City of Austin Parks and Recreation Board Aquatic Master Plan

City of Austin

Parks and Recreation Department

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Phases of the Aquatic Master Plan

- **Phase I** – Facility Assessment – COMPLETED 2014
- **Phase II** – SWIM 512 Public Engagement – COMPLETED 2015
- **Phase III** – *Aquatic Master Plan Development* – IN PROGRESS
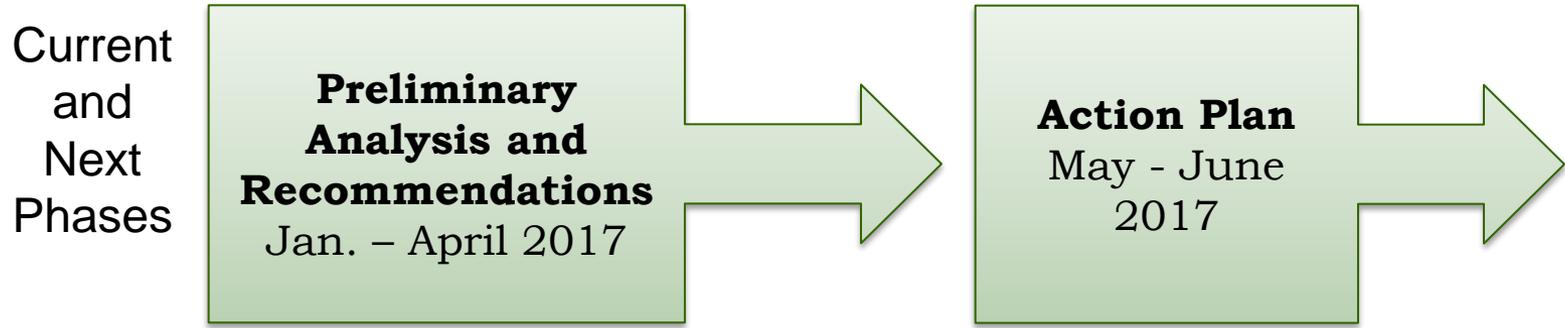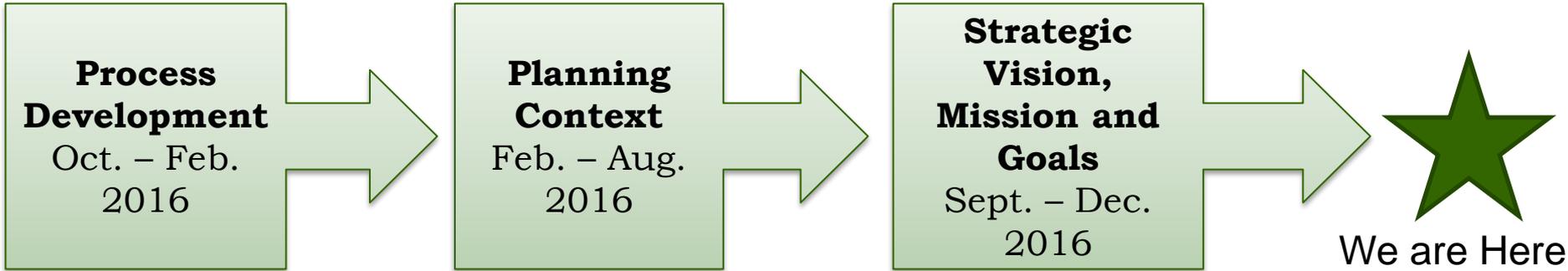
The Aquatic Master Plan Addresses:

- Financial Sustainability of proposed system
- Staffing requirements and needs
- Public and Environmental Safety considerations
- Operations/Maintenance cost of existing and potential new aquatic system
- Pool facility concept development

- Potential for existing facility renovation, expansion, consolidation, or decommissioning
- The Aquatic Division need to evaluate and factually guide opportunities and constraints relative to the aquatic system for the next 20 to 25 years

Project Schedule

Phases:

| Process Development Oct. – Feb. 2016 | → | Planning Context Feb. – Aug. 2016 | → | Strategic Vision, Mission and Goals Sept. – Dec. 2016 | → |

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Current and Next Phases

| Preliminary Analysis and Recommendations Jan. – April 2017 | → | Action Plan May - June 2017 | → |

Master Plan
August 2017

Aquatic Vision, Mission & Goals

Vision

- Lead the Aquatic Industry with the highest quality aquatic standards for facilities, programming, safety, and staffing

Mission

- Provide a sustainable and equitably distributed system of outstanding aquatic facilities and programs.

