

# Section A: Applicant Site and Project Information

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**Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund**
**2022 Grant Application**

*This information is requested by authority of Part 19 of Act 451 of 1994, to be considered for a recreation grant.*

Is the application for site development or land acquisition?

Development

✓  
Acquisition

**\*Name of Applicant (Government Unit)**

*Village of Beverly Hills*

**\*SIGMA Vendor Number**

*CV0048766*

**\*SIGMA Address ID**

*CV0048766*

**\*Name of Authorized Representative**

*Kristin Rutkowski*

**\*Title**

*Interim Village Manager*

**Address**

*18500 West Thirteen Mile Road*

**City**

*Beverly Hills MI*

**State**
**\*ZIP**

*48025*

**\*County**

*Oakland County*

**Telephone**

*(248) 646-6404*

**\*E-mail**

*krutkowski@villagebeverlyhills.com*

**\*State House District**

*District 35*

**\*State Senate District**

*District 12*

**\*U.S. Congress District**

*District 9*

**\*Proposal Title (Not to exceed 60 characters)**

*Rouge River Acquisition - Village of Beverly Hills*

**\*Proposal Description**

*Acquisition of eight acres of property within the Rouge River Watershed, with approximately 800 lineal feet of Rouge River frontage/tributary in the Village of Beverly Hills in Oakland County. This acquisition will allow for future development of a much needed community park in the southwest area of the Village, with new access to the Rouge River, complimented by nature trails, open space, kayak launch, playground and indoor/outdoor community gathering spaces.*

**\*Address of Site***30815 Wendbrook Lane***\*City, Village or Township of Site***Beverly Hills***\*Zip***48025***\*Park Name***Wendbrook Park - temporary***\*County in which Site is located***Oakland***\*Town, Range and Section Numbers of Site Location***Letters must be upper-case:  
(examples: T02N, R13E, 22)***\*Latitude/Longitude at park entrance**

<b>(Town)</b>	<b>(Range)</b>	<b>(Section)</b>	<b>(Latitude)</b>	<b>(Longitude)</b>
<i>T02N</i>	<i>R10E</i>	<i>03</i>	<i>42.514629</i>	<i>-83.256798</i>

## Section B: Project Funding and Explanation of Match Sources

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**SOURCES OF MATCHING FUNDS**
**PROJECT COST AMOUNTS**

<b>*Grant amount requested (round to the nearest hundred dollars)</b>	\$1500000
<b>Total Match (Must be at least 25% of total project cost)</b>	\$500000
<b>Total Project Cost (Must equal the total estimated cost on Section C: Project Details page)</b>	\$2000000
Percentage of match commitment ( <b>Must be at least 25% of total project cost</b> )	25 %
a) General Funds or Local Restricted Funds (Applicant's own cash)	\$
b) Force Account Labor/Materials (Applicant's own paid labor or materials)	\$
c) Federal or State Funds	\$

<b>*(2) Program Name</b>	<b>*Administering Agency</b>	
<b>*Contact Name for Administering Agency</b>	<b>*Telephone</b>	<b>*Amount</b>
		\$

**\*Type of Funds**

Grant funds awarded	<i>Date grant funds approved</i>
Grant funds applied for, not yet approved	<i>Estimated approval date</i>
Appropriated funds	<i>Date appropriated</i>

**Other, explain**

\*Is documentation containing the scope of work and budget for the other grant funds included with application?  
 Yes  No

\*Is documentation (such as grant approval letter) that verifies the availability of funds included in the application?  
 Yes  No

Check to add program information for additional State or Federal funds that will be used as Match.

<b>*(3) Program Name</b>		<b>*Administering Agency</b>
<b>*Contact Name for Administering Agency</b>	<b>*Telephone</b>	<b>*Amount</b> \$

\*Type of Funds

Grant funds awarded *Date grant funds approved*

Grant funds applied for, not yet approved *Estimated approval date*

Appropriated funds *Date appropriated*

**Other, explain**

\*Is documentation containing the scope of work and budget for the other grant funds included with application?

Yes No

\*Is documentation (such as grant approval letter) that verifies the availability of funds included in the application?

Yes No

d) Cash Donations \$

e) Donated Labor and/or Materials \$

f) Donated Land Value (acquisition applications only) \$500000

You have entered a value for item f). **Please describe how the value of the land donation was determined.**

*The landowner wants to see this become a village park and offered the \$500,000 as donated land value.* \*

\* Is a letter from the landowner committing to the donation of a portion of fair market value and any conditions placed upon their commitment included with application?

