

## Introduction

The Town of *Carbondale Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan* update was completed in 2015. The overall goal is for the community to continue to thrive and to improve the quality of life for its residents and visitors. A community survey was conducted as part of this plan, and this process indicated that there was community support to maintain the level of service enjoyed within our parks, recreational amenities and programs. The John M. Fleet municipal pool was prioritized by the public as a facility in need of a renovation and upgrades, with nearly 70% survey respondent support.

The existing pool was built in 1978 and is now 40 years old. From 2015 to 2016, the pool usage has gone up 11.6 % and an additional 12.2% between 2016 and 2017 with total admittance numbers at 6,617 for 2017. The existing pool has an operating budget of \$159,121, with a projected revenue through fees and charges of \$52,000. This represents cost recovery is at 33% or a subsidy for operations and maintenance of \$107,121. A large part of the annual expenditures is equipment upgrades and system replacements allowing the continued operation of the facility due to the aging infrastructure.

We are enlisting your help to get a present snapshot of the community desires and to gauge individual support for creative solutions to our needs. We thank you for participating in the following survey.

## Survey

1. How often do you use the John M. Fleet swimming pool? (select one)
  - a. At least once a week during the summer season
  - b. A least once a month during the summer season
  - c. 1-3 times total per summer season
  - d. I don't use the swimming pool
  
2. Which of the following aquatic facilities do you regularly use throughout the valley? (select all that apply)
  - a. RVR Pool
  - b. Ironbridge Pool
  - c. Glenwood Springs Recreation Center Pool
  - d. Glenwood Springs Hot Springs Pool(s)
  - e. Aspen Recreation Center Swimming Pool
  - f. Snowmass Recreation Center Swimming Pool
  - g. Other

Please write in how often you use these other facilities, and what attracts you to them.

3. How would you rank the current condition of the Town's swimming pool and bathhouse facility? (select one)
  - a. Excellent
  - b. Good

- c. Fair
  - d. Poor
  - e. I don't know/I don't use the swimming pool
4. Would you support replacing the swimming pool and bathhouse? (rank your top preference)
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. I don't know/ I'd like to know more
5. How should the Town of Carbondale address the John M. Fleet swimming pool's long-term maintenance needs?
- a. Begin planning and fundraising for a new aquatic facility
  - b. Continue to maintain and operate the existing pool until it becomes prohibitive due to physical deterioration of the pool and/or safety. Discontinue operating a town pool at that time/don't have a town pool.
  - c. Regional pool planning – coordinate with neighboring communities
  - d. No opinion, it doesn't affect me
6. If Carbondale was to pursue a new aquatic facility, which scale do you think is appropriate and would you support funding for?
- a. Outdoor Lap Pool with Diving Board and Kiddie area (similar to existing town pool, heated for extended season, not year-round) – approximately \$3,000,000 in construction fees
  - b. Outdoor Pool Lap Pool with Splash Pad/Water Play features (heated for extended season, not year-round) –approximately \$3,250,000 in construction fees
  - c. Indoor Pool Facility (modest in scale, lap pool, kiddie pool, slide, restrooms/showers, check-in area, offices) – approximately \$7,500,000
  - d. Splash Pad only – approximately \$300,000 (small) to \$700,000 (large)
  - e. I am in favor of the Town of Carbondale NOT having a community swimming pool
  - f. None of these
7. What are the most important features for an aquatic facility to have in Carbondale? (rank your top 3)?
- a. Extended season/heated
  - b. Lap Pool/ability to host swim competitions
  - c. Therapy/Fitness Pool
  - d. Wading Pool/Kiddie Pool
  - e. Splash Park features
  - f. Diving Area
8. In which ways would you support raising money for a new aquatic facility? (select all that apply)
- a. Form a "Friends of Carbondale Parks and Rec" Foundation to accept private donations and launch a fundraising campaign

- b. Increase the RSUT (Recreation Sales and Use Tax)
  - c. Increase property tax
  - d. Special District
  - e. Bond
9. Please write in any comments or thoughts you have regarding the future of the Carbondale Pool. (write in response)
10. Are you interested in being on a fundraising committee/and or community steering committee regarding the Carbondale Pool? (Select one)
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Maybe/I'd like to know more

Write in: If yes or maybe, please enter your name, contact information and your skills and attributes that would assist with this project.