



# Getting to Know Us

## History

Councilman-Hunsaker was founded in 1970 as a collaboration between a world-famous swimming coach and one of his former athletes. Through his coaching career and extensive writings, James E. "Doc" Councilman, Ph.D., revolutionized the swimming world through research and innovation, training numerous Olympic and National champions along the way. One was Joe Hunsaker, a former three-time National Champion and World Record holder. With Doc Councilman serving primarily in a consulting role, Joe Hunsaker developed the firm into one of today's foremost authorities on design and operation of aquatic facilities.

## What Sets Us Apart

For more than 45 years, Councilman-Hunsaker has provided design and operational consulting for thousands of national and international aquatic projects of every size and complexity. Our portfolio includes newly designed and renovated pool projects for many market sectors: Parks & Recreation, Education, Hospitality and Wellness. Project types range from competition venues, leisure pools and waterparks to therapy pools and spas.

In addition, we have completed hundreds of Facility Audits and Feasibility Studies for the development of new or existing facilities and, having studied a multitude of facilities, we will help you benchmark the creation of your new facility and complete your project efficiently.

Councilman-Hunsaker is made up of an integrated team of design professionals and operational specialists with unrivaled aquatic industry experience. Our team brings exceptional collaboration skills and new project designs for the delivery of a high-quality, innovative aquatic facility. Our operational specialists will not only help you prepare for a successful launch, but will serve as your guide in achieving long-term operational success.

## Full Circle of Services

Councilman-Hunsaker offers a full circle of aquatic services from existing facility evaluation to comprehensive concept development; from project visioning through design, engineering and construction administration to business management and aquatic operations. These services are completely customized and configured in a variety of ways to precisely fit the needs, desires and objectives of the owner/operator and the project team.





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## Design

From project visioning and development through sealed engineering drawings, we do it all. Even when starting with just a sketch of your vision, we will work closely with you throughout the design process to create a facility that meets or exceeds your dreams, while staying within budget.

## Study

Through this comprehensive approach, we will provide you with the information you need to make a knowledgeable decision about the future of aquatics for your community. Our study process supplies you with the necessary tools to reveal valuable insights and information before funding your new aquatic center.

## Operate

At Counsilman-Hunsaker, our goal is to optimize both our client's daily operations and the aquatic users' experiences. Our in-house swimming pool operators will assist with on-site facility operations. Our operations team is comprised of highly trained, experienced professionals who have obtained the highest ranking of Health and Safety Instructor certifications available. Our clients benefit from the experience and knowledge of our team, knowing that our recommendations and operational services are supported by all the leading aquatic safety providers.

## Audit

Through our Facility Audit, many owners have discovered that replacing worn out equipment with short life cycles will allow them to serve a whole new generation of users. Other times, older pools can be economically reconstituted into modern swim centers. Counsilman-Hunsaker's evaluation of an existing pool will give you the information needed to make a knowledgeable decision regarding repair, renovation or replacement.

With Counsilman-Hunsaker as your partner, your new or renovated facility will become more than a pool or center. It will become a destination known for developing skills, creating memories and building communities through superior service and innovation.

## Launch

Planning and designing a new facility can be an enormous undertaking. But the job doesn't end there; our team will make sure you're ready for the crowds on opening day and beyond. Counsilman Hunsaker is dedicated to ensuring that your aquatic facility is ready for the challenges of operating a facility with a full range of Pre-Opening Support Services that will provide your facility with the support needed to optimize the safety and sustainability and ensure a positive experience for every visitor.

# Study

## Helping you make the important decisions

With new aquatic facilities springing up across the country, communities are often faced with the challenge of keeping up with the neighbors and local expectations. For communities with aging pools, the choice is often whether to renovate or replace the old pool versus building a new aquatic center. Cousilman-Hunsaker is committed to the development of multigenerational aquatic complexes that can meet a variety of needs within a community. We'll help you make the best decisions by sharing industry data and our expertise so you will have the best information and guidance possible.

An entrepreneur would never approach a banker without a detailed business plan. Similarly, a community needs a plan, and a Feasibility Study can serve as that plan. Even more comprehensive than a business plan, a Feasibility Study involves the community from the start so the aquatic facility will be planned and designed to meet the needs of the entire local population.

Once concepts are developed and tailored to the community's need, many other questions need to be answered, including:

1. Who are the potential user groups?
2. What amenities would enhance positive cash flow?
3. How will the facility impact other facility operations?

4. What is the cost of management requirements?
5. What is the construction cost?
6. What is the financial commitment to operations?



## More than just a business plan

A Cousilman-Hunsaker Feasibility Study will provide you with a complete working plan for the creation of a new aquatic facility, including:

- **Needs analysis** — a workshop protocol with community representatives to develop a list of priorities for the facility's uses and objectives
- **Analysis of existing providers** — research and analysis to determine the existing level of service at area facilities and the perceived need for the proposed facility
- **Market analysis** — an analysis of age groups, population density, incomes and user groups to project attendance, fee schedules and appropriate programming



# Study

- **Facility concepts** — conceptual drawings and descriptions indicating a solution to accommodate the desired programming elements
- **Construction cost estimates** — itemized, site-specific cost projections for the "bricks and mortar" of structures and mechanical support equipment
- **Project cost estimates** — total costs including construction, site development and contingencies
- **Revenue and expense projections** — calculations based on the gathered data and analytical research; opinions of financial performance (e.g. positive or negative cash flow)
- **Sources of funding** — a discussion of possible options to fund the facility
- **Design program analysis** — based on the conceptual designs, a more detailed assessment of the construction materials, techniques and specific equipment recommended for the proposed facility

With a Cousilman-Hunsaker Feasibility Study, you will have all the facts, figures and insights you need to make an educated and sound decision about how to move forward with your aquatic center.





