



## City of Northville Sustainability Update February 6, 2023

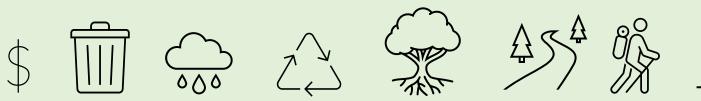






















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## Vision For the City





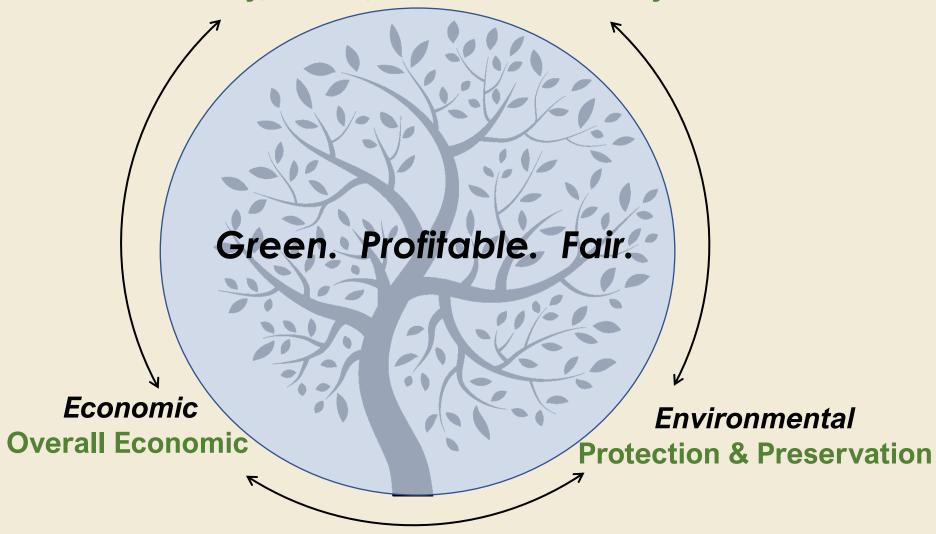


#### The Three Pillars of Sustainability



Social

**Diversity, Health, Sense of Community** 





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## Sustainability Update

✓ 2021-22
Accomplishments
(green)

☐ FY 2023-24 Goals and Objectives (blue)

- 1. Tree Conservation
- 2. Placemaking & Walkability
- 3. Traffic and Non-Motorized Paths
- 4. Promoting Sustainability
- 5. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- 6. Low Impact Development
- 7. Public Access to Greenspace

#### Tree Conservation

Sorthville Michigan

- ✓ City tree inventory complete
- ✓ Approx. 160 new city trees planted/replaced
- ✓ Submission of select Northville trees to "Michigan Big Tree Hunt"
- ✓ Construction ordinance modifications Protecting Tree Dripline Area
- ✓ Establish "Northville Tree Champions" initiative



- Informal community tree gathering (January)
- ☐ Educate public on the value of trees and how to care for them (April 26, 2023, Northville Library)
- Support Planning Commission review/modification of tree ordinances



2021 & 2022 CITY of NORTHVILLE

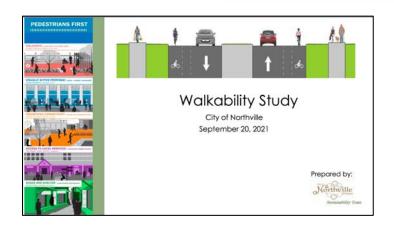


## Placemaking and Walkability



- ✓ Walkability studies completed by Sustainability Team & Dan Burden
- ✓ Walkability & placemaking resource materials distributed to City Council & Planning Commission to enhance understanding of concepts
- ✓ Central Park Sub-team Analysis

- ☐ Finalize Central Park details prior to Final Site Plan approval (Planning Commission request)
- □ Park acceptance by Parks & Recreation Commission
- □ Planning Commission's review of parking and architectural ordinances
- ☐ Research and apply for placemaking grants

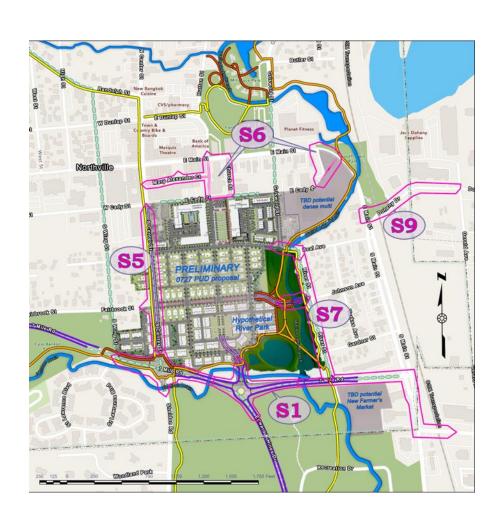




#### Traffic and Non-motorized Paths



- ✓ Provided feedback/support for modifications to Downs road designs to promote walkability and complete streets
- ✓ Completed Mobility Network Study (Sustainability Team & River Task Force) and presented to City Commissions
- ✓ Incorporated Northville paths into SEMCOG's regional Connect the Rouge trailway project
- ☐ Update Mobility Network Study
- Mobility Team advisory group to F&V Traffic Study
- ☐ Provide input to Non-Motorized Plan Update
- □ Advocate for traffic planning and simulation as a supplement for traffic engineering studies
- ☐ Grant writing support for non-motorized paths



