Section A: Applicant Site and Project Information

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- 1. Click **Save** to save changes.
- 2. See the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines here for guidance.

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

2023 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

[X] Acquisition

*Title

Director

State

MI

*ZIP

*County

48309 Oakland County

*Name of Applicant (Government Unit)

City of Rochester Hills

*SIGMA Vendor Number

CV0048293

*SIGMA Address ID

City

Hills

Rochester

007

*Name of Authorized Representative

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*State House District *State Senate District *U.S. Congress District District 55 District 9 District 10

The following link contains District Maps - https://www.michigan.gov/micrc/mapping-process/final-maps *Proposal Title (Not to exceed 60 characters)

Cloverport Park/Clinton River Buffer Acquisition

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*Proposal Description

This proposal is for the acquisition of 9.38 acres to expand public green space and provide a high visibility trail hub. The property of interest consists of forests and sensitive steep slopes and is located directly adjacent to an existing 12.7 acres of City Green Space property bordering the Clinton River. The combination of mature trees, topography, and surrounding green space provides scenic views and valuable passive recreational opportunities. The parcel ultimately makes a crucial connection for the public, between a high-traffic road in the region and an existing natural corridor that links to the Clinton River Trail. This property is one of few remaining undeveloped parcels with Rochester Road frontage and has pedestrian connections to both Rochester Hills and downtown Rochester. This would be a fee simple purchase that will buffer and secure steep slopes, wetlands, woodlands, greenway connectivity, and achieve goals identified in our Parks Master Plan.
*Address of Site *City, Village or Township of Site *Zip

694 S. Rochester R	2d.	Rocheste	ər Hills	48307
*Park Name			*County in which Site is lo	cated
Cloverport Park			Oakland	
L	e and Section Numbers of Sit Letters must be upper-case: examples: T02N, R13E, 22)	e Location	*Latitude/Longitud	de at park entrance
(Town)	(Range)	(Section)	(Latitude)	(Longitude)
T03N	R11E	15	42.671014	-83.133553
\$		\$		\$

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Section B: Project Funding and Explanation of Match Sources

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SOURCES OF MATCHING FUNDS		PROJEC AMOUNT	
*Grant amount requested (round to the nearest hundred dollars)		ollars)	\$1,328,000
Total Match (Must be at least 25% of total project	t cost)		\$1,425,000
Total Project Cost (Must equal the total estimated	cost on Se	ction C: Project Details page)	\$2,753,000
Percentage of match commitment (Must be at least	t 25% of to:	tal project cost)	51 %
a) General Funds or Local Restricted Funds (Applica	ant's own ca	ish)	\$1,425,000
b) Force Account Labor/Materials (Applicant's own p	aid labor o	r materials)	\$
c) Federal or State Funds			\$
*(2) Program Name	*/	Administering Agency	
*Contact Name for Administering Agency	*Telephor	*Amount \$	
*Type of Funds	7		
Grant funds awarded		Date grant funds approv	red
Grant funds applied for, not y	et approve	d Estimated approval date	9
Appropriated funds		Date appropriated	
Other, explain			
*ls documentation containing the scope of work and l Yes	-	he other grant funds included with application No	?
*ls documentation (such as grant approval letter) that Yes		availability of funds included in the application	on?
Check to add program informatio	n for additic	onal State or Federal funds that will be used a	as Match.

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*(3) Program Name	*Administer	ing Agency	
*Contact Name for Administering Agency	*Telephone	*Amount \$	
*Type of Funds			
Grant funds awarded		Date grant funds approved	
Grant funds applied for, not ye	et approved	Estimated approval date	
Appropriated funds		Date appropriated	
Other, explain			
*ls documentation containing the scope of work and b Yes	oudget for the other gra No	nt funds included with application?	
*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)		\$	

Section C1: Project Details

Instructions:

- 1. All required fields are marked with an *.
- 2. Use the Save button to save text and calculate data on each page.
- 3. Save at least every 30 minutes to avoid losing data.
- 4. See the 2023 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines here for guidance.
- 5. You may upload a cost breakdown in the required uploads page as supporting documentation.

