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MEMO

To: Parks and Recreation Aquatics Master Plan Committee
From: Jon Turkel, Assistant Director *JMT*
Subject: Aquatics Master Plan Committee Meeting
Date: January 2, 2020

The Aquatics Master Plan Committee is scheduled to meet at 4:00pm on January 8, 2020 in the Parks and Recreation Conference Room, 107 N. Kent St. Winchester, VA 22601. Items for discussion include:

1. Review of Public Input & Plan Draft
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Introduction:

Aquatics are an important part of recreation nationwide. Aquatics often lead the list of desired public recreational amenities in Parks and Recreation plans. Additionally, a strong aquatics program is vitally important for all children and adults to learn to swim. Beyond learning a critical life skill, aquatics provides opportunity for all ages and abilities to benefit.

Background:

Aquatics provided by Frederick County Parks and Recreation consists of two outdoor pools at county parks. These pools were constructed in 1988 & 1989 and are nearing a point in their lifecycle where significant investment will be required to ensure reliable use and to create facilities meeting the interests of today's resident. At this time of needed outdoor pool investment it should be recognized there has been a long-standing interest in an indoor aquatics facility to provide year-round and weather independent community aquatics. An indoor aquatics facility has been on the county Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) since the very first CIP in 1993 and has been identified as a top desired facility in the 2012 and 2017 Parks and Recreation Community Surveys.

Purpose:

The near-term capital needs of the existing outdoor pools combined with increased demand for indoor aquatics presents an opportunity to use resources to maximize community benefit. The purpose of this plan is to provide a roadmap to most effectively provide an aquatics program to meet the current needs of Frederick County residents.

Current Inventory:

Clearbrook Park Pool:



Sherando Park Pool:



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Frederick County Parks and Recreation operates two outdoor 25-yard 6 lane pools with zero depth entry areas and diving wells. Opened in 1989, these pools are located at Clearbrook and Sherando Parks and operated through the summer season. Pool programming includes; swim lessons, water fitness classes, swim teams, kayak lessons, lap swim, and general public open swim. Attendance in 2019 totaled 26,675 with 15,240 at Clearbrook and 11,435 attending at the Sherando pool.

Based on their age, the two county outdoor pools and associated support facilities are nearing a point in their lifecycle where significant renovations are needed to maintain the pool complexes integrity. Industry guidelines recognize the typical life of an aquatic facility is 30-50 years. Major facility renovations are generally required every 10-15 years in order to keep up with changes in demographics and community expectations. With no significant renovations occurring at the Frederick County pools as they approach their 3rd decade, wide ranging renovation needs are needed. Renovation cost estimates approach \$250,000 per pool to address the variety of facility updates.

Other Area Providers:

Winchester Parks and Recreation

At Jim Barnett Park, the city operates both a seasonal outdoor pool and an indoor pool for competitive and recreational users at Jim Barnett Park. The indoor pool is a six lane 25-yard pool which currently serves a city high school team, three county high school teams, a private club team, and other aquatic activities. The outdoor pool is an eight lane, 50-yard pool with a water slide and a few spray-ground features.

Winchester County Club

The Winchester County Club operates a 6-lane, 25-yard pool with a zero-depth entry area and diving well. This is a member only pool used for recreational purposes and a summer club team.

Stonebrook County Club

The Stonebrook County Club operates a 6-lane, 25-yard pool with a shallow water area and diving well. This is a member only pool used for recreational purposes and a summer club team.

KIDSfirst Swim School

Located in the Gateway Plaza shopping center, this privately-run indoor facility offers instruction for all ages and fitness classes. The pool is of insufficient dimensions for competitive swimmers.

One-Life Fitness

The Delco Plaza location of this membership-based gym offers an indoor four lane 20-yard pool and offers open swimming times and water fitness classes. A new indoor fitness pool is expected at One-Life's new Kernstown location.

Signal Knob Recreation Center in Strasburg, VA

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This indoor 6 lane 25-yard pool serves as a training venue for a private club swim team and area high school teams and is not open to the public. The Signal Knob Center pool is located in Strasburg which is a significant drive for most Frederick County residents.

The Winchester Medical Center Therapy Pool

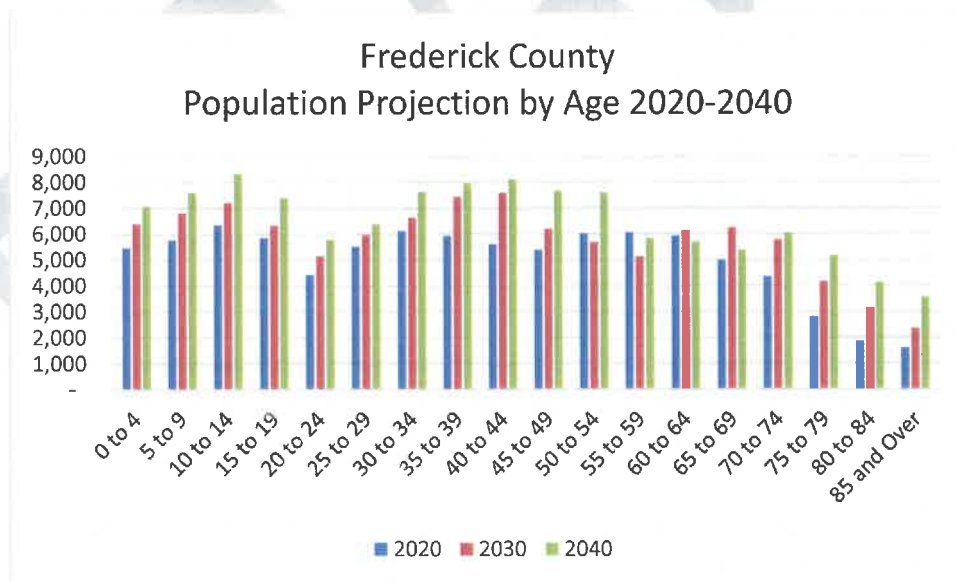
This indoor pool hosts warm water activities. The pool is not available for recreational use by the community and is of insufficient dimensions for competitive swimmers.

Valley Health System Wellness Center

The VHS Wellness Center houses a warm water therapy pool and a 5-lane lap pool. The design of the lap pool is of insufficient dimensions for competition swimming and is not currently available for use by any of the local high school swim teams for practices.

Demographic Background:

With a 2018 population of 87,776, Frederick County is the 13th (of 95) most populous county in the state of Virginia. The population is projected to increase to 90,115 by 2020, another 14% to 104,608 by 2030, and then 11% to 117,450 by 2040 (Weldon Cooper). The county seat, Winchester City with a population of 28,804 (Weldon Cooper), is in the eastern portion of the county and is similarly projected to grow similarly over the coming decades.



Along racial lines, the county has a majority (91%) White population followed by (9%) Hispanic or Latino, (5%) Black or African American, 1% Asian, and (>1%) other (U.S. Census Bureau).

