

# Sun Prairie Family Aquatic Center Redevelopment Analysis

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## **Executive Summary**

A Master Plan of Sheehan Park was completed in 2019 which included a concept plan for a future renovation/replacement of the existing aquatic center bathhouse and additional site improvements. The city allocated \$5.2 million in funding for 2025 for a renovation/reconstruction of the bathhouse, addition of a recirculating splashpad, and replacement of the largest waterslide. In the interim, with ongoing staffing and lifeguard hiring challenges, a second study was started to further evaluate options. During this process (2022/23) the project scope needs grew to include a renovation of the pool vessel and evaluating additional site amenities.

In May of 2022, Parkitecture + Planning conducted an initial site visit and facility analysis to assess the current building and aquatic facility conditions, and provide recommendations for improvements/renovations/replacement. An initial concept was developed reducing the size of the existing pool vessel and adding a splashpad component.

During 2023 the initial concept was expanded and the idea of adding a second building with staff offices and recreational programming space was explored. Several ideas were explored including remodeling the existing bathhouse into a new recreational building and constructing a new bathhouse, or remodeling the existing bathhouse and constructing a new recreational building. These concepts and additional open-ended questions were posted by the city for public comment and input.

The public input comments, stakeholder input, and staff feedback were reviewed by the design team and the concepts were melded into one final preferred option. The final preferred concept maintains the existing diving well, separates the existing vessel into two smaller recreational swimming areas, and converts the remainder of the existing vessel area into new pool deck areas with additional shade structures and an artificial turf sunning berm. The existing bathhouse is proposed to be remodeled to improve efficiency, increase the restroom and shower fixture counts to meet current code, and add new unisex restrooms. The new recreational administration building is shown as a future phase south of the existing aquatic facility.

## **Facility Evaluation**

The existing pool bath house does not meet current state-required fixture counts (toilets and showers) based on the pool surface square footage. Any major modifications to the pool complex would trigger a requirement for this building to be brought into compliance. The interior layout is inefficient and holds great potential for renovation to improve flow and increase fixture counts. The exterior of the building is in good condition, but some additional improvements may be needed for ventilation, insulation, and general aesthetics.

The pool deck area is in overall good condition and appears to have adequate slopes and drainage systems. Two covered seating areas exist on the deck perimeter and provide limited shaded seating opportunities. A small and uninviting concessions facility is run out of a secondary building and is in need of significant upgrades. A full remodel of this area would allow for greatly enhanced food and beverage options as well as improved staffing capacity.

The waterslide tower was painted in 2022 and should not require further large scale maintenance for some time. The vessel itself appears to be in good condition other than a few

cracks in the vessel floor. The existing dive well is functioning as it should and does not appear to have any major issues. The vessel itself should be repainted or plastered with the renovation of the complex.

## **Recommendations**

The final concept plan seeks to achieve several goals: reduction of pool surface area (equates to reduction of lifeguards), improved bathhouse and admissions building, improved concessions opportunities, introducing modern and exciting amenities for patrons, and reducing annual maintenance costs. The main areas of renovation/improvement are as follows:

### **Bathhouse Remodel**

The interior of the existing structure should be gutted and reconfigured as depicted on A100. This plan provides a greatly enhanced entry sequence with the addition of an L-shaped reception desk, two unisex restrooms off of the lobby, and a direct pass through “breezeway” concept to the pool deck. The mens and womens restrooms are shown reconfigured with the shower/changing stalls on the exterior walls of the wings, and toilets/sinks in the central space of each wing. The existing mechanical chase should be maintained for plumbing access. A new storage room has been added with access from the lobby to store janitorial supplies and other miscellaneous items. A new lifeguard room, dedicated first aid room, and directors office are located directly off of the lobby and adjacent to the pool deck. This allows for quick access and medical attention. New energy efficient lighting and other mechanical systems should provide a decrease in operational facility costs. The use of solar photo-voltaic panels could be explored to further offset facility energy costs.

### **Concessions Remodel**

The existing concessions service is limited in offerings and not an inviting space for staff or patrons. Minor upgrades should be made to improve flow, serving abilities, and patron/staff comfort, and overall aesthetics. Should the future administration/recreation building be added to this complex, the existing concessions would be decommissioned and could be repurposed for storage or other needs.

### **Pool Vessel Modifications**

Sheet SP100 illustrates the proposed renovation to the existing pool complex. The main body is proposed to be split into two distinct areas which will provide the city flexibility in staffing and operations. The existing lap lane area will remain as is and will be improved with new decking along the eastern edge improving access and adding flexibility for swim lessons.

A portion of the existing zero-depth area will be maintained, providing accessible access to the lap lanes and maintaining shallow water lesson areas. A new aquatic play structure is shown replacing the pipe spray feature and will provide a greatly enhanced play amenity for toddlers and young children. The new pool walls on the south side of the north vessel will include underwater bench seating with overhead shade structures.

The south vessel area is envisioned to transform into an activity pool with a second slide tower designed with a family slide and short body slide, aqua zipline, and water obstacle course. This area is also shown with two basketball hoops positioned on the east wall. The water depth in this area is intended to be 3'-4' in depth for lessons, water aerobics, and other intermediate depth activities. New exit stairs are also shown around the perimeter of this area to aid in access/egress.

### **Pool Deck Area (and site improvements)**

A large central section of the existing pool vessel will be removed and converted to dry deck area. New shade structures are shown spaced throughout the central area to provide enhanced patron comfort and new seating options within the complex. A central spine of artificial turf berm has been added providing a sunning lawn and break in the large expanse of hardscape. Four additional shade structures have been added around the perimeter of the complex allowing patrons to spread out and populate areas of the aquatic center that are currently under-utilized. This will take pressure off the two ramada style structures and dissipate heavy concentrations of patrons. Additional concrete deck replacement will be required to accommodate underground pool pipe repairs and modifications. A new building water service may be required to the bath house to provide adequate water supply for the additional toilet and shower fixtures.

### **Pool Mechanical Systems**

With the proposed pool vessel modifications, a significant change will be required to the existing pool mechanical system. Currently the facility is considered non-compliant and is under a "grandfather" status. This is due to a combined mechanical filtration system serving the two existing interconnected vessels. Separate vessels require separate recirculation and filtration systems. The existing dive well will require a new filtration and pump loop mechanical system, as well as a dedicated surge tank. It is possible that the separation of the main pool vessel into two as shown on SP100, could be connected with a hydraulic tunnel or corridor to maintain a combined mechanical system. This may require a variance with the State Pool Code review body. New pumps and return lines will be required for the proposed family slide tower. Other mechanical system upgrades could be explored such as the use of VFD motors, UV filtration, etc. to realize energy savings and streamline the mechanical systems as a whole.

### **Phase 2 Improvements**

The final concept plan includes a Phase 2 that would add a new park administration building and indoor recreation programming space. This will allow for centralization of park staff and increase availability of special programs and activities for 12 months of the year. A new concessions facility has been included in the building plan that will provide a much enhanced service to pool patrons as well as the potential for service to other park uses such as the ball diamonds and bike trail. Shaded seating and game areas are shown to compliment the concessions service and establish another activity node within the complex.

## **Long-Term Cost Savings**

A key goal of the concept plan is to determine long-term cost saving opportunities at the Family Aquatic Center through this renovation project. The project team looked at the facility's staffing model, energy saving opportunities, and pricing strategies to identify opportunities to reduce the City's annual investment in the pool.

Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department staff have determined cost savings estimated based on historical data of the Sun Prairie Family Aquatic Center and have estimated an overall decrease in the City's annual operating cost to be 20% - 30% with the implementation of the final concept. This estimate is based on the following factors:

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## **Staffing**

The largest annual cost of the facility is staffing, which makes up approximately 70% of the Family Aquatic Center's annual operating budget. Due to the layout of the existing facility, state pool code requires no less than 14 lifeguards during full operational status. The number of lifeguards required to staff the facility safely and legally, and the demand for higher wages in this role is the largest driver of increased annual costs to operate the facility. The final concept seeks to reduce the overall lifeguard staffing, and subsequently lifeguard staffing costs by approximately 20%.

A reduction in lifeguards provides direct and indirect benefits. The availability of certified lifeguards is shrinking at a rapid pace each year, making it more difficult each year to find staffing without increasing wages. The need for fewer lifeguards will save indirectly on staff time for recruitment efforts, and the community can expect to see a reduction and potentially elimination of closures due to staffing.

