

Creating the Foundation: Funding Green Infrastructure & Green Development

"More and more state, county, and municipal voters are deciding that the surest – and often the fairest – way to protect open space is to just buy it." -TPL



■ Funding Acquisition of Key GI Components

- Purchase of Development Rights
- Transfer of Development Rights
- Conservancy Endowments
- Open Space/ Land Preservation Millage
- Special Assessment Tax District
- Michigan Natural Features Trust Fund Grant



■ Funding Green Development

- Developer Impact Fee
- Homeowners' Association Fees
- Federal Grants for Green Design Demo Projects



Additional SE MI Communities that have Funded Open Space & Green Infrastructure Initiatives

- **Northville Township** 1998: Passed a 4-year .75-mil tax to raise \$2.3M for recreation, parks, & preservation of natural areas
- **Oakland Township** 2001: Passed a 10-year .75-mil tax to raise \$5 million for land acquisition.
- **Ann Arbor** 2003: Passed a half-mil, 30-year tax to preserve open space and farmland
- **Ann Arbor Township** 2003: Passed a .7-mill, 20-year tax to purchase development rights on township farmland.
- **Scio Township** 2004: Passed a 10-year tax for farmland preservation that will leverage greenbelt funds
- **Commerce Township** 2004: Passed a .4-mil 10-year tax for park improvement and open-space acquisition
- **Rochester Hills** 2005: Passed a 10-year .3-mil tax to raise \$1M for land acquisition.
- **Webster Township** 2005: Passed a 5-year .5-mil tax for the preservation of farmland, open space, wildlife habitat, scenic views, and water quality.