2023-2025

CITY PARK POOL

Project Update

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PROJECT STEPS

- 1. Choose Project Consultant Team- Done!
- 2. Assess Current Condition of Pool Done!
- Council Presentation & Decision to Repair or Replace Done!
- 4. Public Input Phase 1 Done!
- 5. Public Survey Concept Designs February 15 March 8, 2024
- 6. Public Open House Thursday, February 29, 2024
- 7. Concept Design Chosen by City Council Likely May 2024
- 8. Construction January December 2025

GOALS OF PROJECT

- Provide community recreation experiences for a wide range of users.
- Provide increased independent accessibility to all water experiences.
- Provide shade in several areas of the deck and some in the water areas.
- 4. Provide design and operating efficiencies that support the City of Iowa City climate action goals.
- Maximize efficiency of lifeguards.
- Promote the vision "Every child learns how to swim."
- Welcome users of all backgrounds with specific attention to facility entry patterns, shower/changing and restroom design.
- Evaluate the potential merging of the outdoor park restrooms and year-round recreation programming space into the swimming pool facility.
- Limit the construction area generally within the fence line/site plan of the current pool.





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PROJECT PROMOTION & UPDATES

Oct 27 - 2-4 p.m. at Mercer/Scanlon Rec Center

- 35 People Attended All White
- 7 Ages 30-59/ 28 Ages 50+
- 9 Male / 26 Female

Oct 27 - 5:30-7:30 p.m. Family Halloween Event

- 460 People Attended
- 57% White/43% Non-White
- 225 Male / 230 Female / 5 Non-Binary
- 216 Ages Under 13 / 16 Ages 14-19 /

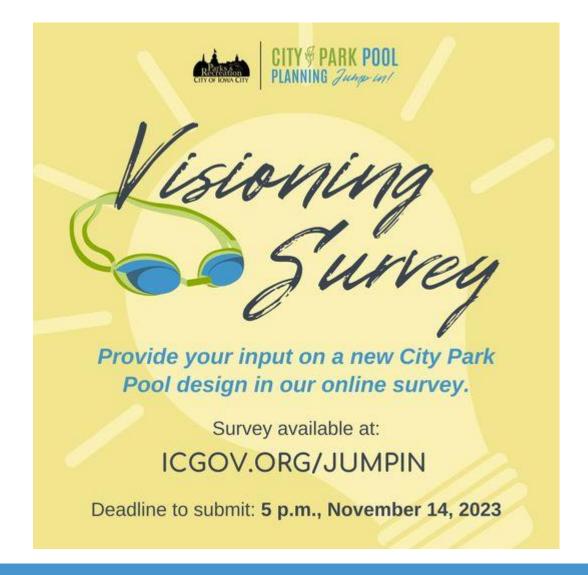
42 Ages 20-29/ 163 Ages 30-49 / 23 Ages 50+





