**City of Novi Woodland, Wetland and Department of Natural Resources – protection regulations.**

Per our earlier conversation, I’m sending along a little more info on Novi’s Woodlands Protection Ordinance. A map depicting all regulated woodlands in the City can be found here (note that regulated woodlands and private property oftentimes overlap—those areas are privately-owned, but still protected): <https://novi.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7f762b6e1191486197fd165b0bc6cec4>

In short, areas designated as regulated woodland/wetland are to remain in their natural state. That means plants, brush, fallen leaves/twigs, etc. may **not** be removed. Even dead trees and fallen leaves play a vital role in the ecosystem. Likewise, things shouldn’t be added to the regulated areas either. Things like non-native plants or grass clippings going into the natural woodland can harm the local ecology.

If a property owner wants to remove regulated trees or undergrowth, they would need to apply for a permit **before** any work begins. There’s a lot more info on the ordinance summarized here: <https://cityofnovi.org/services/community-development/regulated-woodland-map-and-ordinance>

The ordinance can be found in full here, in Chapter 37: <https://library.municode.com/mi/novi/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH37WOPR>

Please feel free to get in touch if you have any further questions. I appreciate the role you’re taking in preventing future woodland encroachment in your subdivision.

Thanks,

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