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## **<u>City issues request for proposals for riverfront study</u>**

*Fort Wayne, Ind.* – Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry today was joined by Legacy Fort Wayne leaders to discuss the request for proposals (RFP) for a Riverfront Development Study for the City of Fort Wayne.

This will be the first comprehensive look at the City's rivers to determine opportunities to enhance the riverfront.

The RFP was issued today, and the City is seeking proposals from qualified consultants and consultant teams. Proposals are due on April 12. Interviews with finalists will occur in May. A final selection is expected to be made this summer. It's anticipated the study will take 9-18 months to complete.

Areas of focus will include land use; engineering and infrastructure investment; watershed issues; trail connectivity; access to the river; urban design guidelines; retail; entertainment; and housing.

"This is going to be a tremendous year for the Legacy initiative," said Mayor Henry. "The riverfront study is a great first step as we will begin to see transformational change in our community."

The Riverfront Development Study is the first project to be funded by Legacy Fort Wayne dollars and is intended to provide the road map to a world class investment. The entire RFP can be viewed at <u>www.legacyfortwayne.org</u>.

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