximity to Maybury State Park, the applicant has proposed to upgrade the existing crosswalk on 8 Mile Road with flashing crosswalk signs, which is a recommendation in the Active Mobility Plan to provide enhanced connections for pedestrians and bicyclists coming from Novi. However, the location of the existing crosswalk is further east, and there is no paved pathway from the end of the crossing to the entrance to the park. A crosswalk study would be needed to determine the appropriate treatment for the crossing. **Response:** The existing crosswalk currently has markings and receiving raps on either end.

**Response:** The existing crosswalk currently has markings and receiving raps on either end. In addition this crosswalk does not cross at taper lanes like the relocation would require. If directed by the Planning Commission the applicant agrees to the relocation of the existing crosswalk to be closer to the park entrance and this change will be reflected in future plan submittals.

5. A Public-use Park: The development proposes an active open space park area intended for use by the residents and the public at large, with direct public access off of 8 Mile Road. As the entrance to the development is gated, Staff has concerns that future residents of the development will seek to exclude non-residents from using the park with the justification that the liability and maintenance are borne by the HOA and therefore it is a private space. Given non-residents are unlikely to use the playground in a gated community, and with the proximity to both Maybury Park and ITC Park playgrounds, Staff does not see much in the way of benefit for the general public.

**Response:** Understood. As the City does not consider the playground a public benefit due to the gated nature of the community, the applicant intends to remove it from the list of public benefits and will likely omit it from future plan submittals. Should a playground be constructed, it would be at the discretion of the HOA and would remain private.

 Perimeter Landscape Buffers: The development proposes a minimum 25-foot perimeter landscape buffer from the lots to the property boundary. Only a few areas of the buffer show any landscaping being provided. Additional trees should be planted to be considered as an enhancement of the project.

**Response:** Understood, additional landscape plantings in the buffers will be included in future submittals.

7. Increased Open Space: The development proposes an extensive amount of open space for a single-family development (28%) and a majority of the proposed open space is usable active open space. The only amenity shown in the open spaces is the play structure, which as noted above is unlikely to be utilized by non-residents. Compared to the adjacent RUD developments, this proposal has a lower percentage of open space preserved. The wetland area near 8 Mile is now proposed for preservation.

**Response:** Understood, the park area will remain open space even if the playground is removed and the wetland area will be preserved.

- Overall density shall not exceed 1.07 dwelling units per acre. This would be more limiting than the 1.6 dwelling units per acre allowed in the R-1 District, and closer to what has been developed in the surrounding neighborhoods.
   Response: Understood, this has been included as a public benefit.
- 9. Flashing Crosswalk at 8-Mile: The existing 8 Mile crosswalk will be upgraded with flashing crosswalk signs. The existing crosswalk is approximately 460 feet east of the entrance to the proposed development, and there is no paved pathway on the south side of Eight Mile Road to get users of the crosswalk to the entrance of Maybury State Park. The applicant states they do not want to pursue paving for a pathway or sidewalk on the south side of the road due to grading and drainage concerns, as well as natural features impacts. Given these concerns, consideration should be given to relocate the crosswalk westward, closer to the entrance of Maybury State Park, while also upgrading the crosswalk with flashing signage if a crosswalk study indicates this treatment is warranted. Road Commission for Oakland County would also need to agree to any changes to the crosswalk.

**Response:** Enhancing the existing crosswalk location is preferable, as it already includes pavement markings and receiving ramps at both ends and avoids crossing vehicular taper lanes, unlike the alternative location near the park entrance. Following a site visit, a clear route was identified for a 5-foot-wide pathway from the existing south receiving ramp to the park boundary that would not impact natural features or the roadside ditch. If directed by the Planning Commission, the applicant is open to further discussion on either installing this pathway extension to the park or relocating the crosswalk as a public benefit. The selected revision will be reflected in future plan submittals.

10. If unit model building elevations are provided for review and determined to exceed the standards of the ordinance, that could be considered in the public interest/an enhancement of the project.

**Response:** Understood. The applicant's intent is for the homes to be high end construction that will likely exceed the ordinance requirements. Architectural plans/images will be provided with a future submittal.

#### Planning – Reviewed by Lindsay Bell

- Include in written statement how many lots could be developed under current RA zoning, number of REUs for each.
   Response: This will be included on the plans in a future submittal.
- See comments in Planning Review. Signage must be posted no later than 15 days prior to public hearing.
   Response: Signage was posted as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
- 3. Lots 4 and 5 require a deviation for lot width. **Response:** *This deviation is listed on the cover of the plans.*

- 4. Lot 1 shall include buffer delineation to prevent encroachment/mowing/removal of vegetation. **Response:** *A wetland buffer with signage will be added to lot 1 in a future submittal.*
- 5. See Engineering Review letter for detail on SWM Plan comments. **Response:** *Responses to the engineering comments are included later in this letter.*
- 6. Usable open space noted in northwestern area of the site could this area be enhanced with landscaping, benches, gazebo, etc. in order to amenitize it? **Response:** The applicant is open to discussing the requested additional enhancements to the common open space. However, due to the steep slopes in this area, installing an ADA-accessible sidewalk through the grassed area is not feasible, making the proposed enhancements seem impractical.
- 7. The committee has considered and approved the requested names. **Response:** *Understood.*
- Sign permits are reviewed separately. If deviations are anticipated submit concurrently with Formal PRO.
   Response: Understood. Not deviations are currently anticipated.

#### Engineering – Reviewed by Humna Anjum

- Based on the existing zoning RA zoning six homes could be proposed on this site, the new zoning will allow for 10 homes. Engineering does not have any concerns with the 4 additional REUs that would be allowed with this rezoning.
   Response: Understood.
- Applicant must obtain RCOC approval for the approach tapers prior to final PRO plan approval. Permit will not be required at that time, but applicant must have RCOC review the approach location. Engineering does not have concerns with the proposed approach tappers.
   Response: Understood. Following the results of the PC meeting the plans will be submitted to RCOC for review/approval.
- 3. Sheet 04 Layout Notes state that the road will not be gated and that roads will be private, the plan shows a gate at the entrance and the road is labeled with 60' ROW. Clarify if roads will be private, revise note to state 60' private road ROW. **Response:** The roads will be private. The note and labels will be revised to clearly state the roads are private and that the development will be gated on future submittals.
- 4. Provide a utility crossing table at the time of the site plan submittal. **Response:** A utility crossing table will be included in the site plan submittal.
- 5. Generally, all proposed trees shall remain outside utility easements. Where proposed trees are required within a utility easement, the trees shall maintain a minimum 5-foot horizontal separation from water main and storm sewer and 10-foot horizontal separation from sanitary sewer.

**Response:** Understood. The requested separations will be confirmed and maintained in all future submittals.

6. Indicate if an entrance streetlight shall be proposed. The City of Novi has a streetlighting program where the city pays for one standard streetlight at the entrance of subdivisions. This would be an agreement with DTE, if a decorative streetlight is proposed the applicant/HOA will

need to pay the difference in cost. **Response:** A streetlight at the entrance will be shown with future submittals.

- 7. All public water main shall be within a dedicated water main easement. **Response:** *Understood. Watermain easements will be shown on future submittals.*
- Additional details shall be provided at time of site plan submittal. Profiles shall be needed at time of final site plan submittal.
   Response: Profiles and additional design details will be provided with final site plan submittal.
- EGLE water main permit will be required for the main extension, the application can be submitted at time of final site plan submittal.
   Response: Understood.
- 10. All public sanitary sewer shall be within a dedicated sanitary sewer easement. **Response:** *Understood. Sanitary easements will be shown on all future submittals.*
- Sanitary sewer should be relocated outside of the pavement to the east and north side of Mariella Lane.
   **Response:** The applicant is open to either option and will evaluate the feasibility of the requested location outside the pavement. If feasible, this routing will be reflected in future submittals. However, the proposed location may conflict with the required landscape separation.
- 12. EGLE sanitary sewer extension permit shall be required prior to the pre-con meeting, EGLE application can be submitted at time of final site plan submittal. **Response:** *Understood.*
- 13. A minimum cover depth of 3 feet shall be maintained over all proposed storm sewer. Provide profiles for all storm sewer 12-inch and larger at time of site plan submittal. **Response:** *Profiles and additional design details will be provided with final site plan submittal.*
- 14. Provide Storm sewer basis of design table at time of site plan submittal. **Response:** *Storm sewer design calculations will be provided with final site plan submittal.*
- 15. The proposed outlet location is acceptable, the applicant should ensure that the existing driveway culverts have adequate capacity and are cleaned out as part of this project. **Response:** The capacity of the downstream driveway and road culverts was verified prior to the previous submittal. A note will be added in future submittals to address the request for cleaning out the driveway culverts immediately downstream prior to construction completion.
- 16. The Ballantyne storm water detention basin does not outlet to the wetlands near the entrance of Mariella Estates. **Response:** Understood. The detention basin does not outlet into the wetland but the swales along Ballantynes western property line all drain undetained to this low area. Based on our recent survey and site walks we were unable to find any piped or natural outlet from this low area. As such we are not directing our detention or any additional drainage to this location.
- Provide supporting calculations for the runoff coefficient determination. C factor greenspace shall be based on hydrologic soil type.
   Response: Calculations for the runoff coefficient will be included in the next submittal.
- 18. Provide the overland routing that would occur in the event the underground system cannot

accept flow. This route shall be directed to a recognized drainage course or drainage system. **Response:** *Overland flow routes will be clearly shown on the plans in the next submittal.* 

- Provide a soil boring in the vicinity of the proposed underground detention system to determine bearing capacity and the high-water elevation of the groundwater table.
   **Response:** Soil boring information will be gathered and provided with the final site plan submittal.
- 20. Provide inspection ports throughout the underground detention system at the midpoint of all storage rows. Additional inspection ports may be required for systems larger than 200 feet. Inspection ports shall be a minimum of 8-inches. **Response:** Inspection ports will be provided as requested with the next submittal.
- 21. For piped/chamber systems the underground storage system shall include 4-foot diameter manholes at one end of each row for maintenance access purposes. Manholes are shown on plans.