IDEA GENERATION OPEN HOUSES

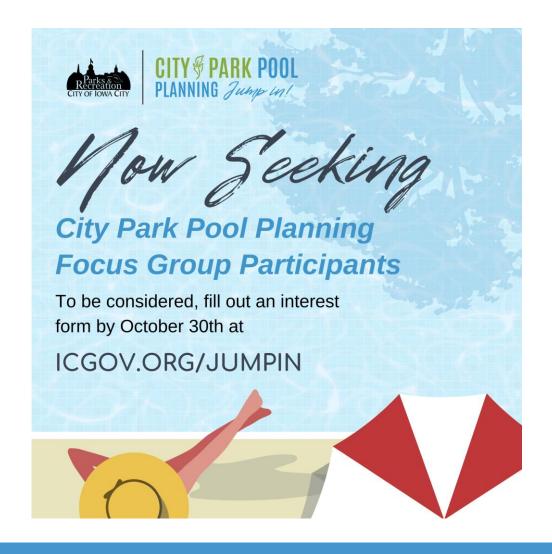




On-line Version Available on Project Website November 1-14, 2023

- 327 Online Responses Received

ON-LINE VERSION — VISIONING SURVEY

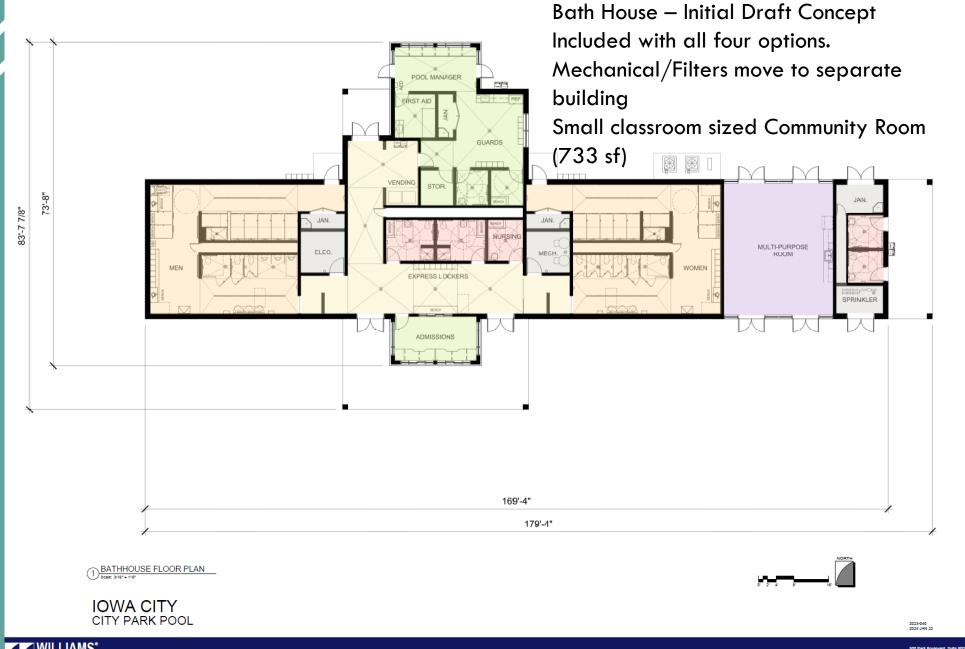


- 327 Registrations Received
- 227 People Selected to Participate
- 14 Focus Groups
- 137 People Attended a Focus Group
- 44 People Complete On-line Version

NOVEMBER FOCUS GROUPS

- Maintain Park Setting Wide open, traditional, and trees.
- Multi-use. Multi-generational.
- Separate Activity Areas
- Zero Depth Entry Increased Independent Accessibility
- Shade
- 50 M Lap Lanes
- 25 M Lap Lanes
- Diving Boards
- Children's Play Area