✓  
Yes No

# Section C1: Project Details

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## Land Acquisition Applications ONLY

\*Interest acquired will be (check all that apply)

Fee Simple

Easement

Other

\*What are the current land uses that exist on the parcel? (check all that apply)

Undeveloped/natural land

Agricultural

Residential

Commercial (including timber extraction)

Recreational

Other (describe)

\*Any buildings on the site?

No

Yes

\*Any encroachments or boundary disputes with neighbors?

No

Yes

\*Was an assessor, appraiser, broker or listing used to justify the estimated appraised value?

No

Yes

*If yes, please provide expert documentation in the Required Attachments page.*

## Parcel Information Table

\*Itemize estimated cost information for each parcel. For phased projects, the parcels and dollar amounts provided should include all phases.

LANDOWNER	ACREAGE	STATE EQUALIZED VALUE (SEV)	(1) ESTIMATED APPRAISED VALUE (\$)
1) Mike and Martha White	5.39	\$500850	\$1001700
2) Mike and Martha White	1.81	\$199880	\$399760
3) Mike and Martha White	1.12	\$74090	\$148180
4) Market adjustment		\$	\$406060
5)		\$	\$

<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>8.32</b>	<b>\$774820</b>	<b>\$1955700</b>
(2)				
<b>ESTIMATED INCIDENTAL COSTS</b>				
Prorated Taxes			\$8560	
Recording Fees			\$40	
Transfer Tax			\$17200	
Title Insurance			\$6000	
Appraisal Fees			\$10000	
Closing Fees	\$500		TOTAL APPRAISED VALUE (1)	\$1955700
Environmental Assessment Costs	\$2000		TOTAL INCIDENTAL COSTS (2)	\$44300
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$44300</b>	<b>TOTAL ACQUISITION COSTS</b>	<b>\$2000000</b>

**Comments:**

*There is a 3,000 sq. ft (approximate) residence on the property that during initial walk-throughs appears to be in good condition. The Village will further explore it's condition with an eye on possibly using it for a "community house" facility for public meetings, community gatherings and recreation classes to complement the public park space along the Rouge River.*

## Section D: Justification of Need

### Instructions:

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**\*1) If you are submitting multiple acquisition or development applications, what is the priority for this application? (1 = highest)**

1

\*2) What page(s) of your recreation plan is the need for the proposed project discussed?

*If proposed project is on only one page, please enter the page number in both boxes*

**From:**

**To:**

7

27

\*3) What was the date(s) of public meeting to discuss submission of the grant application?

3/15/2022

### Additional dates:

\*4) Did you gather public input from individuals with disabilities, their families, or advocates?

No

Yes

\*5) Are you the primary provider of recreation services to any surrounding communities, as documented in your recreation plan?

No

Yes

### List Communities:

**\*6) Explain how you plan to address safety considerations and crime prevention in the project area?**

*This property is located 1.5 miles away from the Public Safety Department building and the area is patrolled by Public Safety regularly. It is located off of a main road with many passersby (13 Mile Road). Park hours would be consistent with other parks in the Village (open 8 am to 10 pm). There are neighborhoods/residents adjacent to the property. Additional lighting would be added with construction of parking lot in the future.*

**\*7) Explain how you will make the public aware of the project, as well as the efforts you will use to publicize and promote your project. Include marketing methods that will effectively communicate with persons with disabilities.**

*The Village of Beverly Hills uses several methods to communicate to residents on a regular basis, including: live stream of Council meetings; Village Calendar and Annual Report; Village Newsletters mailed to all residents and businesses four times per year each season; Website with FAQ's and up-to-date information; E-Alerts available; newresident information packets. A combination of some or all of these methods to advertise will be used by the Village to inform the community of this project.*

**\*8) Does the applicant have a formal recreation department or committee? Please explain below. For park committees, describe how members are appointed, their roles and responsibilities. List of members and meeting schedule.**

*The Village has a Parks & Rec Board that meets monthly (Thursdays) and handles administration of the maintenance, major improvements and future development of parks and makes recommendations to the Village Council. Board evaluates parks and recreational facilities and advises as to park functions and usage. Appointed members include Molly Borgon (Chairperson), Matt Goodrich (Vice Chairperson), Sara Bresnahan (Secretary), Eli Bayless, Janice Hausman, Gregory Ross and Jennifer Ruprich.*



## Section E: Application History and Stewardship

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**NO**    **YES**

\*1) *Questions 1 is for acquisition applications only - for development projects, leave blank and move to question 2.*

Will the applicant have adequate funds on hand to complete the acquisition transaction without any third party assistance (i.e. loans, lines of credit, etc.) **until partial reimbursement and final audit is completed** (approximately 180 days after closing)? ✓

If yes, please provide documentation that supports this on the Required Attachments page.

