

City of Alexandria, Virginia

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 21, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Charles Houston Community Center

901 Wythe Street

Alexandria, VA 22314

Agenda

- I. Call to Order: Jennifer Atkins, Chair.
- II. Presentations:
 - A. RPCA 2015 Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment
 - B. Update on Chinquapin Aquatics Center Expansion Feasibility Study
 - C. PARKNERSHIP Program Overview
 - D. Potomac Yard Metrorail Project/Redesign of Potomac Greens Park and Potomac Yard Park
 - E. Waterfront Plan - Fitzgerald Square Update
- III. Items for Information:
 - A. Public Comments: The Commission will receive brief comments on non-agenda Items. Commenters should arrive promptly by start of meeting and prepare to keep comments to three minutes or less.
 - B. Update on Patrick Henry School and Recreation Center Project.
- IV. Items for Action:
 - A. Approve 2015 CIVIC Award Nominees
 - B. Approval of Minutes: September 17, 2015, October 15, 2015
- V. RPCA Staff Updates:
 - A. Director's Report: FY17 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program.
 - B. Division Updates: Recreation Services; Park Operations; Public Information, Special Events, Waterfront Operations, and Park Planning, Design and Capital Projects.
- VI. Commission Business/Reports from Commissioners by District (verbal updates):
- VII. Next Meeting: Agenda items and location for February 18, 2016.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 21, 2016
TO: ALEXANDRIA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FROM: DANA WEDELES, PARK PLANNER
SUBJECT: 2015 PARKS AND RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The City of Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities conducted a citywide Needs Assessment survey during Summer/Fall 2015. The purpose of the survey was to establish priorities for the future development of Alexandria's parks, recreation, cultural facilities, programs and services based on identified community needs.

The City of Alexandria, with a consultant, Leisure Vision, designed and administered the survey to obtain statistically valid results from households and to benchmark findings against the 2013 and 2011 Needs Assessment results.

Leisure Vision worked extensively with the City of Alexandria officials in the development of the survey questionnaire. This work allowed the survey to be tailored to issues of strategic importance to effectively plan the future system. The five-page survey was mailed to a random sample of 3,000 households in the City of Alexandria. Approximately three days after the surveys were mailed, each household that received a survey also received an automated voice message encouraging them to complete the survey. In addition, about two weeks after the surveys were mailed, Leisure Vision began contacting households by phone. Those who indicated they had not returned the survey were given the option of completing it by phone.

The goal was to obtain a total of at least 600 completed surveys from City of Alexandria households. This goal was accomplished allowing the results to have a 95% level of confidence with a precision of at least +/-3.3%.

[Click here to view the full 2015 Needs Assessment report.](#)

The following summarizes major survey findings:

- A Good Percentage of Households Have Visited City of Alexandria Parks. Eighty-five percent (85%) of households have visited parks/open spaces operated by the City of Alexandria during the past 12 months. This is up 3% from the 2013 survey.

- Good Rating Remains High on the City of Alexandria Parks. Of the households that have visited City of Alexandria parks/open spaces during the past 12 months, 8% rated the parks/open spaces they've visited as "excellent", and 57% rated them as "good". An additional 14% of households rated the parks/open spaces as "fair", and only 1% rated them as "poor". Excellent ratings have increased 5% from the 2013 survey
- Participation in City of Alexandria Recreation Programs. Fifty-two percent (52%) of households have participated in recreation programs offered by the City of Alexandria during the past 12 months. Based on the percentage of respondents who have participated in programs offered by the City, 48% have participated in two to three programs. Other amounts of participation include: one program (23%), four to six programs (22%), seven to ten programs (6%), and eleven or more programs (1%). Participation in programs is up from 48% in 2013.
- Satisfaction with the Program Services Provided by the City of Alexandria. Based on the percentage of respondents who have participated in programs offered by the City, 86% indicated they are either "very satisfied" (30%) or "satisfied" (56%) with the location of programs. Other major categories with similar levels of satisfaction include: times programs are offered (83%), facility safety (81%), quality of the facility where program is offered (80%) and fees charged for value received (74%).
- Quality of City of Alexandria Recreation Programs. Of the households that have participated in City of Alexandria recreation programs during the past 12 months, 7% rated the quality of the programs as "excellent", and 63% rated them as "good". An additional 10% of households rated the programs as "fair", and 0% rated them as "poor". Excellent rating is down from 33% in 2013
- Respondents Are Generally Satisfied with the Aesthetic Appearance and Quality of Alexandria's Public Lands: Based on the percentage of respondents, 78% of respondents were either very satisfied (21%), or satisfied (57%). Other ratings of the aesthetic appearance and quality are: neutral (14%), dissatisfied (6%), and very dissatisfied (1%).
- Ways Households Learn About City of Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities. The most frequently mentioned ways that households learn about services offered by the City of Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities are: from friends and neighbors (42%), City of Alexandria website (37%), newspaper (36%), and internet search (32%). Schools and ACPS communications are up 4% from 2011 and 2013.
- Awareness that the City of Alexandria Operates a Public Art Program: Sixty-six percent (66%) of respondents were unaware that the City of Alexandria operates a public art program. Other ratings of awareness are: somewhat aware (26%), and very aware (8%).
- Ways Households Travel to the Parks and Recreation Facilities. The most frequently mentioned ways that households travel to the parks and recreation facilities they use are: car (87%), bike (78%), and walk (37%).
- Support for the City of Alexandria Partnering With Neighboring Jurisdictions: Fifty-four percent (52%) of respondents are either very supportive (31%), or somewhat supportive (21%) of the City of Alexandria partnering with neighboring jurisdictions on the

development of a 50 meter pool at Long Bridge Park. The remaining respondents were not sure (29%) or not supportive (19%)

- Parks, Recreation, or Cultural Facilities Households Have a Need For. The parks, recreation, or cultural facilities that the highest percentage of households have need for are: walking paths (89%), natural areas and wildlife habitats (71%), biking trails (67%), open lawns and landscape (65%), picnic shelters/areas (57%), marina/waterfront (56%), and outdoor leisure/recreational swimming pool (55%)
- Walking Paths Are By a Wide Margin the Most Important Parks, Recreation, or Cultural Facilities to Households. Based on the sum of their top four choices, the parks, recreation, or cultural facilities that are most important to households are: walking paths (56%), biking trails (35%), natural areas and wildlife habitats (27%), and playgrounds (23%).
- Farmers Market and Cultural Special Events Are the Top Two Most Needed Recreation and Cultural Programs. The recreation and cultural programs that the highest percentage of households have a need for are: farmers’/outdoor markets (82%), cultural special events (75%), partnership/volunteer opportunities (50%), adult fitness and wellness programs (49%), and nature programs/environmental education (47%)
- Cultural Special Events Are the Most Important Recreation and Cultural Program to Households. Based on the sum of their top four choices, the recreation and cultural programs that are most important to households are: farmers’/outdoor markets (50%), cultural special events (45%), adult fitness and wellness programs (20%), youth learn to swim instruction (16%), and partnership/volunteer opportunities (16%).
- Recreation and Cultural Programs That Households Participate in Most Often. Based on the sum of their top four choices, the recreation and cultural programs that households participate in most often are: farmers’/outdoor markets (54%), cultural special events (41%), youth learn to swim instruction (12%), and youth athletic leagues (10%).
- Importance of Actions the City of Alexandria Could Take to Improve Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities Services: Based on the sum of respondents’ selection of “very important” or “somewhat important”, 88% indicated it is important to improve existing neighborhood parks. Other purposes with similar levels of importance include: improve existing walking, hiking and biking trails 85%), develop new walking, hiking and biking trails (81%) and purchase land to preserve natural areas, wildlife habitats and views (72%).
- Actions That Could be Taken That Respondent Households Would be Most Willing to Support With Their Tax Dollars. Based on the sum of their top four choices, the actions respondents would be most willing to support include: improve existing neighborhood parks (49%), improve existing walking, hiking and biking trails (44%), develop new walking, hiking and biking trails (37%), and purchase land to preserve natural areas, wildlife habitats and views (37%).

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 21, 2016

TO: ALEXANDRIA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: LAURA DURHAM, PRINCIPAL PLANNER
ACTING REGIONAL PROGRAM MANAGER, CHINQUAPIN RECREATION
AND AQUATICS CENTER
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: CHINQUAPIN AQUACTICS CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE

ISSUE: Update on the consultant's Updated Chinquapin Aquatics Center Feasibility Study and related cost estimates for the project options. This update discusses the final feasibility assessment for the addition of a 50 meter aquatic facility, including review of cost estimates for alternative layouts and building types.

BACKGROUND: Through the FY2014 budget discussions, City Council approved \$500,000 in funding for a feasibility study to determine the viability of constructing a 50 meter competition pool and renovated recreation pool at the Chinquapin Park Recreation Center and Aquatics Facility. The City released a Request for Proposals (RFP) and selected the firm of Hughes Group Architects (HGA) to complete this study. HGA began the work in February 2014 and completed the first phase of the study (Tasks 1A and 1B) in January 2015.

Task 1A determined that a 50 meter pool addition is feasible based on the physical conditions/constraints and that Alexandria's market could sustain an expanded aquatics facility. Task 1B provided further assessment of the feasibility including a detailed market analysis, constructability and estimated overall cost. HGA provided the cost estimate for the new 50 meter pool and renovated recreation pool, with a caveat that they were not at the design phase yet, so the estimate is of rough magnitude. The estimated cost for the 50 meter pool expansion totaled \$30,717,619, which was significantly greater than what was estimated in Task 1A. The estimated cost for both the 50 meter pool and renovations to the existing recreation pool totaled \$41,686,909. Both Task 1A and 1B Reports can be found at:
<http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation/info/default.aspx?id=78867>

Based on the findings from Task 1B and the subsequent cost estimates, staff requested that HGA pause their work on the feasibility study to allow for a discussion with City Council and the public regarding how and if to proceed with the project. A public meeting was held in February 2015, at which time the consultant presented their findings and answered questions from the

public. Following discussions with the stakeholders, broader community, and direction from City Council through the FY2016-2025 budget process, staff directed and worked with the consultant to develop and analyze alternative options for the project to determine if the cost of the 50 meter pool expansion could be lowered to be within the available capital budget. HGA was also asked to first complete additional site studies, including geotechnical and utility work, to reduce the unknown conditions which were requiring a higher contingency cost (estimate) for the project.

DISCUSSION: Following completion of the geotechnical and utility studies, HGA worked closely with staff and met with the Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics (AAA) over the summer and early fall of 2015 to produce and assess alternatives that might decrease the cost for construction of a 50 meter pool. The results of the geotechnical and utility studies supported reducing the significant cost for soil related work included in the January 2015 estimates, and indicated no significant existing utility impacts were present. Based on the additional studies and recommendations from staff and AAA, HGA explored the following 50 meter pool options:

- A. One-story, conventional building;
- B. One-story, pre-engineered building;
- C. One-story, translucent enclosure;
- D. One-story, architectural membrane (not feasible for two-story construction);
- E. Two-story, conventional building;
- F. Two-story, pre-engineered building; and
- G. Two-story, translucent enclosure.

All of the one-story options above show the new 50 meter pool at grade with the main/lobby level of the current recreation center, with the existing and new pools on two different levels. The additional options also differ from the original concept presented in Task 1B with the reduction of connector space between the existing building and new 50 meter pool structure. This reduction eliminates new “dry” recreational space previously shown that would be available for increased programming of the entire center. For each building option, HGA researched and found no discernable impact on non-personnel related operating costs (e.g., utility costs, etc.).

Concurrent with developing the expansion options listed above, HGA provided related cost estimates for each of the options. The overall cost estimates below include both soft and hard costs, as well as escalation for construction costs to be incurred in 2018. Detailed cost estimates for each option are provided in Attachment 1.

Building Type	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D	Option E	Option F	Option G
Cost Estimate	\$24.5M	\$22.8M	\$25.45M	\$22M	\$27.1M	\$25.5M	\$28.3M

The FY2016-FY2025 CIP includes \$22.35 million for the project in FY17 (\$4.5M) and FY18 (\$17.85M). The Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics (AAA) committed to raising \$2.5 million of the \$22.35 million. Of the options considered, the current cost estimates for Option C (one-story, pre-engineered building) and Option G (one-story, architectural membrane building) are within or close to the \$22.35 million project budget.

Staff will continue to work with the community to seek feedback on the options. At this time, staff recommends the one-story, pre-engineered building as the preferred option to move forward

into the design and construction phase, if adequate funding is available and approved in the FY2017-FY2026 budget. This recommendation is based on knowledge of each building system, the aesthetic of each system, the neighborhood context, and the potential available budget. The architectural membrane provides a 50 meter pool option that is estimated to cost slightly (\$800K) less to construct than the pre-engineered building, but offers fewer design options that can work more seamlessly with the existing building and neighborhood context.

The final portion of this assessment included a review of the project's ability to reach the established 80% cost recovery goal for operating the expanded aquatics center. A detailed proforma will be provided if and when a preferred option is selected and moves into design. In the meantime, the analysis concluded that with adequate programming of the two bodies of water (the existing pool and new 50 meter pool), as well as the other recreation center facilities, the 80% cost recovery goal can be met within three years of opening the new pool.

The cost of the feasibility study is covered by the \$500,000 provided in the FY2014 CIP. The cost of expanding the Chinquapin Aquatics Center with a 50 meter pool ranges from \$22 million to \$28.3 million. The FY2016-FY2025 CIP includes \$22.35 million for the project, \$2.5M of which is private funding from AAA.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Chinquapin Feasibility Study 50 Meter Pool Options Cost Estimates
2. Chinquapin Feasibility Study 50 Meter Pool Options Presentation

Option A

Chinquapin Aquatic Center Initial Budget-Phase I One Story Scheme - Conventional Construction

Soft Costs	Initial Budget	\$/SF
Project Management	\$ 539,876	\$ 16.36
A/E Fees	\$ 1,663,034	\$ 50.39
CMI (Commissioning, mat. testing, 3rd party ins)	\$ 220,000	\$ 6.67
Legal	\$ -	\$ -
Other Owner Costs & Consultants	\$ 37,000	\$ 1.12
DSUP Entitlements	\$ -	\$ -
Feasibility Study*	\$ -	\$ -
Owner Contingency	\$ 1,956,510	\$ 59.29
Owner Hard Costs & Equipment	\$ 552,823	\$ 16.75
Total Soft Costs	\$ 4,969,242	\$ 150.58
Hard Cost New Addition	Approved Budget	\$/SF
Building Construction	\$ 13,272,033	\$ 402.18
Escalation	\$ 1,061,763	\$ 32.17
Builder Fees	\$ 597,241	\$ 18.10
Bonds and Insurance	\$ 199,080	\$ 6.03
Contingency	\$ 663,602	\$ 20.11
TOTAL	\$ 15,793,719	\$ 478.60
Hard Cost Renovation	Approved Budget	\$/SF
Building Construction	\$ 67,500	\$ 2.05
Escalation	\$ 5,400	\$ 0.16
Builder Fees	\$ 3,038	\$ 0.09
Bonds and Insurance	\$ 1,013	\$ 0.03
Contingency	\$ 3,375	\$ 0.10
TOTAL	\$ 80,325	\$ 2.43
Hard Cost Demolition & Sitework	Approved Budget	\$/SF
Site Construction	\$ 3,101,729	\$ 93.99
Escalation	\$ 248,138	\$ 7.52
Builder Fees	\$ 139,578	\$ 4.23
Bonds and Insurance	\$ 46,526	\$ 1.41
Contingency	\$ 155,086	\$ 4.70
TOTAL	\$ 3,691,057	\$ 111.85
Total Hard Costs	\$ 19,565,101	\$ 592.88
Total Hard & Soft Costs	\$ 24,534,343	\$ 743.46

*Feasibility Analysis Has Been Completed
Project Schedule: 12/2018 Completion

Option B

Chinquapin Aquatic Center Initial Budget-Phase I One Story Scheme - Pre-Engineered

