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'Open Space Master Plan' Information

Seven teams have been formed by the city's Hogbacks Open Space Master Plan. Each subcommittee will include city departments, outside agencies and individuals. The teams and their objectives, leaders and timelines are:

- Natural Resources: To take an in-depth look at natural resources in the area. The leader is Parks Director John Nichols and the team's timeline is from January to July.
- Public/Recreational Use: To assess the current use of the Hogbacks. Leader is City Councilman Keith Hovland and the timeline is from January to July.
- Planning and Zoning: To review the area and its applications within the Comprehensive Land Use Master Plan and how planning and zoning might be affected. Councilman Jon Stone is the leader of the group with a timeline of February to April.
- Property Acquisition: To determine what the three owners' plans are before making decisions on acquiring the remaining property. Leader is City Administrator Steve Rabe and the timeline is April to July.
- Liability Issues: To study the liability that the city could face with any scenario. Team leader is City Attorney John Havens and the timeline is January to March.
- Financing: To determine funding availability and resource pooling potential. Rabe is the team leader with a timeline of January to March.
- Election: To assist in the preparation of a November ballot issue and to develop a campaign. Hovland leads this team with a timeline of June to August.