Response: Understood.

- 22. Provide critical elevations for the detention system. Also, provide a cross-section for the underground detention system. Ensure that there is at least 1 foot of freeboard between the 100-year elevation and the subgrade elevation beneath the proposed park area. **Response:** *Additional details will be provided with the final site plan submittal.*
- 23. The underground detention system shall be kept outside of the influence of any planting areas. Show manhole locations on landscaping sheets. **Response:** Understood. This will be confirmed and the system outline and access manholes will be added to the landscape plan with the next submittal.
- 24. Provide a construction materials table on the Paving Plan listing the quantity and material type for each pavement cross-section being proposed. **Response:** Paving quantities will be included on the plans with the next submittal.
- 25. Label specific ramp locations on the plans where the detectable warning surface is to be installed. **Response:** Sidewalks ramp locations will be shown with the next submittal.
- Provide existing and proposed contours on the Grading Plan at the time of the Final Site Plan submittal.
   Response: Understood. Additional details will be provided with the final site plan submittal.
- 27. Site grading shall be limited to 1V:4H (25-percent), regrade or relocate the proposed home and driveway on lot 8 so that the slopes steeper than 1V:4H are not on the proposed on the residential lot. **Response:** Understood. The grading in this area will be revised as requested on future submittals.
- 28. Retaining walls that are 48-inches or larger shall need a permit from Building Department. **Response:** *Understood.*
- A retaining wall that has a grade change of 30" or more within a 3' horizontal distance will require a guardrail.
   Response: Understood.

- Soil borings along the proposed road will be required at 500-foot intervals per Section 11-195(d) of the Design and Construction Standards.
   Response: Soil boring information will be gathered and provided with the final site plan submittal.
- 31. No off-site easements anticipated at this time. **Response:** *Understood.*
- 32. A letter from either the applicant or the applicant's engineer must be submitted with the Stamping Set highlighting the changes made to the plans addressing each of the comments listed above and indicating the revised sheets involved. Additionally, a statement must be provided stating that all changes to the plan have been discussed in the applicant's response letter.

**Response:** Please accept his letter to serve as the requested document.

### Wetlands Reviewed by – Jason DeMoss

- 1. As noted in PREAPP24-01 (49680 Eight Mile Subdivision) and the ICP Review from December 2024, it is possible that a wetland may be present in the southeastern portion of the site. The applicant provided a March 19, 2024 Wetland Delineation and Threatened and Endangered Species Assessment and stated that the southeastern portion of the site was flooded during a February site visit. The applicant states that the area exhibited minimal hydrophytic vegetation. However, with the site visit being conducted during February (outside of the growing season), no vegetation was likely growing whether hydrophytic or not. Merjent recommends the applicant conduct a growing season wetland delineation to verify the presence or absence of hydrophytic vegetation. Additionally, the applicant states that historical aerial review of the site indicates that wetland signatures may be present on-site.
  - a. The applicant provided a February 14, 2025 response letter that requests that the historic footprint of the feature be utilized based on a March 3, 2020 aerial image. It should be noted that boundaries should be determined based on current conditions on-site. Whether the applicant determines the area be considered a watercourse or wetland, Section 12-171 states that "It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct any activities within a watercourse or wetland location without first having obtained a use permit upon proper application. Activities requiring a use permit include but are not limited to the following: (1) Depositing or permitting the depositing of any material including structures into, within or upon any watercourse or wetland; or (6) Creating, enlarging or diminishing any natural or artificially constructed canal, channel, ditch, lagoon, pond, lake or other waterway for navigation or any other purpose, whether or not connected to an existing lake, stream or watercourse."
    - i. Therefore, boundaries should be flagged (see Comment 3) and determined based on the current conditions. Whether it is determined that the feature is a wetland or watercourse (pursuant to Section 12-152) the current boundary may be affected by the proposed design. It is understood that the applicant intends to avoid the historic boundary of this feature, but application reviews are based on current features present on-site. Additionally, aerial photographs are provided in Attachment A dating back to 2006 showing a potentially larger feature compared to the optimal photo provided from March 2020, likely based on yearly precipitation conditions and the time of photograph capture.

**Response:** The wet area has expanded following the recent construction of the Ballantyne development to the east. Based on our review of historical aerial imagery, we have provided our professional opinion on the wetland boundary which is shown in the current plans. The lot line for Lot 1 has been relocated outside of this historic wetland, and no grading is proposed within its buffer. The

applicant is currently assessing the standing water area outside of the historic wetland line for the presence of hydric soils. If hydric soils are identified, the wetland will be re-delineated during the growing season. Should the delineation confirm a regulated wetland, the applicant will submit the necessary permit documentation to allow for Lot 1 construction.

- Sheet 06 contains a label pointing to a proposed boulder wall that is unclear of the extent of the boulder wall. It is requested that in future submittals (once the current boundary is established) that symbols are provided showing the extent of the proposed boulder wall. Additionally, fill information (cubic yards and square feet) will be required for potential impacts to the feature and its setback.
   **Response:** Understood. Additional details regarding a potential wall will be provided with the final site plan submittals. Any potential impacts to the buffer will be addressed in future submissions.
- 2. Merjent conducted a site visit on March 18, 2025. While this visit was also outside of the growing season, remnant hydrophytic vegetation was present such as large barnyard grass (Echinochloa crusgalli, FACW [Midwestern Regional Supplement]), hybrid cat-tail (Typha X glauca), northern waterplantain (Alisma triviale, OBL), and dock-leaf smartweed (Persicaria lapathifolia, FACW). Additionally, as noted in the tree survey, this area has silver maple (Acer saccharinum, FACW) trees present throughout the flooded and low lying portions of the site. Additionally, mallard ducks (Anaspltyrhynchos) and common muskrats (Ondatra zibethicus) were seen utilizing the standing water and herbaceous vegetation as nesting material. Photographs from the site visit are provided in Attachment B.
  - Due to the presence of multiple wildlife species utilizing the water resource on-site, the on-site water resource should be considered essential to the City of Novi due to meeting the criteria under Section 12-174(b)(6).
     Response: Understood.
- 3. Merjent recommends that a growing season wetland delineation be completed and that U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Data Forms be provided in future submittals for this project. The applicant intends to avoid this area based on the current design, but as stated in Comment 1, the extent of this feature should be mapped based on current conditions. Additionally, pursuant to Section 12-172 (f), the applicant shall have the boundary lines of any watercourses or wetlands on the property flagged or staked, and the flagging or staking shall remain in place throughout the conduct of the permit activity.

**Response:** Understood. This information will be gathered during the growing season.

- 4. The City of Novi regulates wetland and watercourse buffers/setbacks. Section 3.6.2 (M)(i) of the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance states: "There shall be maintained in all districts a wetland and watercourse setback, as provided herein, unless and to the extent, it is determined to be in the public interest not to maintain such a setback. The intent of this provision is to require a minimum setback from wetlands and watercourses". The 25-foot limit is measured as horizontal feet, regardless of grade change.
  - a. Similar to Comment 1, impacts resulting from the proposed boulder wall should be quantified (cubic yards and square feet).
     Response: This information will be provided with future submittals.
- 5. The Applicant is encouraged to provide wetland conservation easements for any areas of remaining wetland and 25-foot wetland buffer. The Applicant shall provide wetland conservation easements as directed by the City of Novi Community Development Department for any areas of proposed wetland mitigation areas. This language shall be submitted to the City Attorney for review. The executed easement must be returned to the City Attorney within

60 days of the issuance of the City of Novi Wetland and Watercourse permit.

a. If final approval is granted for this project, it is recommended that the water resource and subsequent buffer on-site be retained in a conservation easement. This will include the prevention of mowing, which could have impacts to the residents of the proposed Lot 1.
 Response: A conservation easement will be provided over this area prior to

**Response:** A conservation easement will be provided over this area prior to construction.

#### Traffic Reviewed by – Paula K. Johnson

- 1. Update detail to latest R-28-K version in future submittal. **Response:** *The detail will be updated with the next submittal.*
- 2. Indicate if individual trash collection is to be present for single family homes. **Response:** Individual trash collection will be provided for each home. This will be noted on the plans with the next submittal.
- 3. Provide turning movements in future submittal. **Response:** *Fire truck turning movements are shown on the plans.*
- Proposed 90' centerline radius is below 230' standard per Section 11-194.b.2 of the City's Code of Ordinances. The applicant is requesting a deviation.
   Response: Noted.