Soft Costs	Initial Budget	\$/SF
Project Management	\$ 501,545	\$ 15.20
A/E Fees	\$ 1,540,835	\$ 46.69
CMI (Commissioning, mat. testing, 3rd party ins)	\$ 220,000	\$ 6.67
Legal	\$ -	\$ -
Other Owner Costs & Consultants	\$ 37,000	\$ 1.12
DSUP Entitlements	\$ -	\$ -
Feasibility Study*	\$ -	\$ -
Owner Contingency	\$ 1,812,747	\$ 54.93
Owner Hard Costs & Equipment	\$ 552,823	\$ 16.75
Total Soft Costs	\$ 4,664,949	\$ 141.36
Hard Cost New Addition	Approved Budget	\$/SF
Building Construction	\$ 12,063,936	\$ 365.57
Escalation	\$ 965,115	\$ 29.25
Builder Fees	\$ 542,877	\$ 16.45
Bonds and Insurance	\$ 180,959	\$ 5.48
Contingency	\$ 603,197	\$ 18.28
TOTAL	\$ 14,356,084	\$ 435.03
Hard Cost Renovation	Approved Budget	\$/SF
Building Construction	\$ 67,500	\$ 2.05
Escalation	\$ 5,400	\$ 0.16
Builder Fees	\$ 3,038	\$ 0.09
Bonds and Insurance	\$ 1,013	\$ 0.03
Contingency	\$ 3,375	\$ 0.10
TOTAL	\$ 80,325	\$ 2.43
Hard Cost Demolition & Sitework	Approved Budget	\$/SF
Site Construction	\$ 3,101,729	\$ 93.99
Escalation	\$ 248,138	\$ 7.52
Builder Fees	\$ 139,578	\$ 4.23
Bonds and Insurance	\$ 46,526	\$ 1.41
Contingency	\$ 155,086	\$ 4.70
TOTAL	\$ 3,691,057	\$ 111.85
Total Hard Costs	\$ 18,127,466	\$ 549.32
Total Hard & Soft Costs	\$ 22,792,415	\$ 690.68

*Feasibility Analysis Has Been Completed
Project Schedule: 12/2018 Completion

Option C

Chinquapin Aquatic Center Initial Budget-Phase I One Story Scheme - Translucent Enclosure

Soft Costs	Initial Budget	\$/SF
Project Management	\$ 559,933	\$ 16.97
A/E Fees	\$ 1,726,976	\$ 52.33
CMI (Commissioning, mat. testing, 3rd party ins)	\$ 220,000	\$ 6.67
Legal	\$ -	\$ -
Other Owner Costs & Consultants	\$ 37,000	\$ 1.12
DSUP Entitlements	\$ -	\$ -
Feasibility Study*	\$ -	\$ -
Owner Contingency	\$ 2,031,736	\$ 61.57
Owner Hard Costs & Equipment	\$ 552,823	\$ 16.75
Total Soft Costs	\$ 5,128,468	\$ 155.41
Hard Cost New Addition	Approved Budget	\$/SF
Building Construction	\$ 13,904,187	\$ 421.34
Escalation	\$ 1,112,335	\$ 33.71
Builder Fees	\$ 625,688	\$ 18.96
Bonds and Insurance	\$ 208,563	\$ 6.32
Contingency	\$ 695,209	\$ 21.07
TOTAL	\$ 16,545,982	\$ 501.39
Hard Cost Renovation	Approved Budget	\$/SF
Building Construction	\$ 67,500	\$ 2.05
Escalation	\$ 5,400	\$ 0.16
Builder Fees	\$ 3,038	\$ 0.09
Bonds and Insurance	\$ 1,013	\$ 0.03
Contingency	\$ 3,375	\$ 0.10
TOTAL	\$ 80,325	\$ 2.43
Hard Cost Demolition & Sitework	Approved Budget	\$/SF
Site Construction	\$ 3,101,729	\$ 93.99
Escalation	\$ 248,138	\$ 7.52
Builder Fees	\$ 139,578	\$ 4.23
Bonds and Insurance	\$ 46,526	\$ 1.41
Contingency	\$ 155,086	\$ 4.70
TOTAL	\$ 3,691,057	\$ 111.85
Total Hard Costs	\$ 20,317,365	\$ 615.68
Total Hard & Soft Costs	\$ 25,445,833	\$ 771.09

*Feasibility Analysis Has Been Completed
Project Schedule: 12/2018 Completion

Option D

Chinquapin Aquatic Center Initial Budget-Phase I One Story Scheme - Architectural Membrane

Soft Costs	Initial Budget	\$/SF
Project Management	\$ 484,681	\$ 14.69
A/E Fees	\$ 1,487,073	\$ 45.06
CMI (Commissioning, mat. testing, 3rd party ins)	\$ 220,000	\$ 6.67
Legal	\$ -	\$ -
Other Owner Costs & Consultants	\$ 37,000	\$ 1.12
DSUP Entitlements	\$ -	\$ -
Feasibility Study*	\$ -	\$ -
Owner Contingency	\$ 1,749,497	\$ 53.02
Owner Hard Costs & Equipment	\$ 552,823	\$ 16.75
Total Soft Costs	\$ 4,531,074	\$ 137.31
Hard Cost New Addition	Approved Budget	\$/SF
Building Construction	\$ 11,532,430	\$ 349.47
Escalation	\$ 922,594	\$ 27.96
Builder Fees	\$ 518,959	\$ 15.73
Bonds and Insurance	\$ 172,986	\$ 5.24
Contingency	\$ 576,622	\$ 17.47
TOTAL	\$ 13,723,592	\$ 415.87
Hard Cost Renovation	Approved Budget	\$/SF
Building Construction	\$ 67,500	\$ 2.05
Escalation	\$ 5,400	\$ 0.16
Builder Fees	\$ 3,038	\$ 0.09
Bonds and Insurance	\$ 1,013	\$ 0.03
Contingency	\$ 3,375	\$ 0.10
TOTAL	\$ 80,325	\$ 2.43
Hard Cost Demolition & Sitework	Approved Budget	\$/SF
Site Construction	\$ 3,101,729	\$ 93.99
Escalation	\$ 248,138	\$ 7.52
Builder Fees	\$ 139,578	\$ 4.23
Bonds and Insurance	\$ 46,526	\$ 1.41
Contingency	\$ 155,086	\$ 4.70
TOTAL	\$ 3,691,057	\$ 111.85
Total Hard Costs	\$ 17,494,974	\$ 530.15
Total Hard & Soft Costs	\$ 22,026,048	\$ 667.46

*Feasibility Analysis Has Been Completed
Project Schedule: 12/2018 Completion

Option E

Chinquapin Aquatic Center Initial Budget-Phase I Two Story Scheme - Conventional Construction

Soft Costs	Initial Budget	\$/SF
Project Management	\$ 596,009	\$ 16.56
A/E Fees	\$ 1,841,988	\$ 51.17
CMI (Commissioning, mat. testing, 3rd party ins)	\$ 220,000	\$ 6.11
Legal	\$ -	\$ -
Other Owner Costs & Consultants	\$ 37,000	\$ 1.03
DSUP Entitlements	\$ -	\$ -
Feasibility Study*	\$ -	\$ -
Owner Contingency	\$ 2,167,045	\$ 60.20
Owner Hard Costs & Equipment	\$ 552,823	\$ 15.36
Total Soft Costs	\$ 5,414,866	\$ 150.41
Hard Cost New Addition	Approved Budget	\$/SF
Building Construction	\$ 14,331,179	\$ 398.09
Escalation	\$ 1,146,494	\$ 31.85
Builder Fees	\$ 644,903	\$ 17.91
Bonds and Insurance	\$ 214,968	\$ 5.97
Contingency	\$ 716,559	\$ 19.90
TOTAL	\$ 17,054,103	\$ 473.73
Hard Cost Renovation	Approved Budget	\$/SF
Building Construction	\$ 150,000	\$ 4.17
Escalation	\$ 12,000	\$ 0.33
Builder Fees	\$ 6,750	\$ 0.19
Bonds and Insurance	\$ 2,250	\$ 0.06
Contingency	\$ 7,500	\$ 0.21
TOTAL	\$ 178,500	\$ 4.96
Hard Cost Demolition & Sitework	Approved Budget	\$/SF
Site Construction	\$ 3,729,285	\$ 103.59
Escalation	\$ 298,343	\$ 8.29
Builder Fees	\$ 167,818	\$ 4.66
Bonds and Insurance	\$ 55,939	\$ 1.55
Contingency	\$ 186,464	\$ 5.18
TOTAL	\$ 4,437,849	\$ 123.27
Total Hard Costs	\$ 21,670,452	\$ 601.96
Total Hard & Soft Costs	\$ 27,085,318	\$ 752.37

*Feasibility Analysis Has Been Completed
Project Schedule: 12/2018 Completion

Option F

Chinquapin Aquatic Center Initial Budget-Phase I Two Story Scheme - Pre-Engineered

Soft Costs	Initial Budget	\$/SF
Project Management	\$ 560,657	\$ 15.57
A/E Fees	\$ 1,729,285	\$ 48.04
CMI (Commissioning, mat. testing, 3rd party ins)	\$ 220,000	\$ 6.11
Legal	\$ -	\$ -
Other Owner Costs & Consultants	\$ 37,000	\$ 1.03
DSUP Entitlements	\$ -	\$ -
Feasibility Study*	\$ -	\$ -
Owner Contingency	\$ 2,034,453	\$ 56.51
Owner Hard Costs & Equipment	\$ 552,823	\$ 15.36
Total Soft Costs	\$ 5,134,217	\$ 142.62
Hard Cost New Addition	Approved Budget	\$/SF
Building Construction	\$ 13,216,955	\$ 367.14
Escalation	\$ 1,057,356	\$ 29.37
Builder Fees	\$ 594,763	\$ 16.52
Bonds and Insurance	\$ 198,254	\$ 5.51
Contingency	\$ 660,848	\$ 18.36
TOTAL	\$ 15,728,176	\$ 436.89
Hard Cost Renovation	Approved Budget	\$/SF
Building Construction	\$ 150,000	\$ 4.17
Escalation	\$ 12,000	\$ 0.33
Builder Fees	\$ 6,750	\$ 0.19
Bonds and Insurance	\$ 2,250	\$ 0.06
Contingency	\$ 7,500	\$ 0.21
TOTAL	\$ 178,500	\$ 4.96
Hard Cost Demolition & Sitework	Approved Budget	\$/SF
Site Construction	\$ 3,729,285	\$ 103.59
Escalation	\$ 298,343	\$ 8.29
Builder Fees	\$ 167,818	\$ 4.66
Bonds and Insurance	\$ 55,939	\$ 1.55
Contingency	\$ 186,464	\$ 5.18
TOTAL	\$ 4,437,849	\$ 123.27
Total Hard Costs	\$ 20,344,525	\$ 565.13
Total Hard & Soft Costs	\$ 25,478,742	\$ 707.74

*Feasibility Analysis Has Been Completed
Project Schedule: 12/2018 Completion

Option G

Chinquapin Aquatic Center Initial Budget-Phase I Two Story Scheme - Translucent Enclosure

Soft Costs	Initial Budget	\$/SF
Project Management	\$ 622,331	\$ 17.29
A/E Fees	\$ 1,925,901	\$ 53.50
CMI (Commissioning, mat. testing, 3rd party ins)	\$ 220,000	\$ 6.11
Legal	\$ -	\$ -
Other Owner Costs & Consultants	\$ 37,000	\$ 1.03
DSUP Entitlements	\$ -	\$ -
Feasibility Study*	\$ -	\$ -
Owner Contingency	\$ 2,265,766	\$ 62.94
Owner Hard Costs & Equipment	\$ 552,823	\$ 15.36
Total Soft Costs	\$ 5,623,821	\$ 156.22
Hard Cost New Addition	Approved Budget	\$/SF
Building Construction	\$ 15,160,767	\$ 421.13
Escalation	\$ 1,212,861	\$ 33.69
Builder Fees	\$ 682,235	\$ 18.95
Bonds and Insurance	\$ 227,412	\$ 6.32
Contingency	\$ 758,038	\$ 21.06
TOTAL	\$ 18,041,313	\$ 501.15
Hard Cost Renovation	Approved Budget	\$/SF
Building Construction	\$ 150,000	\$ 4.17
Escalation	\$ 12,000	\$ 0.33
Builder Fees	\$ 6,750	\$ 0.19
Bonds and Insurance	\$ 2,250	\$ 0.06
Contingency	\$ 7,500	\$ 0.21
TOTAL	\$ 178,500	\$ 4.96
Hard Cost Demolition & Sitework	Approved Budget	\$/SF
Site Construction	\$ 3,729,285	\$ 103.59
Escalation	\$ 298,343	\$ 8.29
Builder Fees	\$ 167,818	\$ 4.66
Bonds and Insurance	\$ 55,939	\$ 1.55
Contingency	\$ 186,464	\$ 5.18
TOTAL	\$ 4,437,849	\$ 123.27
Total Hard Costs	\$ 22,657,662	\$ 629.38
Total Hard & Soft Costs	\$ 28,281,484	\$ 785.60

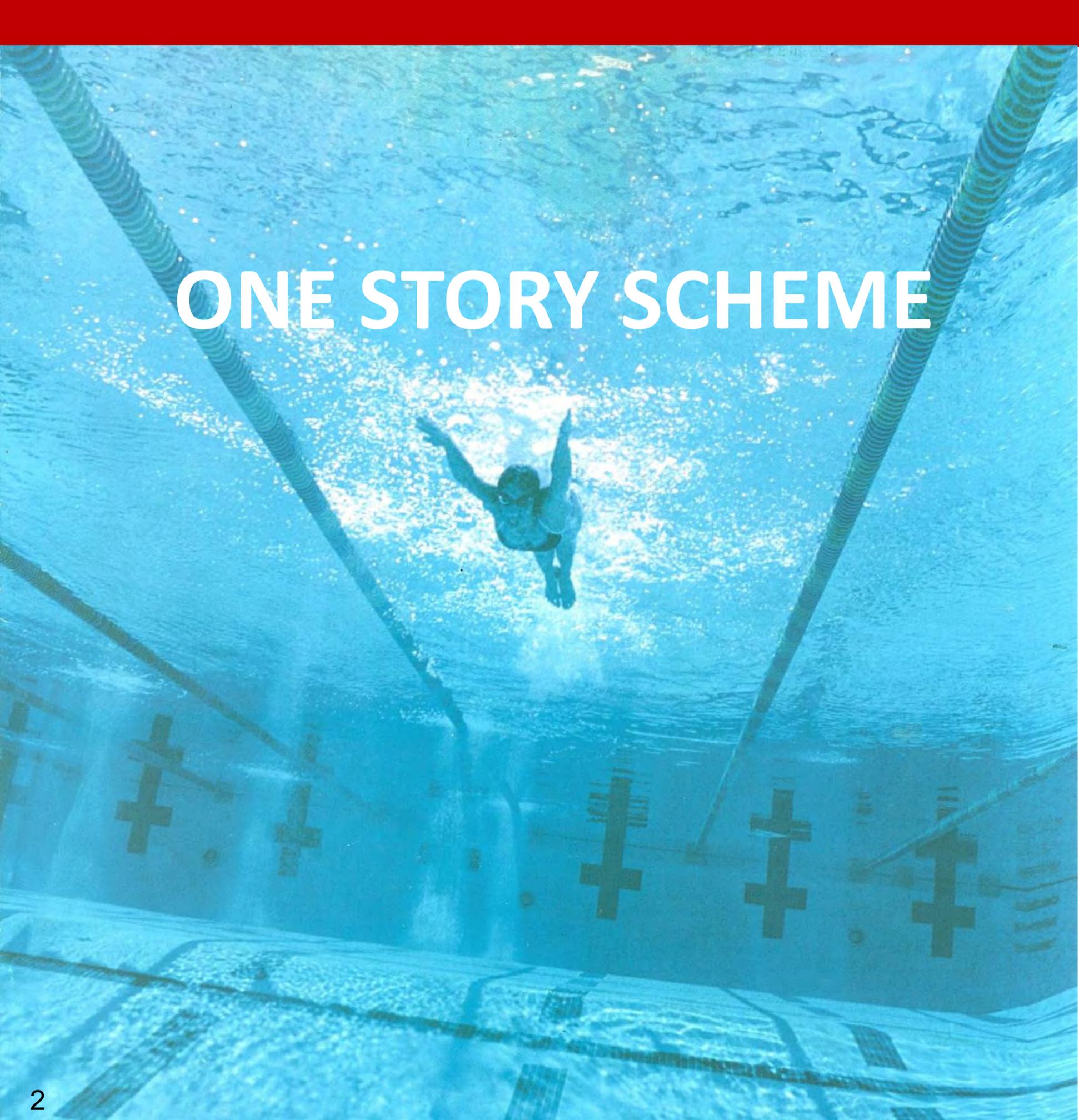
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CHINQUAPIN AQUATIC CENTER

REVISED CONCEPTS

12/31/15



An underwater photograph of a swimmer in a pool lane. The swimmer is in the center, moving away from the camera. The water is clear blue. Lane lines are visible on either side of the swimmer. The pool floor has cross-shaped markers.

