



CITY of CRYSTAL

CRYSTAL COVE AQUATIC CENTER

The Crystal Cove Aquatic Center in Crystal, Minn., has been a fixture of the Crystal community for more than 50 years.



SERVICES:

- Affordable swim lessons.
 - Scholarships available.
 - About 450 students per year.
- Hosts NHCP Swim Club.
- Summer Adventure Club location.
- Birthday party packages offered.
- Cooling place on hot days.
- Employs 60 staff members.

HISTORY:

- Pool built in 1968.
- Two-thirds of pool rebuilt in 2005.
- Main pool container has not been rebuilt and is more than 50 years old.
- The main pool container has a significant leak.
- In 2021, a consultant reviewed the pool and found most of it to be in “great” condition, including its filters.

CONCLUSION:

- The main pool structure is at the end of its life, according to the 2021 consultant review.
- If the main pool structure is not replaced, the entire aquatic center would close and important water safety services (above) would end.

The oldest part of the Crystal Cove Aquatic Center’s pool is leaking and needs to be replaced.

Because of the cost, the Crystal City Council spent a year determining whether the pool should be repaired or demolished. The city conducted a community-wide phone survey and public outreach (focus groups, table at events, online survey and more).

SURVEY RESULTS (2022):



85% of residents support repairing the pool, according to a phone survey of 400 residents.



95% of the general public supports repairing the pool, according to 365 online and in-person surveys.

WHY IS FUNDING THIS PROJECT IMPORTANT?

- Drowning is the leading cause of death in kids ages 1-4.
- Drowning is the 2nd leading cause of death in kids ages 5-14.
- The pool is a welcoming place to learn about water safety:
 - Affordable swimming lessons.
 - Zero depth (wading) pool.
- The pool is an important resource for the region.
 - Approximately 65% of lessons are for non-Crystal residents.

CRYSTAL DEMOGRAPHICS

- First-tier suburb of Minneapolis.
- Total population: 23,300 residents.
- 63% of students in Crystal general public schools qualify for free or reduced lunch.
- 30% of residents are non-white.

PROJECT COST

Replacement of the main pool, add features, shade, etc.

City of Crystal.....\$3 million.

State Bonding.....\$2.35 million.

Total Project.....\$5.35 million.

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