## **Sustainability**

The second largest annual cost of the facility is its utility and chemical costs, making up approximately 15% of the annual operating budget. Like staffing costs, both utility and chemical costs will continue to increase over the longevity of the facility. Installing sustainable mechanicals and energy efficient lighting fixtures, low water consumption plumbing fixtures, and VFD motors will provide long-term cost savings, estimated between 10-15%. Energy efficient lighting and low flow fixtures will be utilized throughout the facility, reducing monthly utility bills. Exploring the use of UV filtration is also being recommended to reduce the cost of chemicals. If a UV filtration system is not part of this project, chemical costs will still see a drastic decrease as a result of the reduction in size of the zero-depth entry area, where chemicals evaporate at a significantly faster rate than deep water.

## **Pricing Strategies**

The proposed renovation project will create new revenue streams for the Family Aquatic Center, helping to offset the overall annual investment in the facility. The final concept will require an overhaul in the facility's fee structure and create expanded opportunities for revenue-generating programming.

The pool's daily admission and season pass fees are situated in the mid to top range in comparison to other public pools in Dane County. Because of this, increasing fees without adding value is not an option in the facility's current state. An increase in daily admission and season pass fees can be achieved by creating slide/activity area upcharges where patrons pay to use the additional amenities.

Additionally, the pool is programmed at capacity, which does not allow for expansion of programming. The concept aims to add value and allow for expanded programming. Isolating the activity pool from the lap pool will create additional swimming lesson sections that are not currently possible. The activity pool also provides more space to conduct lessons than is currently available due to the large zero depth entry area.

Revenue in year one after the renovation is estimated by City staff to increase by at least 10% based on updating the fee structure and expanding programming.

## Budget

The table below illustrates the projected cost ranges for each of the recommendations sections outlined above. These budget estimates were derived from review of recent pool construction projects and discussions with two pool construction contractors.

Projected Construction Costs	
Existing Bathhouse Renovation	\$1,400,000 - \$1,600,000
Existing Concessions Remodel	\$100,000 - \$150,000
Pool Vessel Modifications	\$2,500,000 - \$3,000,000
Pool Deck Area, Utility Upgrades & General Costs	\$800,000 - \$1,100,000
Pool Mechanical and Filtration Systems	\$225,000 - \$275,000
<b>Estimated Construction Cost Range</b>	<b>\$5,025,000 - \$6,125,000</b>
<b>10% Contingency</b>	<b>\$502,500 - \$612,500</b>
<b>A/E Fees and Permitting</b>	<b>\$350,000- \$450,000</b>

## Conclusion

The implementation of the proposed recommendations should provide the City of Sun Prairie with an upgraded aquatic center facility that offers modern amenities, caters to patrons of all ages, and meets current code requirements while resulting in a reduction of annual operating expenses. The plan allows for future expansion capabilities and would centralize park/recreation admin staff in one complex. These improvements also will result in a reduction of seasonal staff requirements, enhanced revenue potential, and a reduction in operational and maintenance costs.

## APPENDICIES

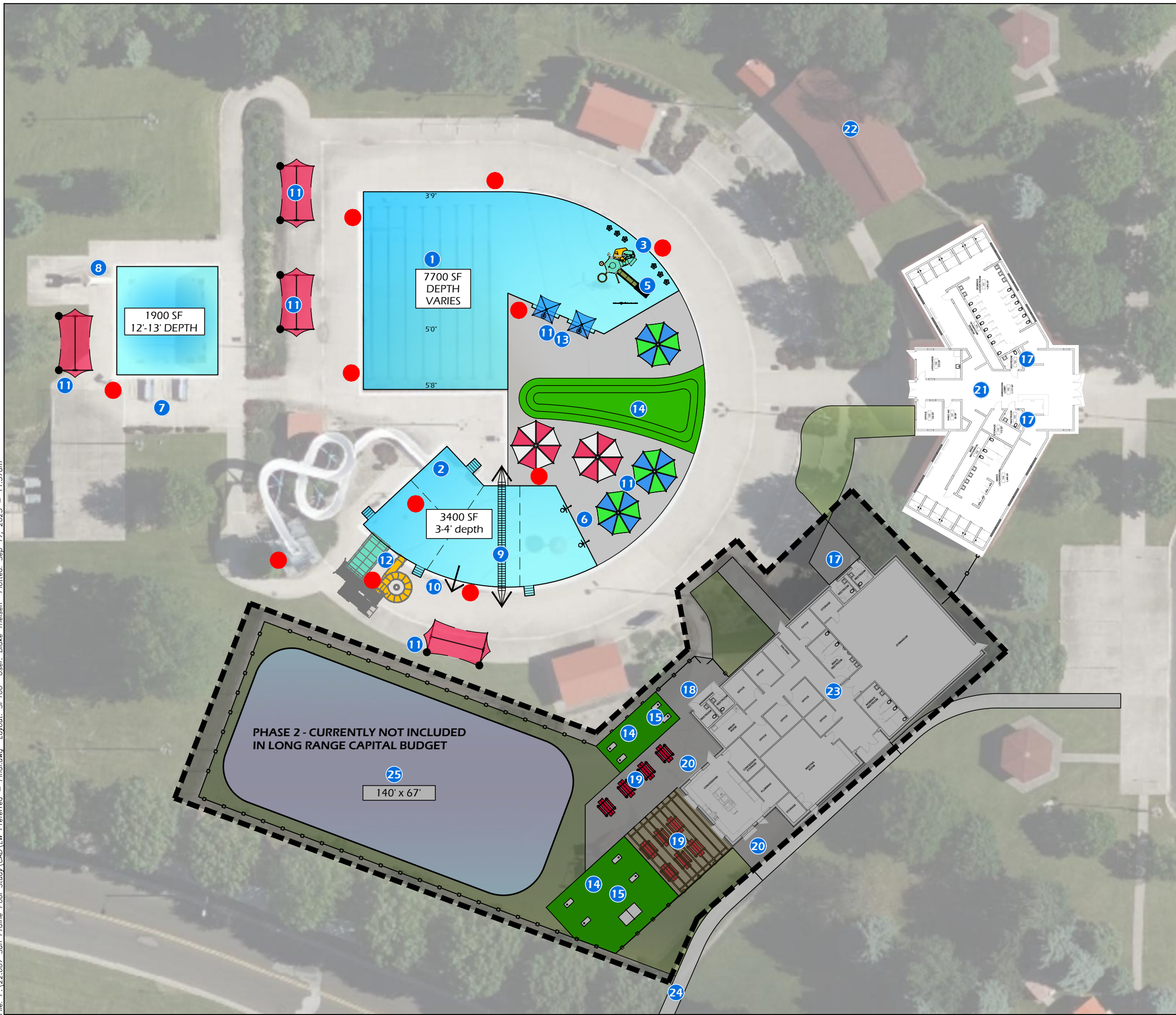
**SP100 – Draft Conceptual Options**

**SP101 – Character Images**

**A100 – Floor Plan – Bath House Building**

**A101 – Floor Plan – New Admin & Concessions**

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**LEGEND**

- 1 Existing Lap Lanes (8 Lanes)
- 2 Existing Slide Plunge Pool
- 3 Zero Depth Entry
- 4 Splashpad
- 5 Aquatic Play Features
- 6 Basketball Hoop
- 7 Diving Board
- 8 Drop Slide
- 9 Ninja Course/Obstacle Course
- 10 Aquatic Zipline
- 11 Shade Structure
- 12 Family Slide Tower
- 13 Underwater Bench Seating
- 14 Artificial Turf
- 15 Yard Games (Bag Toss, Ping Pong)
- 16 Rentable Covered Space
- 17 Unisex Restroom - Pool Deck Accessible
- 18 Unisex Restroom - Exterior Accessible
- 19 Concessions Seating
- 20 Concessions Window
- 21 Renovated Bathhouse
- 22 Renovated Concessions Building
- 23 New Admin Building/Gym
- 24 Path Connection to Ball Fields
- 25 Ice Skating Rink / Turf or Sand

