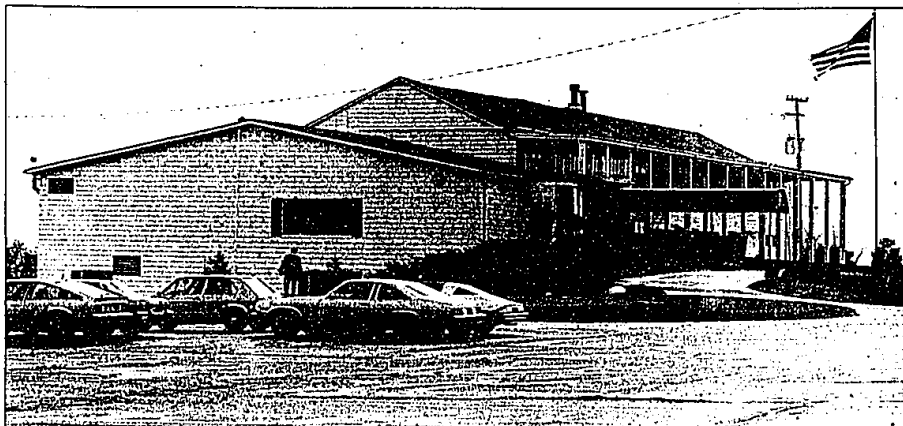


Country club may not move across 12 Mile

'At this time, it appears unlikely the Farmington Hills Country Club will move.'

— Peter Burton
developer



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Farmington Hills Country Club has been on the southeast corner of 12 Mile and Haggerty roads since 1955.

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year were rezoned to accommodate the proposed land swap. The Farmington Hills Country Club property was rezoned from single-family residential (RA-1), allowing for a country club) to industrial research office. Acreage on the northeast corner was rezoned from single-family residential to planned residential development — half multiple-family housing and half single-family housing with open space areas.

Despite the unlikelihood of a successful land swap, Burton told council he plans to continue with plans to construct a nine-hole golf course and subdivision on approximately 288 acres on the intersection's northeast corner.

After hearing the possibility that the proposed land swap appears to be fail-

ing, some council members said they were unsure whether they want to maintain the zoning on both corners that was approved last year.

"I am not sure I'm ready to say the (Farmington Hills) golf course is IRO (industrial research and office)," Councilwoman Jan Dolan said. "You said it was a whole package deal and now half the package is gone."

BUT BURTON said the rezoning was approved and the major question was whether the proposed subdivision golf course would satisfy the city's open space requirements.

Councilwoman Joan Dudley said she wanted to be sure that the planned golf course would benefit residents who would live in the proposed subdivision. Burton assured Dudley that residents would have preferential use of the

course but it would also be open to the public on certain days.

Burton also warned council that "there is still a chance the (Farmington Hills country) club will not stay at its location."

Trevisan said that country club officials had not yet decided whether the

club would stay or relocate.

"There are a number of options and moving is one of them," he said. "Time is going to squeeze us out of the area."

Traffic congestion along both 12 Mile and Haggerty, as well as rapid growth of office development in the area do

not "provide the proper atmosphere for a club," Trevisan said.

IF 12 Mile is widened as proposed by Farmington Hills officials, the club will also lose a portion of its frontage on the thoroughfare. If Haggerty is widened, the same will happen on its

western frontage, Trevisan said.

For the last three or four years, club officials have considered expanding the course, particularly into a championship-caliber course but have no means to add to the existing land. Trevisan said.

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