ONE STORY SCHEME

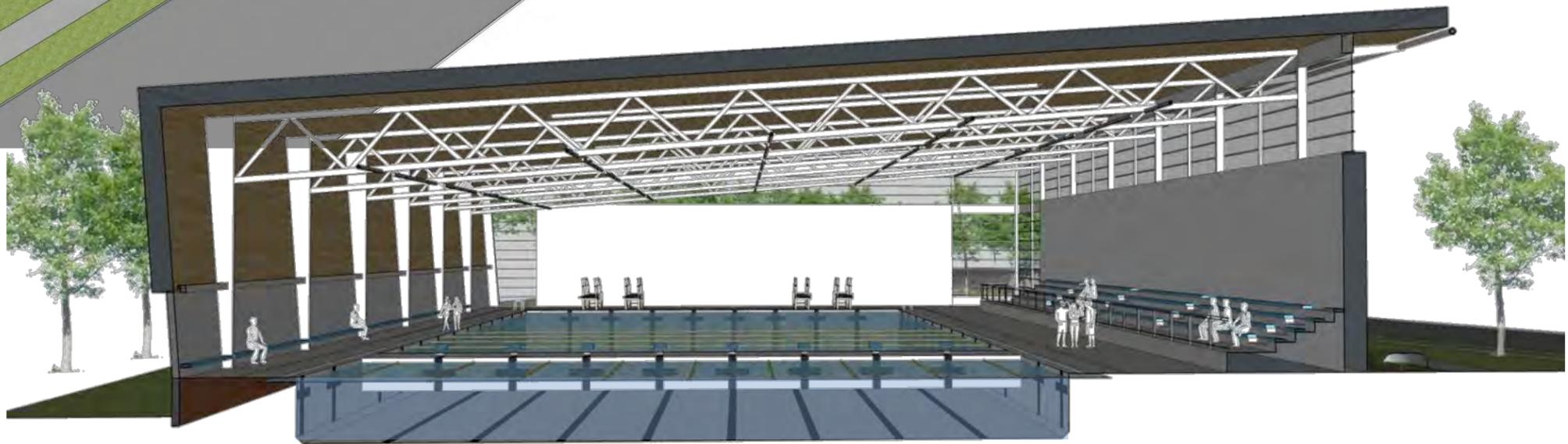
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AERIAL VIEW



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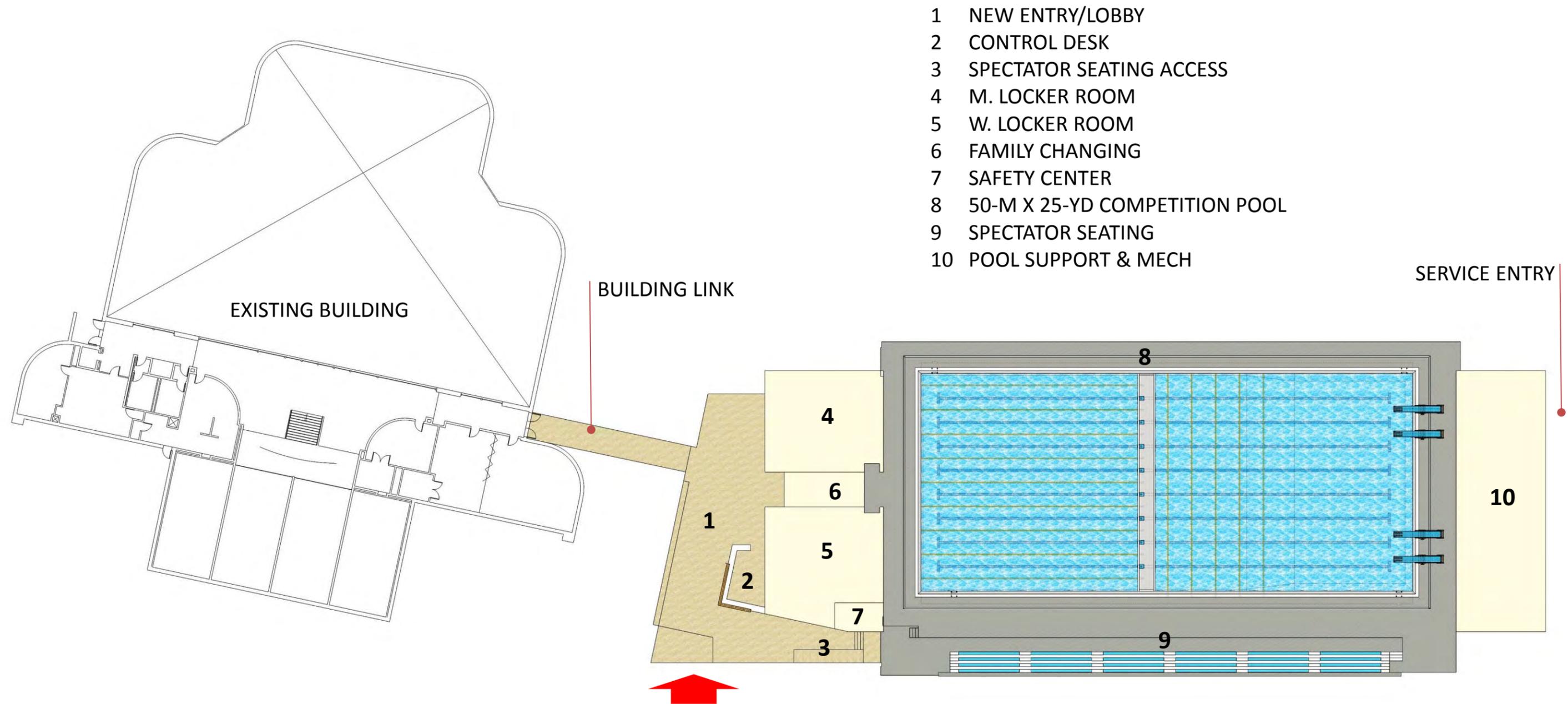


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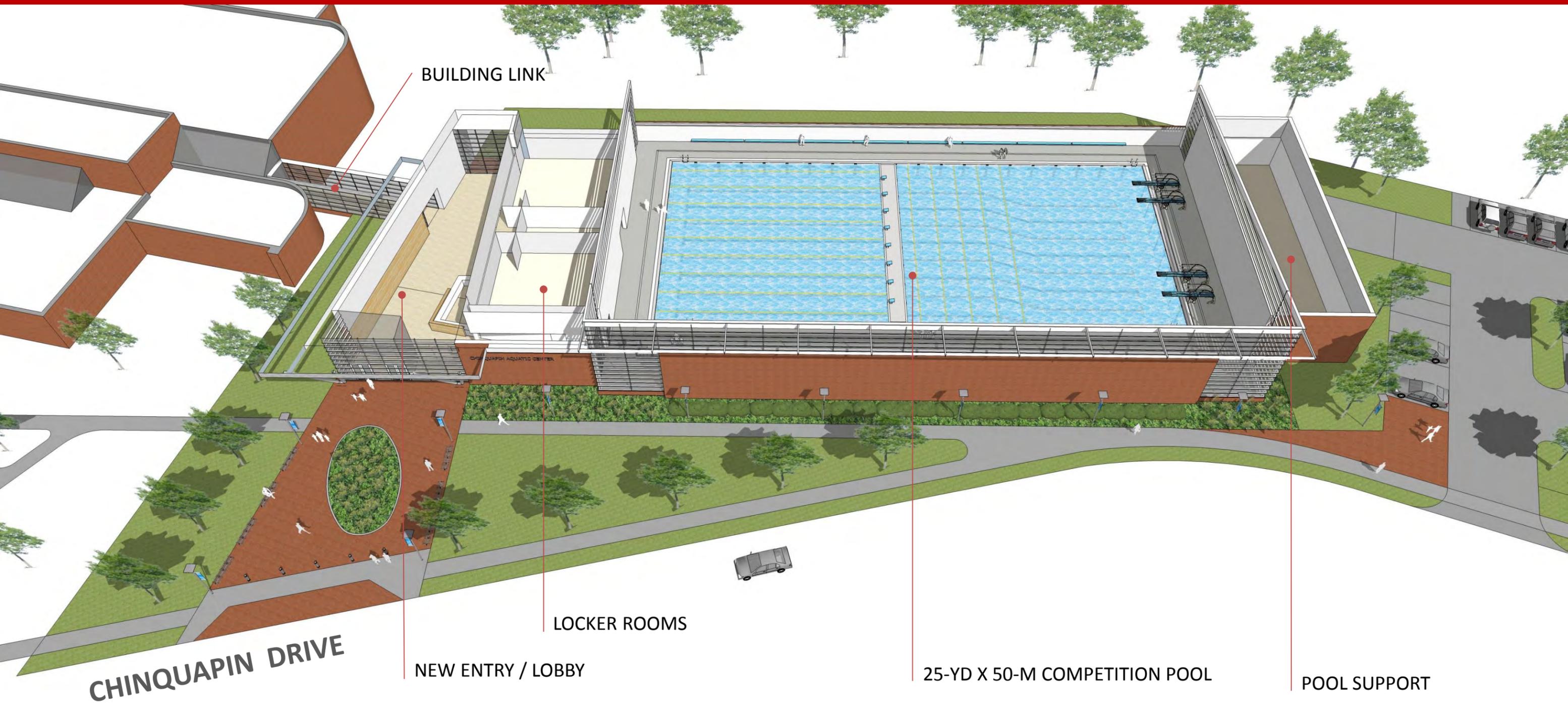


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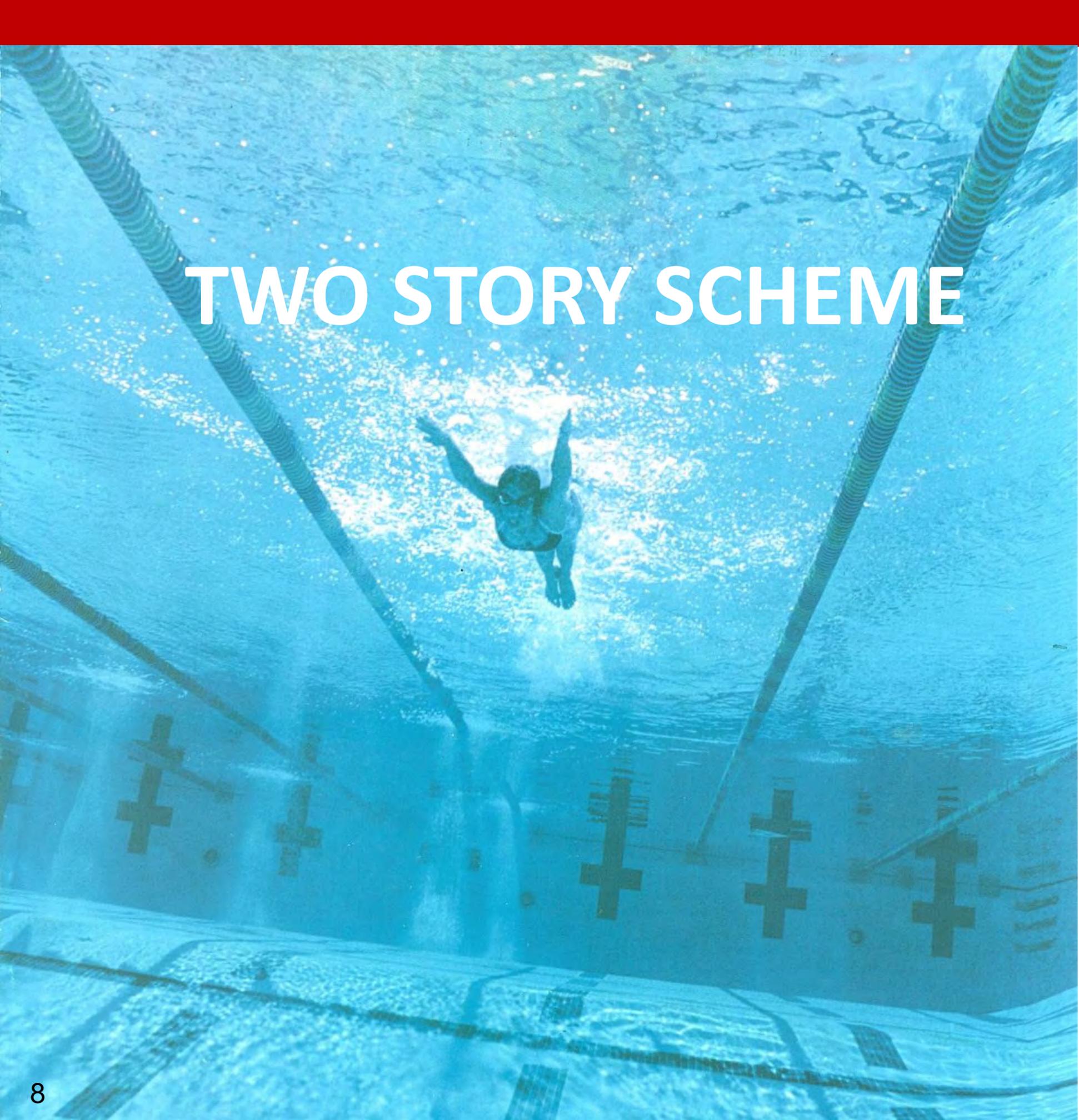