**APPROX LIFEGUARD REQUIREMENT**

- 11 at Full Operation Status With Ability to Down Scale as Needed

**Phase 2 - Long Range Vision Plan**

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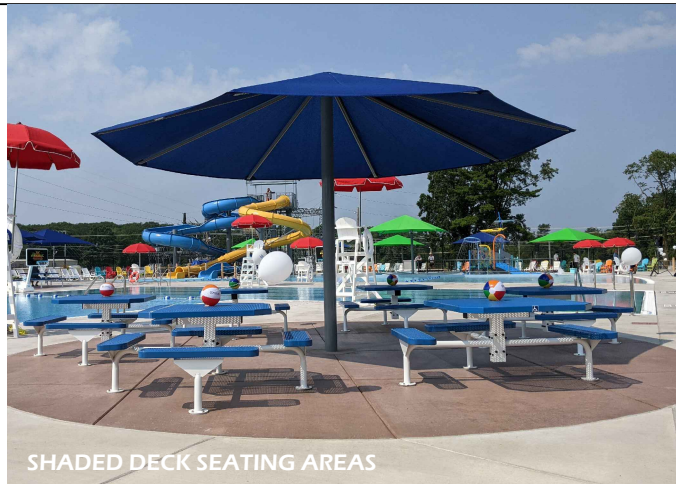
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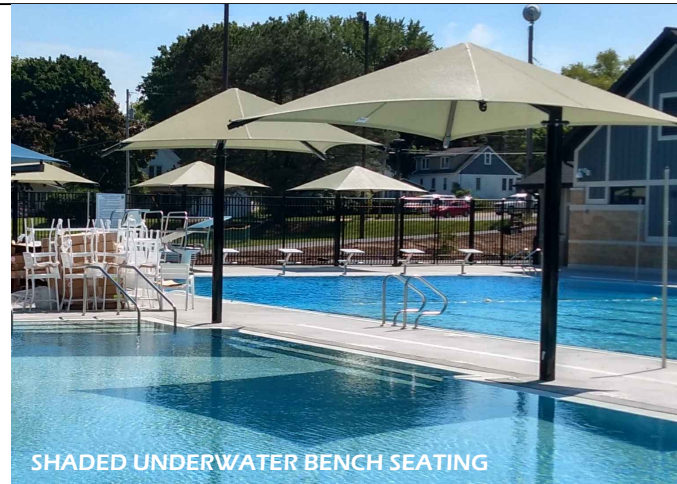
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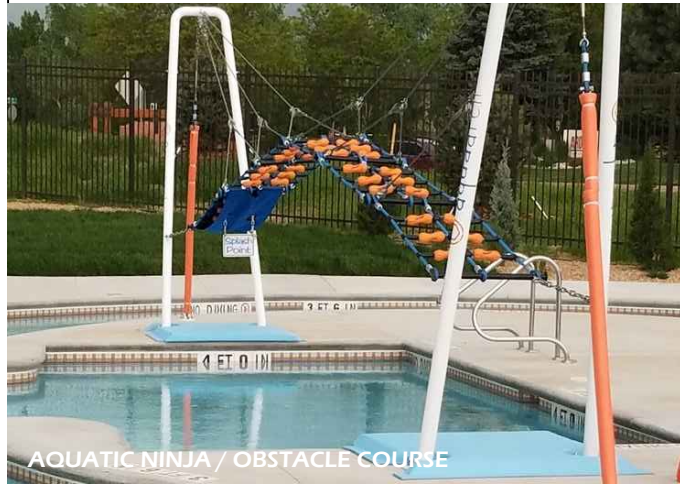
SHADED DECK SEATING AREAS



ARTIFICIAL TURF AREAS



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AQUATIC NINJA / OBSTACLE COURSE



AQUATIC ZIPLINE



ZERO DEPTH ENTRY



CONCURRENT LESSON AREAS



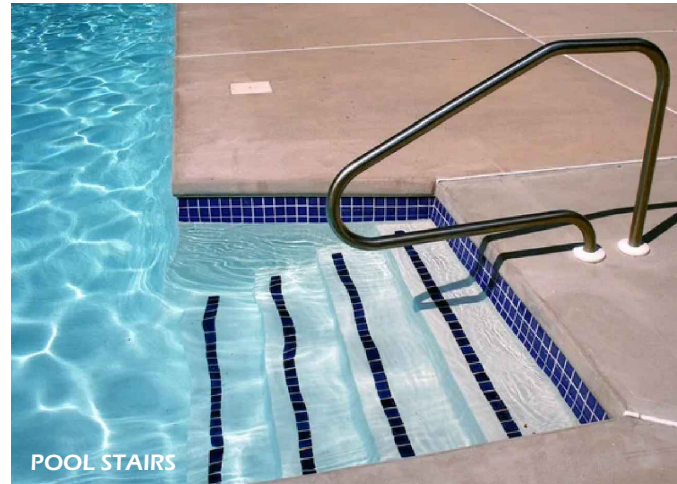
WATERSLIDES



DROP SLIDES



WATER PLAY FEATURES



POOL STAIRS



GAGA BALL PIT



YARD GAMES (BAG TOSS, PING PONG, ETC)



CONCESSIONS AREA



LAP LANES/SWIM TEAM

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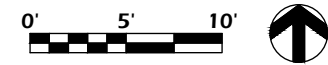
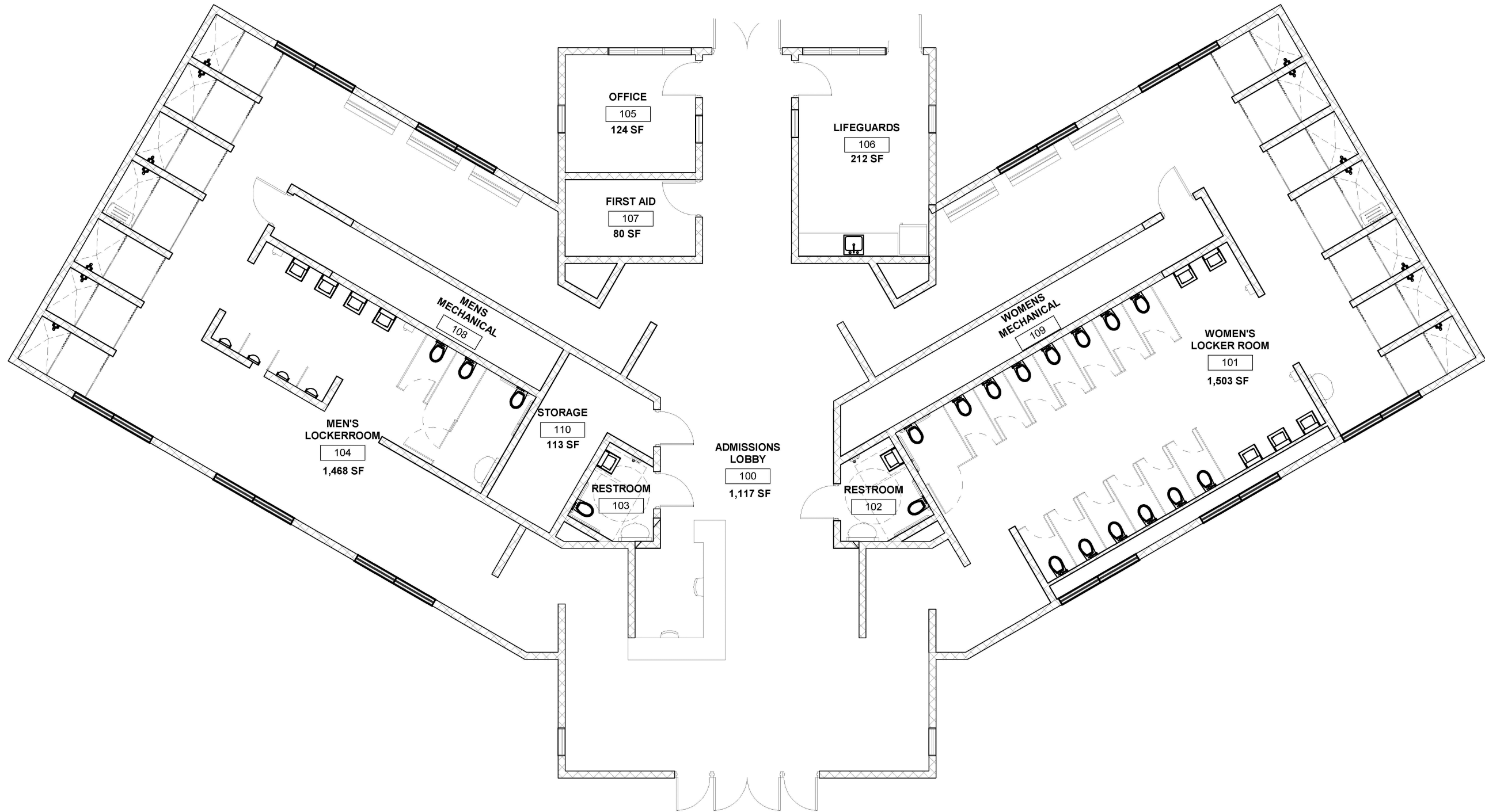
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**FLOOR PLAN - BATH HOUSE BUILDING**

