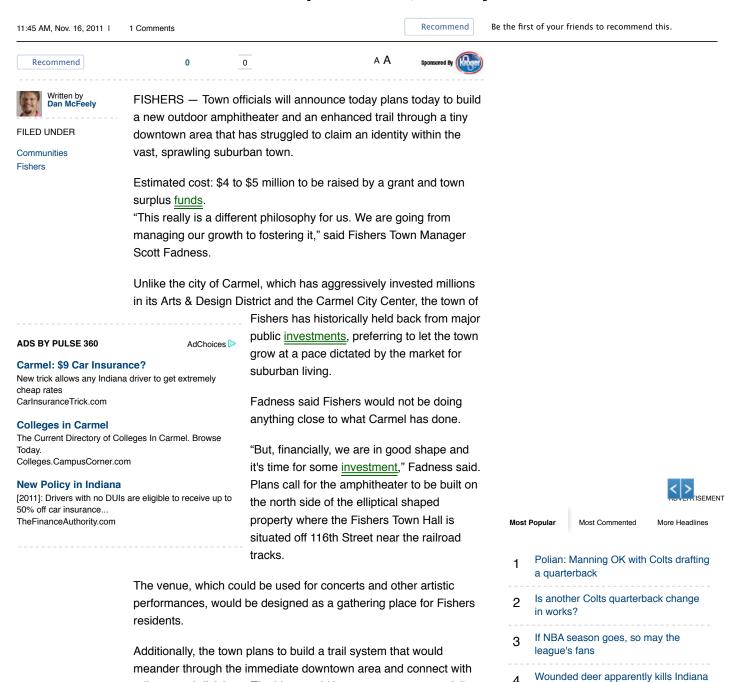


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# Fishers to build outdoor amphitheater, trail system



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adjacent subdivisions. The idea would be to encourage more folks

to walk or ride their bikes to a congested commercial district that

has struggled to attract new business in the past.

The plan is like baby steps compared to the last grand idea to create a new Fishers downtown.

A few years ago, a Cleveland-based developer had proposed a massive reconstruction of the area around 116th Street, west of I-69 -- an elaborate plan to purchase existing homes (some of the oldest homes in town) and rebuild with a mix of new homes, townhomes, condos and businesses.

But the developer has since backed off that idea when homeowners expressed a reluctance to sell their properties for the \$100 million idea and town officials were equally reluctant to use its power of eminent domain to take the homes.

Fadness said he'd like to see amphitheater construction begin by spring.

The town recently received a \$500,000 grant from the Hamilton County Convention and Visitors Bureau to help fund the project. The rest will come from town surplus and Fadness said there is no tax increase planned to pay for the projects.

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