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## Recent Study Experience

Amelia Earhart Park, FL  
Anderson County, KY  
Asheville JCC, NC  
Bayside Community Ctr, VA  
Boise State University, ID  
Boise Waterpark, ID  
Borough of Chambersburg, PA  
Buffalo Grove Park District, IL  
Buncombe County, NC  
Cain Center Renovation - Athens, TX  
California Maritime Academy  
Camden County College, NJ  
Carroll ISD - Southlake, TX  
Cheltenham Township, PA  
City of Alexandria, VA  
City of Amarillo, TX  
City of Bartlesville, OK  
City of Baytown, TX  
City of Bethlehem, PA  
City of Boonville, MO  
City of Bridgeport, WV  
City of Burkburnett, TX  
City of Butte, MT  
City of Carlsbad, CA  
City of Charleston, SC  
City of Cleburne, TX  
City of Columbia City, IN  
City of Columbia, SC  
City of Coppell, TX  
City of Cutler Bay, FL  
City of DeSoto, TX  
City of Doral, FL  
City of Durham, NC  
City of Edmond, OK  
City of Edwardsville, IL  
City of El Segundo, CA  
City of Farmers Branch, TX  
City of Farmington, NM  
City of Fayette, AL  
City of Fircrest, WA  
City of Fort Worth, TX  
City of Grand Prairie, TX  
City of Greenwood, IN  
City of Hammond, IN  
City of Hampton, VA  
City of Hatfield, PA  
City of Houston, TX  
City of Jacksonville, FL  
City of Jasper, IN  
City of Jonesboro, AR  
City of Long Beach, CA  
City of Madison, IN  
City of Mansfield, TX  
City of Marion, IL  
City of Mason, OH  
City of McKinney, TX  
City of McMinnville, TN  
City of Medford, OR  
City of Midland, TX  
City of Mt. Lebanon, PA  
City of Mt. Vernon, IL  
City of Nacogdoches, TX  
City of Newtown, CT  
City of North Port, FL  
City of Odessa, TX  
City of Parma, OH  
City of Piedmont, CA  
City of Pine Bluff, AR  
City of Plano, TX  
City of Port Huron, TX  
City of Prince George, BC  
City of Rainier Beach, WA  
City of Raleigh, NC  
City of Richardson, TX



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## Recent Study Experience

City of Roanoke, VA  
City of Rolla, MO  
City of Round Rock, TX  
City of Rowlett, TX  
City of San Jose, CA  
City of Santa Clara, CA  
City of Sioux Falls, SD  
City of Solon, OH  
City of Spokane, WA  
City of Tulsa, OK  
City of Universal City, TX  
City of Urbana, IL  
City of Virginia Beach, VA  
City of Walnut Creek, CA  
City of Waukegan, IL  
City of Williamsport, PA  
City of Wood River, IL  
City of Worcester, MA  
City of Wyoming, OH  
Crowley ISD, TX  
Culver Academies - Culver, IN  
Decatur Park District, IL  
Elmbrook Swim Club - Brookfield, WI  
Fort Mojave Indian Reservation, CA  
Grand Forks Park District, ND  
Great Neck Park District, NY  
Greater Kanawha Valley Aquatics - Charleston, WV  
Hawken School, OH  
Hood County, TX  
Horace Mann Park - Rapid City, SD  
Howard County, MD  
Indy Parks and Recreation, IN  
James City County, VA  
JCC of Greater Buffalo, NY  
Lake of the Woods Assoc., VA  
Lake Park High School, IL  
Lewis & Clark Community College, IL  
Martin County, FL  
Mecklenburg County, NC  
Mount Royal University - Calgary, Alberta  
Mountain Park Homeowners, OR  
Mountain Park Pool, GA  
Mt. Prospect Park District, IL  
Naval Training Center, CA  
New Braunfels, TX  
Oneida Aquatic Center, NY  
Parish of East Baton Rouge, LA  
Park Forest Swimming Pool, PA  
Pattonville School District, MO  
Phillips 66 Aquatic Center - Bartlesville, OK  
Pirate's Cove Waterpark - Englewood, CO  
Prairie Township, OH  
Prince William County, VA  
Somerset Hills YMCA, NJ  
Splash in the 'Boro, GA  
Swim Winchester, MA  
Texas A&M University  
The Blue Fields Project - Boston, MA  
The Family YMCA, MS  
Town of Cary, NC  
Town of Needham, MA  
Universal City, TX  
University of California – Davis  
University of Houston  
University of Missouri - St. Louis  
University of North Texas  
University of Oklahoma  
University of Texas - Dallas  
University of Texas - El Paso  
Upper Valley Aquatic Center, VT  
Vanderbilt University, TN  
Wasilla and Palmer High Schools, AK  
Waves of Wilmington - Wilmington, NC  
Wheeling Park District, IL



**EDUCATION**

University of North Texas - 2000  
Bachelor of Arts

Dallas Theological Seminary -  
2006

Master of Arts

**YEARS OF EXPERIENCE**

With Counsilman-Hunsaker  
2014 - Present

**RELEVANT PAST EXPERIENCE**

2007-2014:

Aquatics Manager  
City of Garland, TX  
Parks, Recreation &  
Cultural Arts Department

2000-2007:

Aquatics Coordinator  
Aquaducks Head Swim Coach  
City of Plano, TX  
Parks and Recreation Dept.

**CERTIFICATIONS/AFFILIATIONS**

Aquatic Facility Operator -  
National Recreation & Park  
Association

Certified Pool Operator - NSPF

**PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

George Deines specializes in aquatic master planning, business planning, feasibility studies, and operational training and development. With 15 years of aquatic operations experience, including the management of a 4-acre waterpark in Garland, Texas, George understands what it takes to successfully conduct master planning and business planning services by presenting clients with options to repair, renovate, or replace. In addition, George has a vast background when it comes to assisting new pool operators and owners with pre-opening management services, including staff training and facility-specific business plans, and presenting clients with operating manuals, lifeguard training, or the phasing of new amenities.