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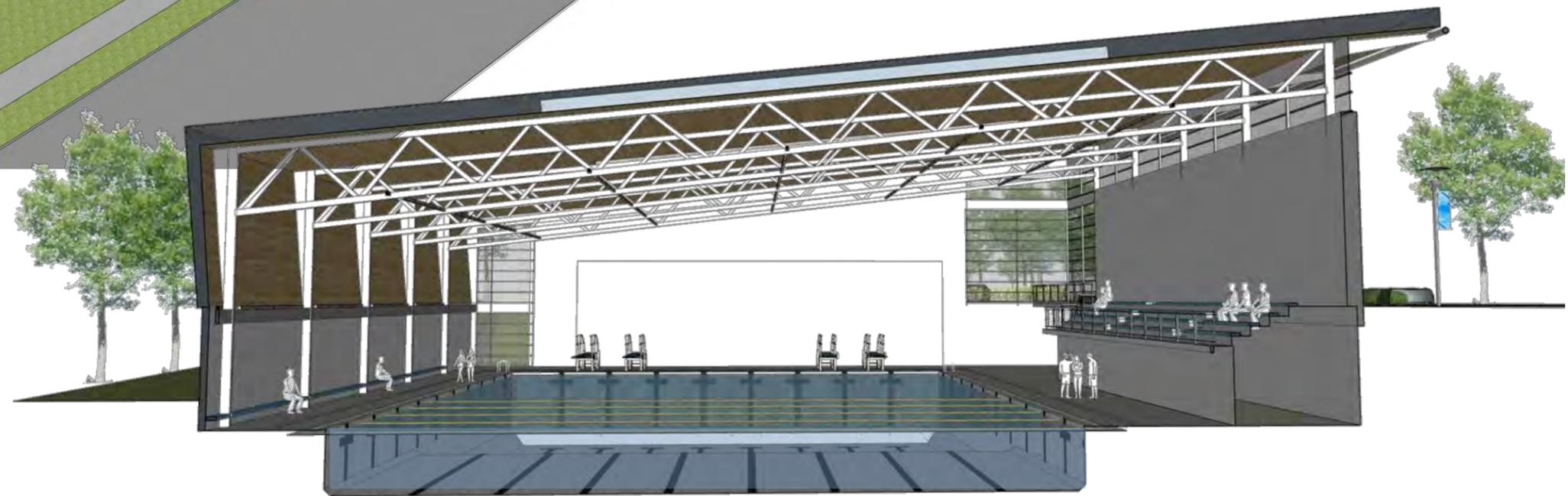
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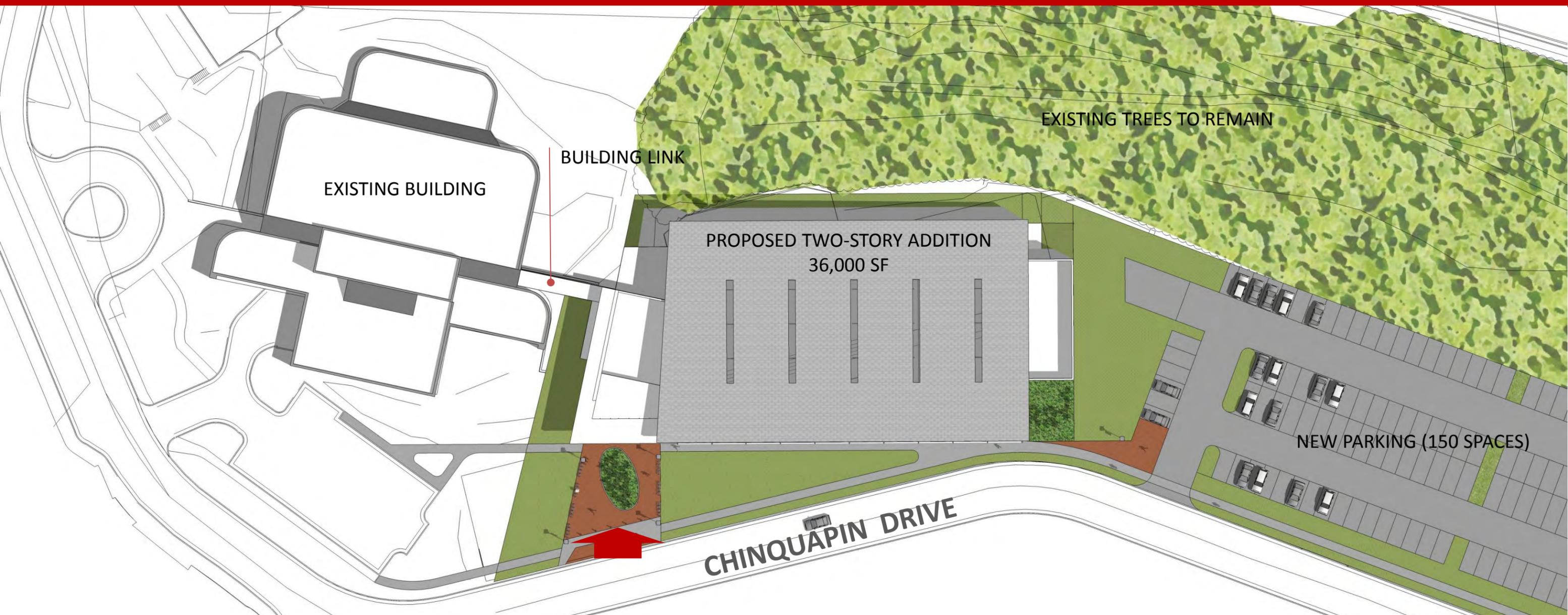


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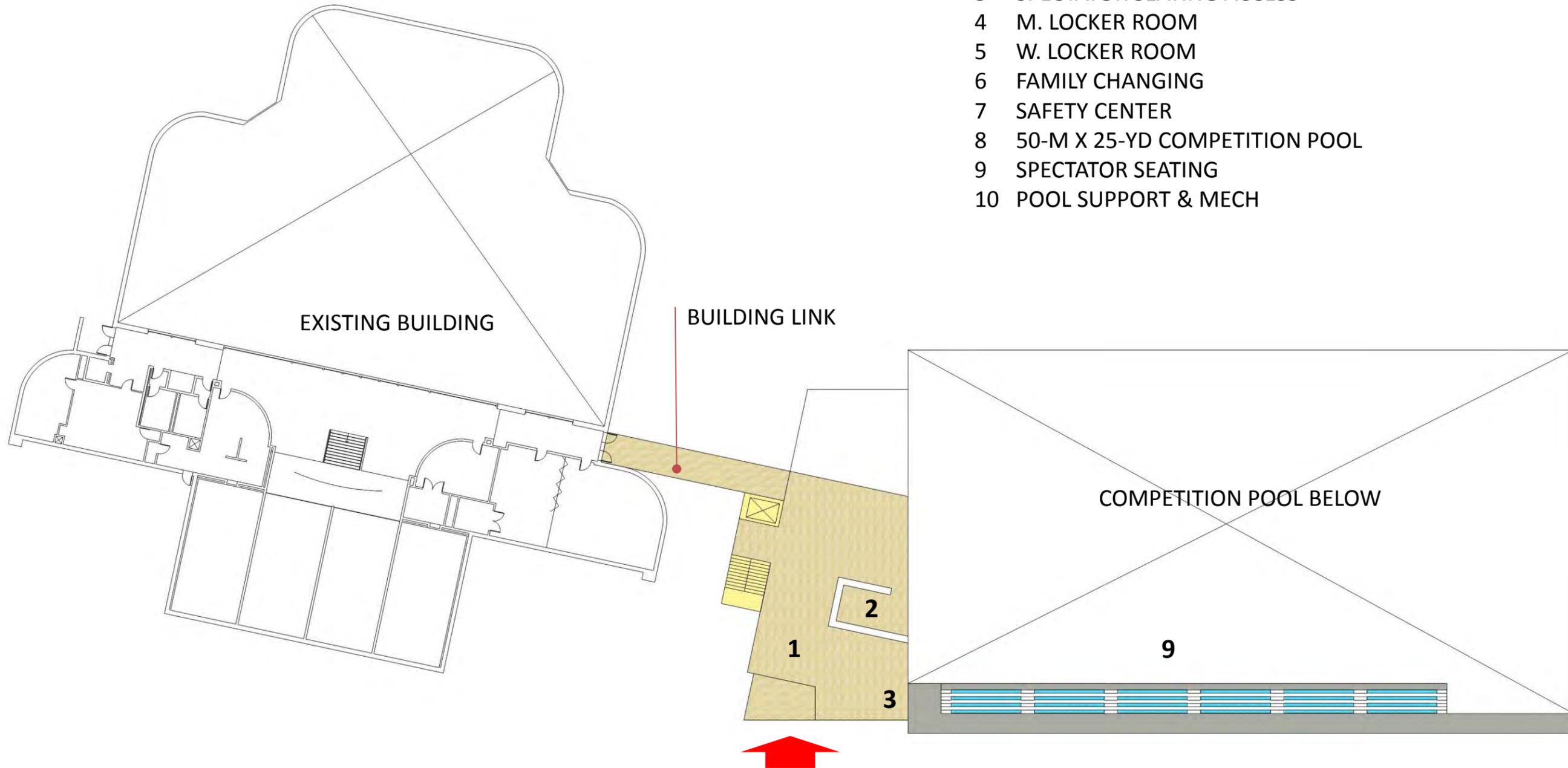
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- 4 M. LOCKER ROOM
- 5 W. LOCKER ROOM
- 6 FAMILY CHANGING
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- 9 SPECTATOR SEATING
- 10 POOL SUPPORT & MECH



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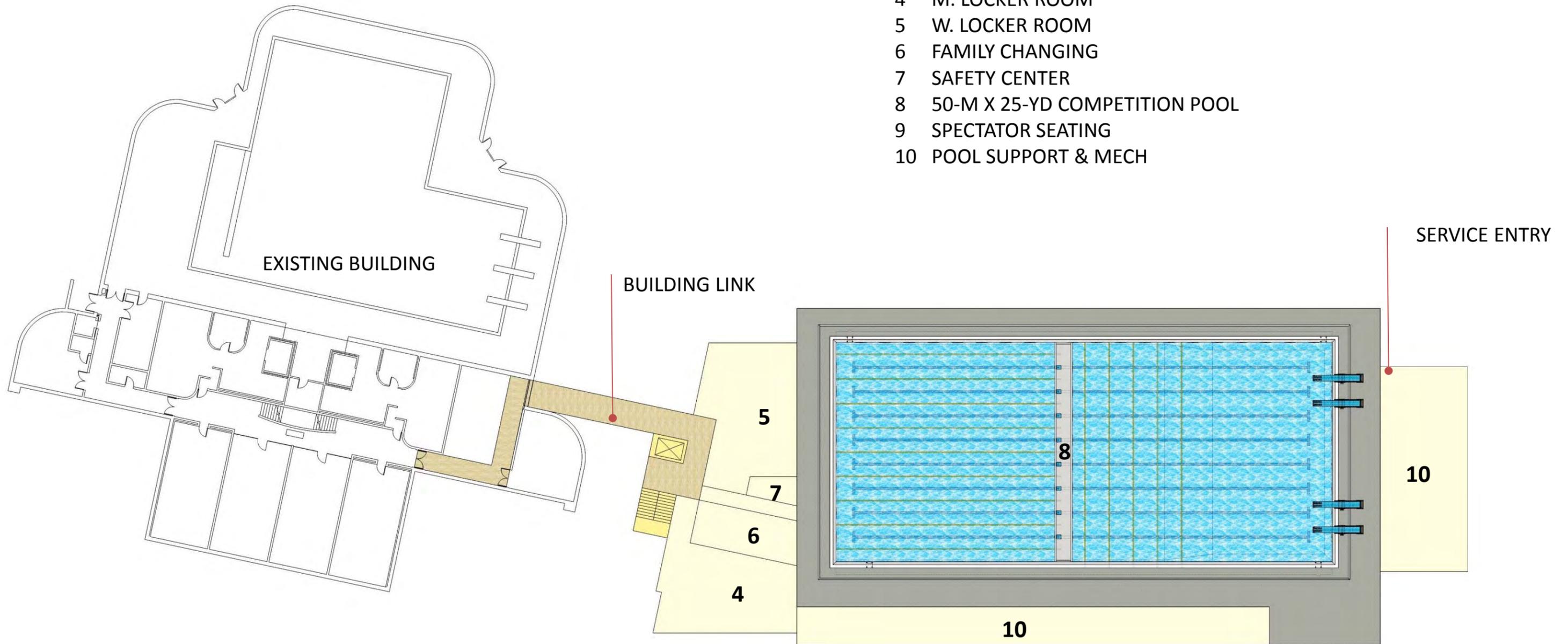
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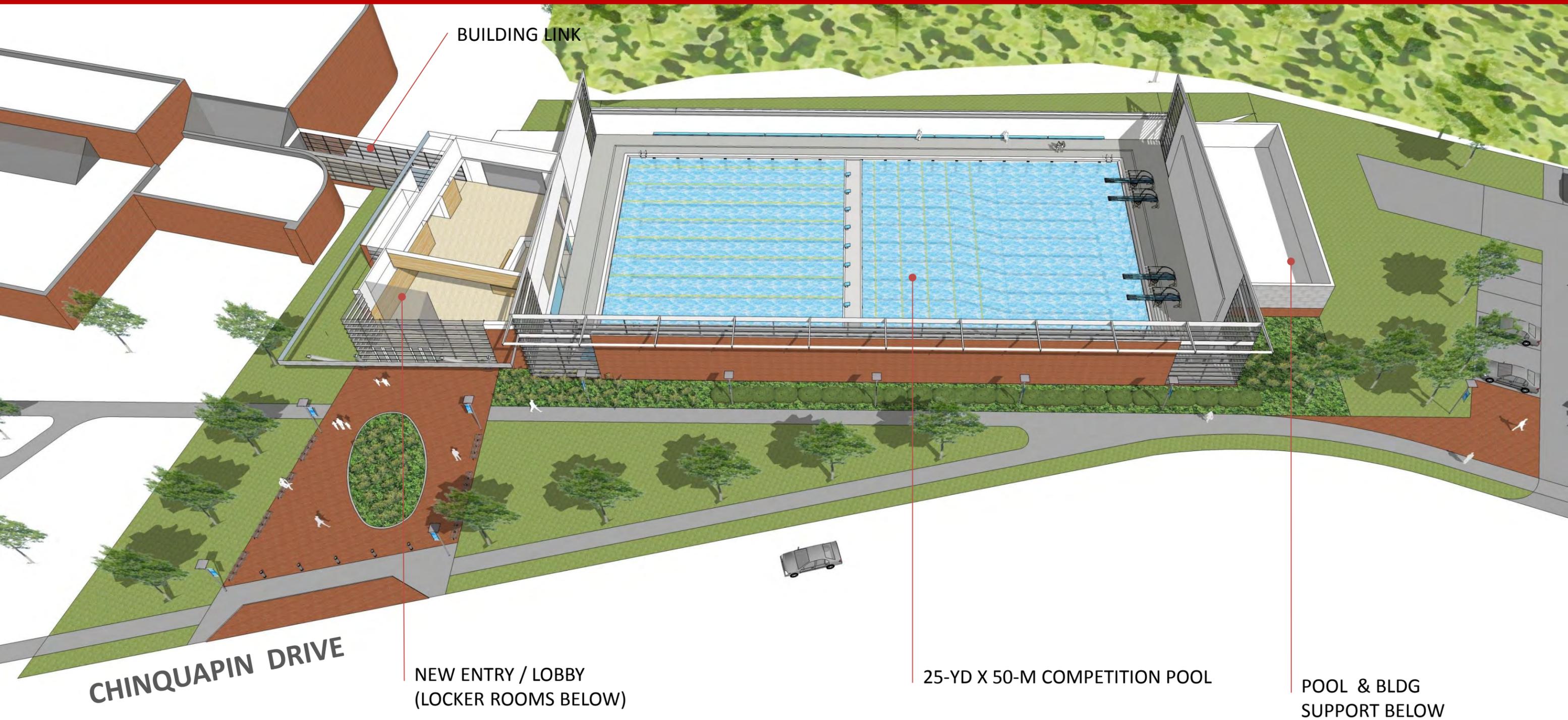