Land Acquisition Applications ONLY

*Interest acquired will be (check all that apply)

[X]Fee Simple

Easement

Other

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

[X]Undeveloped/natural land

Agricultural

[X]Residential

Commercial (including timber extraction)

Recreational

Other (describe)

*Any buildings on the site? N	0	[X] Yes
*Any encroachments or boundary disputes with neighbors?	<i>[X]</i> No	Yes
*Was an assessor, appraiser, broker or listing used to justify the estimated appraised value? If yes, please provide expert documentation in the Required Attachments page.	No	[X] Yes

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 (\$)
Claire Levy	9.38	\$318,520	\$2,708,000
TOTALS	9	\$318,520	\$2,708,000

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Prorated Taxes			\$6,500		
Recording Fees			\$0		
Transfer Tax			\$23,000		
Title Insurance			\$8,000		
Appraisal Fees			\$5,000		
Closing Fees	\$500		TOTAL APPRAISED	VALUE (1)	\$2,708,000
Environmental As	ssessment Costs <i>\$2,000</i>		TOTAL INCIDENTAL	COSTS (2)	\$45,000
	TOTAL	\$45,000	TOTAL ACQUISITI	ON COSTS	\$2,753,000

Comments:

The property currently has 1947 home and detached garage that will be removed following acquisition of the property.

The appraised value provided is based on an appraisal conducted by a DNR listed appraiser that the City of Rochester Hills funded on July 21, 2022 in preparation of the Grant application.

Section D: Justification of Need

Instructions:

- 1. Click **Save** to save changes.
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*1) If you are submitting multiple acquisition or development applications, what is the priority for this application? (1 = highest)

1	
1	

2) What page(s) of your recr	eation plan is th	e need for the	proposed	project	discussed?
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If proposed project is on only one page, please enter the page number in both boxes

From:	To:

54 59

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

3/20/2023

Additional dates:

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

[X]	
No	

Yes

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

[X] No

schedule.

Yes

List Communities:

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

Park will be inspected on a regular basis by park staff located at Bloomer Park 2 miles away. Parking lot and trail head will be designed to be visable from the main road.

*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.

Project location, hours and amenities will be published on website as well as in our department wide printed book. Location will be called out in social media and also put into our rotation of photos we publish on Instagram.
*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

We have a Parks and Natural Resources Department made up of approximately 50 FTEs of our staff team.

Section E: Application History and Stewardship

- 1. Click $\ensuremath{\textbf{Save}}$ to save changes.
- 2. See the 2023 Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines here for guidance.

•1) Questions 1 is for acquisition applications only - for development projects, leave blank and move to question 2. Image: Complete the acquisition transaction without any third party assistance (i.e. loans, lines of credit, etc.) until partial reimbursement and final audit Image: Completed (approximately 180 days after closing)? If yes, please provide documentation that supports this on the Required Attachments page. Image: Completed (approximately 180 days after closing)? *2) Has applicant received DNR recreation grant(s) in the past? Image: Completed (approximately 180 days after closing)? *3) Has applicant closed, sold, or transferred any parkland or recreation facilities in the past 5 years? Image: Completed (approximately 180 days after closing)? *4) Does applicant closed, sold, or transferred any parkland or recreation facilities in the past 5 years? Image: Complete Comments below) *4) Does applicant have a known unresolved conversion of grant-assisted parkland? Image: Complete Comments below) *5) Does applicant have a "residents only" policy for this park or other parks or recreation facilities? Image: Complete Comments below) *6) Do you now or do you intend in the future to charge an entrance fee to the project site? Image: Complete Comments below) *6) Do you now or do you intend in the future to charge an entrance fee to the project site? Image: Complete Comments Project Site? *7) What is the applicant's current year budget for parks and recreation? Site Site AppleCont <		NO	YES
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Estimated staffing costs \$2,500, \$500 supplies	Comments:		
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Section F: Site Conditions

- 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 2023 Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines here for guidance.
- 3. Click **Save** to save changes.

<u>NO</u>	YESUNKNOWN
*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?	[X]
*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?	[X]
*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?	[X]
*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?	[X]
*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?	[X]
*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?	[X]
*8) Does the applicant, landowner, or others have knowledge that contaminated groundwater lies below the property?	[X]
*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?	[X]
*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?	[X]
*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?	[X]
*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?	[X]
*13) Is the property listed on any federal or state list of contaminated sites, including the site of a leaking underground storage tank?	[X]
*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?	[X]

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*15) Has an environmental assessment been completed for the site?	[X]
If yes, please provide documentation that supports this on the Required Attachments page.	
*16) Are permits required for the development of the site?	[X]

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

Section G: Natural Features of The Project Site

- 1. Click Save to save changes.
- 2. Great Lakes connecting waters are defined in the 2023 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines.
- 3. See the 2023 Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines here for guidance.