**NOTABLE PROJECTS**

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| City of Campbell - CA   | City of Largo - FL          | San Jose USD - CA           |
| City of Dallas - TX     | City of Oklahoma City - OK  | Smith College - MA          |
| City of Doral - FL      | City of St. Charles - MO    | Transylvania County - NC    |
| City of Hilliard - OH   | City of Wellsboro - PA      | Trinity University - TX     |
| City of Evansville - IN | JCC of Greater Boston - MA  | Wheeling Park District - IL |
| City of Farmington - NM | Minnetonka Anchor Club - MN | White Salmon - WA           |

**CONFERENCE SPEAKING**

- The Four Universal Pillars of Effective Training* - National Recreation and Park Association Conference, 2017
- Apple and Aquatics: Thinking Strategically About Your Aquatics Culture* - Association of Aquatic Professionals, 2017 and Wisconsin Parks and Recreation Conference, 2017
- SPICE Up Aquatic Programs* - Association of Aquatic Professionals, 2017 and Texas Park and Recreation Conference, 2017
- Where Have All the Lifeguards Gone? Addressing the National Lifeguard Shortage* - Wisconsin Park and Recreation Conference, 2017
- Better Employee Behaviors, Better Aquatics Operations* - Nevada Parks and Recreation, Texas Public Pool Council, 2016 and Arizona Parks and Recreation Conference, 2017 and Wisconsin Parks and Recreation Conference, 2017
- Three Months of Operation Equals One Year's Worth of Work* - National Recreation and Park Association Conference, 2017
- Eliminating Turnover in Parks and Recreation* - National Recreation and Park Association Conference, 2017
- Progression of a Rescue* - World Waterpark Association Conference, 2016

**PUBLICATIONS**

- "Summer Survival Guide," Texas Park and Recreation. Summer 2017: 36-38.
- "Acronyms We Are Watching," World Waterpark. March 2017: 8
- "Aquatic Trends," Park and Recreation. December 2016: 50-51.
- "What's Ahead for 2016," World Waterpark. March 2016: 8
- "What are the Key Qualities to a Great Leader," Athletic Business. January 2016: 24-25.
- "You're Not Alone! Facing and Fixing the Top Aquatic Challenges," Park and Recreation Business. April 2015: 18-19
- "Facing the Challenges of Managing Multiple Aquatic Factors." World Waterpark. July/August 2015: 28-29



**EDUCATION**

Baylor University - 2006  
Bachelor of Arts

**YEARS OF EXPERIENCE**

With Counsilman-Hunsaker  
2016 - Present

**RELEVANT PAST EXPERIENCE**

2014-2016:  
Aquatics Manager  
City of Farmers Branch, TX  
Parks and Recreation Dept.

2006-2014:  
Center Supervisor  
Aquatics Supervisor  
City of Allen, TX  
Parks and Recreation Dept.

**CERTIFICATIONS/AFFILIATIONS**

Certified Pool Operator – NSPF

Lifeguard Instructor Trainer –  
American Red Cross

Water Safety Instructor –  
American Red Cross

Texas Amateur Athletic Federation  
Region VII Swim Commissioner –  
2011 - 2014

**PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

Miklos Valdez specializes in aquatic business planning, feasibility studies, and operational training and development. Miklos has over 10 years of experience in recreation and aquatics as a pool and waterpark manager. His experience and knowledge includes indoor and outdoor facilities, competition pools, swim meet management, customer service and fitness facilities. Miklos’ expertise allows him to successfully conduct master planning and business planning services to clients for new facilities and renovations. Miklos also provides clients with pre-opening management services including lifeguard training, customer service training, operating manuals and sustainable programming.

**NOTABLE PROJECTS**

|                      |                          |                         |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| City of Bedford - TX | Cheltenham Township - PA | Martin County - FL      |
| City of Decatur - IL | City of Mitchell - SD    | Pine Bluff - AR         |
| City of Durham - NC  | City of Piedmont - CA    | Sweetwater UHSD - CA    |
| City of Edmond - OK  | City of Roswell - NM     | Town of Cutler Bay - FL |
|                      | Columbia City - IN       |                         |

**RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

- Supervised construction and the opening of the Farmers Branch Aquatics Center
- Earned several awards during the new facility opening - “Wave Review Award”, World Waterpark Association, TRAPS North Region Promotional Award
- Website administration and construction
- Managed recreation and aquatic budgets exceeding 1.7 million
- Administered and negotiated swim team contracts exceeding \$100K
- Swim Commissioner for TAAF Region 7 (over 2,000 swimmers)
- Registration and Programming Network Administrator

**CONFERENCE SPEAKING**

*Offseason Operations Checklist - Setting up Your Operations for Success* - Texas Public Pool Council, Florida Aquatics Council, 2017  
*So You’ve Trained Your Lifeguards - Now What?* - Texas Public Pool Council, 2017 and NIRSA Triventure, 2017  
*Baytown, TX Expansions, A Case Study* - Florida Aquatics Council Revenue School, 2016

**PUBLICATIONS**

“A Community of Blessings.” [World Waterpark Association](#). November 2016: 48-54.





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**PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

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Alandra Mothorpe has a strong background and knowledge of the aquatics industry with over 10 years of experience. As part of the operations development team with City of Plano Alandra Mothorpe would conduct trainings, lifeguard classes and manage staff up to 100 during peak season. She also has experience working at country clubs and hotel pools. While working for the American Red Cross she provided consultation for and grew the Licensed Training Provider program before being moved into the Lifeline specialist role based on her outgoing and caring personality. In the Lifeline Specialist role Alandra became a subject matter expert and a liaison in the senior community. Recently, she continues to be a trusted liaison in the senior community, promoting health and wellness in addition to providing education on healthcare products and services. Alandra regularly attended and hosted community meetings and spoke at events and educational meetings.

**EDUCATION**

University of North Texas-  
2007  
Bachelor of Science  
Hospitality Management

**YEARS OF EXPERIENCE**

With Counselman-Hunsaker  
2017 - Present

**RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

2013-2017: Agent  
United Healthcare Medicare

2010-2013: Lifeline Specialist  
American Red Cross

2001-2009: Pool Manager,  
Lifeguard  
City of Plano, Stonebriar  
Country Club

**CERTIFICATIONS/AFFILIATIONS**

American Red Cross Lifeguard  
Instructor

American Red Cross First  
Aid/CPR/AED

AARP Member

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**NOTABLE PROJECTS**

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- Norwegian Cruise Lines
- Barrington Park District - IL
- Calumet Memorial Park District - IL
- Crystal Lake District - IL
- DeKalb Park District - IL
- Genoa Township Park District - IL
- Lockport Township Park District - IL
- Park District of Highland Park - IL
- Plainfield Township Park District - IL
- Vernon Hills Park District - IL
- Wilmette Park District - IL

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**PAST EXPERIENCE**

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Alandra Mothorpe has been coaching youth and high school level sports for since 2003.

