



## Data and Statistics

### OPERATION'S REVENUE, EXPENSE, NET INCOME

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	PROJECTED 2023
<b>REVENUE</b>											
76,115	\$70,489	\$69,055	\$49,835	\$56,080	\$53,010	\$73,094	\$85,372	\$1,000*	\$26,332	\$53,877	\$56,750
<b>EXPENSE</b>											
\$86,213	\$81,822	\$74,555	\$81,419	\$82,787	\$80,795	\$86,317	\$90,830	\$12,875*	\$75,086	\$100,480	\$123,512
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>											
(10,098)	(11,333)	(5,500)	(31,584)	(26,707)	(27,785)	(13,223)	(5,458)	(11,875)*	(48,754)	(46,603)	(66,762)

\*The pool did not open in 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The revenue shown is from an annual grant and the expense is from utilities and supplies purchased prior to the pandemic.

### CAPITOL FUNDS USED TOWARD POOL

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	PROJECTED 2023
\$16,250	-	-	\$30,655	\$35,852	\$241,487	\$20,994	\$1,000	CLOSED	-	\$22,170	\$22,000

### PASSES SOLD AND VISITATION

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>SEASON PASSES SOLD</b>	294	788	699	518	558	522	751*	688*	CLOSED	88*	354*
<b>DAILY ADMISSION VISITS</b>	5023	3662	2586	3125	3842	2602	3692	5142	CLOSED	2699	3417
<b>SEASON PASS VISITS</b>	9412	7821	5371	4291	4295	4091	4683	5057	CLOSED	728	2141

\*Season Passes include access to Splash Fountain Splashpad

### 2022 & 2023 DAILY EXPENSE STATISTICS

Based on a 74-day operating season	2022 Daily Net Loss	2023 Projected Daily Net Loss
<b>Average Daily Revenue</b>	\$728	\$767
<b>Average Daily Expense</b>	\$1,358	\$1,669
<b>Average Daily Net Loss</b>	(\$630)	(\$902)

### 2022 VISITOR EXPENSE STATISTICS

Operating Season (June 4-August 16).....	74 days
Days Open .....	54 days
Days Closed: Due to weather or repairs .....	20 days
Days Closed Early: Due to low or no attendance.....	9 days
Average Expense Per Daily Visitor .....	\$18 (total expenses/number of annual visits)
Average Subsidized Amount Per Visit .....	\$8 (net loss/number of annual visits)
Expenses Subsidized by Tax Dollars or Other Revenue Sources.....	44%

# Public Communication & Surveys

## Regarding Pool Usage & Condition

2011 .....	Community-wide Survey
2013 .....	Community-wide Survey
2019/2020 .....	Community-wide Survey
2021 .....	Mailer sent to all Sycamore households
2021 .....	Program Catalog sent to all Sycamore households
2021 .....	Community Pool Focus Group
2021 .....	Public Aquatics Survey

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is preventing the pool from being efficient and reliable?

With 40-year-old mechanics, each “fix” is a band-aid or custom fitting to make new parts work with outdated systems. Improvements to the infrastructure must follow strict guidelines from the IDNR, increasing time and cost, because of its location in a flood plain. One example is that all new construction must be raised six feet above the current grade.

Specific items that are failing, outdated, or inefficient:

- Gas chlorine chlorination system
- A new pump needs to be purchased for \$22,000
- Community surveys have shown us that people seek aquatic facilities with modern play features and convenient amenities. The facility does not have the room or the proper infrastructure to add sought-after features such as a zero-depth entry, lazy river, or other new amenities that would help increase attendance.

In 2019 a professional assessment of the entire facility was done to gauge the scope of work and cost of modernizing the mechanical systems, infrastructure, and utilities to make them efficient and reliable. The projected cost of these improvements ranges from \$5.5 to \$7 million with an estimated 15% escalation at the time of construction. This does not include adding or enhancing play features and amenities nor does it address the conditions of underground systems we cannot see. The items listed below must be addressed in the next five years.

#### Priority Level 1: Immediate to 1-year replacement

#### **Budget Range**

- Replace 370 linear feet of concrete gutter ..... \$25,000-\$40,000
- Furnish and install new pool liner ..... \$100,000-\$120,000

#### Priority Level 2: Replacement in 1-2 Years

#### **Budget Range**

- Remove and replace railing and gate around spa/hot tub ..... \$20,000-\$30,000
- Parking Lot: Saw-cut, remove, repave, and restripe; Correct parking to meet ADA .... \$25,000-\$30,000
- Saw-cut, remove and replace concrete ramps ..... \$15,000-\$25,000
- Replace fascia and soffit on the south side ..... \$20,000-\$30,000
- Tuckpoint, repair, and clean exterior block walls ..... \$25,000-\$35,000
- Replace aluminum windows ..... \$10,000-\$15,000
- Replace existing light fixtures ..... \$15,500-\$24,000

#### Priority Level 3: Replacement in 1-5 years

#### **Budget Range**

- Remove and replace roofing system and skylights ..... \$63,000-\$75,000

## **What makes operating costs so high?**

Operating a safe and clean facility incurs several expenses regardless of attendance numbers. While admission and pass sales do supplement expenses, low attendance and rising costs continue to widen this gap. Examples of operating expenses include:

- Increase in staff costs based on rising minimum wage
- Rising costs of utilities, chemicals, and supplies
- Keeping up with risk management standards that require new equipment purchases and staff training

## **What will happen at the site of the pool?**

We are committed to keeping this a usable space to serve community needs. Our staff is working with engineers within the floodplain guidelines of the IDNR to bring a new amenity to the Community Park.

## **What will happen to the resources that previously went to the pool?**

For many years, the pool's operating budget has been subsidized by other recreational programming and facilities while capital funds cover unexpected and planned repairs.

- Over the next several months, staff will look at how we can reallocate the resources and personnel from the pool to enhance summer programming for youth and tweens.
- Capital funds that normally would be used for annual repairs will be utilized throughout the district for planned projects and improvements.
- Full-time maintenance and recreation staff who spend hours troubleshooting, maintaining, and repairing the pool will be able to focus on other pressing matters throughout the park system.

## **Will there be public aquatics options in the community?**

Splash Fountain splashpad, which opened in 2018, will open for the 2023 season on May 27. It is located on Legacy Campus, 480 Airport Road, Sycamore.

Also, the staff is working with other agencies to see if additional offerings can be available.