

Community Recreation Center Feasibility Study



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Frequently Asked Questions

As a City Council goal, the Parks and Recreation Department is engaging the community on the desire to support a new Community Recreation Center to serve all residents. We have completed significant work already in Phase 1 of the process, but there are still questions to be answered. That's why we are continuing the conversation in this Phase 2 process and asking you to share your thoughts.

You can find summary information about Phase 1 outreach and upcoming input opportunities at <https://westlinnoregon.gov/parksrec/community-recreation-center-feasibility-study-phase-2>

The FAQs below are to give you an overview of the project and to help you understand where we are now.

What is the West Linn Community Recreation Center?

The West Linn Community Recreation Center is still a concept, for a building that would combine social spaces and active recreation spaces. Based on the community's input so far, we are exploring a building that includes:

- Gymnasium (2 court)
- indoor walking track
- Weight and cardio space
- Group exercise rooms (2)
- Flexible community room with stage
- Commercial/Catering kitchen

Each of these spaces would be designed to maximize the flexibility of programs and activities that can be offered to the community.

Why do we need a new Center?

None of the City's current facilities provide adequate space for recreation, a long-time need in the community. The City's adopted Parks and Recreation Master Plan (updated in 2019) reinforced this need for a new building that would combine social and active recreation spaces.

Where would the Center be located?

The most obvious site for the Center is at the Parker Road property next to Tanner Creek Park. This City-owned property meets all requirements for a community recreation center.

Who will use the Center?

As a public facility, the Center will be for everyone. Our goal is to create a space that welcomes all West Linn residents —kids, teens, adults, parents, seniors, and people from all income levels, races, and ethnic backgrounds.

Will the Center have a pool?

Not at this time, but the concept we are developing will reserve space for a future pool. It is important to note that the City of Lake Oswego and Lake Oswego School District are nearing completion of a pool and recreation center. The impact of this new facility is not yet clear.

When will the Center be built?

There are several steps to complete before the Community Recreation Center can be constructed. Right now, we are having a conversation in the community to refine the idea to a concept plan. This process will also include polling voters in the community about their support. The City Council will review the concept plan, the level of support, and the costs involved, to decide about putting this to a vote of the public in November. Once funding is approved, we will move into the design, construction, and eventual opening of the Center. We anticipate the entire process could take 3-5 years.



Potential timeline for decisions and construction, subject to change.

How will we pay for it?

The City does not have funds set aside for this facility; like other public buildings, we would look to the voters of West Linn to approve bonds to cover construction costs. As we finalize plans for the Center, we will have a better idea of the total construction costs as well as the cost to individual homeowners.

Understanding and funding the ongoing cost of operating the facility is also an important part of this phase of work. We are aiming for a highly efficient and sustainable facility but will likely need to identify some additional resources for the annual operating budget. Some of the ongoing operational costs to run programs and staff the facility will be covered by fees for classes or facility rental, and the remaining resources will need to come from other sources.

How can I get involved?

You can sign up for email updates to learn about opportunities to share your thoughts and ideas.

See the links below:

Sign up for email updates to learn how to get involved: [CLICK HERE](#) or scan

More information available at the City's Website:

<https://westlinnoregon.gov/parksrec/community-recreation-center-feasibility-study-phase-2>

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