- Cherry Creek HS JV Girls Lacrosse spring 12', 13', 14', 15', 16'
- Cherry Creek HS JV Girls Field Hockey 2013 and 2014
- Eagles Girls Lacrosse, 2008-2011
- Assistant Coach U13 Lonestar Lax travel team 2009
- Highland Park Girls Lacrosse, 2003-2007
- Captain of University of North Texas Women's Club Lacrosse 2005, 2006
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Alandra Mothorpe has also performed in three American Red Cross lifeguard competitions, one as captain and received awards in various skills.

- Starwood Hotel, Westin Stonebriar, (AAA 4 Star hotel 9 years in a row, Worldwide Westin of the Year)
- Mandalay Sports Entertainment; Frisco Rough Riders



The Chemawa Indian School is an accredited high school in the mid-Willamette Valley north of Salem. It is one of four remaining off-reservation boarding schools funded and operated by the Bureau of Indian Education. Most of the students come from reservations and communities in the western United States.

OH Planning & Design Architects, authorized by the Chemawa Indian School and Emerick Construction, commissioned Councilman-Hunsaker to provide a swimming pool audit in the spring of 2012. The swimming pool was originally constructed in the 1970s. Improvements have been made to the pool and mechanical systems over the years with the most significant renovation in the early 2000s. The audit included the evaluation of the current condition of the pool and identified design or equipment deficiencies. The final report detailed the existing condition of the pools and its equipment including life expectancies. Recommendations were made for short-term and long-term repairs or replacements which included cost estimates.

In August 2012, Chemawa Indian School decided to move forward with the renovation of the swimming pool and replacement of all mechanical room equipment.

The renovation included the addition of new depth markers, grab rails, stanchion posts, starting blocks, main drains, 1-meter diving board, pool lift, and underwater lighting. The entire mechanical room was replaced with new pumps, filter, chlorine system, acid system, heater, chemical controller, fill funnel, UV, and water level controller.



Reference:

Mr. Dan Hotch  
Athletic Director  
Chemawa Indian School  
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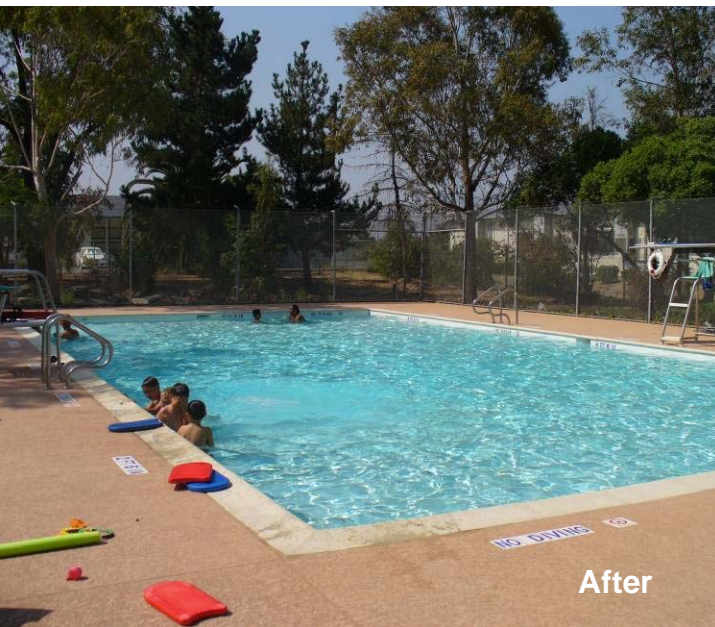
Project Cost: \$1,100,000  
Aquatics Cost: \$850,000

Date Completed: September 2014

Services Provided:  
Facility Audit: 2012  
Aquatic Design & Engineering: 2014



Before



After

As the third largest city in California and the tenth largest city in America, San Jose's goal is to provide high quality public facilities to meet the growing needs of the community. After completing the Citywide Aquatics Master Plan, prepared by Counsilman Hunsaker, the city made a decision to implement Phase I of the Master Plan, beginning with the rehabilitation of two existing low income neighborhood pools. Alviso Swim Center and Biebrach Swim Centers both received swimming pool and bathhouse upgrades.

The city retained the services of Counsilman-Hunsaker and Prodis Architects to complete the renovation of the Alviso Swim Center. The pool, located on the northern end of the city adjacent to the bay, required major renovation and significant site/building improvements to meet code.

Utilizing the existing structural pool shell, Counsilman-Hunsaker redesigned the below grade plumbing lines, converted the pool from wall return to floor return inlets, replaced all pool mechanical equipment (filters, heaters, pumps), and brought the facility up to current code compliance.

Once opened in the summer of 2008, the new aquatic center proved an instant success, with children and adults alike. The facility now provides recreation swimming, lesson programming, and a multitude of other community programs.

**References:**

Ms. Mary Beth Harasz  
Interim Deputy Director  
City of San Jose  
Department of Public Works  
City Facilities Architectural Services  
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Project Cost: \$1,500,000

Aquatics Cost: \$500,000

Date Completed: June 2008

**Services Provided:**

Aquatic Design & Engineering



The City of Spokane prioritized citizen input as key to the decision-making process when replacing its neighborhood pools. The most challenging was the Comstock Park Neighborhood Pool, serving Spokane’s southern region. Over the years, this pool facility had been well patronized by the local community in an established neighborhood. The Comstock community wanted to maintain the charm and character of this facility.

Working with the Comstock community was key to the success as well as addressing changes. The new “family oriented” pool design incorporates those of a traditional “rectangular tank” of the past while incorporating lap lane swimming with family fun features, a new concept, which was very well received.



