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City of Durham Releases Aquatics Master Plan *Residents Can Read the Full Report Online*

DURHAM, N.C. - In July 2016, Durham Parks and Recreation (DPR) commissioned an Aquatic Facilities Master Plan as a follow up to the Swimming Pool Assessment Study that was completed in 2015. The study found that Durham's Aquatic facilities were advanced in age, had condition issues and functional obsolescence.

The goal of the plan is to guide the future of Aquatic Facilities for the City of Durham, provide facilities for the entire community, and to determine the specific needs of the community.

Information detailed in the report can be found on the [DPR website](#) and includes data collection, the development of the needs assessment, conceptual plans of potential facilities, and a recommended implementation strategy.

The report identifies the need for 7 new aquatic facilities (3 of the existing 5 facilities will remain). The total cost for the proposed project is \$113,440,000 (in 2017 dollars with 10% escalation) and does not include the land acquisition.

This would give Durham a total of 71 year round lanes, 28 outdoor lanes (including the 16 existing lanes from Campus Hills and Edison Johnson) increasing the future annual attendance to over 300,000 (5 times the current attendance rate). The additions will expand the recreational aquatic

opportunities for the community and will meet the needs of the recreational, competitive, wellness and therapy and instructional user groups far better than the City is currently able to offer.

The Aquatic Facilities Master Plan, recently adopted as an addendum to DPR's Master Plan (2013) was prepared by RATIO and Counsilman-Hunsaker, in consultation with the Durham Parks and Recreation Department and General Services staff, stakeholder groups, and significant public input.

"We would like to thank all of the residents who participated in the Aquatics Master Plan study," said Assistant Director Jason Jones. "The information gathered helped the team determine how we can best meet Durham's aquatic needs moving forward."

The next steps include exploring potential partnership opportunities, identifying funding options, exploring sites, performing feasibility studies, acquiring land and drafting the plan.

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