\*2) Has applicant received DNR recreation grant(s) in the past? ✓

*If yes, does applicant currently have an open, active grant?* ✓

\*3) Has applicant closed, sold, or transferred any parkland or recreation facilities in the past 5 years? ✓

*(If yes, provide comments below)*

\* 4) Does applicant have a known unresolved conversion of grant-assisted parkland? ✓

(Note: a conversion is a change from public outdoor recreation use to some other use.)

*(If yes, provide comments below)*

\*5) Does applicant have a "residents only" policy for this park or other parks or recreation facilities? ✓

*(If yes, provide comments below)*

\*6) Do you now or do you intend in the future to charge an entrance fee to the project site? ✓

**\*7) What is the applicant's current year budget for parks and recreation?**

\$147,070.00

**\*8) What are the estimated operation and maintenance costs associated with the project?**

\$12,000.00

Comments:

*The Village of Beverly Hills voters passed a dedicated Park Improvement Fund millage in 2021 which is estimated to generate approximately \$200,000 per year for park improvements.*

*For future park:*

*Operation and Maintenance:*

*Public Service team to cut grass and keep road/sidewalks clear \$10,000*

*Minor landscaping \$2,000*

*Funds available in General Fund/Parks*

## Section F: Site Conditions

### Instructions:

1. Complete the following property checklist on the environmental Conditions at the project site and adjacent areas, using information from the past ten years or longer, as appropriate.
2. If you answer **YES** or **UNKNOWN** to questions 1-15, you are required to prepare an environmental report. See the 2022 Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines here for guidance.
3. Click **Save** to save changes.

	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>
*1) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that any portion of the property is or has been used for industrial purposes, including manufacturing and/or minerals' processing or extraction (sand, gravel, oil, or gas) at this time or in the past?		✓	
*2) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that any portion of the property is currently being used or has been used in the past for a gas station, motor vehicle service or repair facility, commercial printing facility, dry cleaners, photo developing lab, junkyard, landfill, waste treatment, storage, processing or recycling or disposal facility?		✓	
*3) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that any of the following are or have in the past been stored, discarded, or used on the property – automotive or industrial batteries, pesticides or other chemicals used in agricultural practices, paints, industrial waste, or other chemicals in drums or other containers?		✓	
*4) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that fill dirt or other fill material of unknown origin is on this property or has in the past been placed on the property?		✓	
*5) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge of any evidence of leaks, spills, or stains from a substance other than water at this time or in the past?		✓	
*6) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that there are or have in the past been waste disposal pits, lagoons, or ponds on the property?		✓	
*7) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that there are at this time or have in the past been registered or unregistered storage tanks on the property?		✓	
*8) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that contaminated groundwater lies below the property?		✓	
*9) If there is a water well on the property, does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that contaminants have been identified in the well that exceeded legal standards or has the well been identified as contaminated by a government agency?		✓	
*10) Has the landowner been notified about any current violations of environmental laws pertaining to activities on the property or does applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge about past violations?		✓	
*11) Has the landowner been notified of any environmental assessments of the property that identified a) the presence of hazardous substances, petroleum products, or contamination; or b) the need for further assessment?		✓	
*12) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that any hazardous substances, unidentified waste materials, tires, or automotive or industrial batteries have been dumped above ground, buried, or burned on the property?		✓	
*13) Is the property listed on any federal or state list of contaminated sites, including the site of a leaking underground storage tank?		✓	

\*14) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that any of the adjoining properties are currently being used or have been used in the past for the purposes listed in the previous questions 1-13? ✓

\*15) Has an environmental assessment been completed for the site? ✓

*If yes, please provide documentation that supports this on the Required Attachments page.*

\*16) Are permits required for the development of the site? ✓

If **'Yes'** or **'Unknown'** was selected for any of the questions on this page, please explain here:

*Not for acquisition, but for future development of a park the planned pathway system around the park includes going along/near the Rouge River, so there may be a permit needed for that portion of the improvements. Other than that, there should be no other permits required.*

# Section G: Natural Features of The Project Site

## Instructions:

1. Click **Save** to save changes
2. Great Lakes connecting waters are defined in the *2022 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines*.
3. See the 2022 Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines here for guidance.

