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The summer reading list got longer this week for board members of [Wabash River Enhancement Corp.](#)

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The board on Thursday opened packets of information from landscape architects, engineers and design companies interested in working on a plan for reusing the former [Lafayette golf course](#).

"I am very pleased with the response we got," said [Tony Roswarski](#), Lafayette mayor..

"These are very good firms," added [John Dennis](#), West Lafayette mayor.

The cities, [Tippecanoe County](#) and a Purdue University representative oversee the agency's [mission](#) of coordinating recreation, economic development and environmental improvement projects in the Wabash River watershed.

Up for consideration

The following firms submitted their qualifications to Wabash River Enhancement Corp.: [American Structurepoint](#), Indianapolis; [Browning Day Mullens Dierdorf](#), Indianapolis; [MKSK](#), Indianapolis; [Rundell Ernstberger Associates](#), Indianapolis, in conjunction with [Butler Fairman & Seufert](#), WTG Ecologic and Development Concepts Inc.; [Schmidt Associates](#), Indianapolis; [The Troyer Group](#), Mishawaka; and [WRT- Wallace Roberts & Todd](#), Philadelphia, Pa.

Its [master plan](#) includes the golf course, which was closed after developer John Scheumann donated the Battle Ground Golf Club to the Lafayette Parks Foundation.

The opportunity to design a new use for the old golf course, located in the Wabash River flood plain, prompted the board to request qualifications and find out which companies have experience and what their previous projects look like.

"We'll see qualifications from a firm that will be able to provide vision and some really new and interesting ideas for the way this golf course could be redeveloped," said John Collier, Purdue's [director of campus master planning](#).

That concept of shopping for ideas is what makes the request for qualifications unique.

"They're going to show you other places you can go out and look at

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to get some ideas for what you might be interested in that you might not otherwise be aware of," said David Luhman, a Wabash River Enhancement Corp. attorney.

There is no specific timetable, Roswarski. The board will work at a pace that allows for public input, provides time for board members to look at other projects and ensures a high-quality outcome.

"It will take us a good two months or longer just to go through these qualifications," Roswarski said.

"If there are things we can physically go look at, we'll have to line up times and trips and schedules for people to be able to go. This is just a very preliminary first step of moving this process along."

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