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Dear Community Member,

The Mount Rainier Pool is governed by the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District (DMPDMP). DMPDMP is conducting an aquatic feasibility study to assess the current facility and programming, input from the citizens is a vital piece of this research. You have been randomly selected to participate in a survey. When complete, the study results will guide the development and operation of the Mount Rainier Pool for years to come.

To participate in the survey, please answer the questions that follow and return ALL pages, including this cover letter, in the accompanying pre-paid envelope.

**Online Option**

If you prefer to take the survey online, please type <http://go.iu.edu/DesMoinesWA> into your web browser. When prompted, enter the 4-digit verification code.

Your 4-digit verification code:

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Thank you for helping to shape the future of our community!

Respectfully,

Toni Overmyer, Commissioner and President of the Board  
Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District



The Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District is considering the feasibility of developing new indoor aquatics, fitness and recreation program spaces. This survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. When you are finished, please return your survey in the enclosed postage-paid, return-reply envelope. We greatly appreciate your time.

**1. How many persons in your household (counting yourself) are?**

Under 5 years _____	20 - 24 years _____	55-64 years _____
5 - 9 years _____	25 - 34 years _____	65+ years _____
10 - 14 years _____	35 - 44 years _____	
15 - 19 years _____	45 - 54 years _____	

**2. Have you and or members of your household used the Mt. Rainier Pool during the past 2 years?**

\_\_\_\_ (1) Yes (Please answer Questions #2a, #2b, and #2c)      \_\_\_\_ (2) No (Please go to Question #3)

**2a. From the following list, please check ALL of the aquatic activities for which you or members of your household have used the Mt. Rainier Pool.**

____ (1) Swim lessons	____ (6) Lap swimming
____ (2) Private swim team rentals	____ (7) Competition
____ (3) Free swim	____ (8) Water fitness classes
____ (4) Swim team practices	____ (9) Other: _____
____ (5) Special events/water activities	

**2b. Approximately how many days over the past 2 years did members of your household use the Mt. Rainier Pool?**

____ (1) 500 days or more	____ (6) 50-99 days
____ (2) 400 to 499 days	____ (7) 25 to 49 days
____ (3) 300 to 399 days	____ (8) 10 to 24 days
____ (4) 200 to 299 days	____ (9) 1 to 9 days
____ (5) 100 to 199 days	

**2c. How would you rate the condition of the Mt. Rainier Pool?**

____ (1) Excellent	____ (3) Fair
____ (2) Good	____ (4) Poor

**3. Please check ALL the reasons you or members of your household have not used the Mt. Rainier Pool over the past 2 years.**

____ (01) Members of our household don't swim	____ (07) Have pool at my residence
____ (02) Did not know about the Mt. Rainier Pool	____ (08) Use a YMCA Pool
____ (03) Operating hours don't fit our schedule	____ (09) Use a private fitness club
____ (04) Use pool at homeowner's association	____ (10) Lack of parking
____ (05) Lack of ADA accommodations	____ (11) Facility is old/not well maintained
____ (06) Lacks pool types I am interested in	____ (12) Other: _____

**4. Check ALL the indoor aquatics, fitness and recreation facilities you and members of your household use.**

____ (1) Private fitness clubs	____ (4) Facilities at home
____ (2) YMCA	____ (5) School facilities
____ (3) City aquatic/recreation centers	____ (6) Other: _____

5. Listed below are potential aquatic features that could be incorporated into the design of a new indoor aquatics and recreation center. For each one, please indicate approximately how often you and members of your household would use each of the features.

	<i>Seldom or Never</i>	<i>Less than Once/Month</i>	<i>At Least Once/Month</i>	<i>A few times Per Month</i>	<i>Several times Per Week</i>
(A) Area for swim lessons.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(B) Water slides.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(C) A warm water leisure pool with gentle slope entry so you can walk into the pool .....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(D) Competition pool.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(E) Diving boards for competition and fun .....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(F) A lazy river that allows you to float on a raft or other floatation device through a pool of slowly moving warm water .....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(G) Water sprays with interactive spray features for young children.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(H) Wellness pool (warmer water) for therapeutic purposes .....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(I) Hot water whirlpool and spa.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(J) Lap lanes (warm water) for exercise swimming ....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(K) Dry sauna and steam room.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(L) Other: _____ .....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5

6. Which **THREE** of the aquatic features listed above would members of your household under 18 years of age be **MOST** likely to **USE** if they were included in a new aquatics and recreation center? [Please write the letters in the space below for your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices by using the letters from the list in Question #5 above or circle not applicable].

          
1st  
Most Often
          
2nd  
Most Often
          
3rd  
Most Often
Not applicable

7. Which **THREE** of the aquatic features listed above would members of your household 18 years of age and older be **MOST** likely to **USE** if they were included in a new aquatics and recreation center? [Please write the letters in the space below for your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices by using the letters from the list in Question #5 above.]

          
1st  
Most Often
          
2nd  
Most Often
          
3rd  
Most Often

8. Listed below are some purposes for which you or members of your household would use an indoor aquatic facility in the community center. Please indicate which **TWO** of these purposes best describe the reasons you or members of your household would use an indoor aquatic facility.

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| ___(1) for instructional classes                   | ___(4) exercise             |
| ___(2) competition                                 | ___(5) therapeutic purposes |
| ___(3) year-round recreation or leisure activities |                             |

9. Listed below are potential features that could be incorporated into the design of a new aquatics and recreation center. For each one, please indicate approximately how often you and members of your household would use each of these features.