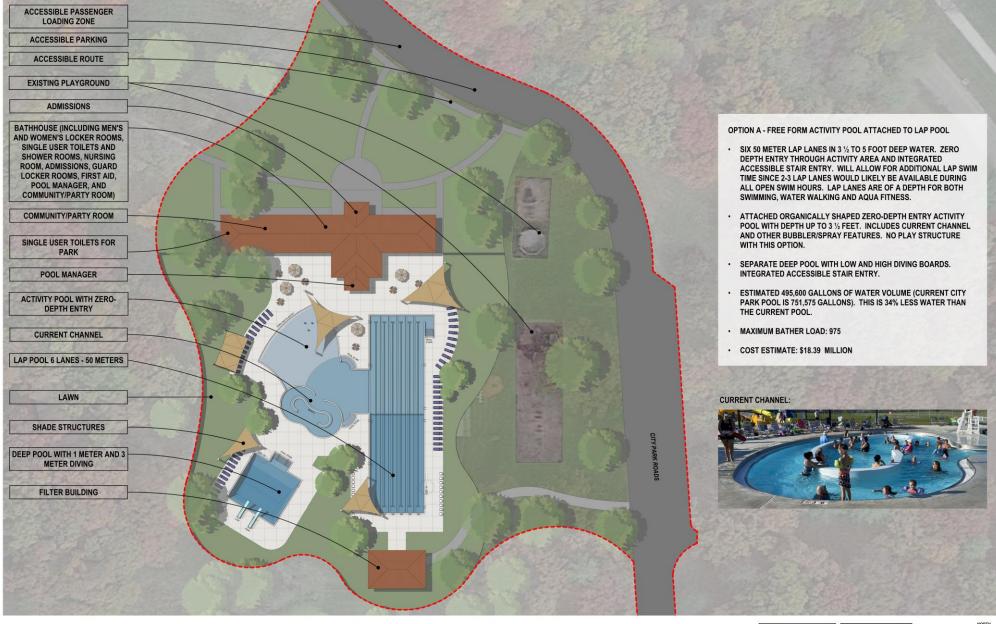
PHASE 1 PUBLIC INPUT - PREFERENCE SUMMARY





	Free Form Activity Pool – Option A	Three Pools Option B	"L" Shaped Pool Option C	Original Option D
Cost				
Bather Load				
Water Savings				
Separate Program Areas				
Accessible Zero-depth Entry				
Children Activity Area				
25 M Lap Lanes				
50 M Lap Lanes				
50 M Lap Lanes Available All Day*				
Low + High Diving Boards				
Deck Space for Chairs + Sunbathing				
Additional Shade				
Minimal Tree Impact				
Designed Within Current Fence Line				
New Bathhouse + Mechanical Building				

	Free Form Activity Pool	Three Pools	"L" Shaped Pool	Original
Cost				
Bather Load				
Water Savings				
Separate Program Areas				
Accessible Zero-depth Entry				
Children Activity Area				
25 M Lap Lanes	X	X	X	✓ Shared Open Swim
50 M Lap Lanes				
50 M Lap Lanes Available All Day*				
Low + High Diving Boards	✓	✓	✓	✓
Deck Space for Chairs + Sunbathing	✓	✓	✓	✓
Additional Shade	✓	✓	✓	✓
Minimal Tree Impact	✓	✓	✓	✓
Designed Within Current Fence Line	✓	✓	✓	✓
New Bathhouse + Mechanical Building	✓	✓	✓	✓



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\$18.39M

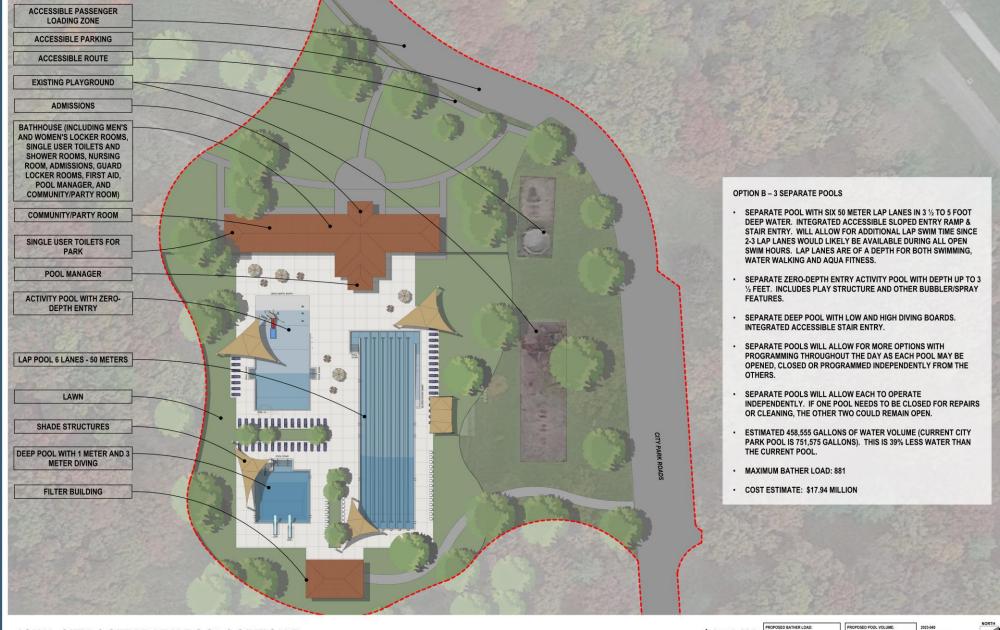
DEEP POOL: 146.745 GALLONS SCALE: 1" = 20"-0"





