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Town of Fountain Hills Posts Lagoon Feasibility Study Report to Website

On December 14, 2017, the Town of Fountain Hills received the feasibility study report on the proposed lagoon project. After a Council work session was held to discuss the project on June 13, 2017, the Town Manager believed there was a consensus of the Town Council to move forward with a contract with Hunden Associates and Applied Economics to identify the construction costs as well as operating and maintenance costs of the proposed lagoon. Based on the projected revenues and expenditures of operating the proposed lagoon, the firm was tasked in determining if the project was financially feasible. The cost of the Hunden Associates portion of the feasibility study was \$18,800.

Hunden and Associates worked closely with Swaback Partners and Crystal Lagoons to identify the costs that were critical in assessing the feasibility of the project. Swaback Partners was tasked in optimizing the lagoon layout in Fountain Park and to identify the programming needs and cost of buildings for the lagoon. The firm was compensated \$20,000 for its portion of the feasibility study.

At the Town Council meeting on October 10, 2017, the Mayor and Council declared that the town would no longer pursue the project. Despite stating the project would not move forward, the Town Council indicated that the feasibility study report would be made available to the residents and general public. While there are no plans for a Council discussion or review of the lagoon feasibility report, the complete feasibility report has been posted to the Town's website for residents to view or download.