## Promoting Sustainability



#### **Monitoring Tools**

#### **Partnerships**

#### Education

- ✓ Michigan Green Community Challenge – Silver Status
- ✓ Sustainability Scorecard for Planning Commission
- ✓ Sustainability Metrics

- ✓ Members of Wayne County Sustainability Advisory Group
- ✓ Task Force Support

- ✓ Point of contact for sustainability proposals
- ✓ Attended multiple webinars on Sustainability topics

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#### Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



## Energy/Fuel Consumption

- ✓ Replace/add EV charging stations (2/10)
- ✓ 297 lights converted to LED
- ✓ 120 lights converted to induction in DDA
- ☐ Continue efforts to convert City and DDA lighting to more efficient LED.
- ☐ Energy saving opportunities for fire station and city hall renovations
- ☐ Strategies to reduce City's utility usage (need baseline metrics)

# Waste Management & Recycling

- ✓ Supported transition to GFL household waste pickup service
- □ Regularly publish sustainability education messages community (e.g., lawn care emissions, single use plastics, etc.)

#### **Healthy Environment**

- Research and advocate for non-toxic herbicides and pesticides for City property and parks
- ☐ Educate community to promote protection of watershed
- ☐ Reduce use of fertilizers and other toxins

#### Low Impact Development (LID)



- ✓ Permeable pavement installed on Wing Ct.
- ✓ Pervious pavement and bioswales proposed for Farmers' Market concept plan
- ☐ Follow-up review on performance of Wing Ct. Permeable surface
- □ Advocate for LID solutions during Site Plan Approval process for major projects
- □ Establish baseline measurements of impervious surfaces in the City and develop strategies to reduce over time
- ☐ Support completion of Green Ordinance Audit



#### Public Access to Greenspace









- ✓ S. Main Park restoration
- ✓ Grant writing support
- \$1.9 Mil. Randolph Drain & Serenity Point
- \$910,000. Ford Field Gateway
- \$700,000. Serenity Point

- ☐ Engineering for Serenity Point and Ford Field Gateway (pending receipt of funds)
- □ Advocate for pathways connecting local, regional and state parks



## Next Steps



- Formal submission of goals & objectives to City Manager's office and City Council.
- City Council continued support of Sustainability Team's mission and role.

















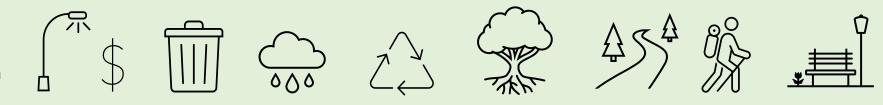






# Thank you! Q & A





















## Northville Sustainability Team Goals and Objectives FY 2023-24

<u>Tr</u>	ree Conservation		
	Conduct community tree presentations and informal information sharing events.		
	Educate public on the value of trees and how to care for them.		
	Support Planning Commission review/modification of tree ordinances.		
	Plant 30-50 new trees annually in public ROW and greenspace areas (grant funded).		
	Continue to achieve "Tree City USA" status.		
Placemaking & Walkability			
	Finalize Central Park details prior to the Downs Final Site Plan approval (Planning Commission request).		
	Support Planning Commission's review of parking and architectural ordinances.		
	Work with Parks & Recreation staff to establish maintenance and programming for Central Park.		
	Research and apply for placemaking grants.		
<u>Tr</u>	affic and Non-Motorized Paths		
	Update the Mobility Network Study.		
	Provide input to the F&V Traffic Study.		
	Support Non-Motorized Plan Update by providing GIS data and team knowledge.		
	Advocate for traffic planning and simulation as a supplement for traffic engineering studies.		
	Provide grant writing support for proposed non-motorized paths.		
	Improve pedestrian/cyclist access to Hines Park.		

#### **Promoting Sustainability (Ongoing role) Monitoring Tools** ☐ Maintain Sustainability metrics (quarterly). **Partnerships** ☐ Serve as members of Wayne County Sustainability Advisory Group. ☐ Provide Task Force support. Education ☐ Serve as point of contact for Sustainability proposals. ☐ Attend multiple webinars on Sustainability topics. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle **Energy/Fuel Consumption** ☐ Identify energy saving opportunities for fire station and city hall renovations. ☐ Identify strategies to reduce City's utility usage (need baseline metrics). ☐ Continue efforts to convert City and DDA lighting to more efficient LED. **Waste Management & Recycling** ☐ Publish regular sustainability education messages to the community (e.g., lawn care emissions, single use plastics, etc.)

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Public Access to Green Space		
	Complete engineering for Serenity Point and Ford Field Gateway (pending receipt of funds)	
	Advocate for and provide support as needed to construct pathways	

connecting local, regional and state parks (Fish Hatchery, Northville Township 7 Mile path, Maybury State Park, Novi's Rotary Park).