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Firm hired for HP/Agilent Open Space design

The City has hired AECOM, an international design firm with local offices, to design the HP/Agilent Open Space. AECOM will plan the site amenities with public input and will assist with the development review process for the property.

The 121-acre open space site was purchased by the City in June 2011 as part of the larger HP/Agilent site acquisition. The open space is located south of 1st Street and west of Railroad Avenue. The site is adjacent to the city's Recreation Trail along the Big Thompson River, and contains three ponds resulting from previous mining. A number of historical structures are located on the property, associated with the Swartz family farmstead. At least one alternative will be developed to include the historic farm buildings in the open space design.

The AECOM team has begun their analysis and research of the site features, with completion expected later this month. The design process will follow and will include several community meetings for public review and comment on possible design alternatives. The first public open house is scheduled for late February. Comment forms will be available online and at the public meetings for comments and suggestions. Citizens will also have the opportunity to suggest names for the new open space during the master planning process. Master planning of the open space should be completed this spring and construction of the site amenities is expected to begin next fall.

Project information is available online and will be updated via the City of Loveland website: www.cityofloveland.org/Agilent

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