Comstock Park Pool features the following amenities:

- 9,500 sq. ft. Recreation Pool
  - Five 50-meter lap lanes
  - Six 25-yard lap lanes
  - Zero depth entry with water dome and bubblers
  - 100 ft. open-body flume waterslide
  - 1-meter diving board
  - Instructional area



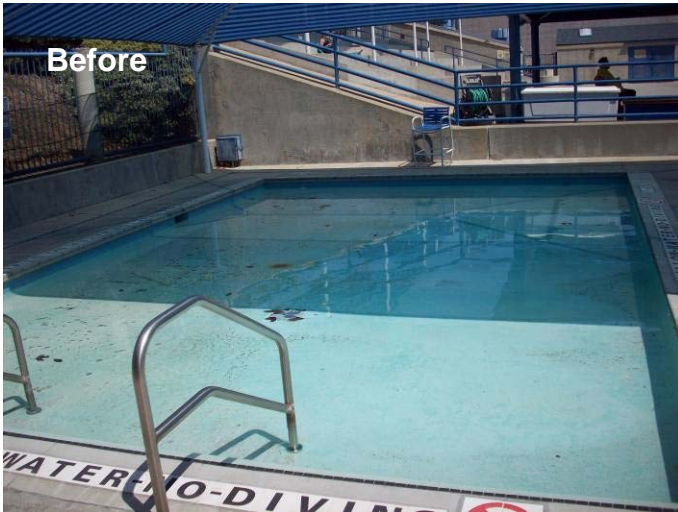
**Awards:**  
2009 ‘Mayor’s Choice’ Award  
City of Spokane, WA

**Reference:**  
Mr. Carl Strong  
Recreation Supervisor  
Spokane Parks and Recreation Department  
810 N. Stone Street  
Spokane, WA 99201

Phone: 509.363.5415  
Email: cstrong@spokanecity.org

Project Cost: \$3,500,000  
Aquatics Cost: \$1,400,000  
Date Completed: July 2009

**Services Provided:**  
Master Plan: December 2007  
Aquatic Design & Engineering: 2009



Before



After



After

The City of Laguna Niguel Parks and Recreation Department provides a variety of recreation programs and opportunities for the residents of Laguna Niguel. The city's aquatic center, which consisted of a 50-meter pool and an 18" deep wading pool, was in need of major renovations. Counsilman-Hunsaker was retained by the city to renovate the wading pool and replace it with a 30' x 60' lesson pool that ranges in depth from 2'6" to 3'6".

Completed in 2011, the newly renovated Crown Valley Community Park Pool is an outdoor pool facility located in the middle of beautiful Crown Valley Community Park providing incredible opportunities for citizens and visitors to celebrate health and community. Not only does the outdoor pool make year-round swim lessons and lap swimming a reality in Laguna Niguel, but the well-attended facility also offers many unique programs such as Pain Management Therapeutic Aqua Exercise, and Power Water Workout. It is also home to the Crown Valley Diving Team and the Dolphin Aquatics.

Reference:  
Ms. Tina Dittmar  
Aquatics Supervisor  
City of Laguna Niguel  
Crown Valley Community Park  
29751 Crown Valley Parkway  
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

Phone: 949.425.5100  
Email: [tdittmar@cityoflagunaniguel.org](mailto:tdittmar@cityoflagunaniguel.org)

Aquatics Cost: \$300,000  
Date Completed: January 2011

Services Provided:  
Aquatic Design & Engineering



For decades, Downey Park Pool located near Dodger Stadium, has been the only local swimming pool. When the facility closed in 2005, Councilman-Hunsaker was retained by the city to redesign the aquatic amenities and update the mechanical room. A decision was made by the city to replace the existing single pool with two new bodies of water: a lap pool and free-form recreation pool.

As home of the new Los Angeles City Swim Team, the "Downey Ducks," the location and placement of the new lap swimming pool took advantage of the naturally shaded seating area created by the trees along Broadway, providing parents a cool place to watch their children swim and play. The recreation pool provides an opportunity for young children to interact with water in a safe environment, while promoting water confidence. To acknowledge the pool facility's proximity and relationship to the Los Angeles River, the large pool deck features "river" theme design patterns. This theme is further captured in the design of a new concrete serpentine bench and the wave fence that parallels the river.



The new family-friendly pools will serve youth and adult swimming classes, as well as recreational swimming.

1,700 sq. ft. Recreation Pool

- Zero depth entry
- Interactive play features

3,000 sq. ft. Lap Pool

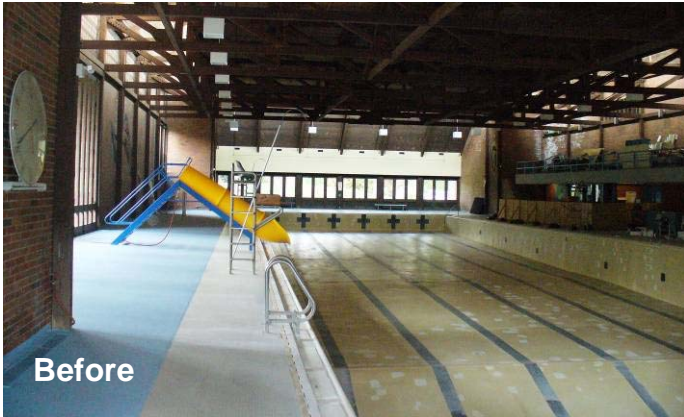
- Five 25 yard lap lanes
- Shade structures

Project Cost: \$3,000,000  
Aquatics Cost: \$1,100,000

Date Completed: August 2010

Services Provided:  
Aquatic Design & Engineering





Before

Created in 1968 by visionary Carl Halvorson, Mountain Park is a nationally recognized planned community for 8,500 people on 700 acres of ancient volcanic hillside above Lake Oswego, Oregon. Amenities include a staffed clubhouse, aquatic center, tennis courts, parks, 175 acres of common property, and eight miles of trails.

The HOA's club house is home to the indoor aquatic center, which serves a multi-age user group and offers programs including learn-to-swim, water aerobics, adult lap swimming, technique clinics, swim parties, water safety classes, and family fun events.

In 2008, Counsilman-Hunsaker completed a facility audit for the existing 50-meter pool and provided cost estimates for renovation and/or replacement of the pool. Counsilman-Hunsaker was then retained as the aquatics designer for the redesign of the aquatic amenities. The innovative redesign of the aquatic center makes optimum use of the available space with an array of features that include:

2,250 sq. ft. Recreation Pool

- Waterslide
- Current channel
- Vortex
- Zero beach entry

1,600 sq. ft. Lap Pool

- Three 25-yard lap lanes
- Portable pool lift

130 sq. ft. Adult Therapeutic Spa



After



After

Reference:  
Ms. Carol Cook  
General Manager  
Mountain Park Home Owners Association  
2 Mt. Jefferson Terrace  
Lake Oswego, OR 97035  
Phone: 503.635.3561  
Email: carol@mountainparkhoa.com

Project Cost: \$4,700,000  
Aquatics Cost: \$920,000  
Date Completed: May 2010

Services Provided:  
Facility Audit: 2008  
Aquatic Design & Engineering: 2010



In 2009, the City of Seattle was looking to replace their outdated community center with a new facility featuring an aquatics component. Councilman-Hunsaker was retained to develop a business plan which enabled the city to make an educated decision on how best to proceed with the design and operation of a new aquatic center.