We appreciate your continued review and assistance with this project. We remain committed to working closely with the City to ensure a smooth and timely review process. Should you have any remaining questions or need anything else from us to help facilitate your approvals, please do not hesitate to contact me direct at (947)-886-9874.

Sincerely, ATWELL, LLC

Chris Rothhaar, P.E

Project Manager

February 28, 2025



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### RE: JZ24-43 Preserves of Maybury

Ms. Bell,

Thank you for providing your review and feedback for the above referenced project. We have revised the plans in accordance with your review letter dated January 22, 2025. For your use, below are our responses on how we have addressed or plan to address each of the comments in your letter.

#### Planning – Reviewed by Lindsay Bell

#### **Review Concerns and Additional Comments:**

 The applicant should revise the statement to indicate how many units could be feasibly developed under the existing RA standards, and how many Residential Equivalent Units (REUs) would be anticipated under each option. Include a "Parallel Plan" to demonstrate the potential lot layout under RA standards.

**Response:** Under the current RA zoning a maximum of 9 lots would be allowed based on total site acreage. However, given geometric challenges of the property as well as providing an access road and stormwater detention, 6 lots are represented on the enclosed parallel plan. The narrative has been updated to detail this and a parallel plan has been included with this resubmittal.

2. Future submittals should be updated to reflect the most current requests, including any deviations.

**Response:** Understood, the enclosed plans have been updated accordingly.

- A sign placement plan and rezoning sign mock-up must be provided for review. Must be reviewed and approved prior to scheduling for public hearing. Signage must be posted on the site a minimum of 15 days prior to the public hearing date.
   Response: Understood, a sign placement exhibit has been included with this submittal for review. Once approved and the date of the public hearing is known, the signage will be installed 15 days prior to the public hearing.
- 4. The City advises the applicant to conduct further wetland investigation of the area during the growing season as described in Merjent's review letter **Response:** An additional wetland investigation has been performed and a revised detailed memo has been included with submittal. It is feasible that prior to the Ballantyne development allowing runoff to collect on the applicants parcel without a viable outlet or appropriate drainage course, there may have been a smaller wet area in that location that could have qualified as a wetland by city standards. The potential historic limits of the wetlands have been estimated using history aerials and are now shown on the plans. The layout plan has been revised to avoid this.

5. With the proximity to Maybury State Park, the applicant could consider the recommendations in the Active Mobility Plan to provide enhanced connections for pedestrians and bicyclists coming from Novi.

**Response:** The applicant would like to pursue upgrading the existing crosswalk east of the site to include flashing walk signs. We propose that this is an appropriate public benefit when the smaller scale of the development and the additional proposed public benefits are considered. The applicant would not like to pursue extending a walk to Maybury State Park along the south side of the road due to grading and drainage concerns associated with this work as well as natural feature impacts.

6. Unless this space is dedicated to the City for use as a public park, Staff has concerns that future residents of the development will seek to exclude non-residents from using the park with the justification that the liability and maintenance are borne by the HOA and therefore it is a private space. The PRO Agreement and Master Deed would need to clearly state that the HOA would be responsible for the maintenance, and made clear to all home purchasers the intent to have the space available to the public.

**Response:** The applicant is willing to dedicate the park, including maintenance and liability to the City, as desired. The applicant does not wish to formally dedicate the park while maintaining maintenance and liability cost.

- Only a few areas of the buffer show any landscaping being provided. Additional trees should be planted to be considered as an enhancement of the project.
   Response: Additional landscaping is now being provided in the buffers.
- This is a requirement of the Subdivision Ordinance (Non-Access Greenbelt), and will not be considered an enhancement.
   Response: The 75' front setback has been removed as a public benefit.
- 9. The only amenity shown in the open spaces is the play structure. Compared to the adjacent RUD developments, this proposal has a lower percentage of open space preserved. Consider preservation of the wetland area near 8 Mile rather than the northwest corner of the property. Response: The proposed open space for the development is well above that required under conventional development under RA zoning. The wetland is now being preserved.
- 10. This would be more limiting than the 1.6 dwelling units per acre allowed in the R-1 District, and closer to what has been developed in the surrounding neighborhoods. **Response:** *The reduced density is now listed as a public benefit.*

### Planning Review Chart:

 Include in written statement how many lots could be developed under current RA zoning, number of REUs for each.
 Response: Under the current RA zoning a maximum of 9 lots would be allowed based on total site acreage. However, given geometric challenges of the property as well as providing an access road and stormwater detention, 6 lots are represented on the enclosed parallel plan.

The narrative has been updated to detail this and a parallel plan has been included with this resubmittal.

Provide a sign placement plan and rezoning sign mock-up for review. Must be reviewed and approved prior to scheduling for public hearing.
 Response: Understood, a sign placement exhibit has been included with this submittal for review. Once approved signage will be installed 15 days prior to the public hearing.

- 3. Clarify if lot width is measured at front setback line appears to be 110-115 ft width for lots 4 and 5, which may require a deviation.
- **Response:** Lot width is measured from side lot line to side lot line at the front setback. See note on sheet 4. Lots widths for lots 4 and 5 are 98' wide. This is below the 120' minimum lot width required under R-1 zoning, but these lots still provide adequate space for the intended housing product, are the two largest lots proposed, and exceed the R-1 minimum lot area requirements for over 10,000 square feet and 5,000 square feet respectively. A PRO deviation has been requested for lots 4 and 5, which is listed on the cover sheet and PRO narrative.
- Verify measurements of lot width are taken between two lines where a front setback line intersects with side setback lines.
   Response: Measurements have been confirmed to be measured from the correct location.
- Based on site conditions, aerial imagery, property appears to contain wetland areas. See Planning and Merjent review letters.
   Response: A estimated historic limits wetland boundary is now shown throughout the set. Additionally see attached supplemental wetland letter included in this submittal.
- Extension to the north and west is impractical as the approved subdivisions have no streets to connect to; Deviation required See Engineering Review for additional comments
   **Response:** A secondary access point is not required due to the furthest lot being approximately 750' away from the entrance.
- 7. See Engineering Review letter for detail on SWM Plan comments. **Response:** *Responses to the SWM comments have been provided below.*
- 8. Usable open space noted in northwestern area of the site could this area be enhanced with landscaping, benches, gazebo, etc. in order to amenitize it? **Response:** Given site grading constraints, the slopes down into this area are two steep to support ADA access. At this time this open space is proposed to be limited to buffer landscaping and general open area use. We feel the development provides sufficient usable open space with the proposed park area, given the scale of the development.
- 9. Submit for Project & Street Name approval prior to Formal PRO Submittal. **Response:** An updated project and street Name Form has been included in this submittal.
- Sign permits are reviewed separately. If deviations are anticipated submit concurrently with Formal PRO.
   Response: Noted.

#### Engineering – reviewed by Humna Anjum

#### Items that must be addressed prior to initial PRO approval:

 The underground detention system must have an overflow route and a viable outlet location. The proposed outlet is shown to discharge stormwater into the right-of-way on 8 Mile Road, the is only one residential driveway culvert in this area. Applicant should investigate if the system can outlet to the east where the wetlands on-site are located (applicant has currently proposed to fill this area) or to the south across 8 Mile Road (this will require an easement from the park). The applicant should also explore the possibility of downstream improvements. **Response:** The wet area on the east side of the site does not have a viable overflow or outlet route is existing conditions. and should not have been accepted as a discharge location for the Ballantyne project. To not further exacerbate the issue of this low area, the discharge and overflow location for the underground system will reman in its current location where water has a clear drainage path to the west via ditches and culverts, under 9-mile road, and into the Maybury Park wetland system. Downstream culverts have been reviewed and were found to have adequate capacity. Additional size and elevation information for these downstream culvers are now being shown on sheet 6 of the plans.