	Free Form Activity Pool – Option A		
Cost	\$18.39 M		
Bather Load	975		
Water Savings	34% Less 495,600 gallons		
Separate Program Areas	✓		
Accessible Zero-depth Entry	✓		
Children Activity Area	✓		
25 M Lap Lanes	Х		
50 M Lap Lanes	6 Lanes		
50 M Lap Lanes Available All Day*	✓ 2-3 Lanes All Day*		
Low + High Diving Boards	✓		
Deck Space for Chairs + Sunbathing	✓		
Additional Shade	✓		
Minimal Tree Impact	✓		
Designed Within Current Fence Line	✓		
New Bathhouse + Mechanical Building	✓		

OPTION A — FREE FORM ACTIVITY POOL



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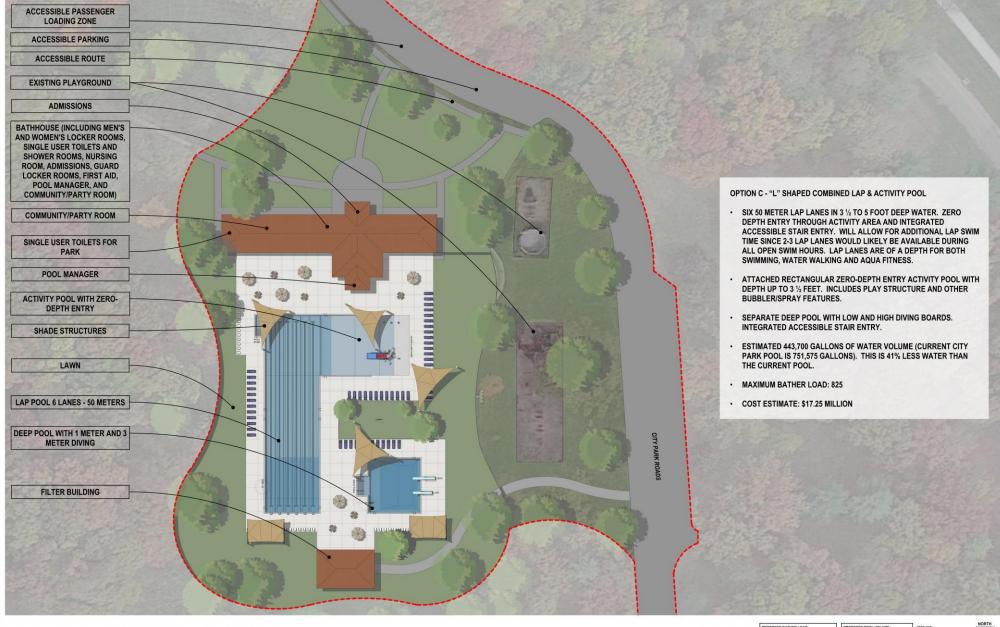
\$17.94M







	Three Pools Option B	
Cost	\$17.94 M	
Bather Load	881	
Water Savings	39% Less 458,555 gallons	
Separate Program Areas	✓	
Accessible Zero-depth Entry	✓	
Children Activity Area	✓	
25 M Lap Lanes	X	
50 M Lap Lanes	6 Lanes	
50 M Lap Lanes Available All Day*	✓ 2-3 Lanes All Day*	
Low + High Diving Boards	✓	
Deck Space for Chairs + Sunbathing	✓	
Additional Shade	✓	
Minimal Tree Impact	✓	
Designed Within Current Fence Line	✓	
New Bathhouse + Mechanical Building	✓	