Frederick County has a population that shows a strong need for aquatics programming and facilities. A large section of the population, 43%, is between the ages of 20 and 54. This section of the population is

more likely to have children, live in a household of more than 2 people, and is more likely to be employed. This section of the population is actively looking for recreation amenities and tends to have discretionary income to spend. Those age groups both younger and older than the primary age 20-54 group, are more likely to engage in organized programs like swim lessons, swim teams, and water fitness programs. The characteristic of the under 55 age groups are more likely to seek amenities and opportunities the entire family can enjoy (Councilman-Hunsaker Aquatics).

Statement of Need:

Based on the analysis of service approaches used throughout the country, there is high demand for a new indoor aquatics' facility in Frederick County and it would be expected this facility would have strong attendance/use when opened.

Level of Service (LOS) standards in the industry have evolved from population-based determination to benchmark comparisons and individualized need assessments. Population-based LOS from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) stated a standard of 1 pool per 20,000 population. Current benchmark findings (Park Metrics Report) from NRPA show an average of 1 pool per 43,000 in communities with similar population characteristics to Frederick County. The Park Metrics Report does not separate indoor and outdoor pool facilities specifically, so consideration of different use patterns at differing times of year when some pools may be closed needs to be factored.

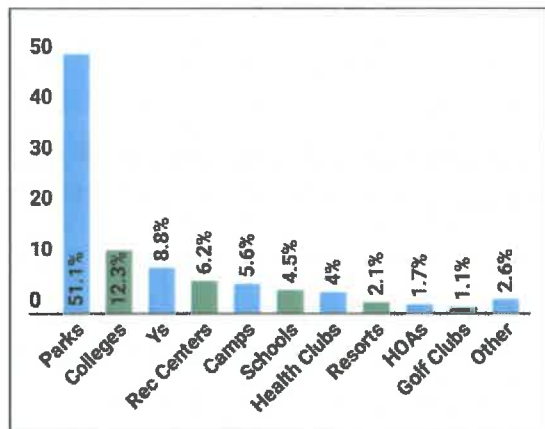
Individualized needs assessments recognize that unique characteristics of different communities often presents the most accurate means of determining what facilities should be pursued. Relevant factors including; capacity, quality, condition, location, convenience, and attractiveness all factor into a determination that is representative of the actual facility need within a community.

Frederick County Parks and Recreation, in its 2017 Master Plan LOS inventory, identifies the Winchester City indoor pool as the only community pool as it is the only regional pool capable of serving the entire aquatics community, including competitions. The City indoor pool, as the only public indoor facility, provides perspective on how public indoor aquatic needs are being met in the Frederick County area. In order to use the City pool in the effective Frederick County facility inventory count, it is necessary to consider the Winchester City population (~28,000) in the LOS as the pool currently serves both city and county residents. This brings the current indoor pool facility LOS to 1 for a population of 116,000+, high by the LOS and benchmark perspectives.

Determining the adequacy of the City of Winchester indoor pool to meet both city and county needs through the individualized assessment method provides additional support of the need for a new indoor aquatic facility. Scheduling at the existing city pool is exceptionally high, with reservations extending from 5am to 10pm and little room for additional reservations or programming. The facility has served the community well over its lifespan and continues to serve as the only public indoor pool and practice facility for all local competitive teams. The facility is smaller than comparable modern pools (6 lanes vs 8) hosting competitive swim meets, and the size contributes to the capacity limitations mentioned

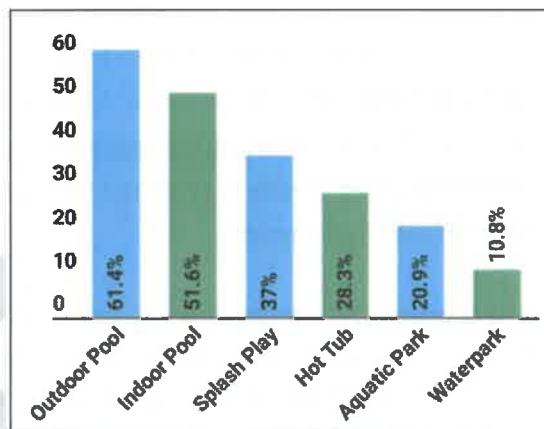
previously. The condition of the facility, while currently serviceable, has been showing its age for some time and issues of humidity control and acoustics continue to present condition and ambiance challenges. Local competitive user groups consistently express that if a modern facility were built it would be preferred over the existing city pool.

Who provides pools in the US?



*Recreation Management, Aquatic Trend Report 2019

What types of pools are provided?



*Recreation Management, Aquatic Trend Report 2019

Public Input:

Stakeholder interviews and citizen input opportunities provided an understanding of how the community view and will ultimately use the recreation offerings in the aquatics space.

Stakeholder input was solicited from a broad range of groups associated with aquatics in the Frederick County community. Stakeholder input was received from Frederick County Public School staff; Shenandoah University staff, disability service groups, Swim Team groups and the Winchester Parks and Recreation department. Not surprisingly, all current aquatics user groups agreed on the need for more ideal aquatics space and more appropriate scheduling times. The theme of ‘building for the future’, was a common refrain as concern over capacity issues and the recognition we are living in a growing community were expressed. Scheduling also presented itself as a common theme with over-subscription to the existing indoor pool at Jim Barnett Park leading to very late or early practice times for local high school and club teams. Inconsistent scheduling time availability being identified as a barrier to program development for disability service groups.

Individual input was solicited through an on-line survey that asked specific questions and also allowed for general comments. The survey period was open for four weeks from early November 2019 to early December and was advertised in various social media and internet venues as well as being promoted in a Winchester Star article. Over 1,100 responses were

obtained in this method allowing for a valuable perspective into the anticipated use of an indoor facility.

The community input survey asked several questions about anticipated use and desired amenities of an indoor natatorium, and the implications such a facility would have on programming and/or design of the existing outdoor facilities. Results of the survey are included as an appendix, key points include; 1,109 respondents (97%) indicated they would use an indoor swimming pool, with desired characteristics spanning the range of use interests including; 50 meter length, a separate Warm water therapy/learning pool, and water park features. Results are provided in **Appendix A**.

Trends:

Designed and built in the late 1980's the existing outdoor pools at Clearbrook and Sherando Park utilized the design standards popularized in the period from 1950-1990; to include lap lanes, diving board, and wading area with the intended user being children and lap swimmers. Beginning in the early 1990's, an emphasis on broadening the scope of aquatic centers to include something for everyone, including tots, teens, young adults, and seniors.

Each age and user group has different preferences for water depth and temperature. Competitive swimmers require colder and deeper water, seniors typically want shallower water with slightly warmer temperatures, tots are attracted by play features and shallow water areas, while teens (not in swimming programs) look for exciting features such as climbing walls or water basketball goals as example

When viewing U.S. physical activity trends as reported in the 2019 Physical Activity Council Participation Report, swimming is categorized with Fitness Sports and consistently rated as the most participated in category overall and continues to grow in year over year comparison. Additionally, when non-participants were asked what activity they would aspire to participate in, swimming for fitness or swimming on a team was the most common choice amongst all age groups and across income levels.