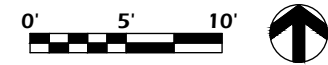
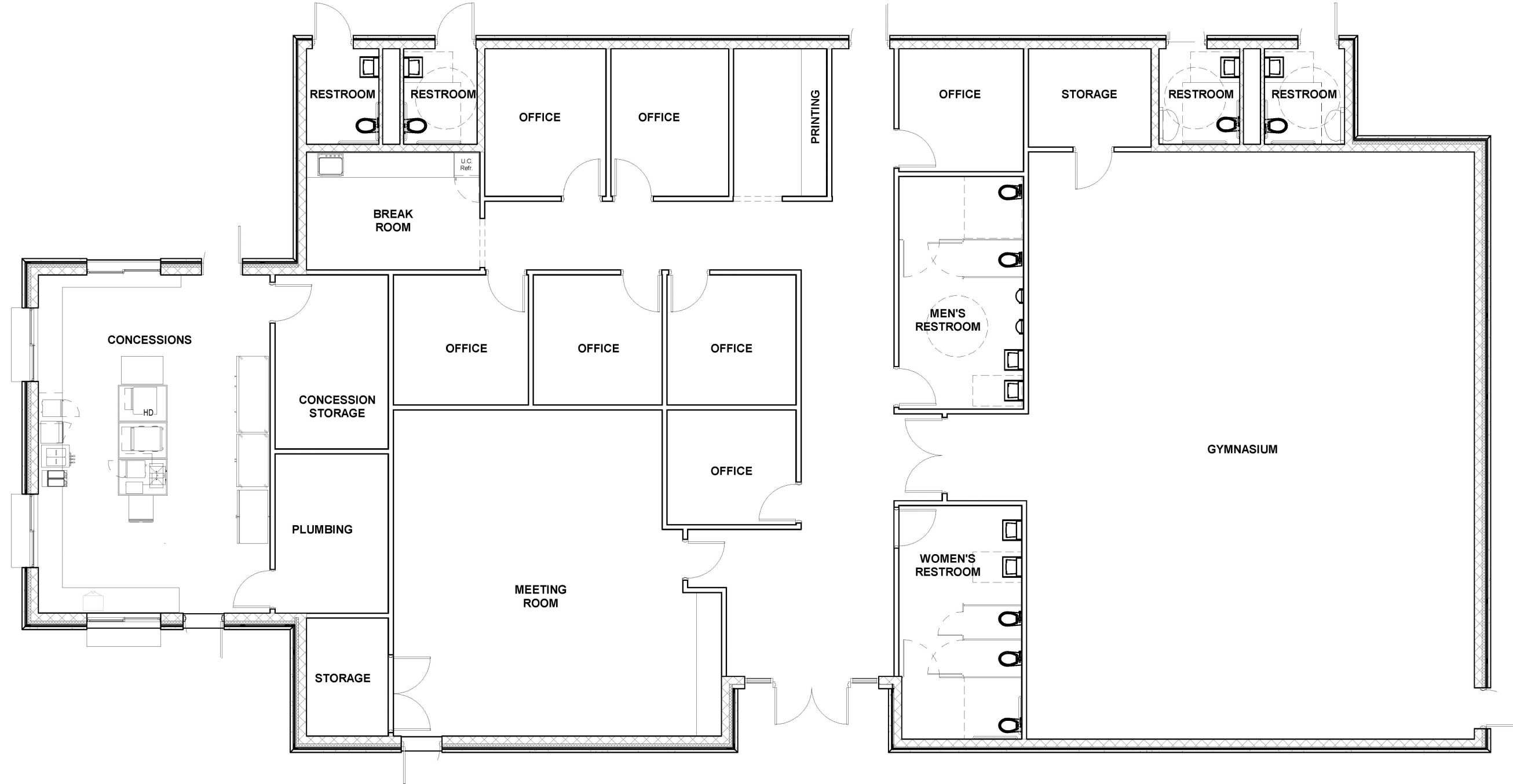
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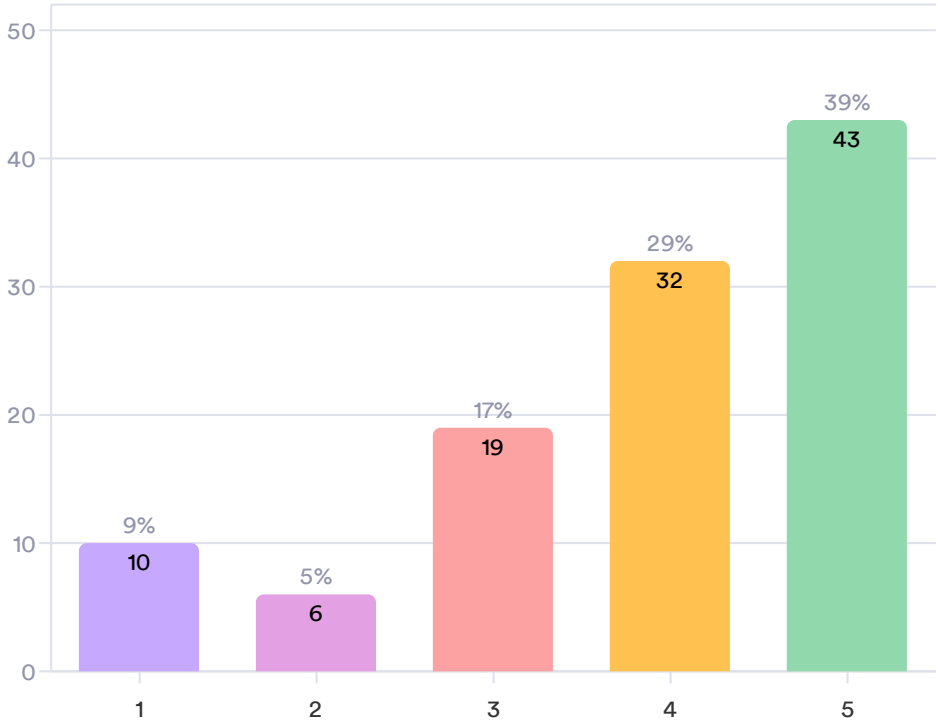
# Family Aquatic Center Renovation

Community Input Summary - 10/04/2023

## Question 1:

I am supportive of the strategies taken to realize long-term operating cost savings of the pool (Specifically: Reduction of water surface area and new layout to reduce ongoing staffing, utility, and chemical costs - and- retrofitting the existing bathhouse instead of building a completely new building)