Goals

- Financially Sustainable System
- Diverse Facilities
- Year-Round Facilities
- Progressive, Responsive Programming
- Enhanced Operational Support
- Foster Partnerships
- Recruit & Retain High Performance Staff
- Environmental Sustainability

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Aquatic Facility Classifications

Classification	Service Area	Pool Square Feet	Features
Neighborhood Pool	20-minute walk	3,000 – 5,000 S.F.	Lap and Activity Pool
Community Pool	10-minute drive	5,000 – 7,000 S.F.	Lap Lanes and Activity Pool
Regional Family Aquatic Center	15-minute drive	7,000 – 10,000 S.F.	Slide, interactive water play features, party room
Regional Fitness Aquatic Center	15-minute drive	10,000 – 12,000 S.F.	50 meter lap pool, aerobics/program pool
Year-Round Indoor Facility	30 minute drive	Over 10,000 S.F.	Designed for training, competition, and program use

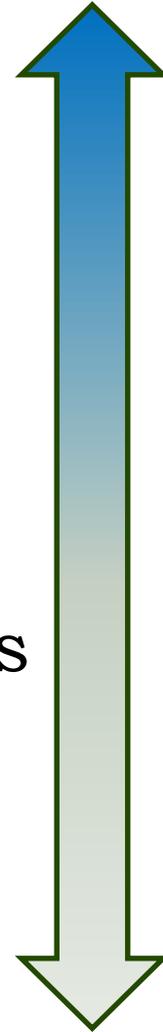# Determination Process

Purpose

- Establish a methodology to rank the suitability of:
    1. existing aquatic facilities;
    2. potential sites for development;
    3. renovation, expansion, consolidation, or decommissioning (closure) of aquatic facilities.

- Will be used as a guide in future decision making on pool status

Proposed Site Improvements

- Demographics
- Site
- Location
- Accessibility
- Infrastructure
- Environmental Issues
- Regulatory Issues
- Operations

Higher Weight

Lower Weight

Ranking Examples

Aquatic Facility Site			Colony Park	Dove Springs	Ramsey
Criteria	Facility Potential	Weight			
SITE SUITABILITY RATING SCORE	Existing	100%	62	71	54
	Expanded	100%	59	63	NA
RANKING AS AN UPDATED OR EXPANDED POOL	Neighborhood		17	2	25
	Community		11	7	
	Regional		9		

- **Ranking Process**
  - Colony Park Site
  - Dove Springs Pool
  - Ramsey Pool

Score out of 100 – Range 42-81
Score out of 100 – Range 49-71
Ranking out of 32 sites
Ranking out of 18 sites
Ranking out of 9 sites

Score – A higher number = more suitable for renovation, redevelopment or expansion.

Rank – Rank compared to the others, with 1 being the highest/best

Next Steps and Questions

Process Review -

- Master Plan Team Meetings – Aquatic Staff & TAG Group
- District Representatives Group & Aquatic Advisory Board Meeting
- Briefing Item at Parks Board, Aquatic Master Plan update
- Develop Preliminary Recommendations that include: (we are here)
  - A. System of various sizes of facilities to serve Austin
  - B. Pool classification based on criteria elements

Next Round of Public Input on Process and Preliminary Recommendations -

- Master Plan Team Meetings – Aquatic Staff & TAG Group
- District Representatives Group & Aquatic Advisory Board Meeting
- Discussion Item at Land, Facilities and Programs Committee and update
- Public Workshops with Prelim. Recommendations for discussion and input
- Revisions to the recommendations
- Draft Master Plan