Meeting the broad range of interests requires considering a dual pool model with the possibility of separating different users even within the same body of water. There are several models to follow in facility design that address broad user needs and allow maximization of limited pool time.

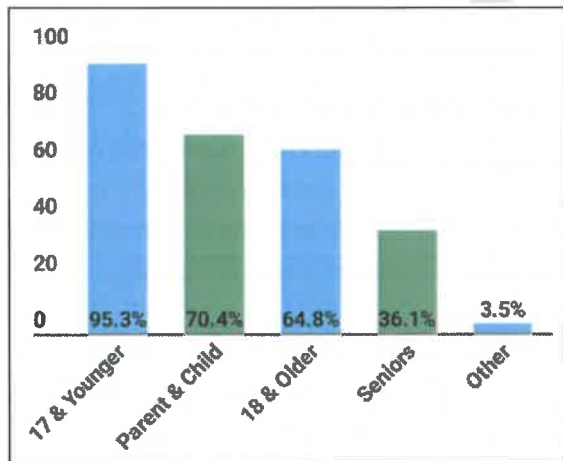
Aquatic Usage:

For either indoor or outdoor pools, usage falls into the categories of; Recreation, Instruction, Competition, and Wellness and Therapy. While not the only factor, age is the largest factor in determining the typical use categories, and this in turn plays into pool layout and programming schedules.

The recreational user typically consists of tots, families, and teens. Teen parties, adult parties, birthday party rentals are examples of programming opportunities. For tots and younger users, warmer temperature water is best and providing wide staircase or zero depth entry facilitates comfort and use with the pool environment. This age group and the parents that accompany them are attracted to water features, small slides, and play zones. For teens, cooler water and more dynamic pool features such as drop slides, climbing walls, and water basketball nets are examples of activities that provide interest and programming opportunities. Providing something for these age groups encourages 'family use' which in turn supports additional items such as food concessions and eating areas.

Instruction provides a key benefit for the user and community. Additionally, instruction represents a large programming opportunity. Traditional instruction programming includes all age and ability swim lessons, lifeguard certification, and water safety instruction. Other creative aquatic instruction programs include; snorkeling, scuba diving, and water aerobics among others. A broad diversity of programming topics provides the opportunity to fill otherwise underutilized pool times.

Learn to swim participants in the US:



*Recreation Management, Aquatic Trend Report 2019

Wellness and Therapy is the fastest growing aquatic user group nationally. This area of usage typically requires warmer water temperatures in a range that overlaps with that of younger recreational users. Among disciplines of aquatic therapy are; athletic trainers, fitness classes, massage therapists, physical therapists, occupation therapists, and adapted aquatics. An additional benefit of wellness and therapy programming is the use of non-peak pool times for greater overall utilization.

Competition use of a public aquatic facility is a given and plays a large role in design considerations. Swim teams at the high school level, Special Olympics, local teams, and master's swim teams are large and consistent users of indoor pools. Currently Frederick County High School and club teams have limited swim time and sub-optimal practice schedules. This combination has limited participation in what would otherwise be a strong and growing area of youth sport participation. Competitive swim

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requires specific pool length and water temperatures; however, these configurations are common and the water temperature requirement fits the needs of users outside of the competitive category.

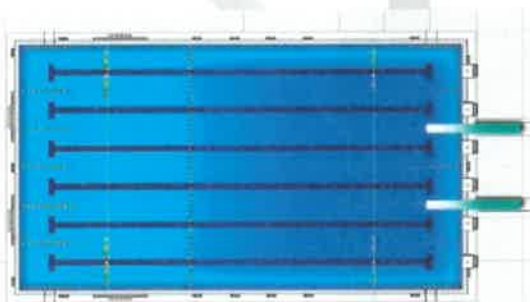
Indoor pools and outdoor pools have very different functions in most communities. Indoor pools tend to be programmed with classes and are more likely used for fitness and competitions. Outdoor pools tend to be used more for recreation, although many summer swim teams utilize outdoor competition pools and many recreation swimmers utilize indoor leisure pools. Characteristically, outdoor pools have high recreation and entertainment features spread out over acres, whereas indoor pools offer fitness and competitive swimming year-round in more compact indoor spaces.

Types of Aquatic Facilities:

Elements of aquatic facilities has become more age and programmatic specialization requiring different elements. Water temperature is important for the program areas of interest for users. Temperatures are specific for each activity. Competition swimming prefers water at 78-82 degrees F. Athletes cannot perform well or as safely in warm water. Recreation and exercise class patrons prefer water temperatures from 84-90 degrees F. Therapy activities require even warmer water at 90-95 degrees F. What different water temperatures mean for pool planning is the need for separate pools. Although temperature can be increased and decreased for different programs, the time and energy it would take would not be practical for a wide range of programs. Entry level swim lesson participants may be able to adapt to cooler water, but younger patrons will experience discomfort resulting in less learning as an example.

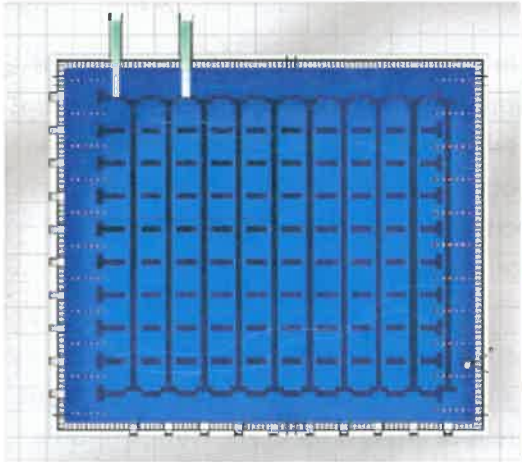
Water depth is another area where specific activities have specific requirements. Diving requires 12.5 feet for one-meter springboards. Swim lessons need 18-42 inches of water. Competitive swimming requires a minimum of 4 feet of water at turns and 6 or more feet for racing starts. Recreation water depths range from 0 to 42 inches, therapy ideally from 42-66 inches, depending on the program. As with temperature the result is that multiple pools are needed for the widest range of activities.

