



SI VIEW METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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District Prepares For an Aquatics Center Feasibility Study

North Bend, WA – Si View Metropolitan Park District’s recently updated Comprehensive Plan identifies three top priorities for future development: connected trail network, preservation of open space for passive and active recreation, and a need for an aquatics facility. In September 2018, the District will be selecting a consultant from a pool of qualified applicants to conduct a feasibility study to explore options for expansion of the existing aquatics facility or development of a new facility. A feasibility study will guide the District to a solution that provides a long term sustainable building that is community driven. The feasibility study is expected to be completed in 2019.

The process will begin with interviewing qualified consultants and then choosing a team that best represents the needs of the District and our residents. The current use at Si View Pool has exceeded capacity for some time now, but a new facility that will meet current and future needs requires in depth study and planning with multiple opportunities for community input through surveys, focus groups and community meetings in order to develop a facility that meets the need and is operationally sustainable.

The feasibility study will include input from our District residents and our “service area” outside our District boundaries such as the City of Snoqualmie. The main scope of work for the feasibility study includes:

1. **Public Outreach:** Evaluate the existing survey completed by the District as part of the Comprehensive Parks Plan update. Work with staff to determine what additional information will need to be obtained to support the feasibility study. The consultant team will be expected to participate in meetings to solicit community and stakeholder input relevant to community needs and interests.
2. **Market Analysis:** Research and document existing community and aquatic facilities in the region, including facility location, size, components, rates, cost recovery and potential influence on Si View’s facility. Include private, public and non-profit facilities in the market analysis. Identify the primary and secondary service areas, current and

future demographics, potential users of a Si View facility and user groups and facility trends.

3. Business Plan: Develop a business plan to consider the financial implications of the various program elements identified on a wish list through the public outreach process and needs analysis. Calculate the projected operating costs and anticipated recovery costs for each. Explore funding options and partnerships.
4. Facility Programming/Space Planning: Determine the components, (rooms, facilities, amenities etc.) to be included in the Aquatic Center, based on the input from the public outreach process, the market analysis, as well as the feedback from the business plan. Provide space requirements and relative locations for each component.
5. Schematic Design Alternatives and Costs: Based on the input from the public outreach process the project team shall propose concept design alternatives for an Aquatic Center with probable construction costs and operational estimates for each. Develop a schematic design for the preferred alternative corresponding costs.
6. Report: Submit a written report compiling the above scope of work and methodology used in preparing the feasibility study and design recommendations.

Si View Metropolitan Park District has always served and viewed the entire Snoqualmie Valley as one community. With the proper planning we believe we can build and operate a facility that will meet the need of our entire community for many years to come, sustainably and at a level of service deserving of the community we represent. We believe this to be a Valley wide endeavor in the hope of minimizing duplication and maximizing resources, but ultimately providing an end product and programming that our entire community is proud of.

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