- If a viable outlet for the underground detention facility cannot be provided the applicant shall need to provide a retention basin on-site. Underground retention facilities are not permitted. A retention basin is required to provide the volume of two consecutive 100-year events.
   Response: A viable outlet is provided. Refer to response in #1 above.
- 3. A cul-de-sac is required at the end of Maybury Lane. **Response:** Given site constraints a cul-de-sac is not viable for this development. Given the low volume of traffic that this subdivision will encounter a T-turnaround is being proposed due to geometric constraints and a way to reduce total pavement on site. The dimensions of the proposed turnaround also meet current International Fire Code (IFC) requirements. A preposed deveation for this has now been listed on the cover acordingly.
- 4. Applicant must obtain RCOC approval for the approach tapers prior to final PRO plan approval. Permit will not be required at that time, but applicant must have RCOC review the approach location.

**Response:** Understood. We believe the proposed approach meets RCOC standards. Once Conceptual PRO approval has been received from the City, a permit application will be filed with the RCOC.

5. A opposite-side driveway spacing Waiver, granted by the Planning Commission, would be required for the proposed location of the entrance drive with respect to the adjacent drive to the south (200' proposed vs. 275' required). This should also be reviewed by RCOC prior to final PRO approval.

**Response:** Understood. Given the limited frontage and the site constraints, this waiver need is unavoidable. Low traffic volumes are anticipated for the proposed drive.

 Provide additional details for approach, indicate how approach will impact the existing entrance to the Ballantyne subdivision on the east. Show the existing hydrants on the approach plan, as well as the existing guardrail. Indicate if any hydrants will need to be relocated.
 Response: A frontage plan has been added.

### General Comments:

1. A secondary point of access is required if any lots are more than 800 feet from the nearest point of external access. This distance should be clearly noted on the plans. This distance is increased to 1,500 feet for RA districts, the applicant is rezoning for RA to R-1 so they must meet the 800-foot requirement.

**Response:** A secondary access point is not required due to the furthest lot being approximately 750' away from the entrance.

- Applicant should provide the REUs for the site based on the current R-A zoning vs the REUs for the site under the proposed R-1 zoning.
   Response: This has been added to the Site Data on sheet 1.
- 3. A Right-of-Way Permit will be required from the City of Novi and Oakland County prior to the

pre-con.

**Response:** Understood. We believe the proposed approach meets RCOC standards. Once Conceptual PRO approval has been received from the City, a permit application will be filed with the RCOC.

4. Remove riser detail from sheet 8, it is no longer required since a basin in not proposed at this time.

**Response:** The riser detail has been removed from sheet 8.

- Provide a traffic control sign table listing the quantities of each permanent sign type proposed for the development. Provide a note along with the table stating all traffic signage will comply with the current MMUTCD standards.
   Response: A traffic control sign table is shown on sheet 4.
- Traffic signs in the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) right-of-way will be installed by RCOC.
   Response: Understood.
- Indicate if a streetlight shall be installed at the entrance on 8 Mile Road, show location at time of site plan submittal.
   Response: A streetlight is not being proposed as a result of this development.
- 8. Provide a traffic control plan for the proposed road work activity on 8 Mile Road. **Response:** A traffic control plan will be provided during the final PRO submittal.
- Provide a construction materials table on the utility plan listing the quantity and material type for each utility (water, sanitary and storm) being proposed.
   Response: A construction materials table has been provided on sheet 5.
- Provide a utility crossing table indicating that at least 18-inch vertical clearance will be provided, or that additional bedding measures will be utilized at points of conflict where adequate clearance cannot be maintained.
   Response: A utility crossing table will be provided during the final PRO submittal.
- 11. A tapping sleeve, valve and well is required at the connection to the existing water main. **Response:** *A tapping sleeve and valve are called out on sheet 5.*
- Generally, the distribution system in all developments requiring more than eight hundred (800) feet of water main shall have a minimum of two (2) connections to a source of supply and shall be a looped system. Indicate length of the proposed water main.
   Response: The proposed watermain layout is less than 800-feet. This is noted on sheet 5.
- Water Systems must have the ability to serve at least two thousand (2,000) gallons per minute in single-family detached residential.
   Response: Understood.
- 14. Per current EGLE requirement, provide a profile for all proposed water main 8-inch and larger. **Response:** *Profiles will be provided during the final PRO submittal.*
- 6-inch hydrant leads are allowed for leads less than or equal to 25 feet in length. 8-inch leads are required for leads greater than 25 feet in length.
   Response: Understood, this has been noted on sheet 5.

- 16. All gate valves 6" or larger shall be placed in a well with the exception of a hydrant shut off valve. A valve shall be placed in a box for water main smaller than 6". **Response:** Understood, this has been noted on sheet 5.
- Note on the construction materials table that 6-inch sanitary leads shall be a minimum SDR 23.5, and mains shall be SDR 26.
   Response: Understood, this has been noted on sheet 5.
- Provide a note on the Utility Plan and sanitary profile stating the sanitary leads will be buried at least 5 feet deep where under the influence of pavement.
   Response: Understood, this has been noted on sheet 5.
- 19. Illustrate all pipes intersecting with manholes on the sanitary profiles. **Response:** *This will be provided during the final PRO submittal.*
- Relocate the sanitary sewer to go around the cul-de-sac outside the paved road. Extend the sanitary sewer so no leads cross under the cul-de-sac.
   Response: No Cul-de-sac is proposed, see previous comment.
- 21. A minimum cover depth of 3 feet shall be maintained over all proposed storm sewer. Currently, a few pipe sections do not meet this standard. Grades shall be elevated, and minimum pipe slopes shall be used to maximize the cover depth. In situations where the minimum cover cannot be achieved, Class V pipe must be used with an absolute minimum cover depth of 2 feet. An explanation shall be provided where the cover depth cannot be provided. Response: Understood, additional design information will be provided during the final PRO submittal.
- Provide a four-foot-deep sump and an oil/gas separator in the last storm structure prior to discharge underground detention system.
   Response: Oil/gas separators are now called out on sheet 05.
- 23. Provide profiles for all storm sewer 12-inch and larger. All storm pipes accepting surface drainage shall be 12-inch or larger. Label the 10-year HGL on the storm sewer profiles and ensure the HGL remains at least 1-foot below the rim of each structure. Response: Profiles will be provided during the final PRO submittal.
- 24. Illustrate all pipes intersecting storm structures on the storm profiles. **Response:** *This will be provided during the final PRO submittal.*
- 25. Provide a schedule listing the casting type, rim elevation, diameter, and invert sizes/elevations for each proposed, adjusted, or modified storm structure on the utility plan. Round castings shall be provided on all catch basins except curb inlet structures. **Response:** A casting schedule will be provided during the final PRO submittal.
- 26. Provide Storm sewer basis of design table at time of site plan submittal. **Response:** Detention calculations and utility basis of design have been provided. Stormwater conveyance calculations will be provided during the final PRO submittal.
- The Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) for this development shall be designed in accordance with the Storm Water Ordinance and Chapter 5 of the Engineering Design Manual (updated Jan 31, 2024)
   Response: Understood.

- 28. Provide calculations verifying the post-development runoff rate directed to the proposed receiving drainage course does not exceed the pre-development runoff rate for the site. **Response:** *Pre/Post runoff calculations have been added to sheet 6.*
- 29. The SWMP must address the discharge of storm water off-site, and evidence of its adequacy must be provided. This should be done by comparing pre- and post-development discharge rates. The area being used for this off-site discharge should be delineated and the ultimate location of discharge shown.

Response: Pre/Post runoff calculations have been added to sheet 6.

- 30. An adequate maintenance access route to the basin outlet structure and any other pretreatment structures shall be provided (15 feet wide, maximum running slope of 1V:5H, maximum cross slope of 3%, and able to withstand the passage of heavy equipment). Verify the access route does not conflict with proposed landscaping. **Response:** The underground detention area is flat and free of obstacles.
- 31. As part of the Storm Drainage Facility Maintenance Easement Agreement, provide an access easement for maintenance over the storm water detention system and the pretreatment structure. Also, include an access easement to the detention area from the public road rightof-way.

**Response:** An easement has been provided over the underground detention facility.

32. Provide manufacturer's details and sizing calculations for the pretreatment structure(s) on the plans. Provide drainage area and runoff coefficient calculations specific to the area tributary to each treatment structure. The treated flow rate should be based on the 1-year storm event intensity (~1.6 In/Hr). **Response:** A pre-treatment structure product and details will be provided during the final PRO

submittal.

- 33. Provide a soil boring in the vicinity of the underground to determine soil conditions and to establish the high-water elevation of the groundwater table. Note the bottom of the detention facility must be a minimum of three (3) feet above the groundwater elevation. Response: Additional soil borings will be performed prior to construction.
- 34. Provide the overland routing that would occur in the event the underground system cannot accept flow. This route shall be directed to a recognized drainage course or drainage system. **Response:** *The overflow route is shown on sheet 06.*
- 35. Provide a table or note addressing the required bedding depth vs. bearing capacity of the underlying soils in the vicinity of the underground detention system per the manufacturer's specifications. **Response:** A note has been added to the underground detention details.