110 Responses- 2 Empty



1 = Strongly Disagree  
5 = Strongly Agree

Data	Response	%
1	10	9%
2	6	5%
3	19	17%
4	32	29%
5	43	39%

## Question 1 Open-Ended Comments

### Optional: Please provide further insight into your answer

- This is a feature that makes Sun Prairie a destination for families.
- Improved safety and geared towards families and small children.
- Why are you investing in gender designated spaces?
- It does not make sense to me to reduce the pool area. While I understand the strategy to create zones for staffing purposes, it is an aquatic center. I sincerely don't believe artificial turf makes sense for this space.
- The bathhouse is gross. It will need a complete overhaul and dedicated continued maintenance. I realize retrofitting is a huge cost savings, but without maintenance and regular deep cleanings, the retrofitted bathhouse will have the same fate.
- Make it useable year round, put a building around it. Then it can be used more than 40 days.
- I would pay more of a fee/membership to maintain a larger water based facility. I'd love a lazy river...or more water based pools. It is an aquatic facility not a park.
- I am supportive of the bathhouse changes, but reducing the swimmable area seems short sighted given the fact that our city continues to grow.
- I love retrofitting the bathhouses but I'm concerned about reducing the water surface area. It's already crowded when we go and I'm afraid of feeling on top of others
- I support this only if it will support all facets of swim in this community, including competitive swimming teams as well as recreational opportunities
- I understand the challenges. Sometimes there's low usage; other times it is so crowded. A reduction of water space would increase that.
- As the size of our community grows should be considering the size of the pool area to be larger?
- Gender neutral changing areas sounds like a poor idea for young children. Split it like normal (male & female)
- Consider adding solar to help offset energy costs. Contact SunPeak solar energy contractor.
- I am not sure why the pool is being updated when it is often closed for low attendance.
- I understand cutting costs, but having less room for swimmers to enjoy the pool makes zero sense.
- Worried in general about reducing overall size of pool esp zero depth entry.
- I agree with retrofitting the bath house. I'm undecided about making the size of the pool smaller.
- I would not be comfortable with gender neutral bathhouses.
- Do not like reduction of water surface
- Are there any other ways to realize additional savings? The pool has been a money pit for decades. It needs to operate in the black, but still be affordable to families.
- Do not reduce the pool size, already gets crowded!
- This thing isn't ever open as it is

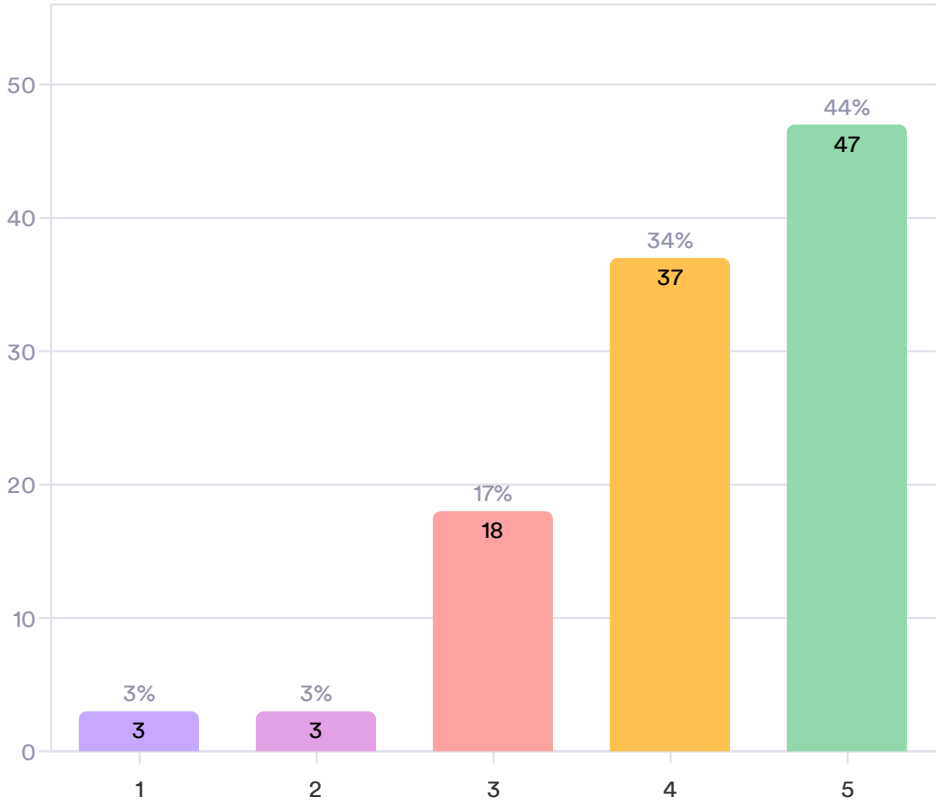
## Question 1 Open-Ended Comments CONTINUED

- I disagree with too much reduction in water area. That pool is very busy. I understand wanting to be able to make it easier to shut torn sections, but that green Astro turf area is too big. Leave a life guard wall- big enough for guards to be, but increase water area from plan. The best part of this pool is the large water area. The giant slide and diving well are legendary. This is where kids build bravery, imagination, freedom from needing entertainment and making their own. No need for tons of water entertainment.
- Gender neutral restrooms vs boys in girls!
- The current building is a little old, but doesn't seem like it needs to be torn down
- I love this pool because of the aquatic surface. It's very crowded on some days - why make it less usable. I love that it has lap lanes. Your Ir plan is so disappointing.
- Seems like a waste of government money as pool does not seem like it's utilized by citizens
- I would love to see the FAC stay open even with lower attendance. Having areas of the pool separate will make consolidating patrons and lifeguards much easier allowing the facility to stay open (which I'm super excited about).
- I agree it is likely end of useful life, but this is a lot to invest for low usage

## Question 2:

The bathhouse layout is family-friendly/will meet my family's needs

108 Responses- 4 Empty



1 = Strongly Disagree  
5 = Strongly Agree

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5	47	44%

## Question 2 Open-Ended Comments

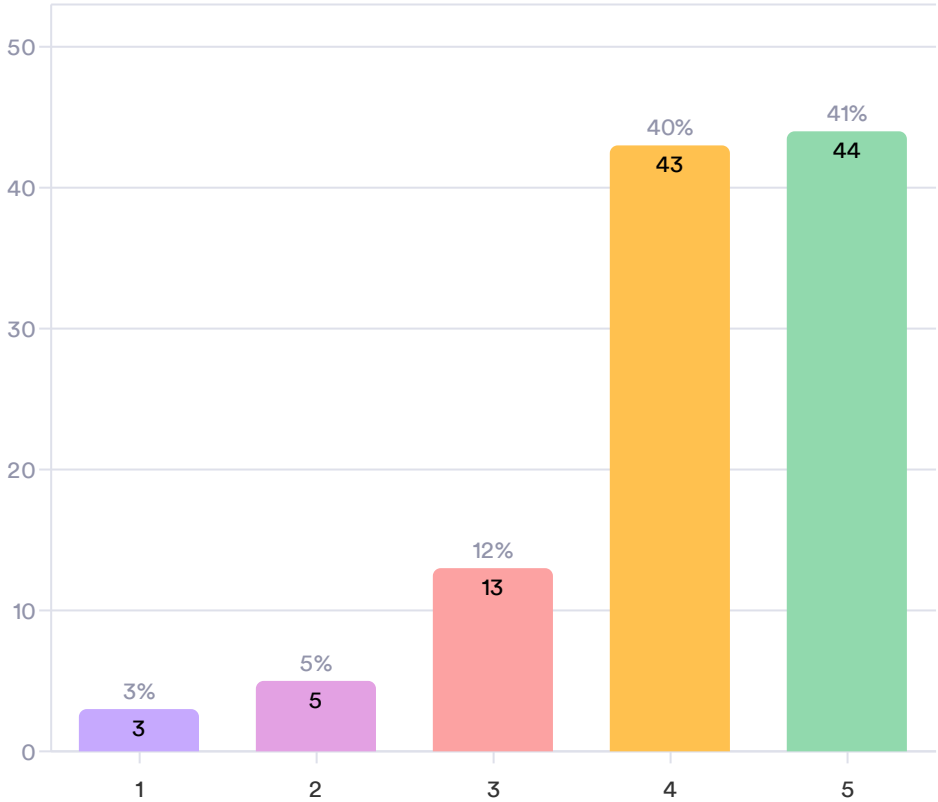
### What could we do to make it more family-friendly/better meet your family's needs?

