

CITY OF EVANSVILLE: IMPORTANT Evansville Residents

NOVEMBER 2020 REFERENDUM INFORMATION

Over 60 years ago the residents of Evansville petitioned for the construction of a pool. In 2017 the City hired a consultant to review the current facility to determine what could be done to refurbish the pool. They reviewed the necessary steps to bring it to modern ADA, OSHA and other standards essential in the function of a community pool. The review documented the various needs for larger filters, surge tanks, underground piping, access, safety and replacement of all the decking with a conclusion standard repairs are not sufficient or possible. Many in the public are now aware of the declining condition and amount of work that is necessary at the current location. Inflation on construction costs for a replacement pool continue to push the expense greater than what was first anticipated in 2017. We expect costs to continue to escalate while available interest rates are extremely low.

OPTION 1

Conceptual Image Only, **NOT A FINAL DESIGN**
(POOL AT WESTSIDE PARK)



OPTION 2

Conceptual Image Only, **NOT A FINAL DESIGN**
(POOL AT LAKE LEOTA PARK)



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FEATURES

These are conceptual images, not the final design. The images show conceptually three separate (or separable) bodies of water to keep the pool open during competing needs (i.e. swim team, lessons,

water aerobics, and general admission). The lap lanes will be at proper depth. A deep well feature will allow for diving boards and drop slides. Water slides and a kiddie pool were added for all family members to enjoy. Westside Park without the pool will have a splash pad, as Lake Leota without the pool will be substituted with an eventual splash pad. If the referendum passes and COVID 19 spread has been abated more, there will be more public engagement on final design in addition to cost saving alternatives.

Option 1

Aquatic Center at Westside Park = \$7,300,000
Westside Park = \$2,800,000
Lake Leota demo + splash pad = \$800,000
Fundraising = (\$1,500,000)

Total \$9,400,000

Option 2

Aquatic Center at Lake Leota = \$8,900,000
Westside Park = \$3,800,000
Fundraising = (\$1,500,000)

Total \$11,200,000

The City is one of four agencies (School, County, City and Tech College) that impact your taxes.

Currently the City of Evansville's mill rate is \$7.9999 and neighboring communities of Milton and Edgerton are \$9.79 and \$7.12. This referendum will add approximately \$1.61 to \$1.91 to the City's portion of the mill rate depending on the option chosen at our 2019 assessed value. The Council is aware that other agencies have impacted your taxes and the timing of this referendum.

There are no increases on the tax bill for this project until the tax bill payable in 2024. By this time the Evansville Community School District's current debt obligation will be reduced from its recent increase in 2019. Accounting for this decrease a property owner with \$200,000 in assessed value can expect an annual increase of \$124 to \$186 per \$200,000 of assessed value.

Our 10 year plan to continue replacing water mains, sewer lines, sidewalks and roads is projected to remain unchanged by this project. These projects include: Cherry St, 1st St & 2nd St (south of Liberty), Liberty St (from 5th to Maple), Church St (from 3rd to Enterprise), Almeron St, Walker St, Longfield St, and Enterprise St. Anticipated growth as well as the completion of payments on prior projects should hold taxes down on these projects.

TAX AND CAPITAL IMPACT

THE REFERENDUM

On November 3rd 2020, we are asking the citizens of Evansville to vote their preference and determine if they want to invest in this community asset. Your vote is about location and budget, not final features. The referendum will also include the cost to construct Westside Park providing minimum of 2-3 soccer fields, 3 baseball/softball fields, trails, parking, basketball court, a splash pad (to the non-aquatic center option) and updates to the playground.

The difference in costs between Option 1 and Option 2 comes through shared facilities and eliminating grading costs at the Lake Leota site. Three options will be on the ballot so the citizens can decide whether to move the location of the aquatic center to Westside Park, let it remain at Lake Leota, or to not proceed. If the citizens of Evansville decide not to proceed it could ultimately result in the closure of the current facility either immediately or by the next major mechanical/structural failure at the current location.

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