Response. A note has been added to the underground detention details.

- 36. Provide a note on the plans stating the City's inspecting engineers shall verify the bearing capacity of the native soils to verify an adequate bedding depth is provided. **Response:** A note has been added to the underground detention details.
- Provide a note on the underground detention detail that aggregate porosity will be tested, and results provided to the City's inspecting engineers.
   Response: A note has been added to the underground detention details.
- 38. Provide 4-foot diameter manhole at one end of each row of the underground storage system for maintenance access purposes.

**Response:** Manholes have been provided at one end of each row.

- 39. The underground detention system shall be kept outside of the influence of any planting areas. **Response:** *Understood.*
- 40. Provide a construction materials table on the Paving Plan listing the quantity and material type for each pavement cross-section being proposed. **Response:** A paving quantity table has been added to sheet 4.
- 41. For residential developments, if driveways do not meet the city standard 16-foot wide with 3tapers on each side a design construction variance will be needed. **Response:** *The city driveway standards are being met.*
- 42. For residential developments, show individual driveway tapers (standard driveway 16-foot wide with 3-foot tapers on each side) on plans to ensure no conflict with sidewalks, manholes, hydrants, street signs and etc. Detectable warning surfaces and sidewalk ramps shall not be proposed within a residential driveway.
  Response: Driveway tapers are being shown.
- Provide existing and proposed contours on the Grading Plan at the time of the Final Site Plan submittal.
   Response: Understood, existing and proposed contours are currently shown on the grading sheet and will be shown on the Final Site Plan.
- 44. Provide at least 3-foot of buffer distance between the sidewalk and any fixed objects, including hydrants and irrigation backflow devices. Include a note on the plan where the 3-foot separation cannot be provided. **Response:** Understood, the 3' clearance is provided.
- 45. Site grading shall be limited to 1V:4H (25-percent), excluding landscaping berms. Numerous areas appear to exceed this standard. **Response:** The plan has been revised to show slopes at 1V:4H or flatter. There is one smaller area on the west side of lot 8 that still must be steeper than 1V:4H, but this slope is designed flatter than 1V:3H, is constructable, is mowable, and will be established using a mulch blanket additional BMP measure. Refer to sheet 6.
- 46. Soil borings along the proposed road will be required at time of site plan submittal at 500-foot intervals per Section 11-195(d) of the Design and Construction Standards. **Response:** Additional soil borings will be performed prior to construction.
- 47. Per Section 26.5-35(c), a statement is required on any plan containing a private street with the following language: "City of Novi has no responsibility to improve or maintain the private streets contained within or private streets providing access to the property described in this [plan/plat]".
  Because: The requested statement has been added to short 4.

**Response:** The requested statement has been added to sheet 4.

 No off-site easements anticipated at this time. An off-site easement may be needed if stormwater is discharged off-site into adjacent properties.
 Response: Understood.

#### Plan Review – reviewed by Rick Meader

1. Tree survey is provided but it doesn't include offsite trees within 50 feet of the project. Please

add the offsite trees within 50 feet of the project to the tree survey. **Response:** An additional tree survey is underway and will be provided once completed.

- 2. There is a pond at the southwest corner of the site that extends onto the Ballantyne property, and is being partially filled to create Lot 1. See the Merjent letter regarding this. **Response:** *This area is no longer being filled. See other responses for additional information regarding the wetland.*
- Please add tree protection fencing for all trees to be saved.
   Response: Tree protection fence has been added and is shown on sheet 06.
- The project is only adjacent to other single-family residential property so no screening between the developments is required.
   Response: This screening is provided as a public benefit for the residents, adjacent developments, and adjacent homeowners.
- 5. While a berm is not required, dense evergreen hedges must be added to the ends of both of the turnaround legs to shield the residences in the adjacent developments from headlights. **Response:** *Additional landscaping is proposed in this location*.
- 6. Only one of the required berms is proposed. This would require a deviation that would not be supported by staff unless the pond is preserved as it is, a berm was proposed where it could be, and the required landscaping is provided across the frontage, including on the pond's banks.

**Response:** Berms have been added were feasible and will not impact the existing pond.

- 7. Please provide the additional subcanopy tree that is required. **Response:** *The additional subcanopy tree has been provided.*
- 8. The required street trees are provided. **Response:** *Understood.*
- 9. The required street trees are shown. **Response:** *Understood.*
- There are a number of areas where the required spacing between the trees and the underground utilities is not provided. If they couldn't be planted, a deviation would be required. That deviation would not be supported by staff.
   Response: The utilities have been revised to provide the requested spacing.
- Please revise the underground utility layout such that the required spacing between curb, tree and underground utility lines can be met.
   Response: The utilities have been revised to provide the requested spacing.
- 12. Please provide a plant list on the Final Site Plans at the very latest. **Response:** *Understood.*
- Underground detention is proposed. If that is approved by engineering, no detention basin landscaping is required.
   Response: Understood.
- 14. If above-ground detention is required, detention basin landscaping will also be required.

#### **Response:** Underground detention is proposed.

- 15. If an irrigation system will be used, a plan for it must be provided with Final Site Plans. **Response:** *Understood.*
- If alternative means of providing water to the plants for their establishment and long-term survival, information regarding that is also required with Final Site Plans.
   Response: Understood.

#### Landscape Review – reviewed by Rick Meader

- 1. Please show zoning of adjacent parcels on Sheet LS-1. **Response:** *The adjacent zoning districts are shown on the location map.*
- Please provide a current wetland delineation.
   Response: A memo has been provided with this submittal detailing the existing wetland on site. The wetland is now shown throughout the plans.
- 3. See the Merjent review for a complete discussion of the trees and wetlands. **Response:** *Understood, see responses below.*
- 4. Offsite trees within 50 feet of the limits of disturbance should be added to the tree survey. **Response:** An additional tree survey is underway and will be provided with the next submittal.
- Please adjust the layout of the sanitary line to leave room for the required street trees. There should be 10 feet of space between a tree trunk and an underground storage line.
   Response: The sanitary sewer line has been relocated under the street. Trees have been revised to me no closer than 10 to the underground storage.
- There should also be 5 feet of space between a tree and water line, and at least 3 feet between the tree and the curb.
   Response: Trees are no closer than 5' to the watermain and are shown 4' from back of curb.
- 7. The grading shown should be consistent between the grading plan and landscape plan. **Response:** *The landscaping plan now accurately shows the proposed grading.*
- Please add a note to all sheets with plantings clearly stating that trees must be planted at least 10 feet from utility structures and 5 feet from underground utility lines.
   Response: This note has been added to Sheet L-2.
- 9. Please show lines a little heavier so conflicts can be avoided. **Response:** *Utility line weights have been increased.*
- 10. Please revise the utility layout to provide room for all required trees. **Response:** The utility layout has been adjusted to provided adequate room for trees.
- If the RCOC does not allow any or all of the street trees shown along 8 Mile Road, they do not need to be planted, but a copy of their decision must be provided to the City.
   Response: Correspondence will be provided by RCOC if they do not allow the plantings.
- 12. Although a berm is not required between single family residential developments, a dense evergreen hedge should be placed at both end sections of the turnaround to block headlights from impacting the residences in adjacent developments.

**Response:** A row of 8' Green Giants will be planted in this location.

- Please provide the berm on the east side of driveway for as much of the 8 Mile road frontage as possible
   Response: A berm is now provided on both sides of the entrance.
- 14. Please add another subcanopy tree. **Response:** An additional subcanopy trees has been added to the 8 Mile greenbelt.
- When location of transformer/utility boxes is determined, add landscaping per city requirements.
   Response: Understood
- 16. Add a note to this effect to the plans. **Response:** *The note has been added.*
- 17. If above-ground detention is required, it must be landscaped per the current standards. **Response:** *Underground detention is proposed.*
- 18. Please survey the site for any populations of Phragmites australis and show its location on the topographic survey or landscape plan.
  - If some is found, add plans for its removal.
  - If none is found, please indicate that on the survey.

**Response:** A phragmites site survey is underway and results will be provided when complete. This will be performed during the additional tree survey.

- 19. Please clearly indicate which areas are to be seeded with which type of seed on plan view. **Response:** Seed and sod limits are noted on L-1 and shown on L-2.
- 20. Please add note near property lines. **Response:** *This note has been added to the plans.*
- 21. Please leave tree labels for trees to be saved on Landscape Plans L-1. **Response:** *Labels for preserved trees are shown.*
- Please add tree protection fencing for all trees within 50 feet of the project work area to be saved.
   Response: Tree protection is shown around the project perimeter.
- 23. Please use correct sizes for plant material on the plant list when it is provided. **Response:** *Understood*

#### Wetland & Woodland review – reviewed by Jason DeMoss

- No city-regulated woodlands, as identified on the City of Novi Woodlands interactive map website, are present onsite (Figure 1). A site visit was performed on November 27, 2024 to verify and review the extent of identified trees on-site. Select photos from the site visit are included in Attachment A.
   Response: Understood.
- 2. When a proposed site plan is located within a regulated woodland, any tree proposed for removal with a diameter at breast height (DBH) greater than or equal to eight inches will require tree replacement and a Woodland Use Permit per Section 37-8. This also applies to any tree

that will be preserved, but where impacts to critical root zones are proposed. Because no regulated woodlands are present on-site, this is not applicable to this site. Response: Understood.