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\$17.25M

825 PATRONS

HER LOAD: 1082 PATRONS) (CUF

PROPOSED POOL VOLUME: ACTIVITY/LAP POOL: 296,955 GALLONS DEEP POOL: 146,745 GALLONS TOTAL POOL: 443,700 GALLONS

2023-040 FEBRUARY 7 2024 SCALE: 1" = 20'-0"





		"L" Shaped Pool Option C	
Cost		\$17.25 M	
Bather Load		825	
Water Savings		41% Less 443,700 gallons	
Separate Program Areas		✓	
Accessible Zero-depth Entry		✓	
Children Activity Area		✓	
25 M Lap Lanes		X	
50 M Lap Lanes		6 Lanes	
Lap Lanes Available All Day*		✓ 2-3 Lanes All Day*	
Low + High Diving Boards		✓	
Deck Space for Chairs + Sunbathing		✓	
Additional Shade		✓	
Minimal Tree Impact		✓	
Designed Within Current Fence Line		✓	
New Bathhouse + Mechanical Building		✓	



IOWA CITY | CITY PARK POOL | OPTION D

\$19.56M

PROPOSED BATHER LOAD: 1082 PATRONS PROPOSED POOL VOLUME:

MAIN POOL: 750,000 GALLON
WADING POOL: 1,575 GALLON
TOTAL POOL: 751,575 GALLON
(CURRENT POOL: 751,575 GALLON

2023-040 FEBRUARY 7 2024 SCALE: 1" = 20"-0"





		Original Option D
Cost		\$19.56 M
Bather Load		1,082
Water Savings		751,572 gallons No water savings.
Separate Program Areas		X
Accessible Zero-depth Entry		X
Children Activity Area		X
25 M Lap Lanes		X Shared Open Swim
50 M Lap Lanes		8-9 Lanes (3-4.5 hours per day)
50 M Lap Lanes Available All Day*		X
Low + High Diving Boards		✓
Deck Space for Chairs + Sunbathing		✓
Additional Shade		✓
Minimal Tree Impact		✓
Designed Within Current Fence Line		✓
New Bathhouse + Mechanical Building		✓

	Free Form Activity Pool - Option A	Three Pools Option B	"L" Shaped Pool Option C	Original Option D
Cost	\$18.39 M	\$17.94 M	\$17.25 M	\$19.56 M
Bather Load	975	881	825	1,082
Water Savings	34% Less 495,600 gallons	39% Less 458,555 gallons	41% Less 443,700 gallons	751,572 gallons No water savings.
Separate Program Areas	✓	✓	✓	X
Accessible Zero-depth Entry	✓	✓	✓	X
Children Activity Area	✓	✓	✓	X
25 M Lap Lanes	X	X	X	X Shared Open Swim
50 M Lap Lanes	6 Lanes (All 6 for 3-4.5 hrs/day)	6 Lanes (All 6 for 3-4.5 hrs/day)	6 Lanes (All 6 for 3-4.5 hrs/day)	8-9 Lanes (3-4.5 Hours per Day)
50 M Lap Lanes Available All Day*	✓ 2-3 Lanes All Day*	✓ 2-3 Lanes All Day*	✓ 2-3 Lanes All Day*	X
Low + High Diving Boards	✓	✓	✓	✓
Deck Space for Chairs + Sunbathing	✓	✓	✓	✓
Additional Shade	✓	✓	✓	✓
Minimal Tree Impact	✓	✓	✓	✓
Designed Within Current Fence Line	✓	✓	✓	✓
New Bathhouse + Mechanical Building	✓	✓	✓	✓

OPTION A - LIFEGUARD'S THOUGHTS

February 2024 Staff Meeting

"Option A seems to be coolest design.

B would be convenient for each aspect of swimming."

"Option A - A current channel would be nice for lessons and accessible exercise. Separated pools seem difficult for families to be together."

"Option A fits many people's needs and wants."

"I like Option A because it hits every age group and most activities."

(3 lifeguards said this)

"Option A is a nice option for ADA stuff, plus it looks cool."

"I like having the diving boards separate from the main pool."

