



Support Our Swimmers

Our Community Needs a Year-Round Aquatics Facility

A photograph of a swimming pool with several lanes. Yellow lane lines with red tips are visible, stretching from the foreground towards the background. The water is a clear blue. In the background, the edge of the pool is visible with lane numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

A Swimming Facility was Assessed as a Top 5 Need in Henderson County Back in 2019


5 years later an aquatics facility has not
been addressed.

With Patton Pool out of commission the need
for a pool has certainly increased.



Growing Population and Needs

Our population of both retired and young families need swim lessons and exercise



Aquatics "Needs":

- Lap Swimming
- Competitive swimming at all age levels-school teams
- Masters Swimming
- Hosting swim meets
- Swim lessons for all ages
- Water aerobic classes
- Kayak safety training
- Scuba training
- Deep water rescue training
- Physical therapy
- Birthday and celebration parties
- Family fun




Aquatics Facility Could Include:

50 meter x 25 yard Competition
Pool with a bulkhead and deep end
for diving boards

2nd Recreation Pool – Warmer,
Shallow, and Ramped entry

Deck Space with spectator stands &
locker rooms/showers



What was Patton Pool Lacking?

50+ YEARS OLD

DESTROYED BY HELENE

SUMMER ONLY

UNSUITABLE FOR COMPETITION



The background image shows an indoor swimming pool. On the left, a man is holding a young child in the water. On the right, another man is holding two children. The pool has blue water, lane lines, and a blue wall with yellow and green decorations. A sign on the wall reads "MAX AQUATICS". The ceiling has a large silver ventilation duct and purple and white pennant flags.

Indoor vs Outdoor

- 12 months instead of 3 = 4 x the accessibility
- High School swimming season is November to February
- Little kids can learn to swim in the warmth

A photograph of several children in a swimming pool. In the foreground, a young boy with dark skin and curly hair, wearing an orange long-sleeved shirt, is smiling and leaning on the white plastic edge of the pool. Behind him, another boy with dark skin and sunglasses is also smiling. To the left, a girl with dark hair and a striped shirt is visible. In the background, a man in a blue long-sleeved shirt with 'GAC' on it is standing in the water, and other children are visible in the distance.

DROWNING IS THE #1 CAUSE OF
ACCIDENTAL DEATH FOR KIDS AGED 1-4

A COMMUNITY WITH ACCESS TO AQUATICS IS SAFER, STRONGER, AND
HEALTHIER

EARLY SWIM LESSONS REDUCE RISK OF DROWNING BY UP TO 88%.
([NIHMS617357.PDF](#))



“Safety
Around
Water”

Program is a
Great
Introduction
but ...

Why not go further
towards drown-
proofing our kids



Public Access as well as
Boys & Girls Club &
Our county has only the YMCA & Lelia
Salvation Army Swim Lessons
Patterson Center

Economically challenged kids will
suffer increased risks to drowning
compared to those that can afford
memberships



Waynesville Recreation Center

2 Pools

25 Yd for competition & lap swimming

Zero entry warmer pool with a water slide and other features for young kids



Watauga Recreation Center

2 Pools
25 yd for Competition
Warmer Rec Pool with slides

Jackson County Aquatics Center

2 Pools

25 yd Competition Pool

Diving board

Climbing wall over the water

Video scoreboard

Ramp access

Family-Friendly Recreation Pool

Large whirlpool

Water volleyball and basketball

Splash pad and waterfall play area

Zero-entry ramp and lift chair



Rehab?
Therapy?
Aquatic Exercise?

Inadequate
facilities



We Need
Lap
Swimming &
Masters
Swimming for
Seniors



Only 2 of
our 4 High
Schools &
1 Middle
School
have Teams

West Henderson
practices with 12
kids per lane at
the YMCA





Swimming is a lifelong exercise that improves your cardio, strength, and flexibility.

Every year there are 90 year olds and even centenarians that compete at Masters Swim meets

Economic Impact of a Competiti on Pool

Cary,
Greensboro,
Huntersville,
Charlotte &
Kingsport all
have aquatic
centers that
bring in
millions a year
by hosting swim



Economic Ripple Effect

- A 25 yard competition pool would be on par with the other Western NC cities who have indoor aquatic facilities
- A 50 meter pool would make Hendersonville the clear winner to host swim meets in Western NC & their economic impacts
- Visitors = Hotel Stays + Restaurant Traffic & Retail Sales
- Multi-Day events bring repeat tourism and longer stays
- Event Hosting brings revenue without tax increases
- Each athlete brings 2-3 guests, multiplying our community exposure

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