- 3. Regardless of the presence of regulated woodlands onsite, a Woodland Use Permit is required to perform construction on any site containing the removal of trees larger than 36 inches in diameter at breast height (DBH). There are at least four trees on-site that meet this criterion. The following trees are regulated on-site:
  - i. 2402 (40.5 in DBH)
  - ii. 2246 (36 in DBH)
  - iii. 1791 (61.5 in DBH)
  - iv. 1787 (52 in DBH)

Response: Understood.

- 4. One tree was identified during the November 27, 2024 site visit as being possibly larger than 36 inches and is not identified with a tree tag on-site, nor in the ICP. The tree is located north of Tree 1795 and south of Tree 2403. In future submittals, this tree should be clarified by species, DBH, and a unique identifier. If it is larger than 36 inches, it should be accounted for in the replacement calculation. A photograph of the tree is provided in Attachment A. **Response:** This tree will be confirmed during the expanded tree survey.
- 5. The plans have proposed the cumulative removal of 4 regulated trees (Comment 4 may affect this calculation in future reviews). A Woodland Use Permit is required to perform construction on any site containing regulated trees. The permit for this site would require Planning Commission approval because there are more than three trees proposed to be impacted/removed by construction. Response: Understood. A woodland use permit application has been included in this submittal.
- 6. Woodland Replacement. Based on review of the plans, the following woodland replacements are currently listed:

**Response:** The woodland chart has been updated.

7. The applicant has stated on Sheet L-4 that they will take credit for Tree 2420 and Tree 1789 for a total of 11 credits. By taking credit for existing (non-regulated) trees, the applicant may be required to place these trees into a conservation easement (see Comment 14). Additionally, the applicant may have overcounted the number of required replacements on-site. Because the site is not a regulated woodland, only trees larger than 36 inches DBH are required to be replaced.

**Response:** This tree is located adjacent to proposed woodland replacement trees so will be part of an easement.

- 8. A replacement plan and cost estimate for the tree replacement will be necessary prior to final site plan approval by the City. Woodland replacement credits can be provided by:
  - a. Planting the woodland tree replacement credits on-site.
    - i. For tree replacement credits that will be planted on-site, a financial guarantee of \$400/tree replacement credit is required to ensure the planting of the on-site woodland replacement credits. The financial guarantee would be released after trees have been planted and approved by the City of Novi. The financial guarantee will be released after trees have been planted and approved by the City of Novi, and applicants must request a tree planting inspection.
    - ii. Woodland replacements shall be guaranteed for two growing seasons after the applicant's installation and the City's acceptance. A two-year maintenance

bond in the amount of 25% of the value of the trees, but in no case less than \$1,000, shall be required to ensure the continued health of the trees following acceptance.

- b. Payment to the City of Novi Tree Fund at a rate of \$400/woodland replacement credit.
- c. Combination of on-site tree planting and payment into the City of Novi Tree Fund (\$400/woodland replacement credit).
   Response: Understood.
- 9. Critical root zone. Accurate critical root zones must be depicted on the site plan for all regulated trees within 50 feet of the proposed grading or construction activities. Because only trees larger than 36 inches are regulated at this site, this requirement is not applicable to the other trees to be removed on-site. This may apply to trees within a new conservation easement adjacent to the site (Attachment B).

Response: CRZs have been added for all trees currently surveyed and greater than 36".

- A woodland fence guarantee of \$6,000 (\$5,000 x 120%) is required per Chapter 26.5-37. The financial guarantee shall be paid prior to issuance of the City of Novi Woodland Use Permit. Because the site is located west of a new woodland conservation easement (Attachment B), tree protection will need to be shown on the eastern and northern portions of the site.
  - a. The cost to stake, install, and remove the tree protection fencing should be added to the Landscape Plan in order to calculate woodland fence inspection fees. **Response:** Tree protection fence at the CRZ is now added to the plans. A fence cost estimate has been added to the Woodland Plan.
- 11. Woodland Replacement Inspection The Applicant is responsible for walking the entire site to confirm that all woodland replacement trees/shrubs have been planted on site according to the approved site plan stamping set. If any material is missing, dead or dying, replacements should be made prior to requesting the inspection. The applicant should also provide an asbuilt landscape plan if the trees planted do not match the species and/or location shown on the approved site plan stamping set. Once this occurs the Applicant should contact the Bond Coordinator to schedule the inspection (Angie Sosnowski at asosnowski@cityofnovi.org; 248-347-0441) and complete the inspection request form. If additional inspections are needed, then additional inspection fees will be required to be paid by the applicant. Response: Understood.
- 12. Woodland Guarantee Inspection Prior to requesting the 2-year woodland guarantee inspection, the Applicant is responsible for walking the entire site to confirm that all plant material has survived and is healthy. If any material is missing, dead or dying, replacements should be made prior to requesting the inspection. Once this occurs the Applicant should contact the Bond Coordinator to schedule the 2-year guarantee inspection (Angie Sosnowski at asosnowski@cityofnovi.org / 248-347-0441) and complete the inspection request form. If additional inspections are needed, then additional inspection fees will be required to be paid by the applicant. Based upon a successful inspection for the 2-year warranty the Landscape/Woodland/Street trees financial guarantee will be returned to the Applicant. If the woodland replacements, street trees, or landscaping guarantee period is scheduled to end during the period when inspections are not conducted (November 15th April 15th) the Applicant is responsible for contacting the Bond Coordinator and Woodland/Landscape Inspector in the late summer/early fall prior to the 2-year expiration to schedule an inspection. Response: Understood.
- 13. The Applicant may be required to provide preservation/conservation easements as directed by the City of Novi Community Development Department for any areas of woodland replacement trees. The applicant shall demonstrate that all proposed woodland replacement

trees and existing regulated woodland trees to remain will be guaranteed to be preserved as planted with a conservation easement or landscape easement to be granted to the city. This language shall be submitted to the City Attorney for review. The executed easement must be returned to the City Attorney within 60 days of the issuance of the City of Novi Woodland permit. Any associated easement boundaries shall be indicated on the Plan. **Response:** Understood, please clarify if a conservation easement will be required.

14. As noted in PREAPP24-01 (49680 Eight Mile Subdivision), it is possible that a wetland may be present in the southeastern portion of the site. The applicant provided a March 19, 2024 Wetland Delineation and Threatened and Endangered Species Assessment and stated that the southeastern portion of the site was flooded during a February site visit. The applicant states that the area exhibited minimal hydrophytic vegetation. However, with the site visit being conducted during February (outside of the growing season), no vegetation was likely growing whether hydrophytic or not. Merjent recommends the applicant conduct a growing season wetland delineation to verify the presence or absence of hydrophytic vegetation. Additionally, the applicant states that historical aerial review of the site indicates that wetland signatures may be present on-site.

**Response:** An additional wetland investigation has been performed and a detailed memo has been included with submittal. It is believed that prior to the Ballantyne development allowing runoff to collect on the applicants parcel without a viable outlet or appropriate drainage course there may have been a small wet area that would qualify as a wetland by city standards. The site plan layout has been revised to avoid the historic limits of this wet area prior to the construction of the adjacent development. This potential wetland boundary is now shown throughout the plans.

15. The recent development of the site to the east (Ballantyne) avoided impacts to the same feature and placed soil erosion best management practices (BMP) around the feature in question. Additionally, the Ballantyne development constructed a stone retaining wall to avoid impacts to the feature; the retaining wall can be seen in photographs provided in Attachment A.

## Response: Noted.

- Sheet 02 of the ICP states that the southeastern sire was inundated with standing water/ice in February 2024.
   Response: Noted.
- 17. Merjent conducted a site visit on November 27, 2024. While this visit was also outside of the growing season, remnant hydrophytic vegetation was present such as large barnyard grass (Echinochloa crus-galli, FACW [Midwestern Regional Supplement]), hybrid cat-tail (Typha X glauca), and dock-leaf smartweed (Persicaria lapathifolia, FACW). Additionally, as noted in the tree survey, this area has silver maple (Acer saccharinum, FACW) trees present throughout the flooded and low lying portions of the site. Photographs from the site visit are provided in Attachment A.

