

Si View Metro Parks Future Community Pool Project 2023

Commonly Asked Questions

What is a recreation pool?

A Recreation Pool is a multi-use space that accommodates a variety of uses at the same time. The current Si View Pool is a small lap pool with two thirds of the wet space being deep water. This layout limits programming options and leads to activities competing for the use of the same space. A multi-use recreation pool would more than double the available wet space and allow for a variety of activities to take place at the same time in different zones. A combination of leisure and lap areas provides the most flexibility and the greatest range of programming options for the community. This flexibility is a key difference to the current Si View Pool, where for example, learn to swim programs have majority of the pool hours and less than 25% of operating hours are dedicated for drop-in programs and rentals.

Cost estimate is dated Oct 22, 2021. How long is a preliminary cost estimate valid?

The preliminary project cost estimate was originally developed in 2019, with contingency and cost escalation built in anticipating project development in 2021-2024. The estimate was recalculated in late 2021, again with contingency and cost escalation anticipating a later construction timeline, now in 2025-2027. In late 2022, this cost estimate was again reviewed by Cummings, the estimating consultant firm. The reviewed estimate escalates costs appropriately to the anticipated construction schedule and, working in concert, provides back-up for the bond amount request which includes a reflection of the post-covid spike in costs and challenges in supply chain issues.

Could Si View Pool be remodeled?

In 2022, remodeling the existing Si View Pool was studied as an alternate plan. Remodeling the existing pool would require shutting down the only public aquatic facility for at least a full year, leaving the community without any aquatic resources. Work would need to include rebuilding all mechanical systems and yet this effort would not expand the capacity to the extent needed as Si View Park site is not large enough to accommodate a larger facility and parking without reducing already heavily used existing park features such as a playground and a ballfield. Remodeling the existing pool would also require significant financial investment through a capital bond measure approval by District residents.

Competition pool is needed. When will it be built?

The recreation pool will be built first as that supports the widest range of users from family play to swim lessons to therapy programs and aquatic fitness. As such the recreation pool can be sustainably operated as a standalone facility, whereas the competitive pool cannot, due to more limited use. The competition pool requires additional funding and a regional partner. The recreation pool will be designed in a way that can accommodate a future addition. The chosen site next to Si View Park accommodates a full buildout, including the competition pool.



What are the proposed Competition Pool amenities?

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project design with community input.

- ## What is a splash pad?

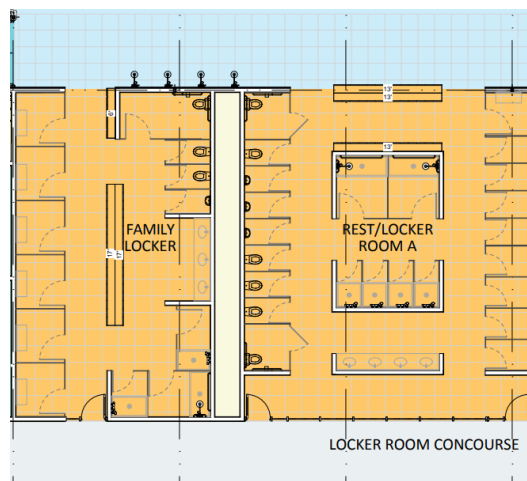
A photograph showing several children playing in a water park. In the foreground, a child in a red swimsuit is running through a series of colorful, arched water sprays. Other children are visible in the background, some standing and some playing near other water features. The scene is bright and sunny, with palm trees visible in the distance.

When a splash pad is installed, the design uses a plumbing system that uses little water as it recirculates the water from an onsite storage tank with a filtering and sanitizing process that keeps the water clean, and a comfortable temperature for water play.

What are individual and family changing rooms?

Ultimately, the design of the proposed community pool restrooms and changing rooms will be determined during the final project design process reflecting any community input received during the final design process.

Individual and family changing rooms are common in many newer facilities. These changing rooms are private, with the dressing area, toilets and showers all in enclosed spaces. This inclusive design allows any person to access the facility safely and efficiently. For example, a locker room area may include individual and larger family size changing rooms with doors for privacy. Showers are also housed in individual stalls with doors and some stalls will have a combination of the changing room and shower in the same one unit, especially helpful for families and anyone with mobility issues. Individual toilet stalls with doors are provided with handwashing sinks in the common area.



The primary use of the common open locker room area is for banks of lockers for storing personal items. The common area has visibility from the lobby to the pool deck and visitors must be either fully clothed or in bathing suits in this area. There are no open areas for changing in the common area.

Individual and family changing rooms are the most efficient use of limited space. The design also offers more flexibility accommodating a diverse mix of users from individual males or females to families or people with disabilities. For example, it is easier for any parent to accompany their child or for a caregiver to assist a person with a disability. For staff, individual and family changing rooms give flexibility to assign staff of either sex to clean or monitor the area.

Are there potential partners to share the cost of project development?

The District has had discussions with both City of Snoqualmie and Snoqualmie Valley School District for potential partnering options to deliver a regional aquatic center that serves the entire Snoqualmie Valley's needs. However, to-date, these discussions have not resulted in partnership agreements. City of Snoqualmie prefers any future aquatic facility development to be located on Snoqualmie Ridge, outside Si View boundaries. The School District's interests are for a competition pool to support student athletes, which could be achieved in a future phase.

What happens if Snoqualmie moves forward with the YMCA expansion with a pool?

According to the market analysis completed as part of the feasibility study, Snoqualmie Valley can support one large aquatic center with components included in the proposal. If another pool is built in the service area, which includes Snoqualmie, the plan would need to be modified to ensure sustainability. YMCA pools are private, where priority registration is given to facility members resulting in limiting public access.

Why is the District not campaigning for the project?

As a public agency, when a proposal is presented to voters, the District can only provide factual proposal information on certain schedules per campaign laws. Any campaigning efforts would need to be coordinated by community volunteers who wish to advocate for the proposal, and not utilize District resources.