The new 48,500 sq. ft. recreation center was built on the site of the former Rainier Beach Community Center. The main attraction of the facility is the natatorium which features two adjacent pools separated by a glass divider. Aquatic amenities include:

**3,800 sq. ft. Lap Pool**

- Six 25-yard lap lanes with stair entry and 1-meter diving

**2,300 sq. ft. Recreation Pool**

- Waterslide
- Current channel
- Three stair entries
- Tot area with play features and water features
- Vortex

**100 sq. ft. Spa**

- Stair entry and hydrotherapy bench



The new building uses a long list of eco-friendly elements such as natural ventilation; a rainwater harvesting system which supplies gray water for toilets and irrigation; a geothermal energy system; and solar panels to offset the building's energy consumption. These features enable the facility to receive the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification for energy efficient design.



**Publications and Awards**

2016 'Architectural Showcase'

*Athletic Business* magazine

2014 - 'Dream Designs' *Aquatics International* magazine

2014 - 'Facility of the Year' Award

Washington Park and Recreation Association

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Project Cost: \$25,000,000; Aquatics Cost: \$6,000,000

Date Completed: September 2013

Services Provided:

Business Plan: 2009

Aquatic Design & Engineering: 2013







Project Cost Est.  
\$688,000



**Option 1**

**Splash Pad**

Interactive water play element with no standing water.

Project Cost Est.  
\$3,220,000



**Option 2**

**Small Neighborhood Family Aquatic Center**

Center Outdoor multi-purpose recreation pool.

Project Cost Est.  
\$4,540,000



**Option 3**

**Neighborhood Family Aquatic Center**

Outdoor multi-purpose recreation pool with short course competition pool.

Project Cost Est.  
\$9,000,000



**Option 4**

**Medium Family Aquatic Center**

Outdoor recreation pool and a separate short course competition pool.

Project Cost Est.  
\$12,490,000



**Option 5**

**Large Family Aquatic Center**

Outdoor recreation pool and a long course competition pool.

Project Cost Est.  
\$13,960,000



**Option 6**

**Indoor Aquatic Center**

Indoor competition and recreation pool.

Project Cost Est.  
\$29,820,000



**Option 7**

**Indoor 50 Meter Competition Pool Venue**

Indoor 50 meter pool, dive well with platform diving, and an indoor leisure pool.

In 2009, the City of Richardson retained MHS Planning & Design LLC, and Counsilman-Hunsaker to provide aquatic facility options and citywide master planning strategies that would help the city implement an aquatic facilities system to meet the needs of their citizens for the next 50 years. The scope of the project included:

- Meeting with city representatives
- Touring the site and region
- Identifying area aquatic providers to understand the amenities, programs, and fees of those facilities
- Identifying potential user groups through demographics of the market area
- Reviewing national trends in recreation, fitness, therapy, and aquatics to determine amenities and programs
- Recommending aquatic facilities that meet current and future community needs for health and safety
- Producing project costs projections
- Determining a master plan

Based on seven initial options studied, it was recommended that the city replace the old Arapaho Pool with a new neighborhood family aquatic center, add a new indoor pool in the city, add a new neighborhood family aquatic center and a sprayground to the northeast area of the city, and continue operating the remaining outdoor pools for the next 5-10 years.

For the first phase, the city funded \$4 million for the design and construction of the new family aquatic center. In July 2013, the city celebrated the grand opening of the new Heights Family Aquatics Center. The facility was designed by Brinkley Sargent Architects and Counsilman-Hunsaker, replacing the existing 50-year-old public pool. The new aquatic center features an 8,400 sq. ft. leisure pool complete with a current channel, wet deck, vortex, instructional water area, stair entry, three 25-yard lap lanes, double-tube waterslide, and a 660 sq. ft. tot pool with a play structure, tot slide, and spray features.

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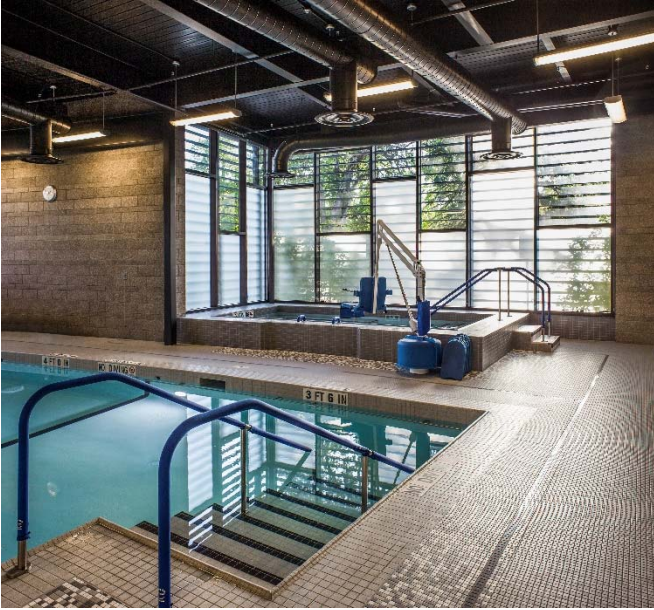
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Services Provided:

Feasibility Study: 2009

Aquatic Design & Engineering: 2013



Salem Health is a 35,000 sq. ft. outpatient rehabilitation center supporting the rehabilitation needs of the community. The building comfortably allows for 45 different providers to see approximately 240 patients per day. It is meant to serve those who need pediatric therapy, neuromuscular therapy, neuropsychology, orthopedic therapy, work injury management, and aquatic therapy.