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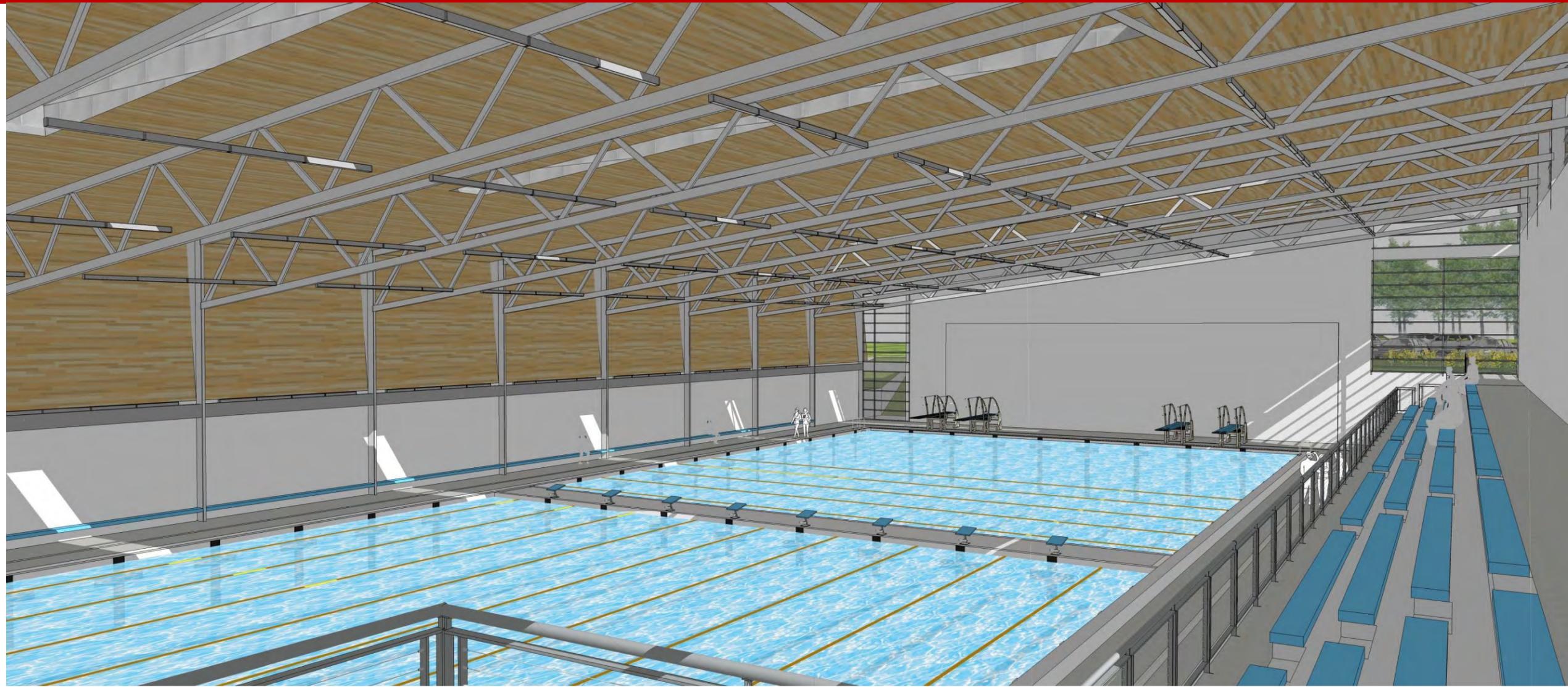
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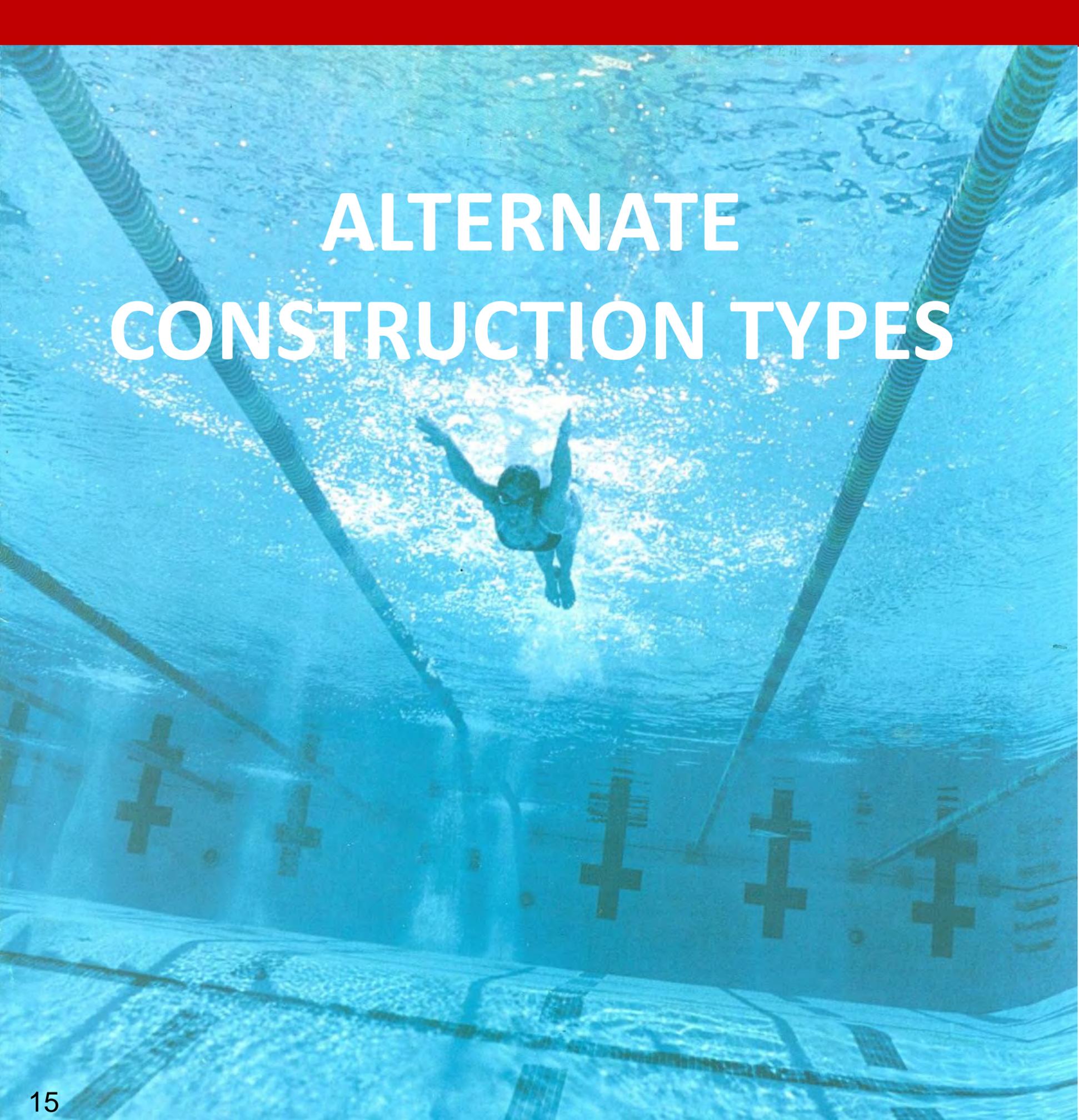


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Middle Tyger YMCA in Duncan, South Carolina



Middle Tyger YMCA in Duncan, South Carolina



Star Hill Family Athletic Center in Tolland, Connecticut



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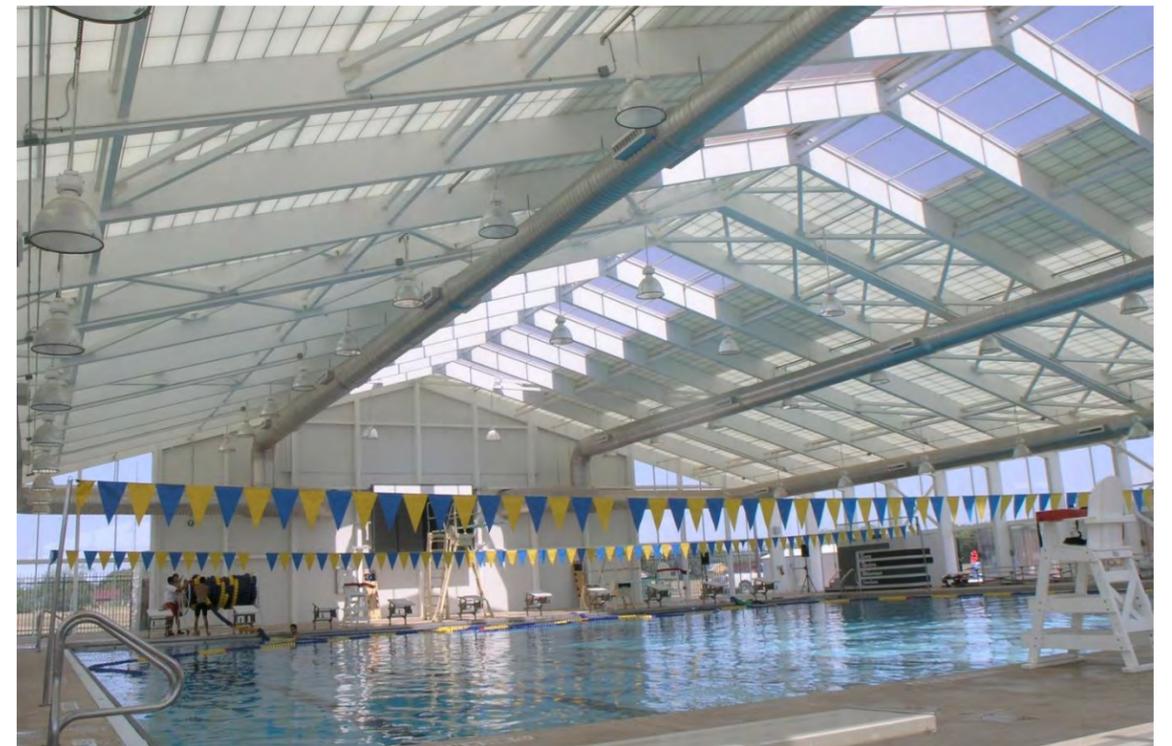
Edward T. Hall Aquatics Center in Prince Frederick, Maryland



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Pharr Aquatic Center in Pharr, Texas



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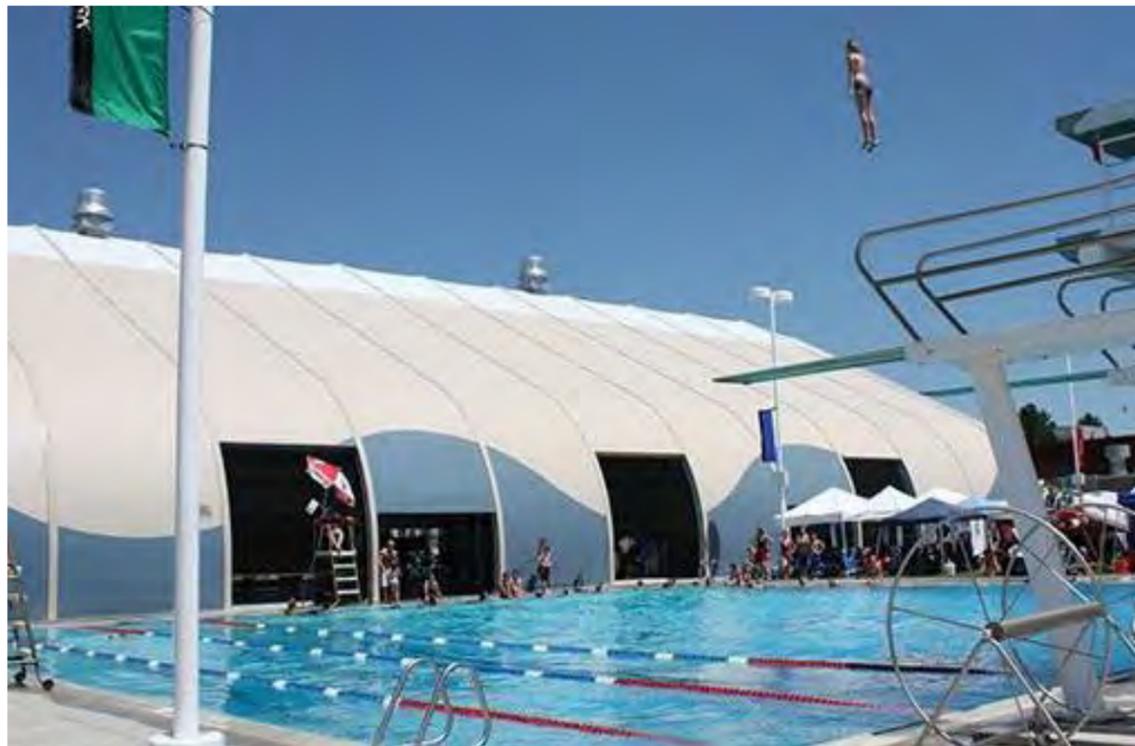




Collingwood Centennial Aquatic Centre in Ontario, Canada



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Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center in Salt Lake City, Utah



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BUDGET COMPARISON

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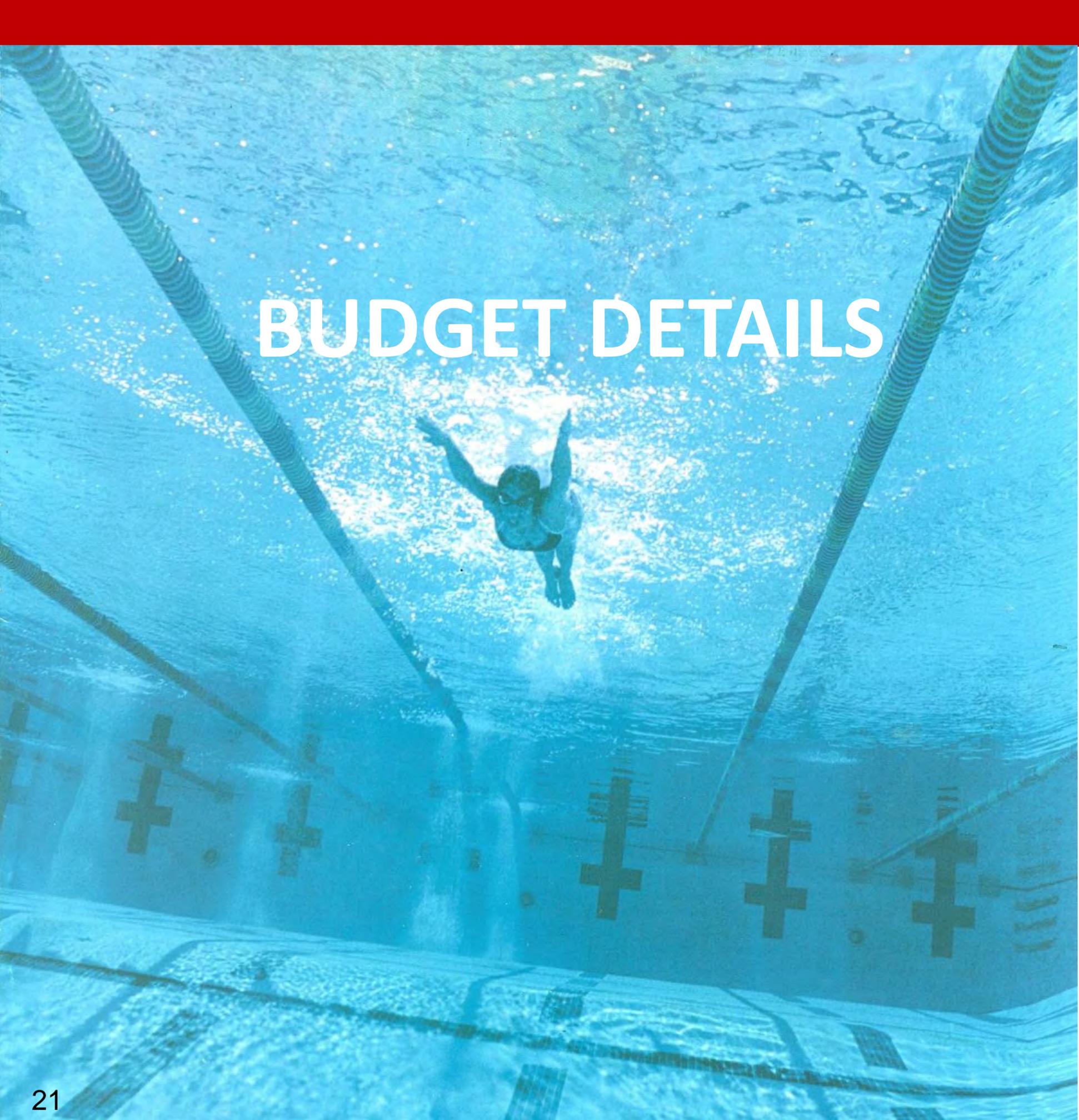
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Conventional Construction	Pre -Engineered	Translucent Enclosure	Architectural Membrane	Conventional Construction	Pre -Engineered	Translucent Enclosure
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BUDGET DETAILS

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ONE STORY SCHEME: CONVENTIONAL STRUCTURE

CATEGORY	SUBTOTAL	COST / SF
CONSTRUCTION (HARD) COSTS		
NEW ADDITION	\$ 15,793,719	\$ 478.60
RENOVATION	\$ 80,325	\$ 2.43
BUILDING TOTAL	\$ 15,874,044	\$ 481.03
DEMOLITION & SITEWORK	\$ 3,691,057	\$ 111.85
CONSTRUCTION COSTS TOTAL	\$ 19,565,101	\$ 592.88
SOFT COSTS		
SOFT COSTS TOTAL	\$ 4,969,242	\$ 150.58
PROJECT TOTAL		
HARD AND SOFT COSTS	\$ 24,534,343	\$ 743.46

* Hard cost numbers include a value of 19% for:

- Escalation
- Builder fees/Insurance
- Contingency



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ONE STORY SCHEME: PRE ENGINEERED STRUCTURE

CATEGORY	SUBTOTAL	COST / SF
CONSTRUCTION (HARD) COSTS		
NEW ADDITION	\$ 14,356,084	\$ 435.03
RENOVATION	\$ 80,325	\$ 2.43
BUILDING TOTAL	\$ 14,436,409	\$ 437.47
DEMOLITION & SITEWORK	\$ 3,691,057	\$ 111.85
CONSTRUCTION COSTS TOTAL	\$ 18,127,466	\$ 549.32
SOFT COSTS		
SOFT COSTS TOTAL	\$ 4,664,949	\$ 141.36
PROJECT TOTAL		
HARD AND SOFT COSTS	\$ 22,792,415	\$ 690.68

* Hard cost numbers include a value of 19% for:

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ONE STORY SCHEME: PRE ENGINEERED TRANSLUCENT ENCLOSURE

CATEGORY	SUBTOTAL	COST / SF
CONSTRUCTION (HARD) COSTS		
NEW ADDITION	\$ 16,545,982	\$ 501.39
RENOVATION	\$ 80,325	\$ 2.43
BUILDING TOTAL	\$ 16,626,307	\$ 503.83
DEMOLITION & SITEWORK	\$ 3,691,057	\$ 111.85
CONSTRUCTION COSTS TOTAL	\$ 20,317,365	\$ 615.68
SOFT COSTS		
SOFT COSTS TOTAL	\$ 5,128,468	\$ 155.41
PROJECT TOTAL		
HARD AND SOFT COSTS	\$ 25,445,833	\$ 771.09

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ONE STORY SCHEME: STRUCTURED MEMBRANE

CATEGORY	SUBTOTAL	COST / SF
CONSTRUCTION (HARD) COSTS		
NEW ADDITION	\$ 13,723,592	\$ 415.87
RENOVATION	\$ 80,325	\$ 2.43
BUILDING TOTAL	\$ 13,803,917	\$ 418.30
DEMOLITION & SITEWORK	\$ 3,691,057	\$ 111.85
CONSTRUCTION COSTS TOTAL	\$ 17,494,974	\$ 530.15
SOFT COSTS		
SOFT COSTS TOTAL	\$ 4,531,074	\$ 137.31
PROJECT TOTAL		
HARD AND SOFT COSTS	\$ 22,026,048	\$ 667.46

* Hard cost numbers include a value of 19% for:

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- Contingency



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TWO-STORY SCHEME: CONVENTIONAL CONSTRUCTION

CATEGORY	SUBTOTAL	COST / SF
CONSTRUCTION (HARD) COSTS		
NEW ADDITION	\$ 17,054,103	\$ 473.73
RENOVATION	\$ 178,500	\$ 4.96
BUILDING TOTAL	\$ 17,232,603	\$ 478.68
DEMOLITION & SITEWORK	\$ 4,437,849	\$ 123.27
CONSTRUCTION COSTS TOTAL	\$ 21,670,452	\$ 601.96
SOFT COSTS		
SOFT COSTS TOTAL	\$ 5,414,866	\$ 150.41
PROJECT TOTAL		
HARD AND SOFT COSTS	\$ 27,085,318	\$ 752.37

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TWO STORY SCHEME: PRE ENGINEERED STRUCTURE

CATEGORY	SUBTOTAL	COST / SF
CONSTRUCTION (HARD) COSTS		
NEW ADDITION	\$ 15,728,176	\$ 367.14
RENOVATION	\$ 178,500	\$ 4.96
BUILDING TOTAL	\$ 15,906,676	\$ 441.85
DEMOLITION & SITEWORK	\$ 4,437,849	\$ 123.27
CONSTRUCTION COSTS TOTAL	\$ 20,344,525	\$ 565.13
SOFT COSTS		
SOFT COSTS TOTAL	\$ 5,134,217	\$ 142.62
PROJECT TOTAL		
HARD AND SOFT COSTS	\$ 25,478,742	\$ 707.74

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CATEGORY	SUBTOTAL	COST / SF
CONSTRUCTION (HARD) COSTS		
NEW ADDITION	\$ 18,041,313	\$ 501.15
RENOVATION	\$ 178,500	\$ 4.96
BUILDING TOTAL	\$ 18,219,813	\$ 506.11
DEMOLITION & SITEWORK	\$ 4,437,849	\$ 123.27
CONSTRUCTION COSTS TOTAL	\$ 22,657,662	\$ 629.38
SOFT COSTS		
SOFT COSTS TOTAL	\$ 5,623,821	\$ 156.22
PROJECT TOTAL		
HARD AND SOFT COSTS	\$ 28,281,484	\$ 785.60

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- At this time, staff recommends pursuing the pre-engineered building (Option B) to move forward through design and construction, if approved in the FY2017-FY2026 budget.
- Option B provides design alternatives that can address more seamless integration with the existing building and an appropriate neighborhood context.



Pre-engineered Structure (YMCA, South Carolina)



Pre-engineered Structure (YMCA, South Carolina)

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The feasibility study is now complete, providing seven alternatives for expanding the Chinquapin Aquatics Center with a new 50 meter indoor pool. Following this update, the next steps for the project are:

- Project updates with the community and the Advocates for Alexandria Aquatics;
- FY2017-FY2026 budget discussions and CIP approval; and
- If approved, begin design and construction of new facility.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 21, 2016

TO: ALEXANDRIA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: DANA WEDELES, PARK PLANNER
KELLY GILFILLEN, MARKETING MANAGER

SUBJECT: PARKNERSHIP PROGRAM

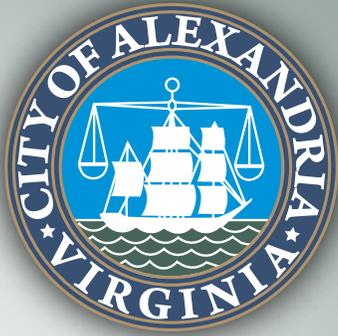
In recent years, the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA) has fielded an increasing number of questions and proposals from organized community groups interested in raising resources to contribute towards capital projects, park maintenance, and recreation programs. This need was reinforced by the results of the 2015 Alexandria Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment conducted by Leisure Vision/ETC Institute stating that 50% of Alexandrians have a need for partnership and volunteer opportunities, ranking 4th highest amongst all unmet needs. These findings coincide with the Department facing difficult budget constraints and relying heavily on volunteers to sustain key programs. Park and recreation departments across the country have recently become more dependent upon public-private partnerships in order to lessen the gap between community needs and financial realities.

RPCA intends to develop a similar systematic approach to organizing and sustaining community partnerships in support of RPCA's Strategic Plan. Ultimately, the effort would become a "PARKnership" program with the mission to cultivate sustainable partnerships to align a variety of partners including sponsors, affiliates, volunteers and donors to support RPCA's goal for a healthy and thriving City of Alexandria.

The proposed program will facilitate the coordination of external groups and donations under a single umbrella. This program aims to enhance efficiency of resource allocation, while providing opportunities to engage Alexandria residents and businesses by forming partnerships. This program will establish a threshold for written agreements, guide management of volunteers, standardize the process of drafting a Community Group Agreement (currently referred to as a Memorandum of Understanding), and determine guidelines for sponsorship packages. The program will support RPCA's achievement of standards expected by residents despite budget shortfalls and build upon the relationships already established. Furthermore, a formalized program will create equity amongst potential partners and will communicate consistent agreement parameters.

The program will be branded as a single, easily accessible and recognizable portal for partnering with RPCA to enhance facilities and programs.

City of Alexandria Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities Department presents



PARKnerships

in your neighborhood



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Volunteer-coached Alexandria Titans Football League

Community Connection

Alexandrians have a strong sense of civic pride and desire to connect with their neighbors. This is most evident when individuals and groups work together to enhance the facilities and programs they enjoy. Whether it's through the dedication of time or monetary resources, when residents collaborate with the City they ultimately create a higher level of service and strengthen their connection to the community as a whole.

PARKnerships coordinates these efforts under a single umbrella aiming to cultivate sustainable partnerships to align a variety of partners, including sponsors, volunteers, affiliates and donors, to support the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' goal for a healthy and thriving City of Alexandria.

Objectives

- Foster a sense of **community, ownership and pride** in parks and programs
- **Create an equitable approach** to organizing public-private partnerships
 - Simplify and standardize partnership process for staff and public
 - Establish policies and monetary approval thresholds for agreements
 - Align with existing City policies, including gift and procurement
 - Guide management of volunteers and volunteer opportunities
- Proactively **position partnership opportunities** as easily accessible
- **Reduce the gap** between community needs and financial realities



Nature Program Volunteer



Kelley Cares Miracle Field

"It leads to a much better understanding of each other's point of view and a much better appreciation of what steps are necessary to get something accomplished in the City. **We found that City staff shared our desire for helping the community and wanted the same excellent results that we wanted.**"

- Bill Rivers, *Miracle League of Alexandria*

Is there a need?

50% of Alexandria households have a need for partnership and volunteer opportunities, ranking 4th highest amongst all unmet needs.

© Leisure Vision/ETC Institute- 2015 Alexandria Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment

Get Involved

A variety of options are available for partnering with the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities. Examples of PARKnerships include:

- Groups supporting specific capital improvement projects
- Event or Program Sponsors receive promotion for contributions
- On-going or One-time Volunteerism by Groups or Individuals
- Monetary or In-kind Donations



Splash with DASH Sponsors



Kids Cut Community Day

Partners

- Alexandria Advocates for Aquatics
- Simpson Park Dog Owners Group
- Del Ray Community Partnership
- Running Brooke
- Kelley Cares Foundation
- DASH
- CVS Caremark
- Your Dog's Best Friends
- VolunteerAlexandria
- Jen Walker Realtor

To learn more or to get started, visit the "Get Involved" Quick Link at alexandriava.gov/Recreation

"Engaging in public-private partnerships allows citizens to actively contribute in terms of stewardship opportunities, direct inputs into park improvements, and developing a shared vision based on trust, strong relationships, and camaraderie. **It is all about working together to continue the positive developments in making Alexandria a great place to live, work and have fun!**"

- Paul Linehan, Simpson Park Dog Owners Group



Simpson Dog Park

Itty Bitty Doggie Dive & Big Dog Day Swim



Four Mile Run Farmers' Market



Recently Completed PARKnerships

- Simpson Dog Park Light Installation
- Braddock Park Programming
- Little Library at Lynhaven Park
- Del Ray Pedestrian Plaza Installation
- Kids Cut Community Day Event
- Ruthanne Lodato Playground
- Hume Springs Park Renovation
- Four Mile Run Tree Plantings
- Fort Williams Park Upper Trail Renovation
- Polk Avenue Park Volunteer Day
- Itty Bitty Doggie Dive and Big Dog Day Swim
- Judy Lowe Park Improvements
- Farmers Markets



Dora Kelley Nature Park Volunteers



Hume Springs Park Renovation

Potential PARKnerships

- Potomac Yard Park Lights
- Ewald Park Playground
- Simpson Concession and Storage
- Skateboard Park Improvements
- Powhatan Park Upgrades
- Four Mile Run Community Garden
- Programming Conservatory Center at Four Mile Run Park

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Del Ray Pedestrian Plaza

"Creating a public/private partnership with an MOU puts each group on the map. Accountability is created – each understands what is expected, and each holds the other accountable. **This also creates an atmosphere of sharing what the end product is – people really feel involved, and that the City listens as you go through the process.**"

- Pat Miller, Del Ray Community Partnership

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 21, 2015

TO: ALEXANDRIA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: JAMES SPENGLER, DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

THROUGH: PARK PLANNING, DESIGN+CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON POTOMAC YARD METRORAIL PROJECT

ISSUE: Provide an update to the Park and Recreation Commission on the planning for Potomac Yard Metrorail Station.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive the following update.

ITEM: The design process for the Metrorail station is underway and the Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group (PYMIG) continues to be the main forum for community engagement. The project utilizes AlexEngage to provide a second option for feedback throughout the process. The January PYMIG meeting moved to February 11 to allow additional time to develop a refined station concept.

The revised concepts for Potomac Greens Park were discussed at the December PYMIG meeting. The PYMIG members and community both agreed that the new park should retain the open and flexible character of the existing park. Additionally, the following elements should be retained and recreated in the new park: a small playground, benches, picnic tables, walking paths, plantings for shade, and a gazebo. The online community engagement through AlexEngage mirrored the response in the public meeting.

The design concepts for the impacted portion of Potomac Yard Park will be presented at the February PYMIG meeting. These concepts are based on the park elements feedback received last October. The concepts will be refined based on community feedback in February.

Next Steps

The design process will continue over the next several months. The next PYMIG meeting is February 11th at Charles Houston Community Center. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm. The conceptual designs for the station and parks are anticipated to be complete in Spring 2016, and docketed for City Council approval in June.

For more information on the project, please visit www.alexandriava.gov/potomacyard.

BACKGROUND: The City is finalizing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and beginning design for an infill Metrorail station along the Blue and Yellow lines between the National Airport and Braddock Road Metrorail stations to serve Potomac Yard. A Metrorail station in the vicinity of Potomac Yard has been included in various plans over the years, including the *Potomac Yard/Potomac Greens Small Area Plan* (1999), the *Transportation Master Plan* (2008), and the *North Potomac Yard Small Area Plan* (2010).

The City is currently completing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as part of the NEPA process. City and WMATA staff, in coordination with the National Park Service (NPS) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), are working to complete the Final EIS while simultaneously beginning the development of conceptual design for inclusion in the Request for Proposals (RFP) for design and construction of the station. Comments on the Final EIS have been received from the City of Alexandria, WMATA, FTA and NPS. The City and aforementioned agencies are coordinating to resolve the comments and revise the document. The Final EIS is on schedule for public release in late winter 2016, with Records of Decision (RODs) from FTA and NPS expected in spring 2016.

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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 21, 2016

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: WILLIAM CHESLEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR *WC*
RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION

SUBJECT: RECREATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES REPORT- ITEM V-B

Program Wrap-Ups

- During the holiday season, Patrick Henry Recreation Center collaborated with Alexandria Firefighters and Friends and Landmark Church for a **Winter Coat Distribution**. Over 150 coats were given to children in need. In addition, the Patrick Henry Girls Club collected and donated over 200 canned goods to the local Carpenters Shelter.



- The “**12 Days of Fitmas**” is a fun, holiday-themed fitness pass retention activity that occurred December 26, 2015 – January 7, 2016. Passholders were challenged to complete the full cumulative 12-day cycle to be entered into a drawing for a free prize.

- The **Annual Holiday Invitational Cheer Competition** hosts teams from RPCA recreation centers and the metropolitan Washington area. On December 5, approximately 700 spectators cheered on the 175 cheerleaders from three competition levels (Pee Wee, Youth Level and Junior Level). Cheerleaders competed from Charles Houston, William Ramsay and Cora Kelly Recreation Centers as well as Ft. Washington Boys and Girls Club, Forestville Boys and Girls Club and Reston Youth Club. Congratulations to William Ramsay for winning the Pee Wee and Youth Divisions, and to Reston for winning the Junior Division. Total revenue for the event was \$5,389.



- On December 18 & 23, over 50 seniors, youth and parents from Charles Houston and Mount Vernon Recreation Centers took a field trip to see the **Festival of Lights** at

Watkins Regional Park in Upper Marlboro, MD. The spectacular holiday drive-through event features more than one million twinkling lights.

- On December 12, Chinquapin Park Recreation Center and Aquatics Facility held its **30th Anniversary Party**. Patrons enjoyed free admission and access to the pool, refreshments, numerous informational tables, a moon bounce, reptile exhibit from Jerome “Buddie” Ford Nature Center, and a great performance from a Panamanian Folklore Dance Group.



- The **Girls’ Volleyball League Championship** concluded the Fall season for girls ages 9-14, which ran from September to December. Ten teams competed in the National Division (ages 9-11) and 7 teams in the American Division (ages 12-14). Stanford upset Iowa to win the American League Championship, while Mary Washington beat Arizona State to bring home the National League Championship trophy. The program generated \$14,610 in revenue.
- On December 3, members of the **Six Degrees Organization** visited Out of School Time participants at Douglas MacArthur School. SixDegrees.org is a charity that provides instruction and support for becoming an advocate by raising funds with a social fundraiser. Over 75 children volunteered to make ornaments for the organization’s “giving tree” as part of a contest that was held in Del Ray. The project inspired the youth and encouraged them to participate in other acts of service.
- On December 14, the Youth Sports Advisory Board held a **Volunteer Recognition Reception**. This event recognizes extraordinary volunteers of Alexandria Youth Sports Organizations. Congratulations to the following honorees: Jeff Newhouse and Todd Carroll (Alexandria Soccer Association), Anna Puglisi and Adam Tabaka (Alexandria Lacrosse Club), Janet Eissenstat, Jennifer Dickson and Deb Riley (Miracle League of Alexandria), Pam Murphy and Brian Murphy (Alexandria Little League), Laura Fries, Maya LaSida and LoLo LaSida (Wahoos Swim Team), Krys Filios and Jeremy Greer (Alexandria Titans Football).



