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**July 16th Update - The North Barn was demolished this morning. It only took 2 hours to destroy a part of Novi's history. Almost all of the barn was dumped into dumpsters and taken to a landfill.**

At the July 7th Council Meeting, Mayor David Landry and Council members Kim Capello, Robert Gatt, Terry Margolis and David Staudt approved the destruction of the entire Fuerst Farmstead including the farmhouse and all three barns. Twenty-two residents spoke in opposition to the demolition during the audience participation portion of the meeting. A number of residents asked for the Council to put the issue to a public vote.

The Friends of the Fuerst Farm presented a petition with over 1,300 signatures from Novi residents in opposition to the demolition and in support of preservation and re-use of the farmstead. Despite the public opposition to the demolition, the 5 Council members voted to destroy Novi's only site on the National Register of Historic Places. Council members Kathy Crawford and Andrew Mutch voted against demolition.

*Send a message to the City Council!* Your e-mail will be forwarded to all Council members by the City Clerk [mcornelius@cityofnovi.org](mailto:mcornelius@cityofnovi.org)

*Speak Out!* Send a letter to the editor of the Novi News to say why you oppose this decision. [emitchell@gannett.com](mailto:emitchell@gannett.com)

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Thank you to all of our supporters who signed petitions, contacted Council members and helped out in our effort to save the Farm.