



**CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 24, 2022**

SUBJECT: Authorization for City Administration to begin negotiations toward a property exchange agreement with Novi Community Schools to exchange approximately 70 acres of land located at the Novi Middle School, Bosco Fields, and the High School/Fuerst Park/Ella Mae Power Park.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Manager's

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Administrations of the City and Novi Community Schools (NCSD) have been actively discussing the exchange of publicly owned land between the two entities for several years. The properties are located at Novi Middle School/Wildlife Woods Park, Bosco Fields, and Fuerst Park and Ella Mae Power Park. The proposed property exchange concept was presented to the NCSD Board at their January 20, 2022 meeting. The specific exchange includes:

Novi Middle School/Wildlife Woods: NCSD to gain full ownership of soccer fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, and property to the east of the Novi Middle School

Bosco Fields: City to receive full ownership of Bosco Field with the intention to expand the Novi Parks System

Novi High School/Fuerst Park/Ella Mae Power Park: Furest Park will be squared off, and NCSD will acquire the land south of school's baseball fields, including their current softball/baseball fields and cross-country trails/wetlands

If Council desires, the surveys, environmental reviews, etc., all can be commenced in the coming weeks even before NCSD School Board and City Council finalize the agreement in early Spring 2022.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorization for City Administration to begin negotiations toward a property exchange agreement with Novi Community Schools to exchange approximately 70 acres of land located at the Novi Middle School, Bosco Fields, and the High School/Fuerst Park/Ella Mae Power Park.

Land Exchange Proposal



January 2022

Novi Community Schools & City of Novi: Longstanding GREAT partnership

Outstanding relationship with long-standing history of shared resources (shared land, facilities)

The potential exchange has been discussed and due diligence performed on this project for several years with the focus on the best land usage for the betterment of all stakeholders.

The proposal is for an exchange of properties which benefits the city, the schools and the Novi community.



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noun

1. an act of giving one thing and receiving another (especially of the same type or value) in return.

verb

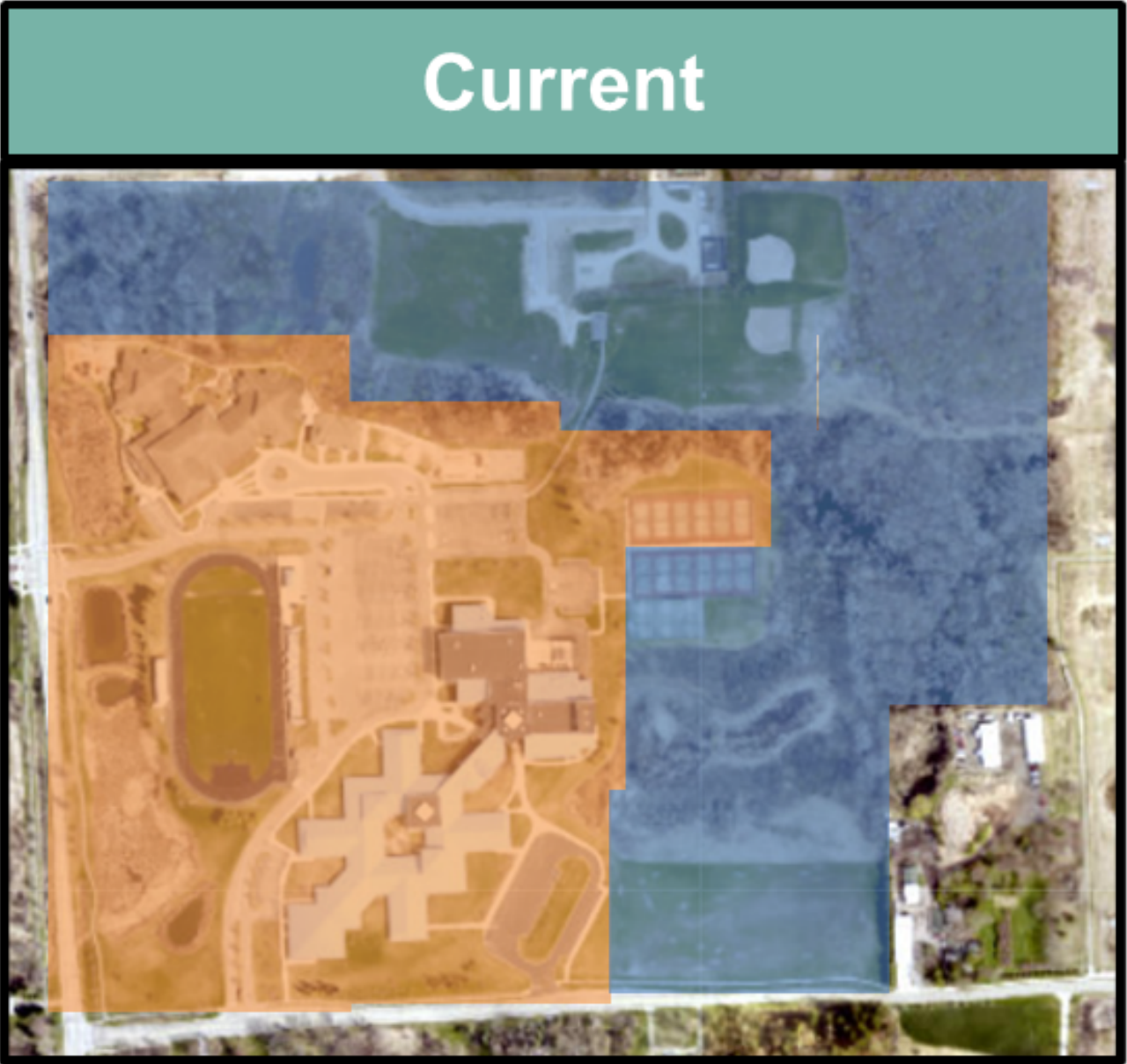
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Exchange of approximate 140 acres, all within the City of Novi and Novi Community School District boundaries.