*To the best of your knowledge, does the project site include:*

**\*Great Lakes shoreline or Great Lakes connecting water frontage?**

No

Yes

**\*Inland lake frontage?**

No

Yes

**\*River and/or tributary frontage?**

No

Yes

**If yes, name of water body:**

*Rouge River*

**How many linear feet of frontage?**

*800*

Is the river or tributary a state natural river or a federally dedicated wild and scenic river?

No

Yes

**\*Wetland acreage or frontage?**

No

Yes

If yes, please list the number of acres of the type(s) of wetland(s) on site:

**Marsh**

**Bog**

**Dune and swale complex**

*.50*

**Prairie**

**Forest**

**Boreal Forest**

**Fen**

**Shrub**

**Type unknown**

Is documentation of type and quality with application?

No

Yes

**If yes, source of information:**

*Barr Engineering monitoring report*

**\*Other water acreage or frontage?**

No

Yes

**If yes, name of other water body:**

*Rouge River*

Is the entire water body completely within the site boundaries?

✓

No

Yes

**How many linear feet of frontage or acres of water are on site?**

800

**\*Sand dunes?**

✓

No

Yes

**\*Dedicated state or federal listed wilderness or dedicated natural area or Pigeon River County State Forest land or inholding?**

✓

No

Yes

**\*Rare species or any other significant feature as defined by the Michigan Natural Features Inventory?**

No

✓

Yes

If yes, list species or feature and status. *Rare Plant - Cup-plant, silphium perfoliatum - see at Barr Engineering and Rare Animals - Prairie Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, at Ebird list -MNFI*  
if too many to list here, include in the application narrative.

Population/range locations denoted on site plan or other map?

✓

No

Yes

## Section H: Wildlife Values of The Project Site

### Instructions:

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#### ***Will the proposed park or park development:***

\* **Protect wildlife habitat** (for example, breeding grounds, winter deeryards, den sites)? **No**  **Yes**

If yes, list species:

*Deer, game fish rock bass  
black crappie*

How many acres of habitat does the site provide?

*8.00*

\* **Act as a wildlife corridor between existing protected areas or buffer an existing protected area?** **No**  **Yes**

If yes, name the existing park(s) or protected area(s):

*EGLE Wetland Conservation Easement*

How many acres are currently in protected status?

*.50*

Is documentation of the ecological value of adjacent protected areas and/or the ability of the project site to act as a corridor/buffer provided with application? **No**  **Yes**

If yes, source of information:

*Friends of the Rouge species list (fish, macroinvertebrate, amphibians), Ebird list*

# Section I: Natural Resource Recreation Opportunities

## Instructions:

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**Will the proposed park or park development provide new or additional:**

**\*Water recreation opportunities?** No  Yes

**\*Motorized recreation opportunities (ORV and/or Snowmobile)?** No  Yes

**\*Hunting Opportunities?** No  Yes

**\*Fishing opportunities?** No  Yes

If yes, what type of fishing opportunities will be provided?  
(species/methods) *Game fishing (large mouth Bass, Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Black Crappie, Northern Pike)*

**\*Bird watching or other nature viewing opportunities?** No  Yes

If yes, what species can be viewed? *100+ species, Willow Flycatcher, Veery, Cape May Warbler, Canada Warbler, Northern Waterthrush, more*

**\*Nature interpretation or education opportunities?** No  Yes

If yes, how are the interpretation or education opportunities provided? (check all that apply)

Interpretive signage  Part time or volunteer naturalist

Interpretive brochures  Full time naturalist

Nature center

Have you formed a partnership with another organization to provide interpretive/educational services? No  Yes



## Section J: Public Access Opportunities

### Instructions:

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\* Will the site be open to the general public?