25-yard, 6 lanes:



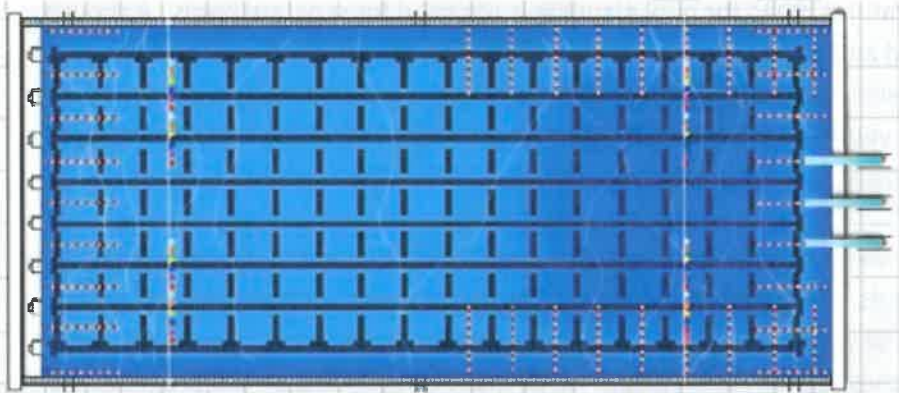
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25-Yard by 25-Meter, 10-11 lanes:



*photo w/ warm water pool in background

50-Meter by 25-Yards, 8-10 lanes or 17-22 lanes:



*photo shown with moveable bulkhead separators

Future Aquatics in Frederick County:

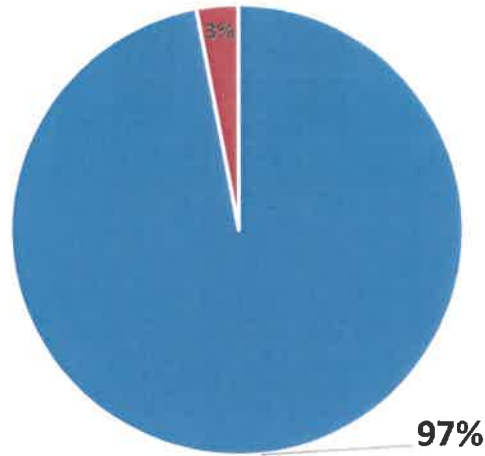
Taking into consideration population and demographic projections, industry trends, and the expressed interests of residents, an Aquatics vision for Frederick County can be developed. The population relative to comparative standards supports the need for an indoor aquatic facility, and the expressed interests of the community supports diversification in the offerings of the outdoor pool facilities. Identified needs amongst all age groups and user types supports the pursuit of a broad aquatics plan with both indoor and outdoor components.

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APPENDIX A

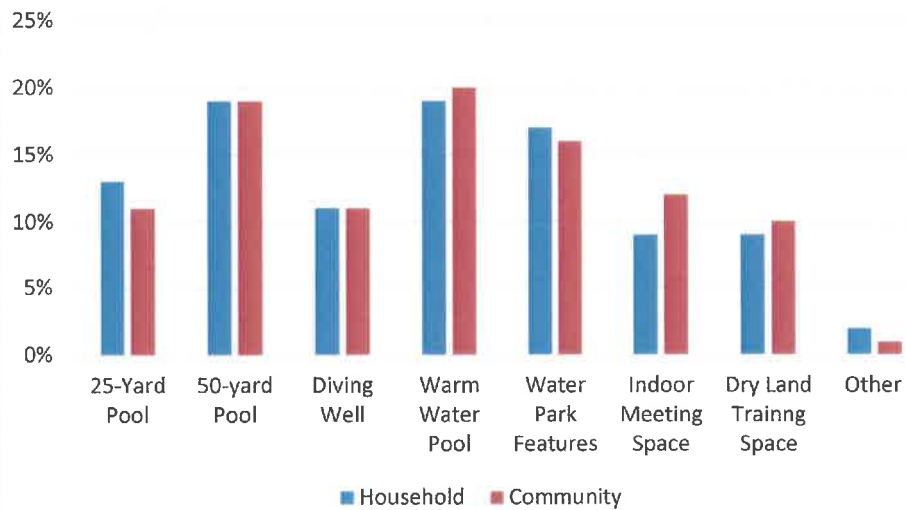
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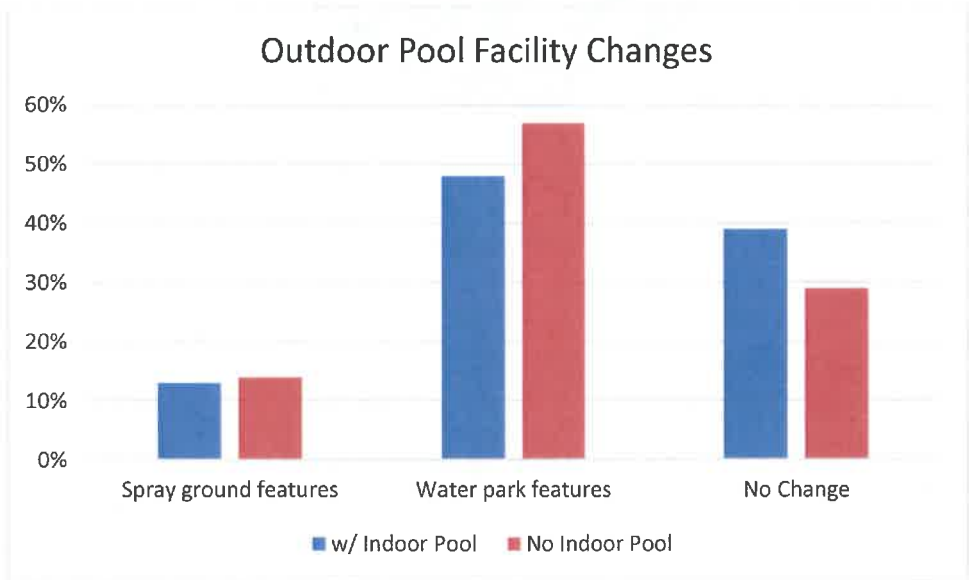
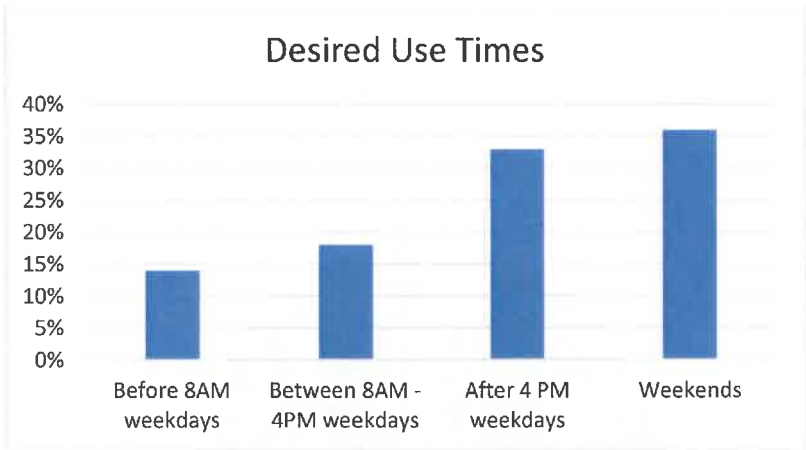
Would you use an indoor swimming pool?