Land Exchange proposal:
From the City to Schools and from the Schools to the City : +/- 70 acres

**Proposed
Exchange
by
numbers**

Novi Middle School



 : NCSD Property

 : City of Novi Property

- NCSD to gain full ownership of soccer fields, tennis courts, basketball courts and property to the east of the Novi Middle School

Bosco Fields

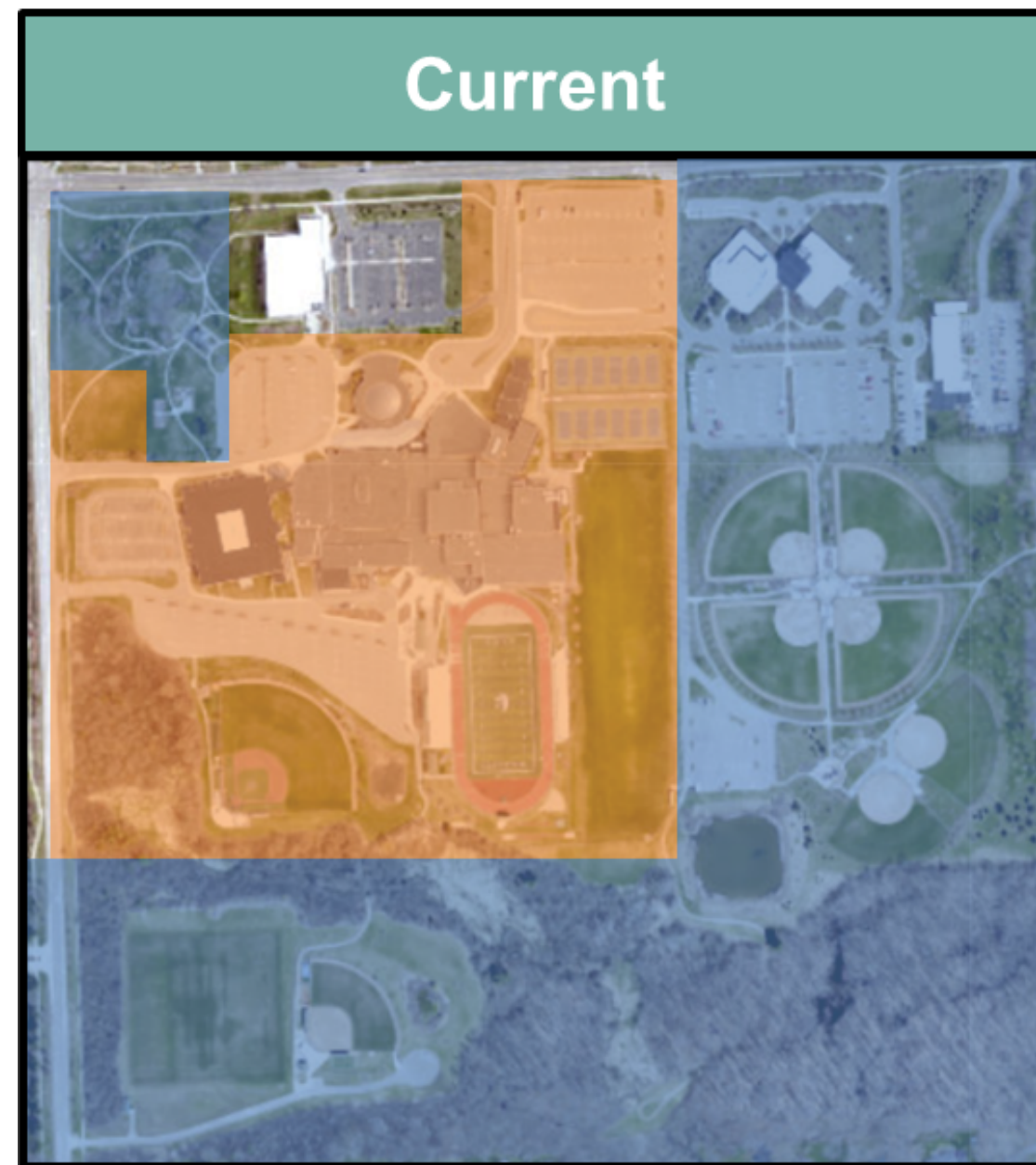


■ : NCSD Property


■ : City of Novi Property

- City to receive full ownership of Bosco Fields with the intention to expand the Novi Parks system

Novi High School / Civic Center Campus



 : NCSD Property

 : City of Novi Property

- City to square off Fuerst Park property
- NCSD to acquire the land south of baseball fields, including current softball/baseball fields and cross-country trails/wetlands

Community Benefits

- Expanded recreational opportunities for students/residents
- Frees up existing athletic fields for alternative uses
- Additional contiguous acreage to existing NCSD facilities
- Provides the opportunity to increase the park system in response to current and future recreation needs
- Further demonstrates the commitment of partnership for the betterment of Novi





"Synergy – the bonus
that is achieved when
things work together
harmoniously."

- Mark Twain