<i>To the best of your knowledge, a</i> *Great Lakes shoreline or Great l			
[X] No		Yes	
*Inland lake frontage? [X] No		Yes	
*River and/or tributary frontage?			
No		[X] Yes	
If yes, name of water body: Intermittent Stream to Clinton Rive How many linear feet of frontage 1,020 Is the river or tributary a state natura	?	lly dedicated wild and	scenic river?
[X] No		Yes	
*Wetland acreage or frontage?			
Νο		[X] Yes	
lf yes, please list the number of acre Marsh	es of the type(s) of Bog	wetland(s) on site:	Dune and swale complex
0.00 Prairie	0.00 Forest		0.00 Boreal Forest
0.00 Fen	.20 Shrub		0.00 Type unknown
0.00 Is documentation of type and quality	0.00 with application?		0.00
No		[X] Yes	
If yes, source of information: 2023 NFI - completed by ASTI; Cit *Other water acreage or frontage [X]		N	
No		Yes	

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*Sand dunes?			
[×] No	Yes		
*Dedicated state or federal listed wilderness or dedicated natural area or Pigeon River County State Forest land or inholding?			
[X] No	Yes		
*Rare species or any other significant feature as defined by the Michigan Natural Features Inventory?			
No	[X] Yes		
If yes, list species or feature and status.Post-Glacial Ravines/ Bluffs - Steep Slopes if too many to list here, include in the application narrative.			
Population/range locations denoted on site plan or other map?			
<i>[X]</i> No	Yes		

Section H: Wildlife Values of The Project Site

- 1. Click **Save** to save changes.
- 2. See the 2023 Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines here for guidance.

<i>Will the proposed park or park development:</i> * Protect wildlife habitat (for example, breeding grounds, winter deeryard	s, den sites)?	No	[X] Yes
If yes, list species:			Turkey, Fox, Cavity ng birds
How many acres of habitat does the site provide?	8.40		-
*Act as a wildlife corridor between existing protected areas or buffer protected area?	an existing	No	[X] Yes
If yes, name the existing park(s) or protected area(s):		City Woo	ace, State Conservation Idland Conservation
How many acres are currently in protected status?	25.60		
Is documentation of the ecological value of adjacent protected areas and/or the project site to act as a corridor/buffer provided with application?	r the ability of	No	[X] Yes
If yes, source of information:		nt Docume Inventory	entation, City's Natural Report

Section I: Natural Resource Recreation Opportunities

Instructions:

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2. See the 2023 Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines here for guidance.

Will the proposed park or park development provide new or additional: [X] *Water recreation opportunities? Yes No [X] *Motorized recreation opportunities (ORV and/or Snowmobile)? Yes No [X] Yes *Hunting Opportunities? No [X] *Fishing opportunities? No Yes If yes, what type of fishing opportunities will be provided? Access to the Clinton River. The Clinton River is a Steelhead and (species/methods) Brown Trout fishery. [X] *Bird watching or other nature viewing opportunities? No Yes Great Horned Owls, Screech Owls, Coopers If yes, what species can be viewed? and Red Tail Hawks, various song birds. [X] **Yes** *Nature interpretation or education opportunities? No If yes, how are the interpretation or education opportunities provided? (check all that apply) [X]Interpretive signage XPart time or volunteer naturalist IX1 Interpretive brochures Full time naturalist Nature center Have you formed a partnership with another organization to provide interpretive/educational /X/ Yes services? No

Section J: Public Access Opportunities

- 1. Click **Save** to save changes.
- 2. See the 2023 Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines here for guidance.

* Will the site be open to the general public?				
Νο		[X] Yes		
List the hours open to the	public: From		То	Closed
Sunday	8 am	Dusk		
Monday	8 am	Dusk		
Tuesday	8 am	Dusk		
Wednesday	8 am	Dusk		
Thursday	8 am	Dusk		
Friday	8 am	Dusk		
Saturday	8 am	Dusk		
Holidays	8 am	Dusk		
Comment:	Location will not be gated	d		

Section K: Trails

Instructions:

- 1. Click Save to save changes.
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* Is the proposed site a trail?