	<i>Seldom or Never</i>	<i>Less than Once/Month</i>	<i>At Least Once/Month</i>	<i>A few times Per Month</i>	<i>Several times Per Week</i>
(A) Gymnasium for basketball, volleyball, etc.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(B) Weight room/cardiovascular equipment area.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(C) Aerobics/fitness/dance space .....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(D) Arts and crafts rooms .....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(E) Space for senior adults.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(F) Party rooms.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(G) Indoor elevated running/walking track .....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(H) Preschool program space.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(I) Childcare area for children of parents using community center facilities.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(J) Rock climbing wall.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(K) Cafe/Juice bar .....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(L) Racquetball/handball/wallyball courts.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5
(M) Indoor interactive playground area for young children with features such as tunnels, slides, moon walk, etc... 1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5	
(N) Other: _____ .....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5

10. Which **THREE** of the fitness and recreation features listed above would youth in your household under the age of 18 be **MOST** likely to USE if it was included in the new aquatics and recreation center? [Please write the letters in the space below for your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices by using the letters from the list in Question #9 above or circle not applicable].

          
1st  
Most Often
          
2nd  
Most Often
          
3rd  
Most Often
Not applicable

11. Which **THREE** of the fitness and recreation features listed above would adults in your household over the age of 18 be **MOST** likely to USE if it was included in the new aquatics and recreation center? [Please write the letters in the space below for your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices by using the letters from the list in Question #9 above.]

          
1st  
Most Often
          
2nd  
Most Often
          
3rd  
Most Often

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12. **If a new aquatic and recreation center is being considered on a site different from the present location of the Mt. Rainier Pool, which ONE area of the City of Des Moines would you most prefer?**
- \_\_\_ (1) North (North of S. 216<sup>th</sup> Street)
- \_\_\_ (2) Central (Between S. 216<sup>th</sup> S. and S. 250<sup>th</sup> St.)
- \_\_\_ (3) South (South of S. 250<sup>th</sup> St.)
- \_\_\_ (4) No preference
- \_\_\_ (5) Other: \_\_\_\_\_
13. **If the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District developed an indoor facility with the types of aquatics, fitness and recreation program spaces you and your household would use the most, how often would you and other members of your household visit the center?**
- \_\_\_ (1) several times per week
- \_\_\_ (2) once per week
- \_\_\_ (3) a few times a month
- \_\_\_ (4) once per month
- \_\_\_ (5) less than once a month
- \_\_\_ (6) never
14. **Which ONE of the types of facilities below would your household most prefer the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District develop?**
- \_\_\_ (1) An indoor competitive pool that just replaces the existing Mt. Rainier Pool.
- \_\_\_ (2) An indoor aquatic center and competition pool with NO indoor fitness and recreation program spaces.
- \_\_\_ (3) A combination indoor aquatic center/competition pool WITH indoor fitness and recreation program spaces.
- \_\_\_ (4) An indoor fitness and recreation center with NO indoor aquatic center and competition pool.
- \_\_\_ (5) I do not feel an indoor aquatic center and competition pool with or without indoor recreation and fitness program spaces is needed.
15. **The cost of operating a new indoor aquatic, fitness and recreation center will need to be covered by some user fees. Knowing this, which ONE of the following would be your preferred way of paying to use a new indoor aquatic, fitness and recreation center if it had the features you and your household most preferred?**
- \_\_\_ (01) Annual pass
- \_\_\_ (02) 6-month pass
- \_\_\_ (03) 3-month pass
- \_\_\_ (04) 1-month pass
- \_\_\_ (05) 10-visit pass
- \_\_\_ (06) Daily pass
- \_\_\_ (07) Not willing to pay any fees
16. **Which ONE of the following statements best represents how you feel the cost for operating a new indoor pool, fitness and recreation center should be paid?**
- \_\_\_ (1) 100% through fees from users
- \_\_\_ (2) Fees should pay the majority of costs and taxes the remaining costs
- \_\_\_ (3) Taxes should pay the majority of costs and fees from users the remaining costs
- \_\_\_ (4) 100% through taxes
- \_\_\_ (5) Don't know

17. From the following list, please check the MAXIMUM in additional property taxes you would be willing to pay per month to construct and operate a new indoor pool, fitness and recreation center that had the type of program features most important to your household?

- \_\_\_ (1) \$30 per month
- \_\_\_ (2) \$25 per month
- \_\_\_ (3) \$20 per month
- \_\_\_ (4) \$15 per month
- \_\_\_ (5) \$10 per month
- \_\_\_ (6) Nothing

18. If a vote is held to fund the development and operations of new joint pool, fitness and recreation center with the program spaces and revenue sources you indicated you would support, how would you vote in the election?

- \_\_\_ (1) Vote in Favor
- \_\_\_ (2) Might Vote in Favor
- \_\_\_ (3) Not Sure [please answer Question #18a]
- \_\_\_ (4) Vote Against [please answer Question #18a]

**18a Please check ALL the reasons you are not sure or would vote against?**

- \_\_\_ (1) I need additional information
- \_\_\_ (2) I don't support increasing taxes for this project
- \_\_\_ (3) I don't believe the existing Mt. Rainier Pool needs to be replaced

19. How important do you feel it is for a new indoor pool, fitness and recreation center to be developed?

- \_\_\_ (1) Very important
- \_\_\_ (2) Important
- \_\_\_ (3) Not sure
- \_\_\_ (4) Not important

#### DEMOGRAPHICS

20. What is your home zip code? \_\_\_\_\_

21. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_ years

22. Your gender: \_\_\_ (1) Male \_\_\_ (2) Female

23. Do you own or rent your residence?

- \_\_\_ (1) Own
- \_\_\_ (2) Rent

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**24. What is your race/ethnicity?**

- (1) American Indian/Alaskan Native
- (2) Asian
- (3) Pacific Islander
- (4) Black
- (5) Hispanic
- (6) White
- (7) Multi-Racial