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Ionia awarded \$30,000 grant to plant trees at future Steele Street Park



The site of the future Steele Street Park on Friday, June 13, 2025.

IONIA, Mich. — The City of Ionia has been awarded a \$30,000 Urban and Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

This grant will support the planting of dozens of trees in the future Steele Street Park, helping to create a green space for residents and visitors. Park plans include several amenities such as pickleball courts, a volleyball court, a performing arts pavilion, a restroom and storage building, and a new parking lot to serve both the park and the adjacent Ionia Dog Park.

Construction is expected to begin in 2026, with a local fundraising campaign launching in the coming months to help bring the park vision to life.

Ionia was one of only 15 communities across the state selected to share more than \$1 million in grant funding. Statewide, the program is expected to support the planting and maintenance of over 1,700 trees, positively impacting more than 285,000 Michiganders.

The City of Ionia extends its gratitude to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for its investment in our urban forest. This support brings us one step closer to making Steele Street Park a recreational asset for the community.

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