■ Yes ■ No

Indoor Aquatic Preferences





INDOOR AQUATICS QUESTIONNAIRE COMMENTS: Nov '19.**Q: IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE WE SHOULD CONSIDER?**

Covered area for both outdoor parks / umbrellas
We need an indoor pool!! It's crazy that this community only has 1 public indoor pool and that one is overused and old!!!
Indoor pool must have changing rooms for families. So children and parents don't have to split up in mens/womens, when kids are young and need help changing. Safety issue
This community is long overdue for an indoor pool facility. The Jim Barnett pool is not large enough to support community needs
Not to breaks every 30 minutes very unfair to teens and adults who have paid but know when to get out for bathroom
You should consider visiting Claude Moore Pool in Sterling (or Jeff Rouse Swim ad Sports center in Stafford) to get an idea of what we
The county could make so much money with the a.ount of high school and local swim teams. We would be able to host swim meets regularly
Sherando pool- more seating/ pool chairs/ picnic tables
place for birthday partys
This survey is a tad confusing - what are spray ground features? Like a splash pad? Also, please consider opening the pool 1 or 2 weekdays before school is in session and after school is in session so that adults and those with small children could swim without the school aged
My family would greatly benefit from, and happily pay for, county diving lessons
Dedicated lap lanes for training
Well heated
For a family, we normally go to Jaydees Fun Center in the summer vs Clear brook pool which is closer to our house because of all the different amenities and cleanliness Jaydees offers. Would love to support our parks and rec in the future
There is nothing in the area for dogs, especially seniors with joint issues, to exercise. Please consider a pool for dogs to exercise too
I think an indoor pool would be amazing! My family loves to swim
Train employees to be nicer to public, specifically the children. There's no need to be short and hateful with them
As you consider please know that an indoor facility would greatly benefit the current local swim team and all local high schools that have a swim team. Swimming is essential from birth until much later years in life. Having an indoor facility is a win win for our community
A community with as many people as we have and high schools who have swim teams should have an indoor pool
Making them more kid friendly
At least one lap lane in a 50 yard pool
The WARF in Warrenton is a great indoor example
Affordable pricing
Cost of admission would need to be affordable. Location should be convenient
The local swim teams need it desperately. As a former swimmer for JWHS we always had the last practice of the night so we were leaving the pool at 10pm and driving the dark snowy roads to places like Shawnee land and the far boundaries of the county. I know several teammates that slid off the road after practice on dark snowy nights
Expanded general swim hours
I think indoor pools are great for swim lessons, teams, and fitness but my family is very sensitive to chlorine. If possible I'd like to see a salt water pool so that my family could enjoy it
Enlarge Clearbrook and Sherando pool size at the least
Another indoor pool is necessary for high school swim. The county schools do not get enough practice time(some practices are 45 min). Although it will be expensive, the county should definitely invest in an indoor pool
Food availability
Having rentable/reservable covered space for planned events
Umbrellas for shade at outdoor pools
Do not close outdoor pools. Extend hours
Keep the indoor pool at JB open for lap swim in the summer. limited lap swim times in the outdoor pool make it difficult to get a lane
Another indoor pool is GREATLY NEEDED!!!
If an indoor facility is created, a location on the west side of winchester would be ideal, in generally the area of james wood high school, to provide better access for citizens on that side of the county. When i was in High School (JWHS 13) our swim team had to meet at the winchester city pool at 8pm-9pm just to accommodate all of the county schools using the same facility
weeknights
The facilities in this county are absolute garbage. It's time to do something

who work
Admission prices
Build a facility that could accommodate High school & local swim meets
Duplicate the Wharf in Warrenton va
Having an indoor room (medium and small) along with pool for parties, could host winter birthday parties and family reunions year-round with an indoor facility.
A warm water pool for winter swim lessons for kids would be our biggest use. When considering what renovations and upgrades to do on the outdoor pools, I think you need to be sure to keep an affordable option for families. For example, would adding Waterpark features require a price increase in admission prices that would make it less affordable for many families
This is a growing area and we certainly can use a new indoor pool
Facilities needed on the NW side of the county
Another option would be to put a bubble over the existing Sherando outdoor pool
Having a facility appropriate for competitive swim teams
Increase of hours for both of those pools, and open early in summer and later into fall
The Wharf in Warrenton is pretty cool. Something like that would be nice
Warm water therapy, saunas, or jacuzzi for arthritis
Bathroom renovations
Lazy river
Use Franklin Park in Purcellville for some ideas
how about a in door pool out rt 50 near Hayfield
Enough space for local schools to use
Swimming is a life-long sport. We absolutely need more year-around access for our area. We have many schools that have to travel far just for practice because we don't have enough available facilities to support the community needs - the travel time required by these teams is often limits the number of students who participate. It should be our goal as a community to get more children involved in character and wellness building activities such as swimming to help them stay on the straight and narrow and learn a healthy (physically and mentally) way
High school swim teams need places to practice to make them more competitive against other schools
Realistic free swim hours during the spring, winter, and fall seasons at and indoor facility
Salt water pool
A larger indoor facility is long over due
The County has had the need for an indoor pool on the CIP for a very very long time. It's time and the community will support it
Indoor multi sport courts outdoor soccer fields
Heavy usage by county High school swim teams
Utilize salt water pool instead of chlorine
Money would be made if a larger aquatic facility was built. It is much needed
This is soooo needed! Our high schoolers don't get home from swim practice until after 1015 on a school night. Which is also a dangerous time to have them driving
Enclose both existing outdoor pools, add theme park features to them, add a capability to have a partial retracting roof for hot summer days
Open earlier close later. Working family can only attend the pool on weekends. This past summer, several days admittance was suspended due to over crowding
There is a desperate need for an indoor pool for our local swim teams, places for swim lessons, and family activities. The outdoor pools are booked for parties months in advance and there's no reason to think the indoor one would be as well
As a parent of little ones, it would be great to have an indoor pool so we are able to continue with our swimming lessons in the off season
We need an indoor pool for this area and one that offers children who swim a fighting chance to compete at the highest level possible
Frederick County is growing very quickly. We absolutely need more pools and definitely an indoor facility. There is so many swim teams and we have one indoor pool for Frederick County and Winchester. We need this badly
Our community is in desperate need of more family friendly outlets. Our young people are leaving because this place offers nothing. A university swim team would bring good athletes and devotion to represent
We need a larger indoor pool

