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Kalispell approves Core Area Feasibility Study

FLATHEAD COUNTY

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KALISPELL, Mont. - Kalispell will soon take a closer look at redeveloping its railroad corridor. The city council voted on Monday to bring in Willdan Financial Services, a California based firm, to look at the city's core revitalization area. The core area is bound by Washington Street to the north, First Street to the south, extends to city limits on the east and west sides of town, and is split in half by railroad tracks.

The study is being funded through the Montana Department of Commerce and the Environmental Protection Agency. City Manager Doug Russell said this is just the first step for the core area.

"There's definitely a delineation and you see that in a lot of municipalities from their origination and how they've evolved over time," Russell explained. "So it's not an uncommon situation to see a railroad track going through town and to see the community struggling with the way best to approach that and make the most we can out of that opportunity."

Willdan Financial Services has 3-4 months to complete its study that will eventually be presented to the city for consideration.

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