- All gender neutral would be family friendly. It is stressful sending small children of opposite gender into the bathroom by themselves.
- More changing stalls/showers needed.
- Given the trouble w/ transgender incidents at SPEHS (in which individuals with external male genitalia disregard and disrespect the rights of women and girls), I strongly suggest a whole new design using only gender-neutral bathrooms, and having gender neutral changing stalls that are physically separate from bathrooms
- More changing area that is not necessarily “private”
- hours for senior citizens
- See first open ended response.
- It would be helpful to have more family-friendly areas. Men with girls, women with boys, etc.
- One restroom for each side? No wonder people pee in the pool.
- I appreciate having more private changing areas.
- A separate family one as well as a male and female one

## Question 3:

The pool area is family-friendly/will meet my family's needs

108 Responses- 4 Empty



1 = Strongly Disagree  
5 = Strongly Agree

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## Question 3 Open-Ended Comments

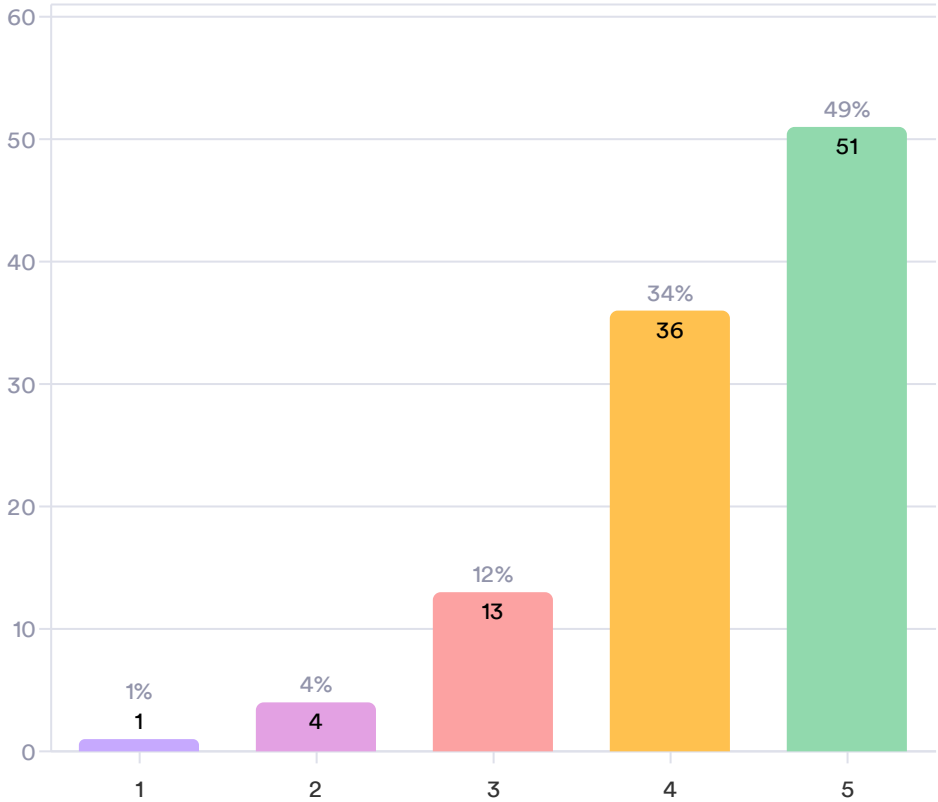
### What could we do to make it more family-friendly/better meet your family's needs?

- It would be good to have a 50 meter pool
- More pool space.
- Focusing too much on toddlers/little kids. Although many of the patrons are small children, on a typical day there are way more school-age kids + using the facility. Give the older kids more open space to play.
- Concerned about zero depth area not being sufficient and getting overcrowded
- Is the gym for public use? I'm confused by this
- Making it smaller is a terrible idea
- Not take away so much water area, now the water is going to be crammed with people during the summer with field trips.
- Eliminate splash pad--SP already has one. Keep/add things for older kids to do. Keep deep pool
- Leave more water surface, less activity. There's so many other pool options for that. This is a space for creativity
- Don't take away zero entry. You are taking away families with small children. Sun zprseries @PAC" is too expensive for many families. The YMCA is inside and so small with little opportunity for 3 years and above. Please keep your zero depth!

## Question 4:

There are a variety of activities/amenities that appeal to a wide range of age groups

105 Responses- 7 Empty



1 = Strongly Disagree  
5 = Strongly Agree

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## Question 4 Open-Ended Comments

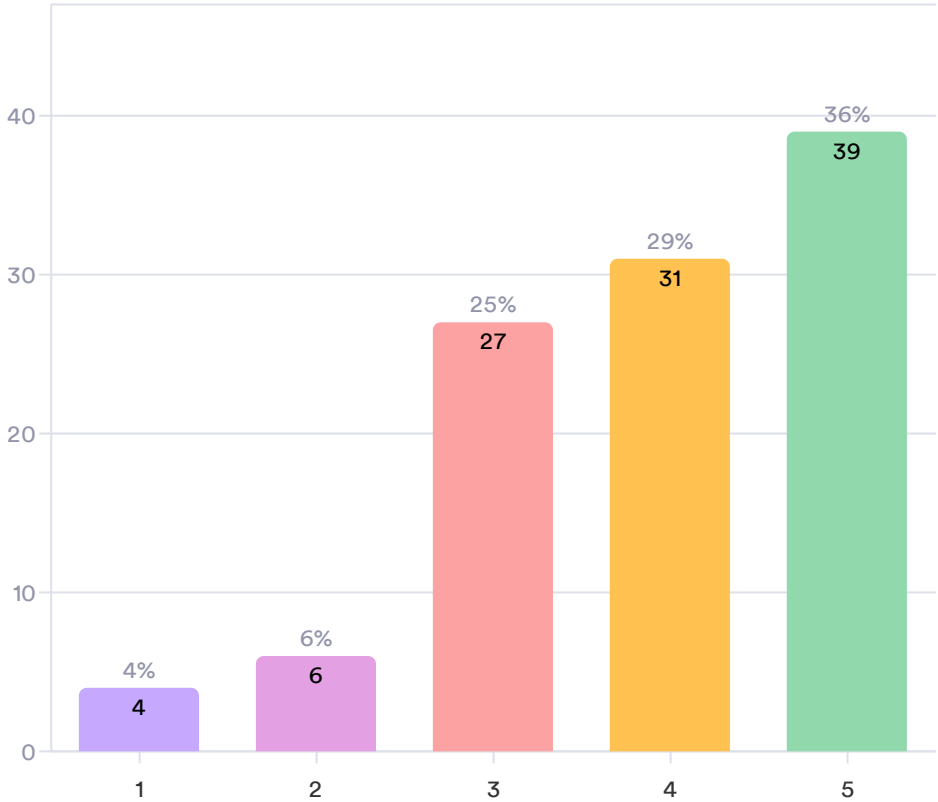
### What age groups are we missing? What activities/amenities are we missing?

- Keep the drop slide for the older kids!!! Thank you for keeping the diving well! Unique feature to Sun Prairie!
- Teenagers and pre-teens. They are almost forced to go to the PAC
- Leave more general pool space for everyone. You've taken out adult areas, now it's more kid play place. Leave room for imaginations, independent play, general relaxing.

## Question 5:

Based on design alone, I/my family would visit this facility often

107 Responses- 5 Empty



1 = Strongly Disagree  
5 = Strongly Agree

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## Question 5 Open-Ended Comments

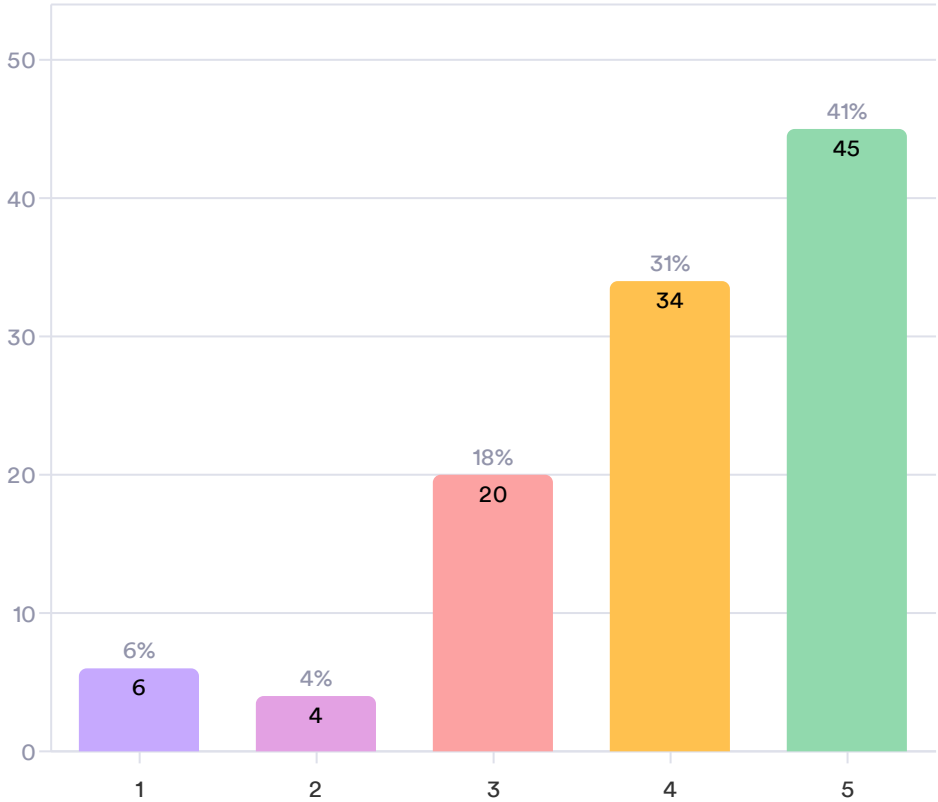
### What is it about the facility that would deter you from visiting often?

