

MY AUSTIN. MY POOL.

Swim 512 Aquatic Master Plan



BE A PART OF THE PLAN

Austin's public pools belong to you. That's right, the 51 pools and water play areas of Austin are yours to enjoy. One thing you might not know? — You and other Austinites can help decide the future of our pools by giving us your ideas for the Swim 512 Aquatic Master Plan. Over 13,000 Austin residents have participated so far through public workshops, surveys, focus groups, in the park interviews, Televised Town Hall, neighborhood association meetings, and engagement for youth.

WHAT WE HAVE HEARD FROM AUSTINITES

- Keep pool facilities open and affordable
- Increase hours and swim season
- Improve restrooms, bathhouses, shade, and seating areas
- More shade (deck and pool) and seating
- Better maintained/clean pools, bathhouses, restrooms
- Build aquatic facilities in underserved areas
- Desired Amenities: lap lanes, family amenities, waterslides, diving boards, shade
- Desired Programming: lessons, water fitness, lifeguard training, swim teams, senior programs
- Support for a Central Indoor Natatorium Facility



WHAT IS THE PLAN?

A master plan is a tool that will guide a 20 year vision for the Austin Aquatic System. The Master Plan will assist the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department decide how to manage aging pool facilities and determine new and future location of aquatic facilities to better serve the growing Austin population.

It includes the following:

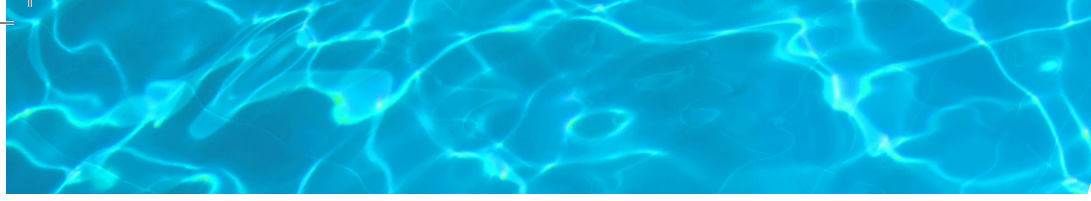
- A tool to evaluate the suitability of existing and potential pool sites for current or future aquatic facilities
- A process to establish sustainability benchmarks to determine the short and long term recommendations for pool operations & facilities
- A long range plan derived from public engagement and a long term sustainable model
- Model aquatic amenities and features to meet the current and future needs of Austin residents
- Recommendations for environmental and fiscal sustainability

WHAT IS SITE SUITABILITY?

Site suitability helps the Austin Parks and Recreation Department determine what the future could be for existing aquatic facilities; potential sites for development; and recommendations for renovation, expansion, consolidation,



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or decommissioning of aquatic facilities. Public input helped develop the elements and priorities that go into determining Site Suitability. It includes, in order of importance: demographics, site, location, accessibility, infrastructure, environment, regulatory, and operations. Site Suitability will tell PARD what the classification of a pool should be.

WHAT ARE AQUATIC FACILITY CLASSIFICATIONS?

Classifications are pool types. Community feedback helped to develop features and amenities of the pool classifications. The Aquatic Facility Classifications for the master plan are Neighborhood Pool, Community Pool, Regional Aquatic Center, Year-Round Basic Indoor Facility, and Year-Round Premier Indoor Facility. Each facility classification has a different service area and features.

WHAT IS 'SITE SUITABILITY' RANK?

The site suitability ranking is how an aquatic facility measures up to other sites. The Aquatic Master Plan Tool gives each facility a score, and those scores are compared to others, ranking the current system and future sites for the various pool classification types. The higher ranking pools are ideal to be updated or expanded; there is a middle range, and a lower range that perhaps are not ideal for redevelopment or improvements. **The Parks and Recreation Department will use the ranking tool to make recommendations when a facility functionally fails or is no longer sustainable to operate.**

WHAT IS A SUSTAINABLE SYSTEM?

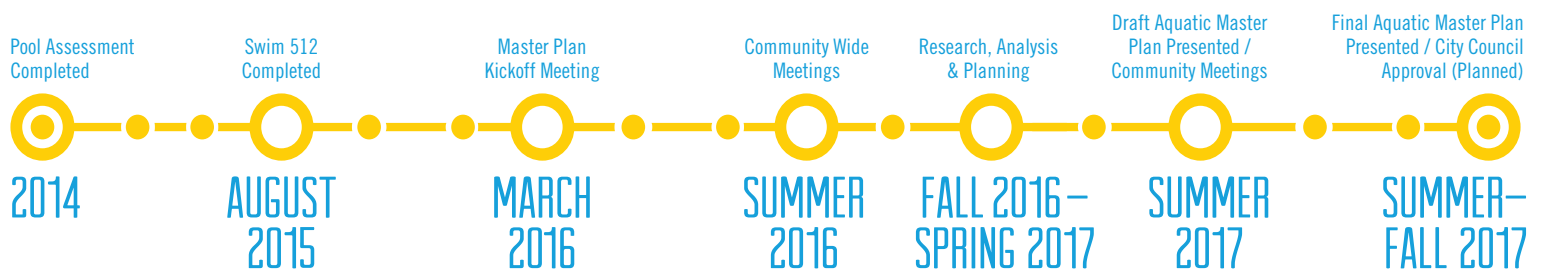
The Austin Parks and Recreation Department has defined what makes a sustainable aquatic system. It includes the following factors: budget and cost, staffing needs, maintenance and operations, and programming. There is a recommended sustainable cost to operate each facility. When the costs deviate from the sustainable baseline, PARD will use the data in the Master Plan as a guide to determine the future of that facility and make recommendations.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN NOW?

After a period of public review, the Final Master Plan will be presented to Austin Mayor and City Council for adoption. The Aquatic Division will use the master plan and ranking tool as a guide to achieve the 20-year vision.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PLAN

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