No

Yes

List the hours open to the public:

	From	To	Closed
Sunday	8:00am	10:00pm	
Monday	8:00am	10:00pm	
Tuesday	8:00am	10:00pm	
Wednesday	8:00am	10:00pm	
Thursday	8:00am	10:00pm	
Friday	8:00am	10:00pm	
Saturday	8:00am	10:00pm	
Holidays	8:00am	10:00pm	

Comment:

## Section K: Trails

**Instructions:**

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**\* Is the proposed site a trail?**

**No**

**Yes**

**\* Is this proposed project part of the Iron Belle Trail (Governor's Showcase Trail)? View the interactive IBT map here.**

(Applicable for Development or Acquisition)

**No**

**Yes**

# Application Narrative

## Instructions:

1. The application narrative is an important source of information used to evaluate and score your application. It will provide Grants Management with an overall picture of your proposed project. It is strongly recommended that you review the MNRTF Application Guidelines for additional clarification of what items should be included in the application narrative.
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### \*I. Project Justification and Support:

*Village leaders in Beverly Hills believe a new community park on the Rouge River in this area of the Village is much needed and so do the residents. A unique opportunity to make this a reality has recently surfaced. An 8-acre parcel has become available, a size that is rare in this developed area of Oakland County, and unique because it also has the Rouge River running through it. This is an ideal property because it already has a park-like feel, and it has existing infrastructure in place (public access road, utilities) reducing future park development costs. It's located in an area of the Village that doesn't have a park nearby that residents can walk to and enjoy. "Recreation at your doorstep", being able to walk or bike to this park from the surrounding neighborhoods using the sidewalks is part of the Village's vision for a more walkable community. The desire and need for a public park in this area of the Village is detailed in the current Community Recreation Plan. First, on pg 7, the plan indicates our commitment to the health of the Rouge River with capital improvements planned and completed in 2017-2018, and we've partnered with other municipalities to receive grant funding to improve the Rouge River corridor. On pg 9, NRPA standards suggest a community maintain 6-10 acres of close-to-home parkland for every 1000 residents. Beverly Hills currently has 70 total acres, which is on the low-end of the scale (range 64-108 acres) and could use another 38 more acres of park land to meet the needs of its residents. Pg 19 indicates that Beverly Hills has no land available for future recreation developments at this time, however, this is a new opportunity to acquire land that was not available in 2018 when the Recreation Plan was adopted. On pg 23, relevant goals related to this proposed land acquisition include: improve recreational facilities; enhance bio-diversity; protect wildlife and improve water quality of natural areas; and actively seek grants and alternative funding solutions. The Action Plan on pg 27 indicates land acquisition is not likely because funds are limited and the Village has to balance all community needs, but this opportunity has come up unexpectedly. With the property owners willing to donate \$500,000 of the land value to the Village as a grant match, we would be remiss if we didn't try for this grant and this park acquisition with this wonderful new opportunity that has presented itself. On pg 29, the plan calls for "system-wide improvements to the Village's parks, green spaces and recreational facilities...". This acquisition is consistent with the Oakland Co. Rouge Green Corridor Plan & Green Infrastructure Vision; the MI SCORP goals to improve recreational access; and it aligns with one of the four DNR Trust Fund Board Priority Project Types, specifically, for Lake and River Public Access. Community support is strong with several letters of support, all making this property an ideal candidate for acquisition.*

### \*II. Project Description:

Proposed acquisition of 8-acres of riverfront property on the Rouge River, located at 30815 Wendbrook Lane, just south of 13 Mile Rd. in the southwest area of the Village of Beverly Hills in Oakland County. This acquisition will allow for future development of a much-needed neighborhood community park in an area of the Village that is currently underserved and lacking in recreational land and amenities for its residents. A conceptual development plan included provides a glimpse of what this park could be. The vision for this park includes an indoor gathering space that currently does not exist for the Village, surrounded by and complemented by the existing natural spaces of this property. People will be able to enjoy over 800 lineal feet of Rouge River frontage within the park, existing tall shade trees will provide the perfect amount of shade for a picnic area and natural playground area, and a meandering crushed-limestone pathway (ADA accessible) will create access to the whole park, especially along the river. A series of benches will be placed all the way around the looping pathway system offering places to rest and to enjoy the sights and sounds of the nature. Some of the existing lawn areas will be incorporated into the plan and offer places to play catch, throw the frisbee or fly a kite, while much of the lawn areas, especially those adjacent to the Rouge River, will be restored to native plants, wildflowers and prairie. New fishing opportunities will be created because the Rouge River in this area is known to have large-mouth bass, bluegill, and black crappie species. Wildlife viewing, with abundant deer and great birding opportunities exist at this property. This existing public street, Wendbrook Lane, will serve as the park access road. An existing, unused paved circular drive on the east side of the property can be used to improve vehicular flow in the park if needed, or it could be naturalized as well. A parking area of roughly 30-35 cars is included to accommodate those driving to the park and to community gatherings, with handicap parking provided. There is potential for a replacement pedestrian bridge over the Rouge River to gain access to reach a unique, island area on the west side of the river within the park or to drop a fishing line. Near this area, the potential for a kayak launch will be explored and if river conditions here are favorable to support it, there is a desire to include a launch as a park amenity in the development phase(s). Some areas near the river may be perfect for a short boardwalk to lead visitors to naturally sensitive areas of the park with delicate plant species. This acquisition opportunity is rare in an area of Oakland County that is nearly fully developed. Eight acres of natural space with the potential to renovate the structure on site for a community house that is surrounded by nature, walking paths and access to and along the Rouge River is exactly what the Village needs.