27 Lifeguards Participated

- 14 5+ years experience
- 13 Less than five years experience

Option A – 15

Option B - 10

Option C – 2

Option D - 0

OPTION B — LIFEGUARD THOUGHTS

February 2024 Staff Meeting

"Option B because having the pools separated will allow for a higher degree of safety."

"Option B because accidents will close only one of the pools. It also has safer, smaller guard coverage zones." "Easier zones for guards to watch."

"Option B because it has lots of options that can be used all at once."

"Option B because it is, frankly, it's simply annoying as a lap swimmer to have people wander into your lane from the open swim portion of the pool."

"Option B because there is something for everyone, so kids won't be getting in the way of lap swimmers."

FINAL NOTES

- Public Survey Two Groups February 16 March 8, 2024.
 - QR Code on Postcard
 - Survey Link on icgov.org\jumpin
- Public Open House Thursday, February 29 5:30-7:30 pm Mercer
- Phase 2 Feedback will inform staff recommendation and City Council selection of a preferred concept.
- Staff anticipates a joint Parks & Recreation Commission and City Council work session to review Phase 2 Feedback prior to selection. (Late spring)
- Selected concept design will be further refined before bidding to incorporate any additional direction from the City Council.
 - Design Elements
 - Budget Considerations
 - Unknown Site Conditions



- 1. People who registered filled-out a questionnaire with several self-selecting questions. 327 Received
- 2. Demographic information was collected to allow for balancing of groups to reflect community demographics.
- 3. Selection committee of three staff, a resident and a P&R Commission member made group selections without seeing participant names, addresses, phone numbers or emails. Non lowa City residents marked.
- 4. All registrations meeting criteria for a certain group were separated from over-all group. Preference was first given to non-white registrants up to 5 participants per group of 20. The remaining spots were filled by rolling a dice, then using the number rolled to select every (number) person from eligible list. Group chosen was then checked for gender, race and age distribution. Adjustments were made if gender, race and age were far from targets. Most were very close to targeted representation.
- 5. After 9 groups were chosen, demographics of both the selected and not selected were checked. It was determined by the selection committee that representation was lacking from people under the Age of 29. A new group was chosen from younger adults. The last group was assigned as folks older than 70 years of age since many requests had been made from the public to have a specific group for this age group.

FOCUS GROUP SELECTION

- 6. Self-reported availability was used to schedule the groups. Not all requests for certain times or dates were accommodated.
- 7. 227 Invitations were emailed with a request for an RSVP.
 - 65 Male / 157 Female / 4 Non-Binary / 1 Other
 - 33 Non-White / 175 White / 18 Prefer Not to Answer
 - 3 Teens / 18 Ages 20-29 / 104 Ages 30-49 / 62 Ages 51-69 / 40 Ages 70+
 - Self Reported Swimming Ability 55 Expert / 156 Casual / 16 Non-Swimmers
 - Self Reported Primary Activity at Pool 10 Aqua Fitness / 10 Haven't Been Recently / 79 Open Swim
 58 Lap Swim / 2 Special Event / 5 Sunbathe / 30 Supervise Kids / 1 Swim Team / 10 Lessons
 - 110 Have Iowa City Swim Pass / 107 Do Not Have an Iowa City Swim Pass
- 8. Requests for a different time/date were accommodated, if group space allowed.
- 9. People who were not selected for focus groups, or who declined their invitation were emailed on on-line version of the Focus Groups Questions which may be returned until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2023.
- 10. 137 People attended a focus group session. 44 People complete on-line version of focus group questions.

FOCUS GROUP SCHEDULING

- Passholder/regular user Families
- Passholder/regular user Lap/Fitness Swimmers
- Passholder/regular user Aqua Fitness/ Water Walking / Water Jogging
- Teens
- Infrequent Users Younger Adults
- Disability community
- Childcare Providers Daycares and summer camps
- Members and allies of LGBTQ+ community
- Swim lesson participant families who used a scholarship for lessons
- Parks & Recreation Commission Members
- City Aquatic Staff supervisors, maintenance staff & lifeguards

TARGETED GROUPS FOR FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS