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Frequent flooding of the Wabash made the Lafayette Municipal Golf Course difficult to maintain. In January, the Lafayette parks board voted to close the course after the Lafayette Parks Foundation acquired the Battle Ground Golf Club as a gift from John Scheumann. / File photo/Journal & Courier

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No one envisioned that the [Lafayette Municipal Golf Course](#) would be anything but just that — a golf course — when the [Wabash River Enhancement Corp.](#) completed a corridor [master plan](#) in 2010.

Now that the city has closed the 18-hole course, the Wabash River Enhancement Corp. wants to take an in-depth look at how that acreage may figure into future development.

The corporation's board will open responses to its request for qualifications for a potential project to plan for the reuse of the site.

"This is just the very first step in finding who is out there," said Lafayette Mayor [Tony Roswarski](#). Roswarski also serves as the Wabash River

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The old Midwest Rentals property at 52 Sycamore in Lafayette that was sold to the Wabash River Enhancement Corp. New plans look to add more use to lands near the river. / File photo/Journal & Courier

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Wabash River Enhancement Corp. board president Stanton Lambert said the board will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the trailhead park near the McAllister Park entrance on North Ninth Street. "We want to see which firms, architects, landscape architects or engineers, might work together on a future project."

Stanton Lambert, Wabash River Enhancement Corp.'s executive director, had received seven responses as of Wednesday.

"We asked the firms to present their qualifications, identify team members that will be working specifically on our project and identify each staff person's experience," Lambert said.

Depending on the qualifications and responses, Roswarski said the board may seek formal proposals from firms interested in studying future uses of the former course.

Lafayette, West Lafayette, Tippecanoe County and Purdue University leaders established the Wabash River Enhancement Corp. in 2004 as a nonprofit agency to coordinate planning and development along the Wabash River.

Among other things, the agency has created a master plan of environmentally and economically sustainable developments along the 30-mile Wabash River corridor that runs through Tippecanoe County.

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