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INTRODUCTION



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The City of St. Marys, Pennsylvania commissioned Counsilman-Hunsaker (CH) to conduct a feasibility study for the St. Marys Outdoor Community Swimming Pool located in Memorial Park. Through this process, the CH team was contracted to identify and assess the need for a renovated or replaced swimming pool complex, develop several options for consideration that meet the aquatic needs of the St. Marys community, and develop construction and projects costs to build the facility. Along with the initial capital costs, the annual operational expenses and revenues have been projected. The goal of the study is to provide information to the City as to the feasibility in continuing an aquatic amenity and to provide an assessment of the existing swimming pool, conduct market research, financial research and receive community feedback about their current use of the pool and their future vision for the pool.



Public Participation

The CH team meets with the parks and recreation board, conducts community engagement, and develops questions and launches an online community survey. This needs analysis incorporates evaluating the level of support within the City of St. Marys and preferences for aquatic amenities and programs, and locating offerings of other area providers.



Layout and Design

CH develops concepts for various recreational swimming pools at different capital budget levels. The goal of this phase is to show the possibilities for a new outdoor swimming pool facility within Memorial Park.



Financial Analysis

An assessment of capital and operational costs is projected. The estimated expenses comprise of staffing, chemical usage, utilities, programming expenses, as well as a capital replacement fund, along with revenue projections for the studied swimming pool options.



Summary of Findings

A summary of the findings of the needs assessment, concept design and financial analysis to provide the City of St. Marys with the information needed to make an informed decision about the future options for a swimming pool in Memorial Park.



PROJECT TIMELINE

Kickoff

Project kicked off on January 14, 2025. Kickoff included a site visit to the St. Marys Community Pool, a presentation to the Parks and Recreation Board and a community meeting.



Stakeholder | Community Engagement

Community meeting held during the project kickoff site visit and in February 2025 an online community survey was launched.



Initial Findings | Concept Review

On March 12, 2025, a presentation of initial findings and conceptual plans was presented to the Parks and Recreation Board.



Concept Refinement and Operational Planning

Based on feedback from the Parks and Recreation Board, updates to the conceptual plans were made along with revenue and expense projections for future operations.



Final Documentation | Presentation

Final report submitted for review in May 2025 along with a presentation to the City of St. Marys City Council on May 19, 2025.