#### \*III. Natural Resource Access and Protection:

The proposed acquisition area contains about 800 feet of frontage along the Rouge River, around 200 feet of which includes both banks. The proposed acquisition is easily accessible and within walking distance from neighborhoods or a short drive for people in the area to be able to access a natural area to enjoy walking, birding, fishing, kayaking and an escape from urban closeness into nature. It's within a mile of a middle school and two high schools, providing nature access to students at a significant time in their development. The presence of the Rouge River and the impressive array of plants allows for educational opportunities like interpretive signage and class field trips. Preserving this property as a nature park will buffer the Rouge River, decreasing the chemical input into the water that comes from grass lawns and eliminating potential issues of bank stability by maintaining natural vegetation along the banks of the Rouge. A restored wetland on site is part of an EGLE wetland conservation easement. A 2021 monitoring report by Barr Engineering (included in expert documentation) reveals the presence of a diverse spread of herbaceous wetland and riparian plants on the property, many of which are locally uncommon in the highly developed Beverly Hills region, and three of which have a conservation coefficient = 7. One of these, the cup-plant, is on the MNFI rare plants list. The acquisition of this riverside property will also provide fishing access to a large population. Fish surveys conducted by Friends of the Rouge at sites within a mile of the proposed acquisition area have revealed the presence of multiple game fish species in this stretch of river, including bluegill, black crappie, pumpkinseed, northern pike, and largemouth bass. These surveys have also revealed the presence of stonecat and rock bass, both of which are intolerant of poor water conditions. Friends of the Rouge staff have also conducted aquatic macroinvertebrate surveys at two sites within one mile of the proposed acquisition area. Many of the species found are intolerant of poor water conditions, including mayfly larvae, stonefly larvae, caddisfly larvae, gilled snails, and freshwater mussels. These fish and invertebrates would suffer greatly from any resulting chemical input and bank erosion if the property were to be developed instead of protected. The new park will also provide excellent birdwatching opportunities in a highly developed and densely populated region. The Douglas Evans Nature Preserve, which is less than one mile from the proposed park and also has frontage along the Rouge River, boasts an extensive list of sighted bird species on ebird.org. These include two birds on the MNFI rare animals list (the prairie warbler and the Louisiana waterthrush) and many locally uncommon species, such as the willow flycatcher, veery, Cape May warbler, and orange-crowned warbler. All Friends of the Rouge data and the ebird report are attached as expert documentation.

#### IV. Other Information:

*The Village of Beverly Hills was formed in 1958 for the purpose of establishing an official village government. The total population is estimated at 10,584 people that live within the 4.02 square miles of the village boundaries. The average age of a resident is about 45 years old. Located off of 13 Mile Rd., about five miles north of the City of Detroit, Beverly Hills is home to many who are environmentally aware and who enjoy an active lifestyle. Quality of life is important to residents of Beverly Hills, it has a small-town feel, but is located near the major cities of Southfield and Detroit. Residents can enjoy the Village shops, parks, and area attractions like the Franklin Historical Museum and the Cranbrook Art Museum. Some of the Beverly Hills community programs and events include: Memorial Day Parade, Carnival and Ceremony; Fun Run & Walk; Village Wide Garage Sale; Java and Jazz Concert Series; and the the Halloween Hoot; Little League Baseball; Lion's Club; Village Women's Club; The Baldwin Public Library, as well as strong community Recycling, Yard Waste and Stewardship programs.*

# Required Attachments for Acquisition Projects

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**NOTE:** When the file is named to be uploaded, **DO NOT** leave any spaces, place a period between the words OR use any special characters, e.g. "/", in the document name. Attachments may be in **Word, PDF, JPG, XLS** or **GIF** format.

