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north of 11 Mile to increase San Marino Golf Course from nine to 18 holes.

The expansion will occupy only part of the 92 acres. The use of the rest - estimated at 70 acres - is up to the city. Farmington Hills City Council members have not talked about developing the remaining parcel.

"It's not available yet because this city council hasn't decided whether they want to do with the (remaining property) yet," said Teri Arbenowski, Hills Economic Development coordinator.

One possible idea has the remaining parcel being rezoned to research office development, which would fit in nicely for Compuware Corp.'s need to expand, another city official said.

A campus setting near a golf

course is one sales pitch being used to keep the computer software giant.

Compuware is expected to make decision about where it is building its new headquarters Aug. 31. The company is considering six sites, including Farmington Hills and Detroit.

"We can take a lot of that acreage and develop a beautiful campus around the golf course," said outgoing City Manager Dan Hobbs. "How would you like to come to work in a suburban campus-like setting and look out onto a golf course? Maybe at 3:30, since you put in some long hours last night, you could wander over and play nine."

"Compare that to running to downtown Detroit, the traffic and parking in a garage and working in a high-rise office

building. Which one would you rather do?"

Another possible site being suggested is NBD-owned property on the southeast corner of 12 Mile and Halsted. City officials are unsure the 142-acre parcel is even up for sale. "We just know it's vacant," Arbenowski said.

That property and the Eleven Pines are two of three Farmington Hills sites city officials are asking Compuware officials to consider, Hobbs said. He declined to reveal the third site. Farmington Hills is at a slight disadvantage because, unlike Detroit, the city is not able to offer tax breaks.

Gov. John Engler is expected to sign a senate bill that would - at cities' discretion - waive personal property taxes in cases where companies relocate to pro-

detoured "distressed" areas. Personal property taxes are paid on such things as computers, equipment and machinery.

Last year, Compuware paid \$223,279 in personal property tax to Farmington Hills. While the city cannot directly give a tax break, there are other ways to relieve costs, Hobbs said.

"I think there are various negotiables that are not necessarily monetary but very important," Hobbs said.

The bottom line in terms of an incentive for Compuware to stay is quality of life, which Farmington Hills offers in abundance, Arbenowski said.

"And the employees like it here. They like the environment here," she said.

Milshap



Taking a spill: This 15-year-old was hurt about 2:15 p.m. Thursday, when a car on Shiwasee Street struck his bicycle. Police said weather was not a factor.

School desks available for \$1

QIU, used student desks for just \$1? That's the price for Clarenceville School District's old elementary school desks on sale now at Grandview and Botsford elementary schools. Both

schools are replacing the desks. Buyers can visit either Livonia school during business hours. Botsford is on Lathurs Street, Grandview is on Louise Street. All sales are final.

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fight to keep Compuware, designs for the expanded golf course and completion of the Mallin project - the residential and commercial development planned for Orchard Lake and 14 Mile.

He regrets not seeing a sister cities program get started or the hiring of more minorities. During his tenure, the city has hired some African American employees.

"You have to understand when

I was young, that was the issue, that and Vietnam. It's a passion with me, equality of opportunity," Hobbs said. "Because I felt so strongly, I held myself back."

"As I look back, perhaps I should have done more in organizational development."

He met some resistance in trying to diversify the city's workforce. "It was subtle, but it was there," he said. "It was typical of bureaucracy resisting change."

He's highly complimentary of staff, particularly Police Chief Bill Dwyer and Fire Chief Richard Marinucci. He commends Dwyer for making the police department a model for diversity.

"I recognize national caliber leadership in Dwyer and Marinucci," he said. "I'm going to stay in touch with those guys."

He disputes the idea he's on the career fast-track and Farmington Hills was merely a comfortable lily pad until the next

leap. He points out he turned down numerous chances to interview for other positions, including in three in Washington D.C. area.

He and his family liked Farmington Hills. In fact, his wife and three children are staying behind until Hobbs finds a house in West Covina.

His relationship with city council members and city staff has largely been positive, he said.

As for replacing a longtime city manager, Hobbs didn't see that as an obstacle, either. In Greenbelt, Md., where Hobbs worked five years prior to Farmington Hills - he succeeded "a legend" who had been city manager for 29 years.

The fact a building, William Costick Activities Center, is named in his honor speaks volumes in the respect city council had for a city manager.

The downside is people assumed Costick's was the only way to run a city, Hobbs said.

For instance, Costick preferred to promote from within while Hobbs said he believed there needed to be a balance between internal and outside hirings.

"Maybe I should have paid more attention to it," he said. "My first response to folks to is in the absence of any direction, 'Just keep doing what you're doing.' I didn't try to put a stamp on the organization."

Through the years, the city manager's job has changed. Managers walk a fine line between pleasing their bosses - elected officials - while trying to run a professional city hall.

"I'm like anybody. I like to have a secure job. I don't like to have to work 80 hours ...," he said. "The real world is fueled by uncertainty. There is no real job security in the world anymore."

"I've decided I'm going to go for it."

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