- In the spirit of the Holiday Season, the following recreation centers sponsored events for city residents:

- On December 19, Cora Kelly Recreation Center held its **Cora Kelly Holiday Celebration**. Over 120 community members participated and received toys and necessities for the holiday season.



- **Swim with Santa** took place at Chinquapin Park, Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility on December 5. Over 30 participants met Santa and Mrs. Clause and had their picture taken under water courtesy of Blue Octopus Scuba.



- The Successful Aging Committee held its annual **Senior Holiday Party** on December 10 at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria. Over 150 seniors from local senior centers enjoyed lunch, holiday-inspired desserts and a Christmas carol sing-along to spread holiday cheer. The Successful Aging Committee is comprised of staff members from RPCA, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS), Alexandria Housing and Redevelopment Authority (ARHA) and Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA).



- On December 18, Cora Kelly Recreation Center held its **Holiday Dinner with Santa**. Youth in the Out of School Time program and their parents met and had dinner with Santa. They also made holiday crafts, participated in a sing-along, and watched a performance from Jake the Magician. Over 100 participants enjoyed the festivities.

- Many families enjoyed **Santa's Winter Wonderland** at Charles Houston Recreation Center. This annual weeklong program includes festivities designed to celebrate the holidays, including gift distribution to community children, St. Coletta's Special Needs population and RPCA Therapeutic Recreation participants; a catered reception for volunteers and partners;



and pictures and breakfast with Santa. This event is in collaboration with the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

- On December 16, **Kid Rock Social Hour's Holiday Party** was held at Mount Vernon Recreation Center. Over 30 participants enjoyed pizza, juice and snacks while showing off their festive holiday attire.



- In December, both William Ramsay and Patrick Henry Recreation Centers held their **Wintery Mix & Toys for Tots** events. Children performed their rendition of holiday carols for parents and staff. Activities included a raffle, holiday book giveaway, delicious treats and refreshments, and Toys for Tots gifts for each child. There was also an appearance from Jazz the Dog and Santa

Program Updates

Out of School Time FY13 through FY15 Summer/School Year Participant and Revenue Comparison

	FY-16 YTD School Year 15-16 12-31-15	FY-15 Actuals School Year 14-15 12-31-14	FY-14 Actuals School Year 13-14	FY-13 Actuals School Year 12-13	FY-16 Summer 2015 YTD	FY-15 Actuals Summer 2014	FY-14 Actuals Summer 2013
Program Fee	\$415	\$415	\$300	\$250	\$125/\$300 (as of 7/1)	\$100	\$50
Satisfaction %	N/A	92%	92%	92%	90%	96%	92%
Registration #	1,160	1,147	1,243	1,296	1,352	1,332	1,373
OSTP Revenue	\$323,861	\$287,675	\$268,536	\$212,225	\$130,750	\$103,100	\$54,352
Fee Assistance (Discounts)	\$116,168	\$112,548	\$87,608	\$73,050	\$41,060	\$28,715	\$13,798
Fees Charged	\$483,446*	\$434,235*	\$366,071	\$308,031	\$174,060	\$133,965	\$68,622

*Fees paid in installments.

- Teens at William Ramsay Recreation Center are currently participating in the **Youth and Law Enforcement Drama Project**. The project will focus on teens making positive decisions when interacting with law enforcement. Using a trained theatrical instructor, they will develop skits built around scenarios identified during group discussions. Acting out these scenarios will help reinforce positive communication and behavior. At the end of the 6-week program, a performance and public forum will be held for the community and their peers.

- The **Winter Youth Basketball League** kicked off its first regular season games on January 9. This season, 115 teams divided into 8 divisions will compete for a chance to play in the Annual Basketball Championship Games on March 12, at T.C. Williams High School. 1,082 participants (24 more than the previous year), generating \$78,319 in revenue.
- **Competitive swim teams** began using the Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics facility for training and conditioning on November 9. Teams from T.C. Williams, St. Stephens/St. Agnes and Alexandria Country Day each have allocated lanes during the weekdays.
- The **Miracle Adaptive Sports Program** starts on January 20. This program offers a variety of adaptive sports to the 25 children and adults enrolled in the Therapeutic Recreation program. In addition to the Miracle Baseball League, participants engage in lacrosse, rugby, soccer, tennis and floor hockey. Volunteers from local youth organizations provide instructions for each sport.
- The **Annual City Employees Cup Series** recently kicked off its Winter Basketball League. The series offers each City agency or combined agencies an opportunity to compete in three different coed leagues (kickball, basketball and softball) throughout the year. The agency with the highest total points at the end of the year is declared Cup Champion and will display a trophy at their agency for a period of one year. Current participating agencies include RPCA, Alexandria Police Department, Department of Planning & Implementation and DCHS.
- The **American Red Cross Learn to Swim Program** is essential to the water safety of the community. Fall enrollment served 976 participants with 86 waitlisted in 208 class offerings, generating \$102,703 in revenues. 100 Individual swim lesson clients contributed \$26,260 of this revenue. Program revenue increased by 50% from twice as many offerings, as compared to the previous year. Registration for Winter session already has 183 classes with 647 enrolled participants and 30 waitlisted with \$64,159 fees collected. Registration continues for classes available through the end of March.

Upcoming Programs & Events

- **Night of Stars Performing Arts Festival** will take place on Friday, January 22 at T.C. Williams High School. The theme of the festival is “Moving and Grooving into the New Year”, which is the January theme for the Out of School Time Program’s yearly theme “Let’s Move”. The festival will include 10 group performances featuring drama, comedy, music and dance.
- On January 29, William Ramsay Recreation Center will present its **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** program. The program will pay tribute to his legacy as a Civil Rights Leader and youth will reenact Dr. King's famous speech, "I Have A Dream" and the march on Washington, D.C.

- On January 29, Cora Kelly Recreation Center will host its **Teen Winter Social** for all middle school-age teens in the City of Alexandria. Teens will enjoy video games, pool, ping-pong, sports and dancing. There will also be an Internet cafe, YouTube video station, photo booth, DJ, and refreshments.

Special Features

- The **Public Pools Capital Improvement Project** to replace the training pool fence at the Old Town Pool has begun. Additional upcoming improvements include replacing bathhouse doors and a portable ADA stair system at Old Town Pool, plumbing maintenance at Old Town Pool and resurfacing of the ramp entry at Memorial Pool.

Staff Updates

- November's Employee of the Month is **Timothy Bryant**. Mr. Bryant works as the Sports Facilities Monitor, and has over 30 years of service with the City. According to his supervisor, Mr. Bryant is "one of the nicest and best examples of what a model RPCA employee should be. He takes pride in providing great customer service!"
- After working for the City for 42 years, Regional Program Manager **Lougenia (Lou) Montague Williams** retired effective December 31, 2015. Principal Planner and Open Space Coordinator **Laura Durham** has been assigned as the Acting Regional Program Manager of Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility, the Aquatics Programming section and the Outdoor Pools until a permanent replacement has been selected.
- Recreation Leader II - Pool Operator **Deon Moore**, was promoted to a Recreation Leader III - Water Safety Instructor. This promotion will help focus his talents on providing more swimming instruction to our classes and individuals.
- RPCA received the **2016 Best Programming Award from LERN International** for Tons of Trucks, a new program initiated by Recreation Services' Citywide Programming Committee. The program was implemented with support from seven City Departments. According to LERN, RPCA was chosen for the award from more than 100 nominations from four countries because it responded to community needs gathered from a citywide Needs Assessment.

Administration

- RPCA has worked persistently with ACPS to secure **appropriate spaces for summer programs**, classes and camps to provide City families with the services needed during the summer months. The department's request of ACPS to use school space for 2016 summer programs has been approved. Our request to use school space during the 2016-17 school year and 2017 summer will be submitted to ACPS in early February. Facility space is always a complicated process in the summer competing with building maintenance issues and school academic programs; however, with open communication and cooperation, the needs of both the department and schools will be met effectively.

- The **Summer of Smiles 2016 Summer Camps Guide** will be available online and in recreation centers at the end of January. Summer Camp registration will begin one month early this year, in mid-February, in response to patrons' request for early camp registration. Communications will be distributed to the public advising them of the early Summer Camp registration via Citywide eNews, emails to existing and previous participants ages 2-17, recreation center eBulletins and poster displays, social media and ACPS Express.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 19, 2016

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: DINESH TIWARI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR - PARK OPERATIONS, RPCA

THROUGH: JAMES SPENGLER, DIRECTOR, RPCA

SUBJECT: PARK OPERATIONS MONTHLY UPDATE - ITEM V-B

1. PARK AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

a. Environmental Sustainability Management System (ESMS)

RPCA was certified under DEQ's Virginia Environmental Excellence Program (VEEP) for its proactive environmental management, compliance with environmental requirements and continuous improvement in its environmental performance. The formal presentation of this certificate to RPCA occurred during the January 12, 2016 City Council meeting.



Mayor Allison Silberberg, DEQ Regional Director Thomas Faha, RPCA Director James Spengler, and the ESMS Core Team

b. Park Maintenance

- Carlyle Dog Park - Renovations and repairs have begun to help reduce the water runoff and erosion created with in the dog park. This includes improved walkways and dog park surface areas.
- Turf Fields - Winterization and closures of all natural turf fields have been completed.
- Boothe Park - Invasive plant and weed abatement of the fence lines are complete. The objective of this project was to improve visibility for enhanced safety of park users.
- Leaf Removal - The majority of all park sites have undergone the leaf removal and mulching operations for the season.
- Planned Maintenance Work – Staff continued park light inspections, timer management, irrigation system repairs and winterization, and preventive maintenance of turf equipment and vehicles.



Carlyle Dog Park



Boothe Park

- Intern Project – Rising undergraduates and Master’s degree candidates have helped develop GIS based park facility mapping and other tools that will enhance our maintenance program, budget forecasting, asset tracking and cost analysis. The GIS tool may also be used for planning, estimating distribution of parks, determining citizen impact, to mention a few areas of application.
- Pesticide Application Certifications - Eleven Park Operations Supervisors and Managers attended a two day course in Certified Pesticide Application. This staff group plans to complete an additional 20 hours of hands on training and take the required Registered Technician exam later this year. The goal is to develop in-house capacity for cost-effective management of the park grounds.
- Grounds Maintenance - Staff and contractors will continue working on the seasonal leaf collection and ornamental bed maintenance.
- Playground Safety Inspection – Second of three annual inspections of all playgrounds was completed.
- Alley Maintenance - City’s contractors continued alleys cleanup as requested by TES and Code Administration.
- Winter Preparation Plan - Parks Facilities staff completed the winterization of irrigation systems, pools and water fountains.



GIS Project Intern, Zachary Krohmal

2. NATURAL LANDS MANAGEMENT

a. Invasive Plant Management and Ecological Restoration

Staff supervised our contractor with the start-up of 2016’s (beginning in late December 2015) non-native invasive plant removal work at Patrick Henry Park, Rynex Natural Area, and Dora Kelley Nature Park.



December 20, 2015 Winter Solstice Field Trip at Travilah Serpentine Barrens.

b. Cooperative Initiatives

- City of Alexandria Herbarium (AVCH) donated a total of 241 replicate and notable herbarium specimens in 2015 to GMUF (24), NA (31), NY (1), TAWES (16), URV (8), US (103), VPI (34), WCUH (9), and WILLI (15) for the purposes of conservation planning and identification and mapping of non-native invasive plants. (Capitalized herbarium acronyms follow Index Herbariorum at <http://sweetgum.nybg.org/ih/>.)
- On December 20, 2015, City Natural Resource Manager led a field trip of 104 participants through the Travilah Serpentine Barrens (Serpentine Barrens Conservation Park) in Montgomery County, Maryland for the annual, MNPS, VNPS, and Botanical Society of Washington sponsored Winter Solstice Field Trip.
- Staff delivered several hundred City of Alexandria



December 20, 2015 Winter Solstice Field Trip at Travilah Serpentine Barrens.

Herbarium (AVCH) specimens to Andrea Weeks at George Mason University (GMU) for expert digitizing, as a partner in the large-scale SERNEC digitization project – see <http://sernecportal.org/portal/index.php>.

- Staff measured City notable and champion trees to revise and update the Alexandria Notable Tree Register.

c. Environmental Review

Staff reviewed the 90% Holmes Run Bike Trail plans; Windmill Hill Park Shoreline Rehabilitation 60% Plans; and Windmill Hill - Tree Clearing and Proposed Plant Selection.

d. Urban Forestry

Staff is conducting a large tree maintenance project this month at Ft. Ward Park. Based on an inventory that was conducted to identify needed work, the project includes pruning 52 trees, removing 42 dead or hazardous trees, and grinding tree stumps. The work is being done in consultation with Office of Historic Alexandria and with notification to stakeholder groups and the public. This Spring we will be planting replacement trees at the Park in accordance with the Ft. Ward Management Plan and our annual tree planting program.

3. JEROME “BUDDIE” FORD NATURE CENTER

a. Programs/Updates

The Naturalist staff of the Jerome “Buddie” Ford Nature Center conducted 111 interpretive programs in November and December that were attended by 1,242 participants. The programs include 5 outreach programs at the libraries, a boy scout program and 2 weekend programs. The combined total of visitors and program participants for Nov/Dec. was 2,117 people.

- Library Programs - Camouflage was the topic for two children’s programs at the Duncan and Burke Libraries. The class learned about the many ways animals can hid to protect themselves as well as camouflage to capture their prey. Some of the nature center’s live animals that children got a close-up look at included fire bellied toads, a fat tailed African gecko, a red-eyed tree frog, a native grey tree frog and a Chinese praying mantis.
- Tracks and Traces - The topic of Tracks and Traces was the subject of a number of programs this month- Duncan Library, Little Adventures for preschoolers and a weekend program at the nature center. Identifying tracks, learning about traces- what is left behind, looking the underside of animals paws and imitating the way animals walk were just a few of the activities in these programs. The children cast



December 20, 2015 Winter Solstice Field Trip at Travilah Serpentine Barrens.



City co-champion Columnar Oak along Ashby Street adjacent to Auburn Village.



Alexandria notable Pin Oak along Duke Street.



Children at the Duncan Library imitate the different gates of animals- waddling, hopping and Walking.

tracks in clay to take home with them.

- Programs for Therapeutic Recreation - On December 23, two groups of children, who attend the therapeutic recreation programs at the Lee Center, came to visit the nature center. The groups were introduced to many of the animals including a corn snake and various lizards and turtles. Many of the children were thrilled to have the chance to touch many of these creatures.
- 30th Anniversary at Chinquapin -The nature center was invited to participate at the 30th Anniversary Party for Chinquapin Park Recreation Center and Aquatics Facility. Despite the unusually warm weather, visitors did come inside to see the booths and displays. Many families learned about the upcoming nature programs and signed up for winter classes at Chinquapin's Rec Trac kiosk.

b. Volunteers and Interns

Volunteer Event—Invasive Pull and Native Plant Garden- On Saturday, November 14th, 16 people volunteered at the Jerome Buddie Ford Nature Center and the Dora Kelley Nature Park giving more than 32 hours of volunteer time. The volunteers were divided into four groups led by RPCA staff, Bonnie Petry (Arlington Regional Master Naturalists) to: 1) remove invasive bittersweet and porcelainberry vines that were encroaching on a sensitive magnolia bog; 2) cut invasive vines from trees along the Holmes Run Stream Valley Trail; 3) plant donated trees at the Chambliss Crossing; and 4) weed the pollinator garden featuring native plants of the Holmes Run Gorge.

c. Noteworthy:

- New Railings to Park Stairs: New wooden railing was installed adjacent to the existing rails at the parking lot entrance to the Dora Kelley Park. Now, the public can easily climb up and down the 45 steps from the nature center to stream and trails.
- Crows - Early December begins the appearance of hundreds of crow in the sky over the nature park. These birds migrate daily across the City of Alexandria and roost in the woods near Bailey's Crossroads. It is almost like clockwork, as the crows fly over the park around 4:30 pm each day. It is quite a site when hundreds of these birds stop and rest in the treetops around the nature center.



