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Waukeee Dives into the Design Process of Potential Aquatic Center

City of Waukeee invites community input on preliminary aquatic center designs

Waukeee, Iowa—After collecting feedback from more than 1,700 people on what they want in a potential outdoor aquatic center, the City of Waukeee is asking residents to provide feedback on design concepts.

Findings from a survey, focus groups and a public input meeting have been turned into design concepts for a facility that could suit the Waukeee community. Residents are invited to see the designs and share their feedback at an interactive public input meeting on March 6 at Waukeee City Hall (230 W. Hickman Road). Children are welcome, and attendees can come at any time between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. No registration is necessary.

“Adding an aquatic center is a big undertaking that requires community support,” said Mayor Courtney Clarke. “This study will help us understand the scope, cost and level of support for the project, so we can determine if it will go on a ballot for voter approval.”

Findings from the fall survey are available on the [project website](#), and design concepts will be posted following the meeting on March 6.

Public input gathered at the meeting will be used in a [feasibility study](#) that Waters Edge Aquatic Design will provide to the City of Waukeee. The study is assessing market demand, community support and estimated costs of development. Key objectives for an aquatics plan include a facility that can meet community needs into the future and maximize operational and financial sustainability. The resulting report will help the City determine whether or not an aquatic center is feasible for Waukeee.

An aquatic center is not guaranteed. If the project moves forward, a referendum would be put on the ballot for voter approval. Waukeee residents last voted on an aquatic center referendum in 2010.

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The City of Waukeee is recognized as the fastest growing (large) city in Iowa and is located in Dallas County—one of the fastest growing counties in the U.S. Waukeee is home to 29,167 residents and offers a welcoming atmosphere, high quality schools, excellent municipal services and robust public amenities. The City is also dedicated to economic development and expanding business opportunities, including the creation of the mixed-use development, [Kettlestone](#). For more information, visit [Waukeee.org](#).