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DIRECTOR

March 17, 2025

Ken Elwert  
City of Rochester Hills  
Director, Parks and Natural Resources  
1000 Rochester Hills Dr.  
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

SUBJECT: RP12-479 Velodrome at Bloomer Park

Dear Mr. Elwert,

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Grants Management Section has made a determination regarding the closure of the velodrome at Bloomer Park. The city was awarded a Recreation Passport grant for the velodrome development in 2012, (RP12-479) in the amount of \$45,000. The velodrome has been closed, without public access since 2023.

Since the grant closed in 2013, for the one scope item (velodrome), we can determine that the life expectancy of 20 years (and formal encumbrance by the project agreement) has been met by half, or 10 of the 20 years expected (2013-2023). Since the velodrome was only operational for half of the expected time-period, we will require that the remaining value of the grant be repaid. Of the \$45,000 awarded, we will require that \$22,500 be repaid. We appreciate the potential for the velodrome site area to be re-purposed in some way, but for the Recreation Passport program requirements, repayment will be necessary. The city will be considered in conversion status until the repayment is received.

If you have any questions regarding this determination and the attached invoice, please contact Erin Campbell, DNR Conversion Officer at [campbelle6@michigan.gov](mailto:campbelle6@michigan.gov) or 269-300-9698.

Sincerely,

Clayton Summers  
Grants Section Manager  
Michigan Department of  
Natural Resources

Enclosure