Our community is in desperate need for a new facility. It can not serve the needs of 4 high schools, a swim team, swim lessons, and family swim. It has the potential to make the community money. It would be great if Frederick County government and Winchester government could work together and pull resources needed to build a nice facility
For all the local swim teams, there is great need for increased capacity and larger facilities. Would greatly look forward to a new pool
Use by local school children. All children should learn to swim
We need something west of the city
Need indoor pool for area High school Swim teams and Winchester Swim Team practices and host meets
Get a 2 or 3 barrel flow rider
A new indoor pool would be wonderful! Jim Barnett pool isn't in the best condition. I currently drive to Ida Lee in leesburg
Build in esteem part of county. Sherando area gets everything
High school swimmers need a pool for meets
In my opinion an indoor facility is a must! My daughter is a swimmer and they need time in the water, as well as all the swim lessons needed and leisure activities for the community. The pool at Winchester parks and rec is not enough
To have pool access for our school swim teams and senior citizens for therapy and recreation
At a minimum it should have 10 lanes, 25 yards, and spectator seating to Support high school and local year round swim teams
Serious need for another pool in community due to over commitment by the one pool in the community
I know that this is huge budget expense, but for those of us that have a hard time with working out on land, it would be a huge draw to bring in aquatics classes and open swim times as well as giving all the local swim teams a place they could hold practice at a decent hour
At least one slide to compete with Jim Barnett, and a splash pad to compete with downtown Winchester
This has been long overdue. Residents needed something like this 30 years ago. Please build this indoor aquatics facility ASAP
There is a need for youth swim space for competitive practice. This addition would be a great addition for a growing community. The space could also host meets. This could also hold water classes for adults and swim lessons for children.
Swim team need access to another pool within Winchester
We need an indoor pool so our year round swimmers from Frederick county we don't have to go to Strasburg
Outdoor pools need enclosed bathhouse/cashier area
Placement in the county
Making the pools big to accommodate for population growth
There is a HUGE need for the indoor facility in our community. Swimming has become a very popular sport, and is also popular for leisure and exercise. This will only benefit the county
The pools are very crowded with camps in the summer. If waterpark features are installed then members from other communities will come and possibly take opportunities away from current community members
Frederick County is a growing community that needs to invest in the sport of swimming. Surrounding counties like Warrenton have gorgeous indoor facilities that serve multiple purposes for lap swimming and water park features as well as swim lessons and so much more. It's a crime that Frederick County and Winchester can't work together to develop a state of the art aquatic center to serve this amazing and get this in the budget now!!
Early morning and evening warm water classes
More shaded areas at outdoor pool
Look at the Christians burg aquatic center for an example of an awesome facility
Better showers
An aquatic center is a must for a growing community. It will serve all ages & promote wellness
We desperately need an indoor pool in Frederick County for high school swim teams, USA swim teams, swim lessons, therapy, and leisure swimming. Jim Barnett is far too old and overcrowded to serve the community and it's time to bring an indoor pool facility to our county
The amount of people who use the pool and want to use the pool is evident. There is a desperate need, in addition, there is a great opportunity for revenue for the county
half of the year it is cold
Lanes available for laps, even if a class is taking place
Swim teams need a place to practice a more time to practice. It's time for the county to step up and build an indoor facility
The local county high schools desperately need an indoor space for their swim teams
We need another indoor pool

The county needs a large aquatic facility. You have three swim teams JJ the county and one in the city and trying to use one indoor pool is unreal. The facility in Loudoun is a nice facility
Something that would be more kid friendly with water features for various ages
We need a pool for swim teams to use
Look at Leesburg facility
4 soon to be 5 swim teams from local high schools and one large swim team use the only indoor pool in the area. It's overcrowded and outdated. Swimming is a life long life saving skill and our community would greatly benefit from a new facility
Build a recreation center that the community can go to one facility for all their leisure activities
We need an indoor pool
Not only Winchester will be happy to have pool but Clark county and some parts of loudoun. People commuting to idalee as Winchester pool can not support community needs
We absolutely need indoor pool. That would be up to date and community can use
this is necessary
Swim Lessons
Kids have no were to go in the county
This would be an amazing asset to the community for a variety of purposes
Please build a pool! My kids are swimmers and the current facility is too small and not very nice
An indoor facility should have both a competition pool to serve local public school swim teams training and competition needs, as well as a separate pool for recreational swimmers and children's swim lessons. The facilities should also have a large shower/locker room
consider growth income 10yrs out, not current need... folks will not come if in 3-4 years the population has outgrown the space; also consider better times than outdoor pools... working families cannot enjoy outdoor pools on weekdays at all with current hour structure
Consider the north part of the county/hwy522
Economic benefit to the area
Programs
She random needs help. It's small and with the growing community needs to be bigger with better facilities. Nothing fancy just updated
not sure what spray ground features are
This area is growing and an upgrade and addition to the existing aquatics facilities is a need and would be a huge drawing factor for those considering the area. With neighboring counties having MUCH more upgraded features we need to have a similar model. Water park features and a splash pad would be amazing
More shade and seating at Sherando. Move women's bathroom to the side closer to the pool
Toddlers don't have a lot of choices at the existing pools
Anything the swim teams need to grow and compete
Please bring the baby pool back at Sherando
New facilities bathrooms ect
Please put this on the west side of the county near James wood high school so that there is an equal distance between other facilities for those who want to use it.
Check out Ida Lee pool in Leesburg for reference
Put an indoor pool in Stephens city
Cleaner, safer and more fun place to visit
Fairland Aquatics Center in Beltsville, Md is a great example of a wonderful facility
Water park features
Please add a pool for the red bud run community. There is no public pool on our side and it would be more convient
Removing the pools and returning the park to its natural state
An additional outdoor pool or bigger pool. The Clearbrook pool is too crowded
Sherando definitely needs to be updated, but try to do it so we don't miss a summer season. Maybe in the Spring but start early...???
If you do an indoor pool it needs to be able to have an area that is 1-3 fit for little kids to stand
Equipment and spectator space for competition. I pay \$13,000 to rent the WARF for a weekend of competition twice a year. Those are funds that could stay here in Frederick County
Spectator seating

Have a lap pool separate from a children's pool
Indoor pool in Stephens City for a year around swim team
There are so many models to look at here in Virginia. Look at Warrentin facility or either facility at George Mason
The need for swimming space is growing , another aquatic center should be put in for the safety and good of the community
The need for basic swimming lessons for the youth of our area needs to be addressed. Many do not know how to swim. Learning water safety for being around any body of water is not taught to the vast majority of our youth. Having an indoor facility would help our area with having access for a low impact cardiovascular/muscle endurance activity. The increase of water aerobics, yoga, Zumba. This benefits every
I would love to stay local during the summer! We often find our family going to Loudoun county for the water parks/swimming
Definitely a pool that the local high school swim teams could use for practice and competition. As it is they all have to share Jim Barnett
As a former Sherando swim team captain, this change is long overdue. Our community needs to keep up and face the reality that it is becoming part of the Nova sprawl. We need an indoor pool complex to serve our students and our community
Indoor recreation center
It would be nice to have a spray ground feature for the little ones AND water park features for the older kids. Greenridge rec center in Roanoke has a nice set up that meets the needs of the whole family. You should check it out
Sherando pool needs water park features/slides
Unsure of what "spray ground feature" is. Assuming a fountain type area like downtown Winchester, but not 100 sure so I can't make a recommendation on it without being sure. Facilities in Sherando definitely need renovated either way
Having it opened at all hours everyone can enjoy
Don't waste money on an indoor pool when you have homeless veterans
You need to provide more shade!!!
Inadequate seating and terrible temperatures control in the air. All the county schools sharing jim Barnett is not working
Just more space to accommodate people- u were at capacity most times we went this past
This would be a beneficial space for our student swimmers for our local high schools
Underwater observation for stroke clinics, sufficient deck space for observation during swim meets
The addition of swim lesson programming for elementary school PE classes
The price for admission this year at Sherando was great! I don't think anyone would pay more than \$2 to swim there. It needs major updates to complete with pools in London
Minimize cost
Visit Ida Lee in Leesburg. Clean well appointment public pools with chairs, canopys, lazy river, multiple options available for varying ages
Visit the options for making Sherando a useable pool year round IF we don't finally build a proper natatorium
I feel that the outdoor pools need more for the kids to do like a slide, more diving boards. Sherando needs more shaded areas
This is a long overdue conversation for our community
Continued skill building and aquatic fitness in cooler months
A Lazy River like Ida Lee park in Leesburg please
Frederick County High Schools Swim Teams need an indoor facility our County can be proud of
Add shade and seating to outdoor parks
It is time for our facilities to be updated. We live in a diverse community and should have diverse options for activities
Facility's to be updated
Personally no need for an indoor facility. My son would much rather be outside playing at ClearBrook Park at a splash pad type feature
lights definitely need to be updated so the hours of operation can be extended. I'm used to a pool that was open from noon-8pm. Closed early for swim team, opened at 7am for swim team, lessons from 10-12
Actually building the pool 😊
Swim practices would like to meet after 1500 (3pm) if the new pool is built
Build it at Jim Barnet Park as it has te most posible uae from the surrounding population
paying daily fees
Thank you for putting out this survey
More shaded areas around the pool to retreat from the sun on hot days
Look at the large indoor facilities in Loudoun County. Fantastic facilities for all, but especially the special needs populations