No

[X] **Yes**

Who is the primary intended user? (Check one)

[X]Hikers/Pedestrians	Road Bicyclists	Equestrians	
Mountain Bicyclists	Cross-Country Skiers	Snowmobilers	
Other motorized vehicle users	Other, explain:		
Who are the secondary users?			
Hikers/Pedestrians	Road Bicyclists	Equestrians	
Mountain Bicyclists	Cross-Country Skiers	Snowmobilers	
Other motorized vehicle users	<i>[X]</i> Other, explain:	Fishermen; to access Clinton River	

Is the trail connected to another trail(s) or part of a larger trail network? No [X] Yes

If yes, what is the name of the network? *Clinton River Trail*

How long Is the trail? 4,800 Total linear feet

Linear feet bituminous (paved)

Linear feet boardwalk (if applicable)

Linear feet sidewalk

Linear feet other hard surface

What is the width of the trail? 3 Linear feet

* 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)

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Application Narrative

Instructions:

- 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.
- 2. Click Save to save changes.
- 3. See the 2023 Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines here for guidance.

*I. Project Justification and Support:

The purchase of this property is important for several aspects. This area of the City is under extreme development pressure on Rochester Road and this wooded parcel with mature trees provides an excellent buffer to the Cloverport Green Space already owned by the City that contains an area of the Clinton River with high erosion (see letter of support from Clinton River Watershed Council). The Clinton River is a State Designated Water Trail. The landowner is hoping to honor the spirit of the previous owner, a beekeeper who desired the property stay natural. Purchasing natural resource property is a goal in our Department Master Plan (Page 54, Goal 3 - Increase access to natural resource based recreation - purchase medium to high-quality conservation land). It is also a Priority 1 in the City of Rochester Hills Natural Features Inventory. This project also touches on many of the major goals of the current Michigan SCORP. Purchase of this property will allow us to improve collaboration on future development of a trail connection with Rochester University; it will expand recreational access to mature woodlands immediately adjacent to the major thoroughfare of Rochester Road; grant access to the Clinton River; and lastly it will enhance prosperity by having property with a trail connection from Rochester University that allows students to walk to several restaurants within sight distance of this property. The small local neighborhood close to this property is in strong support of purchasing this property, as well as neighboring Rochester University. Other groups supporting this project include the Clinton River Watershed Council and Oakland County Planning because of the property's location as a key hub in the Oakland County Green Infrastructure Vision. Letters of support have been received from each of these groups.

*II. Project Description:

This proposal is for the acquisition of 9.38 acres by the City of Rochester Hills to expand public green space and provide a high visibility trail hub. The property of interest consists of forests and sensitive steep slopes that are located directly adjacent to an existing 12.7 acres of City Green Space, bordering the Clinton River. The combination of mature trees, topography, and surrounding green space provides scenic views and valuable passive recreational opportunities. The parcel ultimately makes a crucial connection for the public, between a high-traffic road in the region and an existing natural corridor that links to the Clinton River Trail. This property is one of few remaining undeveloped parcels with Rochester Road frontage and has pedestrian connections to both Rochester Hills and downtown Rochester. This would be a fee simple purchase that will buffer and secure steep slopes, wetlands, woodlands, greenway connectivity, and achieve goals identified in our Parks Master Plan.

Project will be developed within a fewyears into a trailhead and parking lot, with the possibility of a small shelter for picnicking and supporting items such as trash barrels. Our partnership with Rochester University (see letter of support) will allow us to create a trail connection to the Clinton River Trail (CRT) through Lake Norcentra Park at the University. This trail will be approximately 4,800 feet long. The location where this trail accesses the CRT is about 6,000 feet away from where the CRT and Iron Bell/Paint Creek Trail connect. In addition by creating a parking lot on Rochester Road, this property will allowfishermen to access the Clinton River through the already owned Cloverport Green Space. Note that because of steep slopes and compliance with the City's steep slope ordinance this system falls under General Exception 1 in the US Forest Service Trail Accessibility Guidelines (FSTAG). We expect that both the trail directly to the river and to the Clinton River Trail to be at a trail class two and three of the FSTAG. Most development will occur near Rochester Road, to both be in a very high visibility area for the prevention of vandalism and also to minimize impact on the steep slopes and limit disturbance of natural drainage patterns.