- Our family is aging out of regular pool visits.
- I'll visit for piranhas, but will probably drop our family membership. The pool has lost a lot of square feet, it seems like it will be very crowded, or more restricted on number admitted.
- On hot days I can't imagine it will be large enough to accommodate potential patrons.
- Too much designed for little kids. My school-age kids want the diving boards, drop slide, and space to race and play b-ball.
- Less space in water...more crowding.
- The age of my kids. And we are members at the PAC.
- Less swimmable area. Not interested in splash pad.
- It seems very child focused, which is fine. Being a childless couple, I'm not sure there will be as many pieces of equipment as interesting to us without children. Unclear on whether the slides will be able to support adults or if they would be aimed toward children only.
- Summer availability
- We belong to the PAC and that is where we swim.
- Cost \$\$\$
- I visit regularly to swim!
- We have a membership at PAC so tend to go there
- We prefer going to the PAC.
- Geared towards young families, not pre-teens/teens
- We are members of the Prairie Athletic Club and typically swim there during the summer.
- Will get too crowded if you reduce the size
- it's not design it's operating hours and current family ages
- It will be too crowded.
- We do not go often enough to get a season pass. But daily admission will likely increase so this will limit the number of times we come.
- Usually the people that visit it. Behavior issues.

## Question 6:

Overall, I am satisfied with the design of the bathhouse

109 Responses- 3 Empty



1 = Strongly Disagree  
5 = Strongly Agree

Data	Response	%
1	6	6%
2	4	4%
3	20	18%
4	34	31%
5	45	41%

## Question 6 Open-Ended Comments

Please provide any additional comments or feedback for us:

- Would one be able to enter the pool area by not going through the locker/bathrooms?
- Keeps all the features of the current pool while providing the benefits described.
- I am a little worried about the lost swim space and how busy that will make the rest of the pool. I'm not really sure what the purpose of the artificial turf area is meant for.
- At events where there is a line of port-a-potties lined up for everyone to use, I have never heard anyone say, I wish some were designated for males or females. This is a very outdated concept, society doesn't conform to two genders, and no one can force people who don't fully conform to male or female to use a gender neutral space. So why are you wanting to invest in gender designated spaces? I think you should try again on this design, something more like a line of port-a-potties with indoor plumbing. As a parent trying to keep track of children of the opposite gender it is much less stressful waiting for them outside a port-a-potty, then it is waiting outside a gender designated bathroom with one entrance, and most stressful waiting outside a gender designated restroom with two entrances. When there are two entrances and your child is delayed you don't know if they are just being really slow, if they need help, if they wandered out the wrong way, or if they just became a child trafficking victim. With only two gender neutral restrooms in this design, there is probably going to be a bit of a wait and small children often can't wait that long.
- Comments given above. Needs major cleaning and brightening of the space. Let's get creative!!!
- The bathhouse is fine to renovate if you will be updating all the interior. Adding some areas for swim team storage for computer equipment, hytek equipment and other items would be ideal.
- Please keep the basketball area and even consider increasing it. That's all I see kids ages 12+ doing.
- Looks great and easier to get through.
- Please make sure bath house toilet stalls have more room than current ones; with exception of Handicap stall, the stalls are very hard for adults to fit in. Also- Recommend showers with on/off handles vs push button for better use. Also need less force than current model.
- I would love more gender neutral bathrooms, but this seems reasonable.
- Baby changing tables in both of the restrooms
- This is an awfully expensive project for a facility that closes ALL the time for low attendance. I don't appreciate the city gambling with tax payers money for something that could likely never be used.
- I love that you are adding gender neutral changing areas!
- Please do what you can to keep this project cost effective. The FAC has been a massive money pit for decades.
- The current pool is lacking activities to keep younger grade school kids amused, we spent much more time at the athletic club this summer since they have slides for different ages and heights, the lily pads, the basketball areas. More movie nights would be great. Having more areas for kids to simply jump in/cannonball would be fun too.
- My daughter worked at the pool this past summer and I was surprised by the number of times they closed early due to low attendance. I was also surprised by what management staff had to put up with from employees. They would cancel their second shift that same day or shortly before their start time. I definitely think it makes sense to cut down on employees.

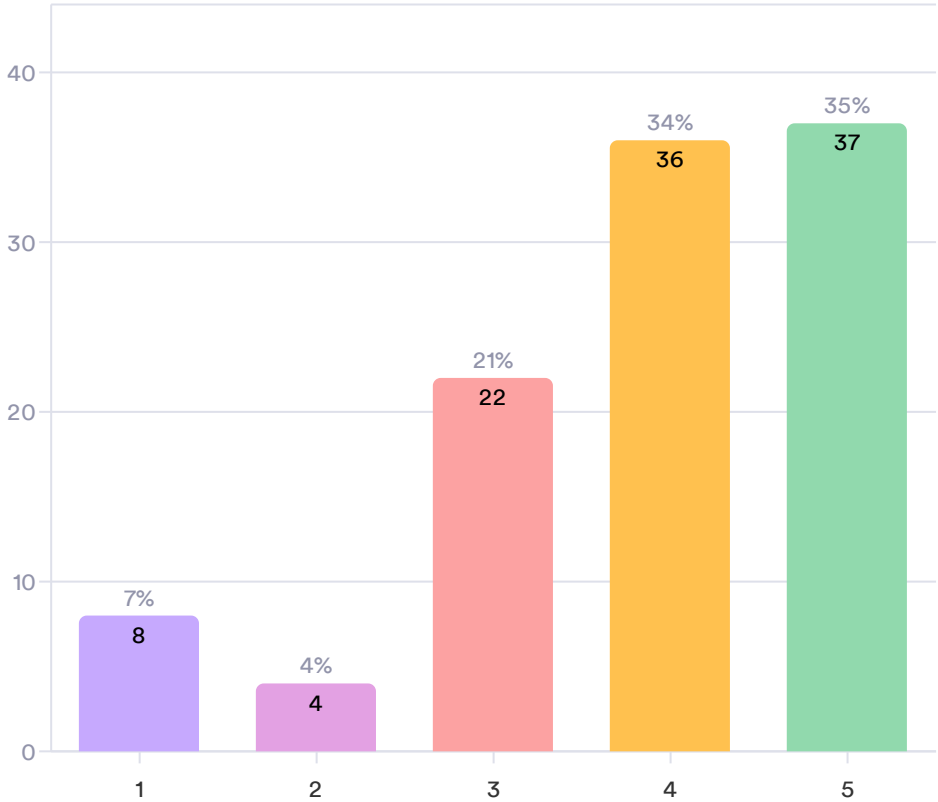
## Question 6 Open-Ended Comments CONTINUED

- I like being able to access pool without separating families with schoolage children/parents of opposite sex.
- Is the grey stuff going away then? I see renovated concessions and then there's new concessions ?
- Love the idea of gender neutral changing options, and a lot of the new amenities (ping pong table, gaga ball pit, splash pad) look like really nice upgrades that families will enjoy
- Splash parks are already available don't include it so much. People already have that option at other locations. I am just so sad to see your plans.
- I have concerns on spending so much taxpayer money when the pool is never open. Could this space be utilized for something else?
- Looks amazing
- This looks great! I am excited for all the new features!
- Not satisfied with gender neutral. I do not want a male adult changing next to my little girl. Unless those bathrooms are separate thanks!
- I'm a little concerned about the turf. Will this have the little black beads in it? How will that be right next to a pool? I'm also concerned about the temperature of the turf sitting out in the sun all day. I know concrete gets hot too but turf doesn't seem like the best choice unless we are doing something to cool it.
- I think as long as there's proper space for an opposite sex to parent to be able to care for their child and not feel weird about it, that would be great. It's one thing when they are little but as they grow they still need help but it can feel strange to bring your kids around grown naked people. My son is now 11 and is self sufficient mostly but I'm still not in love with the fact that I need to send him through the men's entrance and I go through the woman's entrance and just hope I'll see him on the other side.