A new facility would also bring in more money as swim meets can be held there many times a year, we travel up to two hours away many times a year just to swim other meets. These events would help our county and winchester city as others traveling here would need lodging
Put a pool in a high school
Evening hours
More areas of shade for current outdoor pools
Build it with the 4th high school - but make sure it is accessible to the community: ample parking, accessible DURING school hours, weekend birthday parties, morning lap swim hours, etc. Second option for location: tear down Aylor and use the entire property for a Parks & Rec facility: aquatic, community rooms, basic rec facilities, track, football, soccer, basketball, art classes, cooking, softball, etc. Lastly - raise taxes
Prince William County Schools Aquatic Center at Colgan HS is a beautiful facility design that would serve lots of interests. My interest is competitive swimming; I am part of the adult fitness program celebrating 50 years next year: United States Masters Swimming. Competitive swimming is not just for kids. USMS, which has a growing popularity in our area, could expand even further enhancing fitness and health
The community pool in Purcellville is a great example. Nice, shelters to eat, good food options, shower facilities. Great to have area for younger children, older children.
You really should consider building this aquatic facility because it can. Because currently 4 H.S swim teams share 1 facility along with WST and even the SU club swim team. Along
Model your project after the WARF in Warrenton - excellent facility! We travel there frequently to use their facilities
A facility that HS could host meets without swimmers passing out from heat. Big enough to host bigger meets such as districts and regionals
Shaded areas at outdoor pools, more chairs
A competitive pool would be highly used. USA swimming uses 25 yards for half the season and 50 meters for half the season. The closest 50 meter pool is over 1 hour away
Please plan for the growth that is occurring in our community and support these facilities
Not provided the community, school students especially, is irresponsible if not negligent. We as a community need to ensure children can learn to swim safely regardless of the time of year. Many school districts in other parts of the country REQUIRE learning to swim as a graduation requirement. We need an indoor pool
More family friendly and something cheap teenagers can get into
The community is in desperate need of an indoor water facility to be used year round from multiple purposes of leisure competition etc
Just. Build. An. Indoor. Pool. Already. This area has NEEDED it for years! Thank you! :)
Cover for winter use
Provide lounge chairs, shade umbrellas, and eating tables around the pool area. Hire lifeguards who do not have rude attitudes
Chaise lounges n umbrellas
An indoor recreation aquatic center would bring in visitors from other areas who attend and spend money at usa swim meets for hotels, restaurants, grocery stores, malls and tourist attractions
Isn't there an indoor pool at Jim Barnett Park
With an aging community, need WARM water for fitness and wellness
More shade at Sherando
Indoor pool with access to 2 feet depth for children to learn how to swim. Using a lift in the pool is asking for an accident... take it from a former jim barnett park swim instructor, I had many students fall in the the deeper water and I would not consider taking my own kids there for swim lessons until they're tall enough to comfortably stand in 3 ft
Shade and places to sit close to pool with shade
A snack bar with better selection and longer adult swim
Move closer to Shenandoah County so both Winchester and Shenandoah can support
Make it large enough to hold regional swim meets
An indoor pool than will be able to seat and host swims meets
An indoor pool in the county is beyond necessary. I can't believe JBP is the only facility in the area. Ridiculous
Open the pools earlier on weekends please! Like 8/9am. Please
We need more pools for the swim teams and the growing community
An indoor pool and sponsored swim team
Please do not change the current design of the shallow end of the Clearbrook pool. The sloping entrance is very nice for families with the little ones. Also Franklin Park is a good example of a nice outdoor pool but my understanding is that it gets very crowded and people have to wait outside. That is something to consider. I do not like the idea of sitting in the parking lot with little kids or telling them they we can't go

Lazy river
Positive Economic impact of hosting swim meets in the area
Options for shade at outdoor pools
Jim Barnett is an embarrassment when compared to facilities in similar communities such as Warrenton especially considering they only have 2 high school and we have soon to be 5 high schools with no aquatic facility
Me being a swimmer on a swim team I would consider our pools as embarrassing to have swim meets at compared to the pools in other places like Warrenton and Stafford. Our pools do not have enough to accommodate all of the swimmers on all the High school and USA swim teams. Our pools are also small and outdated compared to others that are around us. Also have a bigger facility will get rid of the need for extremely early and late high school practices which a toll on how the swimmers perform in school
Aqua therapy for older adults is much needed in this area
More adult swim time
Cook-out area/covered canopy/medical tent/Bldg/air condition snack bar
is it possible to make either facility both an indoor and outdoor pool using something like a tennis bubble in the winter and having heating for the pool in the winter
state compete
It would be great to have the pool be salt water. Chlorine indoor pools smell awful
You are about 15 years behind neighboring communities
Time for special needs kids and adults to have at least an hour once a week. Preferably after school hours
Provide seating at outdoor pool. Chairs/loungers/shade
I love the \$2 admission in the summer
The high school swim team
Have lessons for children of all ages in evening so working parents can get their toddlers to lessons
This should be available for swim team practice and meets
Swimming Meets could be held
Please look at examples of indoor facilities in other communities that are highly functional and have excellent air quality
More shaded areas.
A new indoor facility is desperately needed for several teams and could be used for revenue by holding swim meets
More water features for small children
bubble and heat outdoor pool
Lounge chairs and/or umbrellas
Enclosure of existing facilities for indoor year around use as they are without added features
We need another indoor pool in our area for competitions. It will also bring in money to our area all year old to have meets.
Local swim programs, particularly local high school swimming teams really need and would utilize an additional indoor pool facility.
Do a better design than the Warrenton one
Times for swimming lessons
We need another indoor pool in this community
The Claude Moore Facility in Sterling is great. We should build something similar here
I can't speak for Clearbrook, but Sherando Pool restrooms/lockerrooms are in desperate need of repair. We live one mile from Sherando Pool but often travel to Woodstock for their nicer facility, especially the bathrooms and showers. Please consider improving the existing swim leagues.
Chairs at outdoor pools for use by guests
Resources for competitive swimming training
With 3 high schools having to share your space for team practices - there definitely needs to be a larger or added facility. Winchester is not going to stop growing and the demand will be there to justify the cost.
We need a pool for the swim teams to use it will make money
Bubble over existing pool if new construction cannot occur.
Renovate the Frederick Town Pool!!!!
Take a look at the Marblehead YMCA in Massachusetts. They have the perfect set up. It accommodates everyone's needs.