*III. Natural Resource Access and Protection:

This property is one of the fewundeveloped pieces of high priority natural area with Rochester Rd. frontage that not only provides the public access to high quality natural resources on the property itself, but also will act as a gateway into a contiguous corridor of protected high quality green spaces. The 9.38 acres is made up multiple different habitat types including upland deciduous forest, post-glacial ravines, an ephemeral stream, and wetlands. These diverse habitats and unique features offer great hiking and passive recreation opportunities.

This property contains Priority 1 Natural Area as identified in the 2005 Natural Features Inventory (NFI) report as well as the 2023 update currently underway. This is in large part due to it being heavily wooded with steep slopes and water features. Also, the property is contiguous with the Clinton River corridor and floodplain. In addition to the City's NFI, it is also identified in the County's NFI. The parcel of interest is in an area that the "Oakland County Green Infrastructure Network" identifies as a Green Infrastructure Hub, along the Clinton River Corridor. The property was also evaluated by qualified staff, including the City's Natural Resources Manager and Naturalist, along with the City's appointed Green Space Advisory Board. For a number of the same reasons mentioned above, the property was recommended for acquisition. The site is highly desirable for future private development, which could have significant negative impacts on the watershed and surrounding natural areas.

Beyond the natural features onsite, the property acts a buffer to the adjacent City owned Green Spaces (Cloverport and Childress) and a protected conservation easement on the adjacent Rochester University property. The Cityowned Green Spaces are preserved in perpetuity and were purchased through funds provided by a Green Space Millage. The property being pursued protects "core" acres of land along the Clinton River Corridor that provides habitat for various wildlife that has been observed, including Deer, Fox, Turkey, and Owls. It also protects and provides access to the Clinton River, which is a known Brown Trout and Steelhead fishery. A significant amount of drainage comes off of the property onto the protected Green Spaces and into the Clinton River, a State Designated Water Trail. The city continues to look to protect and enhance these areas throughout our watershed, which are invaluable to natural stormwater processes in urban environments. In fact, the City is in the process of completing a bank stabilization project at the adjacent Cloverport Green Space property.

The sustainability of these natural resources will be achieved through active stewardship provided by our Natural Resources Division. Management of invasives and other resource concerns will be incorporated into annual stewardship budget secured through our Green Space Millage Trust Fund.

IV. Other Information:

Required Attachments for Acquisition Projects

Instructions:

- 1. All required fields are marked with an *.
- 2. Attachments may be in Word, PDF, JPG, XLS or GIF format.
- 3. Save at least every 30 minutes to avoid losing data.
- 4. See the 2023 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Guidelines here for guidance.
- 5. You may upload a cost breakdown in the required uploads page as supporting documentation.

Upload Attachments:

- Click the Browse button and search for the document.
- Once selected, the path to the file will appear in the Document Source field.
- Click the Save button.
- New Upload bars will appear as files are added.

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.pdf

* Project Location Map(s):

Location_Map.pdf Location_Map_Proposed_Trail.pdf

* Conceptual Site Plan:

Conceptual_Plan_Map.pdf

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

* Plat or parcel map with subject parcels highlighted:

Parcel_Map.pdf

* Photographs of the site - digital images, combine into one file: Photo_Document.pdf

* Certified Resolution: from the highest governing body:

* Advance Notice of a public meeting for public comment and to pass the resolution: Notice.of.Public.Hearing.pdf

* 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_bills.pdf Deed_15-15-429-032.pdf * Notice of Intent Form and copy of letter transmitting form to the regional clearinghouse:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ACQUISITION APPLICATIONS:

Letter(s) of support: LOS.Roch.Univ.pdf County_ED_SupportLetterRochesterHills03092023.pdf LOS.CRWC.pdf LOS.Cloverport Neighborhood.pdf

Documentation of match commitment(s):

Draft easement or other agreement, if applicable:

Correspondence regarding regulatory permitting issues, if applicable:

Expert documentation to support the project: Appraisal.July22,2023.pdf Green.Space.Stewarship.Plan.pdf Natural.Features.Inventory.2005.pdf RU_ConservationEasement.pdf RU_Woodland_Conservation_Easement.pdf

Environmental Report, if applicable:

Additional Information

- 1. Click Save to save changes.
- 2. See the 2023 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.