The Aquatic Therapy Department consists of a new 850 sq. ft., 30,000-gallon therapy pool and 150 sq. ft. raised spa. The therapy pool was specifically designed to have stepped entry and full perimeter grab bars to aid in the required therapies within the pool.

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Project Cost: \$14,100,000  
Aquatics Cost: \$400,000

Date Complete: March 2016

Services Provided:  
Aquatic Design & Engineering





Hilliard Pool



Cannon Pool



Comstock Pool



Wittier Pool



Liberty Pool



Shadle Pool

**Splash Pads**

- Audubon Park - September 2008
- Chief Garry Park - August 2008
- Coeur d'Alene Park - August 2008
- Thornton Murphy Park - August 2008
- Friendship Park - September 2008
- Franklin Park - July 2009
- Glass Park - July 2009
- Manito Park - July 2009
- Pacific Park - July 2009
- Underhill Park - July 2009
- Merkel Park - June 2009

**Awards:**

2009 'Mayor's Choice' Award  
City of Spokane, WA

The City of Spokane, Washington, retained the team of Councilman-Hunsaker and ALSC Architects to prepare an Aquatic Master Plan to focus on the need for improved or new aquatic facilities.

The plan identified current outdoor swimming pools facing physical and functional obsolescence. Consequently, the City of Spokane passed a bond measure in November 2007 to replace all the pools and build one new neighborhood pool to provide residents with aquatics for social, recreational, competitive, wellness and educational activities more aligned with the progression of the city.

The Aquatic Master Plan scope of work included:

- Recommendations regarding future aquatic facilities to meet current and future community needs
- Projections regarding project costs, operating costs, and customer demand
- Implementation of strategies for the future of the City of Spokane aquatics

In January 2008, Councilman-Hunsaker was awarded the title of lead aquatics designer for the construction of six new city park pools, two YMCAs, and the addition of 11 splash pads, which replaced existing wading pools.

With a highly-publicized public process and multiple community meetings, each pool has been designed to meet each neighborhood's needs and desires. The neighborhood pools feature water amenities such as zero-depth entry, waterslides, interactive water play features and fitness lap lanes.



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Total Project Cost Pools: \$23,000,000

Aquatics Cost: \$10,400,000

Total Project Cost Splashpads: \$3,000,000

Aquatics Cost: \$1,500,000

Services Provided:

Master Plan: December 2007  
Aquatic Design & Engineering



The City of St. Charles Parks & Recreation Department (SCPRD) retained the team of Councilman-Hunsaker and Kimley-Horn & Associates to provide services for the assessment of existing facilities and to develop a long-range Citywide Aquatic Facilities Master Plan for facility improvements. Analysis included inspection, evaluation, and recommendation for renovation, redevelopment and/or replacement with new facilities on existing or alternative sites. The team also met with numerous stakeholders and gathered demographic information.

SCPRD currently owns and operates three outdoor aquatic facilities located in Wapelhorst Park, Blanchette Park and McNair Park. Blanchette and McNair Facilities opened in 1992 and Wapelhorst opened in 1996. Due to the age of the pools each has reached physical and functional obsolescence. The planning effort focused on providing an assessment of the existing facilities including the pool, the bathhouse, mechanical room, parking lot and other support spaces.

Councilman-Hunsaker developed multiple aquatic center concepts, each with varying degrees of emphasis on aquatic competition, training, and recreation programming components. Each included associated project costs, attendance, revenue and expense, and recapture rate.

*Small Outdoor Family Aquatic Center*

6,000 sq. ft. water surface area including zero-depth entry, waterslide, children’s water feature, four lane lap pool, and 5,000 sq. ft. of building space

*Medium Outdoor Family Aquatic Center*

13,000 sq. ft. water surface area including zero-depth entry, current channel, multiple waterslides, children’s water feature, six lane lap pool, and 5,000 sq. ft. of building space

*Large Outdoor Family Aquatic Center*

20,000 sq. ft. of water surface area including zero-depth entry leisure pool, lazy river, multiple waterslides, children’s water feature, and 8,000 sq. ft. of building space

*Indoor Wellness Pool*

6,000 sq. ft. indoor wellness aquatic center with four fitness lap lanes

*Small Indoor Aquatic/Community Center*

36,000 sq. ft. indoor aquatic center with six lane, 25-yard lap pool, zero-depth entry leisure pool, current channel, slide and fitness lap lanes

*Medium Indoor Aquatic/Community Center*

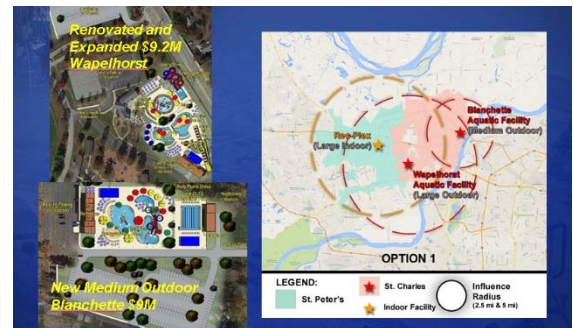
45,000 sq. ft. indoor aquatic center with 50-meter competition pool, zero-depth entry leisure pool, current channel, and slide fitness lap lanes