I definitely feel both locations need better swim areas for smaller children. Snowden bridge has a wonderful facility
Year round indoor aquatic facility to include homeschool swimming lessons
An indoor pool is definitely needed due to the growing amount of swim teams in the area
50 METERS is standard, not 50 yards
Swimming is a life long skill that benefits all ages. Knowing how to swim could save lives.
I enjoy swimming lessons year-round and my kids use the order pools heavily in the summer. Thanks for the survey!
Offering swimming lessons. Returning baby pool feature
consider capacity issues for high school teams and coordinate with local USAS club teams for interest. Virginia Swimming Inc. would be a good resource to help identify needs and provide contacts for area teams.
This is long overdue. It's ridiculous how the HS's and local swim teams have to compete for the same space currently.
An aquatic center could serve countless needs across the community and across ages including but not limited to water therapy, water aerobics, swim lessons, and giving access for Frederick County Schools swim teams is very much needed. I feel an aquatic center would be highly populated by the community year around.
My name is Becky Morrison. I know this swimming pool has been needed since at least the early 1990s. A little history, when my children were swiming for James Wood HS, we had to have them at Jim Barnett park before 6:00 am, if late, they could not get in. I would like it to be like the Ida Lee Park facility in Leesburg, VA., EXCEPT, to be built to Olympic qualifications for future use. Swiming is a life-long sport that provides many health benefits. Of course, acquiring sponsors to cover the cost would be adventegous.
Will revenues exceed expenses
get it done,, all children should learn to swim !!!
The county needs this greatly.
It would be great if Sherando had some kind of chairs/seating
It would be a huge help for high school swim teams to have access to this facility during their season.
50 METERS (not yards) are needed to host a long distance swim meet. Make it a facility that will draw meets/tournaments and allow a team at SU. Collaborate with the city rather than compete with them
If you do not build an indoor pool, plans to "bubble" Clearbrook or Shenando for winter use should be discussed. We need indoor swim place for our high school teams and for our community.
look at Prince William and Fauquier County to further research indoor facilities that benefit the overall public need
The current swim team for Sherando has to travel to Winchester everyday in order to practice during the winter season. It would be much more convenient for many parents and students to have an indoor pool right next to the school.
We need an indoor aquatic center.
ice skating venue in current outdoor parks to utilize them in winter
More lounge area
The outdoor pool hours don't work for families with two full time working parents. By the time parents get home and the kids are ready and in the car the pools are closed. Outdoor seating provided, I recently moved to the area and have never been to pools without chairs available. This was a complete shock the first time we went to one of the county pools.
Competition pools should be at least 8-10 lanes; An aquatic facility for Frederick County is long, long overdue.
Local swim teams are struggling to find adequate time and space to practice.
Build a indoor pool at one of the high school or in Stephens city
Proper seating and parking to accommodate High School State Swim Championship meets.
Be sure to build an indoor facility with revenue generation opportunities in mind. Those could include meeting space to rent, swim meets, pool rentals, corporate functions, etc.
Location. Many residents would really really love an indoor pool in Stephens City. There are several large, vacant, commercial properties around (a huge one next to the goodwill). I really hope you can make this happen!
Please, local school swim teams are in extreme need. Both of my children swam for Sherando. 5:30am practices and/or getting home at 11:30pm is no way to live.
Several high school swim teams in the area need time slots for training. An indoor pool would be a good place for this activity. A fifty yard pool could be used by perhaps two swim teams at the same time, if they practiced in lanes that ran the twenty-five yard width of the fifty
Sheltered areas. Lounge furniture, umbrellas or to rent.
An aquatics center has been on the County CIP for decades, lets stop praying a developer will proffer and pay for it, the county should budget for it and work with community partners to help with the costs. Stop talking and lets get it done

Consider the traffic impacts and road improvement needs when selecting the respective park.
Exercise classes
Indoor pool please
Whatever is done, the current pools need longer hours. Getting off at 4:30 and then closing at I believe 5 for parties and stuff means endless families can't enjoy an evening swim all summer long. Please revise this.
Cheaper pricing
Integrated baby pool or wading pool for young children would be a plus. Chairs and more shade would be great!
Please make chairs available at all pools
Handicap accessibility,elderly
Lazy river
Indoor facility needed. Makes no sense with growth of the county the only place county residents have is the VERY old and outdated City of Winchester indoor pool
Olympic size aquatic center to host meets
Work with other groups to make it happen
Concessions
A water park would bring great revenue to Frederick County
Cost. No more taxes!
We don't need to waste tax dollars on a indoor pool. Upgrade what you have
There is an overabundance of swimmers that need another indoor pool for year round to accomodate year round swimmers young and old, high school, as well as in county and out of county
I think the pool should be bigger
I think that adding slides to the actual pools will be great and chairs
I would like to continue swimming lessons for my children through winter months. Currently the only options are Winc Parks and Rec, and private entities. I would like to see FCPRD have indoor facilities mainly for those reasons.
Would love something like Massanutten Water Park
We would love to see splash pads and other water park features at the public pools
With 3 county high schools with swim teams, a 50yd pool would be ideal to help them have adequate practice time to prepare competition as well as to host competitions. An indoor water park could work to generate revenue to help pay for the maintenance of this facility.
I do not want taxes raised for this kind of facility. How are you intending to pay for this facilit? The FCPS barely have what they need to meet t
Look at the WARF in Warrenton.
Indoor swimming facilities are LONG overdue. The indoor pool at Jim Barnett has been toxic for years!!!!
I have watched, for too many years, gifted swimmers and their families forced to haul their kids to Leesburg or farther in order to train competitively. At the same time, the regular swim teams have had to fight for time and space for the regular season for pool times. A good swimming facility serves every age group of the public, and it's long overdue
Our county is growing and our government need to meet the needs of it's citizens
Please balance lap times between adults and children/swim teams. Right now, we are crowded in time and space with adults, Winchester Swim Team, Handley, Millbrook, and Sherando.