**Response:** See previous responses and memo included with the submittal.

- Merjent recommends that a growing season wetland delineation be completed and that U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Data Forms be provided before a determination is recommended (approval/disapproval) for this project.
   Response: See previous responses and memo included with the submittal.
- 19. If the area is found to be a wetland and impacts are proposed, details such as area to be filled, amount of fill, and type of fill are required. Additionally, the City of Novi regulates wetland and watercourse buffers/setbacks. Section 3.6.2 (M)(i) of the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance states:

"There shall be maintained in all districts a wetland and watercourse setback, as provided herein, unless and to the extent, it is determined to be in the public interest not to maintain such a setback. The intent of this provision is to require a minimum setback from wetlands and watercourses". The 25-foot limit is measured as horizontal feet, regardless of grade change. **Response:** See previous responses and memo included with the submittal.

20. Additional information on Wetland Permits within the City of Novi can be found in the PREAPP24-01, Pre-application Letter. **Response:** *Understood.* 

#### Traffic review – reviewed by Paula K. Johnson

- 1. The applicant, Braciole Brothers, LLC, is proposing a ten home single family subdivision. **Response:** *Understood.*
- The development is located on the north side of Eight Mile Road, west of Garfield Road. Eight Mile Road is under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission of Oakland County and Garfield Road is under the jurisdiction of the City of Novi.
   Response: Understood.
- 3. The site is zoned R-A (Residential Acreage) and the applicant is utilizing the PRO option. **Response:** *Understood.*
- 4. There are following traffic related deviations will be required if changes are not made to the plans:
  - a. Below standard eyebrow radius.
  - b. Below standard centerline radius. **Response:** Deviations have been requested for both and are listed on the cover.
- 5. Indicate coordination with RCOC as necessary. **Response:** *Understood.*
- 6. Update detail to latest R-28-K version in future submittal. **Response:** *The detail has been updated.*
- 7. Indicate if individual trash collection is to be present for single family homes. **Response:** *Individual lot trash collection will be provided, there will not be a community dumpster.*
- 8. Provide turning movements in future submittal. **Response:** *Emergency vehicle turning movement is shown on sheet 5.*
- 9. 54' required for residential. A deviation will be required if the plans are not revised. **Response:** *A deviation has been requested and is listed on the cover.*
- Proposed 90' centerline radius is below 230' standard per Section 11-194.b.2 of the City's Code of Ordinances. A deviation will be required if the plans are not revised.
   Response: A deviation has been requested and is listed on the cover.
- 11. Label signs on site plan. **Response:** *All signs are labeled.*

#### Fire – reviewed by Andrew Copeland

- All fire hydrants MUST be installed and operational prior to any combustible material is brought on site. IFC 2015 3312.1. ONE additional hydrant is needed near lot #1. Sheet #5 only shows 2 hydrants being added to new water main.
   Response: Understood, this has been noted on the cover.
- Fire lanes will be designated by the Fire Chief or his designee when it is deemed necessary and shall comply with the Fire Prevention Ordinances adopted by the City of Novi. The location of all "fire lane – no parking" signs are to be shown on the site plans. (Fire Prevention Ord.). Additional "No Parking signs" needed at end of proposed Maybury Dr, near cul-de-sac turnaround.

**Response:** Understood, an additional no parking sign has been added.

- Fire apparatus access drives to and from buildings through parking lots shall have a minimum fifty (50) feet outside turning radius and designed to support a minimum of thirty-five (35) tons. (D.C.S. Sec 11-239(b)(5)). Sheet #5 indicates 45' turning radii. Have this updated and include 50' turning capabilities.
   Response: The turning template has been updated.
- 4. All other Fire Department notes (from sheet 1) will be followed for next review. **Response:** *Understood.*

We appreciate your continued review and assistance with this project. Should you have any remaining questions or need anything else from us to help facilitate your approvals, please do not hesitate to contact me direct at (947)-886-9874.

Sincerely, **ATWELL, LLC** 

Chris Rothhaar, P.E. Project Manager

# PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

EXCERPT 4-23-2025



# PLANNING COMMISSION

# MINUTES

CITY OF NOVI Regular Meeting

# April 23, 2025 7:00 PM

Council Chambers | Novi Civic Center 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 (248) 347-0475

# CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

# ROLL CALL

Present:	Chair Pehrson, Member Lynch, Member Becker, Member Roney, Member Verma
Absent Excused:	Member Avdoulos, Member Dismondy
Staff:	Barbara McBeth, City Planner; Thomas Schultz, City Attorney; Lindsay Bell, Senior Planner; Diana Shanahan, Staff Planner; Rick Meader, Landscape Architect; Humna Anjum, Project Engineer

# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Lynch led the meeting attendees in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

# APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Member Lynch and seconded by Member Verma to approve the April 23, 2025 Planning Commission Agenda.

# VOICE VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 23,2025 PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA MOVED BY MEMBER LYNCH AND SECONDED BY MEMBER VERMA. Motion carried 5-0.

# AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Chair Pehrson invited members of the audience who wished to address the Planning Commission during the first audience participation to come forward. Seeing no one, Chair Pehrson closed the first public audience participation.

# CORRESPONDENCE

There was not any correspondence.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee reports.

## **CITY PLANNER REPORT**

There was no City Planner report.

## **CONSENT AGENDA - REMOVALS AND APPROVALS**

There were no consent agenda removals or approvals.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. JZ24-43 MARIELLA ESTATES PRO PLAN WITH REZONING 18.750

Public hearing at the request of Braciole Brothers, LLC for initial submittal and eligibility discussion for a Zoning Map Amendment from RA Residential Acreage to R-1 One-Family Residential with a Planned Rezoning Overlay. The subject site is approximately 9.4 acres and is located west of Garfield Road, on the north side of Eight Mile Road (Section 31). The applicant is proposing to develop 10 single family lots.

Senior Planner Lindsay Bell stated that the applicant is proposing to rezone about 9.4 acres north of Eight Mile Road, west of Garfield Road, utilizing the Planned Rezoning Overlay option. The surrounding development to the north, west and east is newer single family developments. There are also single family lots bordering on the southwest, and south of 8 Mile Road is Maybury State Park.

The current zoning of the property is Residential Acreage. The properties to the north, east and west are also zoned RA, but have developed under the Residential Unit Development option, or RUD. The Future Land Use Map identifies this property and those around it as Single Family. The density map shows a maximum planned density of 0.8 dwellings per acre.

The natural features map does not show any regulated features on the property, however current and historic aerial photos show a pond feature in the southeast corner of the property. We have asked the applicant to provide additional information to be able to determine if it is a regulated wetland. The tree survey also indicates trees that are greater than 36-inches in diameter, which are regulated by the woodland ordinance.

Lindsay Bell stated the applicant had wanted to use the RUD option, which is how the adjacent Ballentyne and Parc Vista developments were approved, however that option requires a minimum site size of 20 acres. Therefore, they have proposed utilizing the Planned Rezoning Overlay to rezone the property to R-1 One Family Residential to achieve a similar development. The initial concept plan shows 10 single family lots. The development is accessed by a private gated street with one entrance off Eight Mile Road. While not required in the R-1 district, they have proposed a 20-foot landscape buffer around the lots to make the development more consistent with the Ballentyne and Parc Vista developments.

As shown by this chart, the proposed Mariella Estates would have very similar minimum and average lot sizes to the surrounding developments, with the smallest lots being ½ acre and the largest being almost ¾ acre. No façade elevations have been provided, but the applicant indicates these will be custom-built homes that would need to comply with ordinance standards at the time of plot plan review for individual lots.

Rezoning to the R-1 category requested by the applicant would permit the use proposed. Some of the conditions proposed include:

- 1. Open space as shown on the plan. Originally the applicant was proposing as a benefit to have a play structure within the park that would be available to the public. However, staff noted that because the entrance to the development is proposed to be gated, it would be unlikely that non-residents would end up using the park. There are also nearby public parks, such as ITC Park and Maybury State Park, which makes a park at this location less of a priority.
- 2. Perimeter landscape buffers that offer additional separation from the existing lots. The applicant states additional trees will be provided in the buffers in future submittals.
- 3. Limiting the overall density of the development to 1.07, which is more restrictive than the 1.6 dwellings per acre permitted in the R-1 District and more similar to the 0.8 dwellings per acre average of the surrounding developments.
- 4. Upgrading the crosswalk at on 8 Mile The existing crosswalk is approximately 460 feet east of the entrance to the proposed development, and there is no paved pathway on the south side of Eight Mile Road to get users of the crosswalk to the entrance of Maybury State Park. The applicant states in their response letter that they will pursue providing a 5-foot pathway that avoids the ditch and natural features on the south side of Eight Mile. Staff has advised consideration be given to relocate the crosswalk westward, closer to the entrance of Maybury State Park, while also

upgrading the crosswalk with flashing signage if a crosswalk study indicates this treatment is warranted.