## Question 7:

Overall, I am satisfied with the design of the pool

107 Responses- 5 Empty



1 = Strongly Disagree  
5 = Strongly Agree

Data	Response	%
1	8	7%
2	4	4%
3	22	21%
4	36	34%
5	37	35%

## Question 7 Open-Ended Comments

### Please provide any additional comments or feedback for us:

- We do not have many 50 meter pools in the Sun Prairie & Madison area. This would be a draw for team to host large meet and bring in a lot of money into the area. The long course season (50 meter pools) is throughout the Summer and there is only a few pools in the state that has them. Would be a good long term draw and help Sun Prairie financially.
- Admittedly, if not for involvement with the swim teams, we may not have gotten to know to or go to the FAC at all. I think the swim teams help promote this facility a lot.
- Thank you!
- There is very little zero depth entry left in the pool, not much room for toddlers. There is a lot of stuff between the zero depth area and the other shallow pool, making it hard for families with a toddler to keep track of an older child (too many obstacles obstructing the view). What is the point of the artificial turf?
- I think we could do better. This is not an exciting redevelopment of the space. Retrofitting without modern updates will leave us all wanting more, and no one will be satisfied.
- Everybody has the right to dignity and respect. Based on the incident at SPEHS, transgender individuals, especially biologically male transitioning to female, appear to have no wish to use individuals changing rooms, and their disregard and disrespect for the rights of girls and women who do not wish to encounter them while they change is a problem that the city is ignoring. The best solution would remove the "male" and "female" areas, and have only individual bathrooms and individual changing areas for individuals or families to use.
- I would like to see more general swimming area but this is a vast improvement from the previous concept plan. The artificial turf seems arbitrary and unlikely to be used as frequently as additional water space.
- I wish the turf area wasn't added in. The pool being a giant semi circle is currently really nice and I'm bummed to be losing pool space.
- Please make sure that the facility will support swim team functions and meets, including a large Piranhas conference meet where they would host over 250+ swimmers and families. Having a portable walkway or bulkhead that separates the lap pool from other pool would be ideal to add to the design for swim team purposes. Please keep the diving well. It is one of the only opportunities for kids to learn to swim in deeper water.
- One concern is how big the 'splash pad'/water features are in the zero depth entry. Will there be room to just freely swim without being worried about getting sprayed or water dumped on you? Also, is the playground being removed for ping pong Tables? It is fun to have all the extra amenities and slides but it is also nice to have free space to play water games with friends, jump in, free swim etc.
- Seems much smaller for completing swim lessons and less variation for doing them.
- Didn't see #4 (Spashpad) on rendering...either mislabeled, missing, or I just can't find it ;).
- I would love to know more about why there will be artificial turf/green space on the pool deck. I assume there is a type that won't get too slick with water but seems a little risky. Is it a cheaper option than paving?
- I understand the smaller size - but my concern is enough space for swimming lessons (which are extremely popular in the summer) along with planning for the growth of SP.

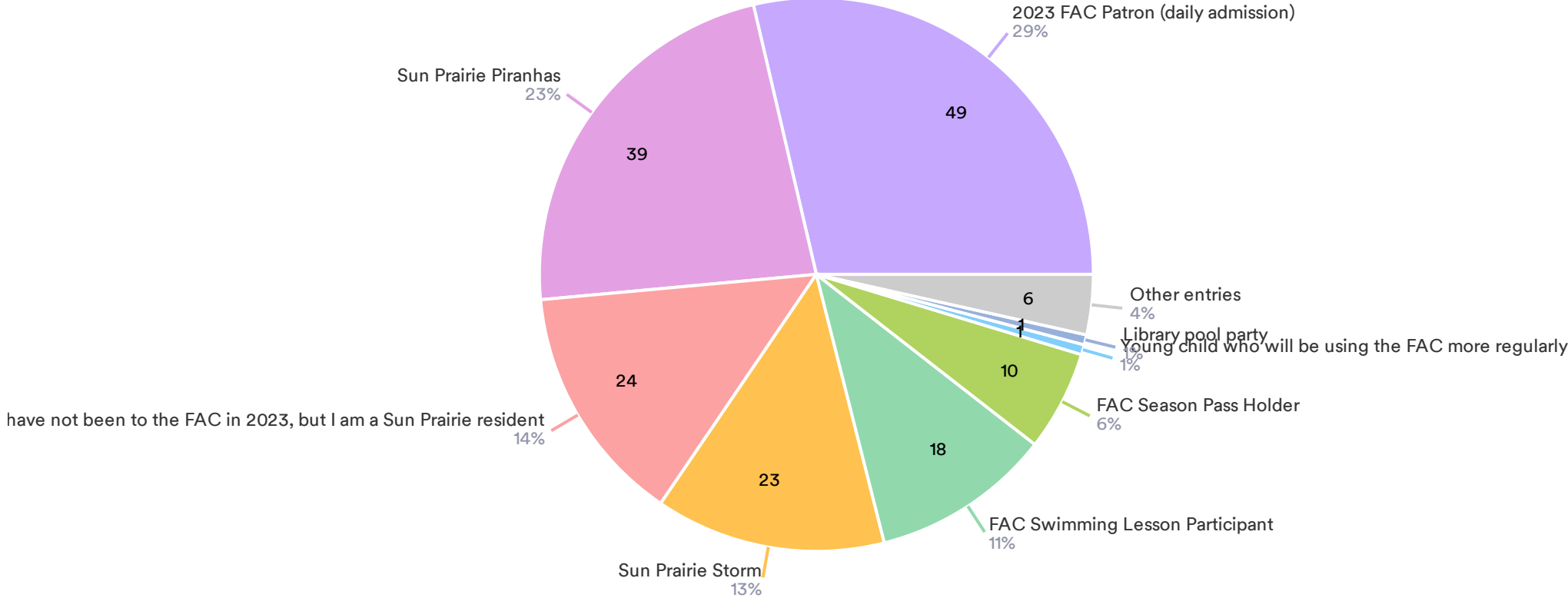
## Question 7 Open-Ended Comments CONTINUED

- I can't find 4 on the map? I love the idea of a splash pad there, but I still wouldn't go to just use a splash pad, especially when there are so many free options around. I feel like the toddler area and kid area are pretty separate, which makes it hard for me to watch both my kids by myself.
- Please do what you can to keep this project cost effective. The FAC has been a massive money pit for decades.
- I like that it addresses different ages, depths. Think getting rid of volleyball is probably good as I rarely see anyone use it for volleyball.
- Leave more open water space, no need for so many activities.
- Would like to see some year round area or usage.
- Please work to garner more lifeguards. Please add to your hours. Raises prices a little and work with low income families so it's still an option for them. I love every about the current facility. This is so disappointing.
- With the pool area being smaller maybe voice to the school/ summer camps to have their kids not crowd or push others out of the swimming area. I experienced this with my son this past summer where kids were jumping in and swimming all around us not allowing him to have any swimming space which cause him to want to leave.
- As a former synchronized swimmer/lifeguard/pool manager and sun prairie resident with a family I'm excited to see that this is coming! If you need any other input please feel free to reach out.

# Family Aquatic Center Renovation Project

In which way(s) are you engaged with the Family Aquatic Center (FAC)? (select all that apply)

171 Responses- 7 Empty



- 2023 FAC Patron (daily admission)
- Sun Prairie Piranhas
- I have not been to the FAC in 2023, but I am a Sun Prairie resident
- Sun Prairie Storm
- FAC Swimming Lesson Participant
- FAC Season Pass Holder
- Young child who will be using the FAC more regularly
- Library pool party
- Other entries