Children at the library getting a close-up look of a praying mantis.



Looking at the tracks left by a baby snapping turtle.



Slava Niebauer gently encourages a student touch a turtle.



Nature center booth at Chinquapin's 30th Anniversary Party



A staff tour of Dora Kelley Nature Park

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 21, 2015

TO: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: JACK BROWAND, DIVISION CHIEF *Jack Browand*
PUBLIC RELATIONS, SPECIAL EVENTS & WATERFRONT OPERATIONS
RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION: ITEM V-B. DIVISION UPDATE

2015 CIVIC AWARDS

The Park & Recreation Commission received nominations to formally recognize outstanding residents who have provided a valuable service to our community in meeting recreation or park needs. Nominees include:

1. **Catherine Hillard** is a prime example of a community member that provides valuable service to the community through her work as a Master Community Gardener. She volunteers her time to educate her fellow gardeners and the citizenry at large to help them understand the benefits of the gardens as a community resource.
2. **Paul Linehan** is an active resident of the Del Ray community, Paul has worked tirelessly to improve the conditions of the Simpson Stadium Dog Park by building consensus, liaising with the City and establishing a public-private partnership. For several years the dog park was impacted by work on the Monroe Avenue Bridge and received minimal maintenance from the city. In 2013, Paul began a concerted effort to improve safety and landscape conditions, consulting closely with dog park users to determine the enhancements of most significance.
3. **Sue Setliff** is nominated for her long-term efforts to improve the ACPS Matthew Maury Elementary Schoolyard in Rosemont by organizing volunteers, obtaining discounts and materials from local vendors, and gaining input from the various stakeholders at Maury to make sure everyone was on the same page. She was instrumental in our ability to get everyone on board and the project designed, approved, and completed on time and as outlined in the grant.
4. **Jody Smolik** runs the camp for kids at Winkler Botanical Preserve. Alexandria's children love the camp. They spend the week outside on the zipline, in the lake, in the woods. They learn about biology, ecology, teamwork, leadership. Ms. Smolik brings out the best

in each of our kids while having a great time outdoors. She should be recognized as using Alexandria's parklands to the great benefit of all of our families.

This tem to be discussed in Item IV-A. Nominees endorsed by the full Commission will receive the 2015 CIVIC Awards before City Council on Tuesday, February 9, 7 p.m.

WATERFRONT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES

- www.alexandriava.gov/Waterfront

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES – November through December 2015

Jan 22, 2016	Fri PM	6:00	Family Fun Night Bring the whole family to Family Fun Nights for swimming and fun for all ages on Friday evenings. Pool games include beach ball relays, water basketball, diving for prizes and fun on the 'Aqua Challenge' floating obstacle course. Participate in swimming skill assessments for youth, learn pool safety tips and more.
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Jan 22, 2016	Fri PM	7:00	"Night of Stars" Performing Arts Festival Bring the whole family for an evening of performances by youth enrolled in Out of School Time afterschool programs. Join us in "Moving and Grooving Into the New Year" and support Alexandria's youth ages 5-17.
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Feb 14, 2016	Sun	8:00 AM	George Washington Birthday Classic Race 10K Race for the benefit of the George Washington Birthday Celebration.
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Feb 14, 2016	Sun	10:00 AM	Revolutionary War Reenactment Celebration of the Life and Times of George Washington. Historic Camp and Tactical Demonstrations throughout the day including a reenactment of a Revolutionary Skirmish between Colonial and British troops.
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Feb 15, 2016	Mon	1:00 AM	George Washington Birthday Parade Celebration of the birth of George Washington. This is the largest parade celebrating the birth of George Washington in the United States with over 180 units and 4,000 participants.
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Feb 26, 2016	Fri PM	6:00	Family Fun Night Bring the whole family to Family Fun Nights for swimming and fun for all ages on Friday evenings. Pool games include beach ball relays, water basketball and fun on the 'Aqua Challenge' floating obstacle course. Participate in swimming skill assessments for youth, learn pool safety tips and more.
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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 21, 2016

TO: ALEXANDRIA PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

FROM: PARK PLANNING, DESIGN+CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

ITEM: MONTHLY UPDATE FOR PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION;
NOVEMBER-DECEMBER, 2015-JANUARY 2016 – ITEM V- B

ISSUE:

The following items are provided to the Park & Recreation Commission as information at its January 21, 2016 meeting:

- Selected Capital Projects Overview Update
- Update on Chinquapin Aquatics Center Expansion Feasibility Study
- PARKNERSHIP Program Overview
- Potomac Yard Metrorail Information

Active Park Planning Projects

Friday, January 15, 2016

1:44:26 PM

Lead	Project Name	Team	%Complete	Est. Completion
VDOT				
	Four Mile Pedestrian Bridge	DW RK	60% Design	31-Dec-15
	Notes: NVRC and VDOT resolving payment issues. Once resolved, NVRC will reactivate project with Buro Happold.			
TE&S				
	Oronoco Outfall Project	JB		
	Notes: Dredging is anticipated in the winter.			
	Potomac Yard Metrorail Station	BZ DT		
	Notes: Public outreach for the station and park redesign is currently underway through the Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group (PYMIG).			
T&ES				
	Holmes Run trail Feasibility Study	DW JL		01-Mar-16
	Notes: DPI is at 90% with design to put pedestrian bridge at the stairs from the fair weather crossing at Ripley Street.			
RPCA/ACPS				
	Patrick Henry Recreation Center Renovation	Ron, Beth, Laura, D	20%	01-Jun-16
	Notes: A/E contract approval by School Board January 14. Community Advisory Group Meeting on January 13. Begin design work Feb. 1, 2016. Next community meeting early February.			
RPCA				
	Add Canopy Structure at All Veterans Park	Judy	10% Design	29-Apr-16
	Notes: Identified in Holmes Run Plan. Design options under evaluation by Staff. Outreach to community groups to occur late October. Information Sign posted in park by 10/31. Installation Spring 2016.			
	Armistead L. Boothe Park Restrooms	DG	98% Design	30-Jun-16
	Notes: The RFP is anticipated to be released in January/early February.			
	Beverley Playground Renovation	JL	5% Construction Docs	01-Dec-16
	Notes: Construction budget allocation completed in April 2015. Further study needed to mitigate tree impacts. . Community meeting Dec. 14, lighting added to scope-SUP April/May 2016.			
	Carlyle Dog Park Improvements	DR JN	15%	01-Feb-16
	Notes: This project will improve surfacing and park facilities, and combine with Living Landscape Dedicated Contributions. The project is under construction.			
	Chinquapin Feasibility Study	RMK LD	in progress	30-Sep-15
	Notes: Hughes Group is analyzing alternative construction methods and completing the geotechnical analysis to determine if the estimated cost can be significantly reduced. Council update Jan. 26 2016.			

Lead	Project Name	Team	%Complete	Est. Completion
	Chinquapin Playground Repair-Upgrade	JL	80%	02-May-16
	Notes: Replacement parts installed July 30, 2015. Fence repairs and asphalt repair to be completed Spring 2016. Playground recommended to be re-located in 10 years--full renovation on hold.			
	CIP Planning/Budget	BZ, DW		
	Notes: The FY 2016 budget was adopted May 7. Planning for FY 2017 is underway. Steering Committee review of the draft budget is in progress.			
	City Marina Seawalls Planning	JB	5%	02-May-16
	Notes: Engineering study to evaluate the condition of the existing seawalls in order to determine the priority and level of repair needed. Project is being coordinated with DPI.			
	City Marina Utility Upgrade	JB	0%	30-Jun-17
	Notes: Engineering/planning in FY16. The project contract has been awarded.			
	Create Entry Plaza to the Park with Park Sign	JL		
	Notes: Recommendation #3 & 8			
	Entry Portal Signs	RT, OM	0% Construction	02-May-16
	Notes: The purchase of new signs per the City's Wayfinding guidelines will be coordinated with T&ES and P&Z, and submitted in a T&ES RFP. DW met with potential partner for landscape around signs.			
	Four Mile Run Connector Design and EA	DW	0%	30-Jun-16
	Notes: DPI and RPCA charter awaiting DPI signature. DPI to begin design work.			
	Four Mile Run Restoration	Dana/Ron	90%	15-Apr-16
	Notes: Wetland restoration complete. Trail repairs and parking lot will be complete in spring. Ribbon cutting anticipated in Spring.			
	Four Mile Run Trail Improvements and Mile Ma	Dan R. and DW	5%	31-Dec-15
	Notes: Mile Markers at warehouse and will be installed after the Four Mile Run Restoration project is complete.			
	George Mason Tennis Court Renovations	ACPS		
	Notes: ACPS Plans to resurface in Spring 2016, before programs begin.			
	Holmes Run Fitness Equipment Phase 2	Judy	20%	29-Apr-16
	Notes: Purchase order request for two pieces of fitness equipment to be submitted by 8/15/2015. Quotes exceed estimated cost--scope revisions under evaluation.			
	Hunter Miller Basketball Renovation (lights and	BZ, JN	85% Construction	29-Jan-16
	Notes: The replacement lights have been installed and are waiting for Dominion to reconnect power. The court surface renovation is complete.			

Lead	Project Name	Team	%Complete	Est. Completion
	Improve Landscape beds around Rec Centers	BT OM	10% Design	30-Jun-16
	Notes: Plans are being coordinated with Recreation Center Directors. Projects will include Charles Barrett, Durant Center, Mount Vernon and Cora Kelly			
	Install climbing/play features	JL	0%	30-Dec-16
	Notes: Recommendation #5 of Neighborhood Park Plan. Scope to be developed. Public/Private partnership project.			
	King Street Gardens Improvements	DR/MH		01-Jun-19
	Notes: RPCA and OEQ are working on the rain garden restoration to bring that part of the artwork back to its original design/purpose. Staff will work with an art conservator and the artist on the restoration			
	Lee Center Landscape Renovation	JL RMK		26-Feb-16
	Notes: Draft Landscape Plan recommendations to be completed Winter 2015			
	Luckett Field Drainage and Backstop	BZ CW	5%	30-Jun-16
	Notes: Recommendation #4 Project scope is in progress.			
	Native Plant Conservation Zone Enhancement	Bob/Rod	30%	30-Jun-16
	Notes: This project will provide long-term improvements to the landscape island and pollinator garden at the Nature Center.			
	Neighborhood Parks Plan	DW LD	95%	01-Jan-16
	Notes: City Council receipt scheduled for January 26.			
	Old Town Pool Door Replacement	DG, RB	5%	15-Feb-16
	Notes: The purchase order was issued and the work is scheduled.			
	Oronoco Bay Stair Replacement	EL	50% Construction	29-Jan-16
	Notes: The construction is underway and anticipated to be complete in January.			
	Potomac Yard Park	BZ	80% Construction	29-Feb-16
	Notes: Phase I (main body) opened December 14. Phase II (south trail) anticipated to be complete 2016 (punch lists are in progress). Phase III (North Pond) to be separated and complete winter 2016.			
	Provide accessible path to new benches	JL		
	Notes: Provide accessible path to new benches			
	Recreation Facilities Security	RMK	0%	30-Jun-16
	Notes: Internal analysis of the original APD assessment was completed on 8/24/2015. Tasks were prioritized and bundled per work category with highest priority bundle designated for immediate implementation.			

Lead	Project Name	Team	%Complete	Est. Completion
	Replace Old Town training pool fence	DG, RB	20%	29-Jan-16
	Notes: This project will replace the Old Town Pool fence around the training pool. The project is partially complete and weather dependent.			
	Rubber Surface Repairs	JL, SR,OM		20-Nov-15
	Notes: On-going project. Needed FY2016 repairs to be scheduled weather permitting forMason Avenue& Judy Lowe. Charles Houston, Mt. Jefferson and Landover completed.			
	Simpson Little Building Demolition/Backstop	DG	100% Design	30-Jun-16
	Notes: CDs are completed. The project bids are under review.			
	Simpson Park Duncan Ave Entrance Improveme	DG, DW	60% Design	30-Jun-16
	Notes: See Simpson Park Plan. Construction drawings are in progress. Construction is anticipated in late spring.			
	Simpson Playground & Passive Area Renovatio	JL, DW	0%	01-Apr-16
	Notes: Design consultant selected and should be on board by February.			
	Tarleton Trail Improvements	LD		31-Oct-15
	Notes: Boulders placed along trail to prevent vehicular traffic on grass/lawn areas. Soft trail resurfacing of the connector from South Jordan completed in Dec. 2015.			
	Trail Signage	DW	0%	30-Oct-15
	Notes:			
	Warwick Pool Renovation	RMK	5% Feasibility	31-May-17
	Notes: Geotechnical and structural analysis for the site was completed in July. Staff will provide an update for City Council in January. The RFP is anticipated to be sent out in January.			
	Wayfinding for Citywide Parks	DW	0%	31-May-16
	Notes: RFP in progress. Expect selection in February.			
	Windmill Hill Bulkhead Replacement	JB, BZ	60% Design	01-Jan-17
	Notes: City Council approved an amendment to the 2003 Park Master Plan to build a living shoreline to provide stabilization to the failed bulkhead and shore erosion. 90% drawings under review.			
P&Z				
	Braddock Small Area Plan	LD	90% Planning	
	Notes: Andropogon was hired to complete concept design for one-acre neighborhood park. Concept alternatives presented Fall 2015. Preferred Alternative will be presented Jan. 28, 2016.			
	Eisenhower ASA/Alexandria Renew Restrooms	BZ, DG	90% Construction	31-Dec-15
	Notes: Construction is anticipated to be complete in winter 2015/2016.			

Lead	Project Name	Team	%Complete	Est. Completion
	Eisenhower ASA/AlexRenew Field	BZ, RMK	90 % Construction	01-Mar-16
	Notes: Construction complete winter 2015. Initial inspections were in September, with follow up inspection in November. Project website is http://www.alexrenewnmf.com/ Punchlist remains outstanding.			
	Eisenhower Avenue Widening	Beth Z.	90% Design	01-Oct-16
	Notes: Project is expected to be under construction for 18 months starting 2016. 90% Drawings reviewed.			
	Eisenhower West	LD	100% Planning	
	Notes: Planning Commission and City Council approved November 2015. Implementation group will be established.			
	Fitzgerald Square	RMK		
	Notes: The project has been awarded to a consultant team. The project is in concept development. This project is managed by DPI. Community meeting Dec 10.			
	Potomac Yard I/J West and L	BZ	60% Construction	
	Notes: Plan approved in Sept. 2011. RPCA staff consulted on the play areas, but the application is not officially reviewed by RPCA due to lack of public land. Construction of Leslie connection in progress.			
	Potomac Yard Landbay I/J Parks	BZ	80% Construction	31-May-16
	Notes: Phase I (Custis) complete/transferred. Construction of phase II (Howell) complete/under performance bond. As-built punch lists relayed to Pulte and next review is anticipated in the spring.			
	Waterfront Plan	RMK		31-Dec-15
	Notes: The City is embarking on a multi-year capital program to reinvent the City's Waterfront as a dynamic gateway to historic Old Town. The project is managed by DPI.			

General Services

	Community Building Renovation Completion	LD, DG	100%	
	Notes: Improvements to the building are complete. Staff are reviewing and negotiating a final proposal for a non-profit management lease of the building, including newHVAC. Final negotiations Jan. 2016.			

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	Jefferson-Houston	DW RMK, DHG	90% Construction	29-Apr-16
	Notes: School is completed and fully occupied. Project Consultant PM is coordinating outstanding issues closeouts for City Assets at the site. The project is anticipated to be closed out in the spring.			
	John Adams Transportation Improvements	DW		31-Aug-15
	Notes: CC approved plan on 11/15. Parking lot expansion set to begin in summer. Bids came back over budget - ACPS is reducing Scope of Work.			