High tech company eyes Hill location

The three-year-old firm, which now employs about 300 people, has contracts with the assembly divisions of General Motors and the Ford Motor Co. Automatis robots are used in some of the modern GM assembly plants like the ones in Poletown and Oxion Twe.

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Automatix, which was started by Villers in the fall of 1980, did \$400,000 world of business its first year. The firm recorded \$8 million in sales by 1982, officials said, and 1984 revenues are expected to exceed \$40 million. Automatix may end up in Farmington Hills, but it hasn't been in contact with the city's Economic

Development Corp. (EDC), according to John An-hui, a member of the EDC's board of directors. Under state law, cities like Farmington Hills can form an EDC, which issues bonds to finance or refi-nance the costs of commercial or industrial proj-

name the costs of commercial or industrial projects.

"To my knowledge, they (Automatix) haven't approached us yet," Anhut said last Friday.

Meanwhile, the personnel at the Automatix facility in the industrial park are busy answering the phones — and telling callers they're in the dark about the expansion.

"There are no specifics yet," said Lori Ferkel, the office manager of the Farmington location.

"We have no idea where it'll be."

Soapstone show planned

The native North American art of soapstone carving will be demonstrated at Independence Oaks County Park, 9:30-11 n.m. Saturday, March

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green in color and is used in paints, ceramics and insulation as well as for carvings.

The program will consist of a brief history of the craft, examples, demonstrations and carving of soapstone by the participant.

Participants should meet at the boat rental build-ing.

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The cost is the park entrance fee of \$2.50 per vehicle for Oakland County residents and \$4 for non-residents, plus \$1 for materials.
Participants should preregister by March 3. Independence Oaks is on Sashabaw Road, two-and-a-half miles north of 1-75, near Clarkston.



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Orchard Lake Road, shown above at the intersection of 10 Mile Road, is due for improvements, which are part of Farmington's six-year capital improvement plan.

City lists new projects

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The emergency 911 system, already in use in many suburbs, could be available to Farmington residents for \$35,000 if state fegliation concerning the financing is approved. The cost of the system, which must be borne by the telephone subscribers, has been estimated at 15 to 20 cents a month per customer. Sidewalk improvements, costing \$45,000, will be made along major streets, including Farmington, Freedom and Orchard Lake roads. The plan also ceals for the installation of handicapped and barrier-free ramps at intersections throughout the city.

capped and partier-tree tamps at many and the calls for \$3 million in the improvement program's budget calls for \$3 million in county funds for the implementing of the Oakland County Solid Waste Disposal Plan.

"The program includes strategically placed waste transfer stations, landfill sites and waste-to-energy incinerator facilities," the planning commission report said. "The plan calls for the construction of these facilities by private enterprise under sourced to the county.

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"The funding for this project will be provided by revenue bonds sold by Oakland County with the Debt Service funded through tipping fees charged to those who dispose of solid waste the system."

SOME \$140,000 is budgeted for the replacement of a Vactor Sewer Jet Rodder machine, used in the maintenance of the city's storm water sewer system. The current Vactor machine

is scheduled for replacement during the capital improvement program.

Expossion of the Farmington museum for \$125,000 will require nequisition of additional land in the rear of museum for during nequisition of additional land in the rear of museum for evelopment of a historical village. Houses which have historical significance may be moved to the village rather than destroyed. Parking facilities will be constructed.

A new hicycle path system would link Farmington to systems in adjacent communities. Cost \$100,000.

One proposal calls for a bike path along Orchard Lake Road from Grand River north to the city limits to interest bike path systems from Farmington Hills. It has also been proposed that a system be built along Rive Mille and Predom roads.

A recreational facility costing \$450,000 provides for the construction of activity rooms, an indoor meeting room, a kitchen and other "amenities necessary to conduct community and sensitive citizen recreational activities," according to the report.

"Such a facility may be constructed on city owned property located on Farmington Road or in cooperation with the city of Farmington Hills at another location. Funding would be provid-ed through voter approval General Obligation Bonds." Many of the capital improvement projects depend on the cometimes difficult funding from other governmental agencies,

Deadman said.

"It's probably never happened that the total six-year im-provement plan has been implemented," he said. "As you get along into the plan, things sometimes change."





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