

Press Release

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New Street Light Project Approved for Historic Westland Neighborhood

October 9, 2020 - On Monday, October 5, the Westland City Council approved a contract with DTE Energy for a Street Lighting Enhancement Project for the Historic Norwayne District. The project will be funded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation in an amount not to exceed \$27,642.

The Norwayne Street Lighting Enhancement Project aims to enhance safety and visibility along Dorsey Road and Grand Traverse and will consist of:

- The addition of six light poles at Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center
- Upgrading 18 light fixtures along Grand Traverse And additionally
- Installation of two new light poles at Venoy and Grand Traverse and Lincoln-Johnson Field.

Constructed in 1942, the Norwayne neighborhood is Westland's oldest subdivision. It was added to the National Registry of Historic places in July of 2013. Erected during World War II for the workers at the Willow Run Bomber Plant and during its peak was home to over 20,000 residents.

"Westland continues to improve safety conditions for motorists and pedestrians who use the city's thoroughfares with LED streetlights," commented Mayor Wild. "These lights use less energy yet provide for enhanced visibility, allowing us to continue to support and practice responsible environmental sustainability."

The project is expected to be completed by the end of January 2021.

Westland, Michigan is the state's 10th largest municipality, with a population of over 84,000.

Westland has been recognized as one of 24/7 Wall Street's America's Best 50 Cities to Live, offering residents and visitors an ideal blend of single – family affordable homes, apartments and condominiums, great schools, and access to numerous outdoor activities. Public safety is delivered by full-service, professional law enforcement and firefighting personnel.

Westland is well known as a premier destination for shopping and dining in Wayne County with hundreds of shops and restaurants anchored by the Westland shopping Center, one of the countries original four regional malls.

The City is served by two public school districts; Wayne-Westland Community Schools serving 12,000 youth was recently named one of the best schools in Michigan by WXYZ-TV and is the proud recipient of 14 Golden Apple and two Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School Awards. Livonia Public Schools, educating nearly 15,000 students, is proud of their MEAP/MME scores that exceed State averages and the district has also earned Golden Apple and Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School awards.

The City provides competitive incentives for those who are interested in investing in Westland, making it one of the hottest investment markets in the region. Westland's Fast-Track to Business Team, which consists of key decision makers who work diligently to "cut the red tape" and expedite the approval process for new business development.