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# CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

**Agenda Item Presentation  
April 7, 2008**

**SUBJECT:** Study of Potential Uses of the Fuerst Property by Terry Croad, McKenna Associates.

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Parks, Recreation and Forestry

**CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In November 2007, Novi voters approved a millage for construction of a new library on the existing library property. Construction of the new library will necessitate the relocation of the historic Township Hall. Given this opportunity, plus a stated desire by the City Council to make use of this public property from its current "dormant" state, a request for proposals was issued for the Fuerst Property at 10 Mile and Taft Roads, which is a part of the Civic Center and Library Campus, to determine the best long-term public use of the City-owned property and provide a recommendation for the relocation of the historic Township Hall.

McKenna Associates was selected to complete a comprehensive study of the property. A thorough estimate of costs for two concepts was established. Both concepts keep the 6.5 acres (remnant of the original 160 acre property) as "green" and public open space, but in a usable and accessible condition. Currently, the property is underutilized, to say the least, and the buildings not functioning. Public participation was sought and was a valued component of the overall analysis in developing the plan. Approximately 630 invitation letters were sent to various stakeholders and citizens at large to participate in one of five focus group conducted by McKenna Associates. In addition, to general public notifications, approximately 85 citizens participated in the five focus group meetings. Citizens were also able to respond to a questionnaire on the City website and submit written responses, 67 responses were submitted.

Based upon input during the focus group meetings and surveys, a complete Study of the Potential Uses of the Fuerst Property is provided, including two concept plans and alternatives, presented by Terry Croad of McKenna Associates.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Study of Potential Uses of the Fuerst Property by Terry Croad, McKenna Associates.

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Mayor Landry				
Mayor Pro Tem Capello				
Council Member Crawford				
Council Member Gatt				

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Council Member Margolis				
Council Member Mutch				
Council Member Staudt				