All location maps, site development plans, boundary maps, and other graphic information must be clear, legible, detailed, and appropriately labeled. Grants Management staff use these materials to help evaluate your application and to find and evaluate many of the sites. We must also photocopy many of the graphic materials in black-and-white; be sure that what you submit will photocopy legibly.

## REQUIRED CONTENT FOR ACQUISITION APPLICATIONS

### \* **Maintenance Plan:**

*Maintenance Plan.docx*

### \* **Project Location Map(s):**

*Project Location Map.pdf*

### \* **Conceptual Site Plan:**

\* **Boundary Map(s)** delineating the legal boundaries of the park site(s) outlined in **red**; show easements in **green**:

*Project Boundary Map.pdf*

\* **Plat or parcel map** with subject parcels highlighted:

*Plat-Parcel Map.pdf*

\* **Photographs of the site** - digital images, combine into one file:

*Rouge fast-flowing - winter wildflower wetlands 2-17-22 .jpg*

*Rouge high water with 13 mile rd bridge in background.JPG*

*Drainage creek to Rouge w cottonwoods, spruce.jpg*

*cottonwoods, spruce groves, white pines March.jpg*

*Conservation Easement.jpg*

*view west cul-de-sac and house.jpg*

*Rouge River.jpg*

*Art students painting Rouge .jpg*

*winter spruce grove - deer live here.jpg*

\* **Certified Resolution:** from the highest governing body:

\* **Advance Notice of a public meeting** for public comment and to pass the resolution:

*Advanced notice of public meeting.pdf*

*Notice of public meeting in paper.pdf*

*Ad on website for PH 3-15-22 on grant app.jpg*

\* **Minutes of the Public Meeting** held for public comment and to pass the resolution for the application:

\* **Copy of most recent deed and tax bill for subject parcel:**

*Tax bill winter - 24-10-126-003.jpg*

*Tax bill winter - 24-10-126-002.jpg*

*Tax bill winter - 24-10-102-015.jpg*

*0291748 20220112WARRANTY DEED.pdf*

\* **Notice of Intent Form and copy of letter transmitting form** to the regional clearinghouse:

*Notice of Intent.pdf*

*Notice of Intent correspondence to SEMCOG.pdf*

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ACQUISITION APPLICATIONS:**

**Letter(s) of support:**

*Friends of Rouge LOS.pdf*

*Six Rivers Land Conservancy LOS.pdf*

*Oakland County Trail Water Land Alliance TWLA LOS.pdf*

*South Berkshire Community Assoc LOS signed.jpg*

*Judson Center LOS.docx*

**Documentation of match commitment(s):**

*Letter of Intent signed - landowner Whites.pdf*

**Draft easement or other agreement**, if applicable:

**Correspondence regarding regulatory permitting issues**, if applicable:

**Expert documentation** to support the project:

*2021\_Wetland\_and\_Stream\_Monitoring\_Report.pdf*

*Douglas Evans Nature Preserve Ebird Report.pdf*

*Fish Species in Rouge River near Wendbrook Lane (Friends of the Rouge).pdf*

*Friends of the Rouge Frog Species List in Beverly Hills Transect.pdf*

*Macroinvertebrates in Rouge River near Wendbrook 1 (Friends of the Rouge).pdf*

*Oakland Co. Green Infrastructure Vision.pdf*

*Rouge Green Corridor Plan.pdf*

*Stonecat 1C.jpeg*

*Prairie Warbler.jpg*

**Environmental Report**, if applicable:

# Additional Information

**Instructions:**

1. Click **Save** to save changes
2. See the 2022 Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines [here](#) for guidance.

Provide the information listed below, as applicable, and any other information you believe will give us a more complete understanding of your proposed project and assist us in evaluating your application.

- 1) Explain the circumstances under which you closed, sold, or transferred control of any parkland or recreation facilities within your park system.
- 2) List any parks within your system for which you have a "residents only" policy.
- 3) Discuss any health advisories for the water bodies accessed by your project. Describe how these advisories will affect the use of the site and your proposed facilities.