5. The applicant also now shows the pond area in the southeast corner to be preserved.

Staff and consultants have not identified any significant issues with the proposed rezoning and Concept Plan. There are only three deviations requested, which staff support as they are each relatively minor. No deviations for building height or setbacks are proposed.

Planning Commission will not make a formal recommendation to City Council at this meeting. Instead, the first public hearing is an opportunity for the members of the Planning Commission to hear public comment, and to review and comment on whether the project meets the requirements of eligibility for Planned Rezoning Overlay proposal. Following the Planning Commission public hearing, the project would then go to City Council for its review and comment on the eligibility.

After this initial round of comments by the public bodies, the applicant may choose to make any changes, additions or deletions to the proposal based on the feedback received. The subsequent submittal would then be reviewed by City staff and consultants, and then the project would be scheduled for a second public hearing before Planning Commission. Following the second public hearing, the Planning Commission would make a recommendation for approval or denial to City Council.

Tonight, the Planning Commission is asked to hold the public hearing, and to review and comment on the proposed rezoning. The applicant Antonello Stante from Braciole Brothers, as well as engineer Matt Bush from Atwell, are here representing the project. Staff is available to answer any questions you may have.

Chair Pehrson invited the applicant to address the Planning Commission.

Mr. Matthew Bush with Atwell thanked the Planning Commission for the opportunity to present Mariella Estates. He introduced Mr. Antonello Stante from Braciole Brothers.

Mr. Antonello Stante stated he is developing this project in partnership with his family. He shared he has been working within the Novi community since 1979 and currently lives at Eight Mile and Beck Road. He expressed appreciation to the Planning Commission for their consideration.

Mr. Matthew Bush stated the project is located at Eight Mile and Garfield Road. He noted the properties flanking the subject property were developed under the RUD development option. Due to the ordinance requirement of 20 acres for the RUD option they are respectfully proposing a PRO with R-1.

The proposed project consists of ten single-family luxury homes for sale with a half-acre minimum lot size. He noted twenty-eight percent of the site consists of open space. Included in the plan are perimeter landscape buffers, frontage public road buffers, large active open space park, and a pedestrian node with bench seating.

Mr. Bush stated several options for the proposed public benefit as part of the PRO were explored. He expressed they are open to feedback from Commissioners and Staff. The public benefit being proposed at this time is a safety enhancement to the existing crosswalk. This enhancement includes two rectangular rapid beacon signs on either side of the crosswalk to provide safer access to Maybury State Park. Mr. Bush expressed that relocating the crosswalk closer to Maybury State Park was also discussed.

Mr. Bush shared a slide showing several custom homes built by Braciole Brothers to give an idea of Mr. Stante's vision and noted this is a well-balanced proposal that is consistent with the surrounding land development. He stated they are open to feedback and thanked the Planning Commission for their consideration.

Chair Pehrson opened the public hearing and invited members of the audience who wished to speak to approach the podium. Seeing no one, Chair Pehrson requested Member Lynch read into the record the correspondence received. Member Lynch relayed correspondence was received from Mr. Zhou who objects due to the addition of traffic, construction noise, safety concerns, and property value. Sana Syed and Navin Raj object due to concerns of stormwater runoff, small lot sizes, and privacy. Dr. Danielle Zazaian objects due to increased traffic, environmental impacts, and loss of neighborhood character. Diana Sanchez objects due to concerns regarding the spacing of houses in the proposed development and the public park. Giridhar Pothula objects due to rear setbacks and lack of recreation space. Christina Calo supports and expresses it will be a great addition to the community.

Mr. Zhou at 21077 Ballantyne Boulevard inquired if the developer would develop the maximum number of seven lots under the current zoning if the PRO is not approved.

Chair Pehrson closed the public hearing and turned the matter over to the Planning Commission for consideration.

Member Lynch expressed familiarity with Mr. Stante's other project and from what he has seen the proposed development will be in keeping with or a little higher level than the homes in adjacent communities. He stated the water runoff has been addressed and will be contained on site. He noted property values will remain unchanged or be improved. Overall, the proposed development will fit with the character of the surrounding developments with lot sizes being substantially similar to the adjacent lot sizes.

Member Lynch stated he is not in favor of the proposed public park as it is in the gated community. Regarding the public benefit as part of the PRO he expressed that this portion is a City Council decision. He noted he does not think it is a good idea to put the crosswalk directly across from the main entrance and stated the crosswalk leading to the trail is a better idea. Additionally, he advised further consideration should be given to the landscape plan in the future.

Member Lynch shared he had driven through Mr. Stante's other development, noting the architecture is beautiful and unique.

Mr. Stante stated the proposed development will only be ten homes and will not be crowded; he is aware people will be looking for privacy.

Member Lynch stated he believes the proposal will fit into the area. He noted the landscaping plan could show additional landscaping in the future and other options for the public benefit should be explored. Overall, he believes the project will fit into the area.

Member Becker inquired if the parallel plan from the packet will be commented on.

Lindsay Bell stated the parallel plan is an example of what could be developed under an RA development fitting in the requirement for a proper road and stormwater.

Member Becker stated that the biggest single thing that is being looked at is the PRO. The PRO must constitute an overall benefit to the public and outweigh any detriment that otherwise could not be accomplished without the proposed rezoning. There must be justification for amending an existing zoning ordinance, and this should be done very carefully. He expressed he does not see an overall public benefit that outweighs any detriment. He noted that is something the applicant can work on, otherwise he believes it does not meet the test for a PRO. Additionally, Member Becker stated he noticed that the park/open space covers the stormwater vault system and expressed that it was a brilliant idea. Finally, he stated moving the crosswalk to the west would make the crosswalk less safe.

Member Verma inquired whether more trees are being considered for the landscape buffer.

Mr. Stante confirmed that additional trees will be considered.

Member Roney relayed that the question being considered is if this qualifies for the PRO. He stated he thinks it does qualify, but there are items that must be addressed. The landscaping should be considered further, he noted the applicant has said the landscaping will be addressed in a future submittal. Secondly, the public benefit aspect of the PRO should be looked at. He stated the five-foot pathway that was seen in the packet is a better way for people to cross to Maybury State Park. Lastly, regarding the objections to the size of the lots, the lot sizes are approximately half-acre as shown on the slide. He stated the concept plan needs to be fine-tuned.

Chair Pehrson stated that he would like the applicant to address the construction element regarding how the construction will be approached as to not disrupt the other neighbors. He stated there is not an issue with traffic relative to either RA or the PRO and is in agreeance with the other commissioners that the crosswalk should not be moved further to the west. Moving the crosswalk would create a problem that doesn't exist. In a future submittal he would be looking for the crosswalk to remain in its current location. Regarding the public benefit, it was stated that not enough has been heard to provide direction that this satisfies the PRO. He stated this satisfies everything relative to the RA and the subject of the PRO needs to be addressed in a much more aggressive manner.

## This agenda item was discussed, but a motion on the item was not required.

# 2. JSP24-31 DICK'S SPORTING GOODS - HOUSE OF SPORT

Public hearing at the request of Dick's Sporting Goods for Planning Commission's recommendation of a Special Land Use Permit and Preliminary Site Plan. The subject property at 27600 Novi Road totals approximately 17.79 acres and is located east of Novi Road, south of Twelve Mile Road (Section 14). The property is zoned R-C (Regional Center District). The applicant is proposing to occupy a portion of the existing 241,725 square foot building and construct an outdoor track/field area adjacent to the building.

Planner Diana Shanahan stated the 17.79-acre parcel is part of the Twelve Oaks Mall located on the east side of Novi Road, south of Twelve Mile Road in section 14 of the city. The site and surrounding area are zoned RC: Regional Commercial District. The Future Land Use map indicates Regional Commercial for this property as well as for the surrounding properties. The subject property does not contain regulated natural features.

Dick's House of Sport plans to occupy the majority of the lower level of the former Sears building, with some space removed for a shared loading dock, and vestibules carved out for upper-level tenant access. The partial renovation of the building includes the demolition of the Sears auto center and modification to the northwest corner of the building to create a 2-story open area for a climbing wall. Future TBD tenants will occupy the upper level.

An outdoor activity space with a turf field and running track, enclosed by a 40' fence and accessed from inside the store, will be constructed in the exterior area of the demolished auto center. The outdoor activity space will provide versatile use for product testing, open play, rental use, and specialty events. In the winter months the outdoor space will have ice rink capability. A chiller is proposed on the northeast side of the track and field to convert the outside space into an ice rink in the winter. Access to the track/field area for a Zamboni is proposed at the southwest corner of the fenced perimeter. During the ice rink season, the Zamboni will be stored inside the southwest corner of the track/field area, under a covered shelter. When the ice rink is not in operation, the Zamboni will be stored off-site.

Overall façade changes include new exterior entries along the west side of the building, the main 2-story entry, and the north side, a secondary 1-story entry to access the track/field from the store.