*Small Sprayground*

1,500 sq. ft. sprayground

*Large Sprayground*

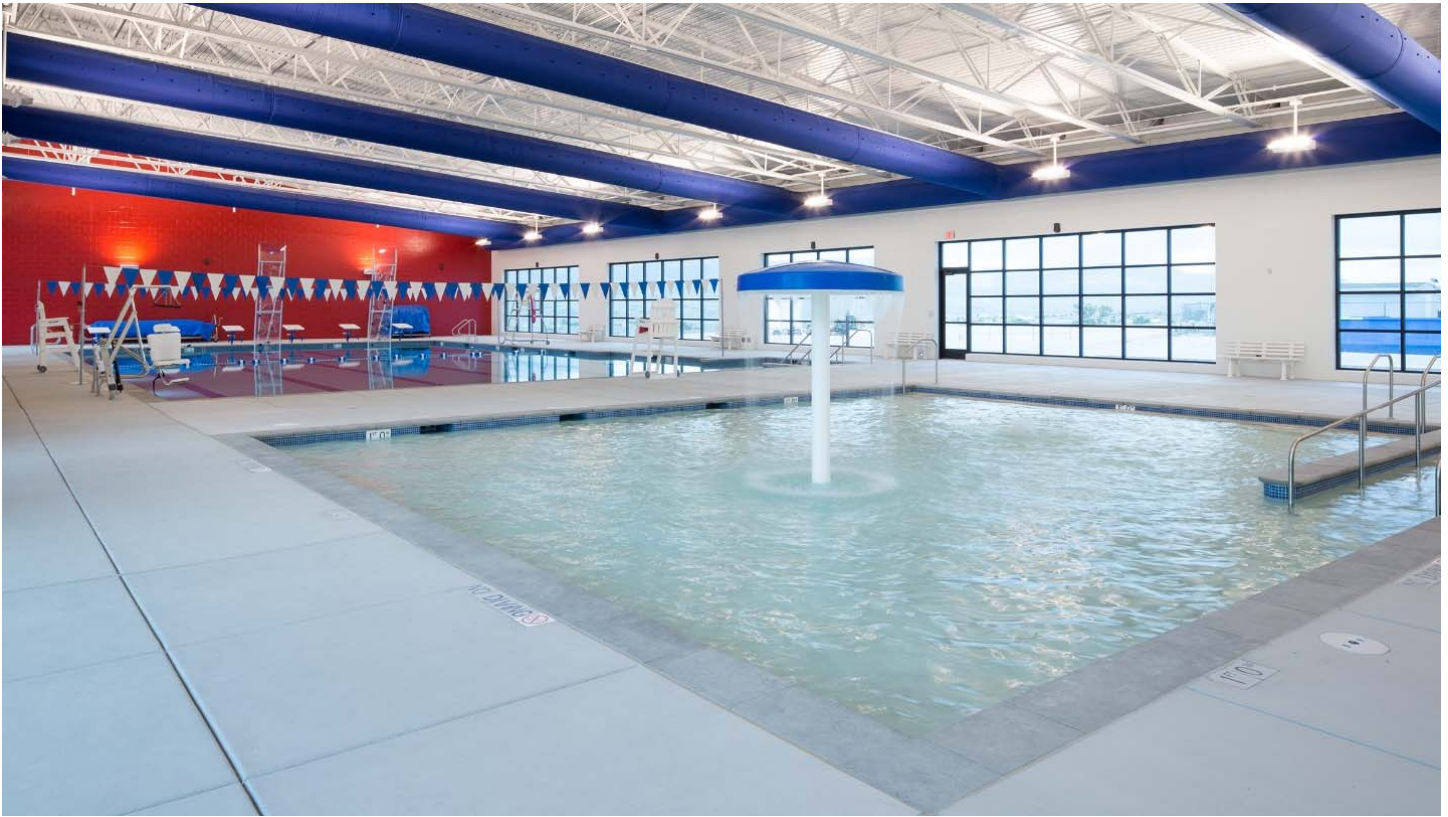
3,000 sq. ft. sprayground



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Study Completed: May 2015



The White Pine County Aquatic Center is an indoor swimming facility featuring a 25-yard pool with exciting climbing walls on the deep end as well as a smaller kid-friendly pool complete with an umbrella-shaped water feature. To meet the intense demands of an indoor pool environment, the building features many sustainable strategies and comprehensive energy efficient modeling such as inter-locking the pool's water heating system and the natatorium air heating system so that only one can work at a time, saving money by reducing the electrical services size. Approximate savings was \$200,000. Other sustainable features included low flow fixtures which were used throughout the facility, daylighting and multi-step interior electric lighting strategies were employed to reduce the electrical consumption, and high-impact, low-cost finishes were used to increase longevity of the facility without increasing the cost.

The community is now delighted to offer water aerobics, fitness lap lanes, and a new swim team.

3,500 sq. ft. Competition Pool

- Six 25-yard fitness lap lanes
- Stair Entry
- Underwater Bench
- Underwater Lights

1,200 sq. ft. Wading Pool

- Ramp entry
- Stair entry
- Umbrella play feature
- Waterspray features

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Project Cost: \$7,000,000  
Aquatics Cost: \$900,000

Date Completed: June 2014

Services Provided:  
Aquatic Design & Engineering



Before

The Wilson Pool, originally constructed in 1958 by Portland Parks & Recreation, was outdated and badly needed enhancements and upgrades. In addition, the pool's mechanical systems were failing, tanks were leaking, and the pool was experiencing structural problems.

In 2003, the City of Portland commissioned the aquatics expertise of Councilman-Hunsaker to completely renovate the outdated swimming facility and transform the pool into a state-of-the-art, family-friendly recreation pool.

As part of the project, the city retained the existing 25-yard deep pool with waterslide and demolished the 25-yard teaching pool.

Amenities of the renovated aquatics facility include:

3,150 sq. ft. Competition Pool

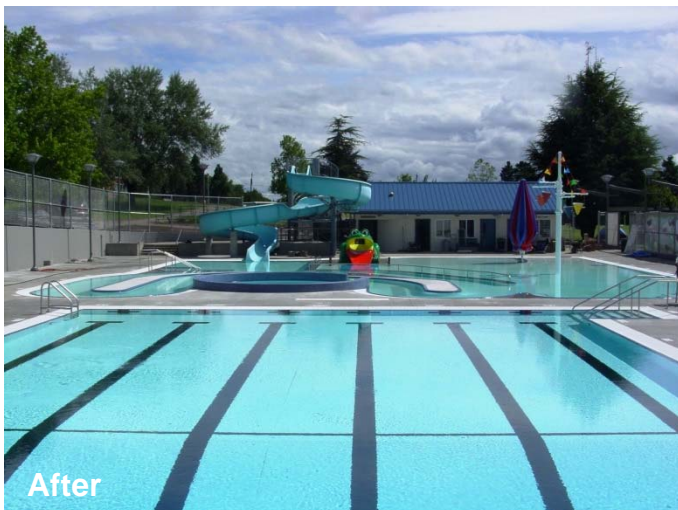
- Stair entry

4,450 sq. ft. Leisure Pool

- Waterslide
- Interactive water play features
- Vortex
- Current channel
- Zero-beach entry
- Water spray features



After



After

Project Cost: \$3,000,000  
Date Completed: May 2005

Services Provided:  
Aquatic Design & Engineering