



Simsbury's Memorial Park Splash Pad

Public Engagement Meeting #2:
Memorial Park Splash Pad Feasibility Study

October 2025

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CURRENT CONDITIONS



The 2020 Town-wide Open Space and Master plan notes the dated existing bathhouse that requires upgrades to support accessibility. Additionally there are no public restrooms and a new roof is needed.



Users declined following the 2016 renovations to Simsbury Farms leading to limited hours. Currently Camp Stuff-Ta-Doo is the primary user and attendance does not offset staffing and operating costs. According to NRPA, 1 aquatic facility is standard for a community of similar size.



Existing wading pool fosters limited play. Requires lifeguards. Would require repairs costing in excess of \$50,000 within the next 3-5 years.

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CURRENT CONDITIONS



Year	Total Expenses	Total Income	Net Revenue
FY22	\$50,088	\$9,859	-\$40,229
FY23	\$73,125	\$15,866	-\$57,259
FY24	\$66,352	\$14,669	-\$51,683
FY25	\$70,438	\$30,983	-\$39,455
FY26 YTD	\$38,957*	\$2,544*	-\$36,413*

Deterioration has led to significant daily water loss and increase of maintenance and operating costs. Operating costs have risen with increased water usage, minimum wage and chemical costs. There would be significant cost to “fix” the pool and bath house.

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OPTIONS

1

Repair the existing pool

Renovate the pool house to be compliant for pool use

**Short-Term Fix (3-5yrs):
Continued high
maintenance and
operational costs**

2

Renovate/ replace the pool

Renovate the pool house to be compliant for pool use

Cost:\$4-5M

3

Replace the pool with a splash pad

Renovate the pool house to be compliant for a splash pad

Cost: \$2.6-2.7M

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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT #1



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What is a Splash Pad?!

Outdoor play area with varying spray elements.



Reduces Maintenance and Operation Costs

- Eliminating the need for lifeguards
- Reducing maintenance and upkeep



Promotes Play!!!

- Provides equitable play opportunities for all ages, cultures, and capabilities.
- Increases inclusive play opportunities
- Promotes sensory and social development
- Energizes and revitalizes underused spaces

Goal: To modernize the Memorial Park Aquatic Facility in a manner that energizes the park, fosters inclusive play opportunities, and supports the users



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FOCUS ON INCLUSIVE PLAY

What does inclusive play mean?

An inclusive play facility offers similar play opportunities for people of all ages, genders, cultures and capabilities without barriers.

Who does inclusive play impact?

All people!

Inclusive play provides FREEDOM!

Splash Pads offer a cooling opportunity that are safe, fun, and can be easily used by multi-generations together

Programming Opportunities

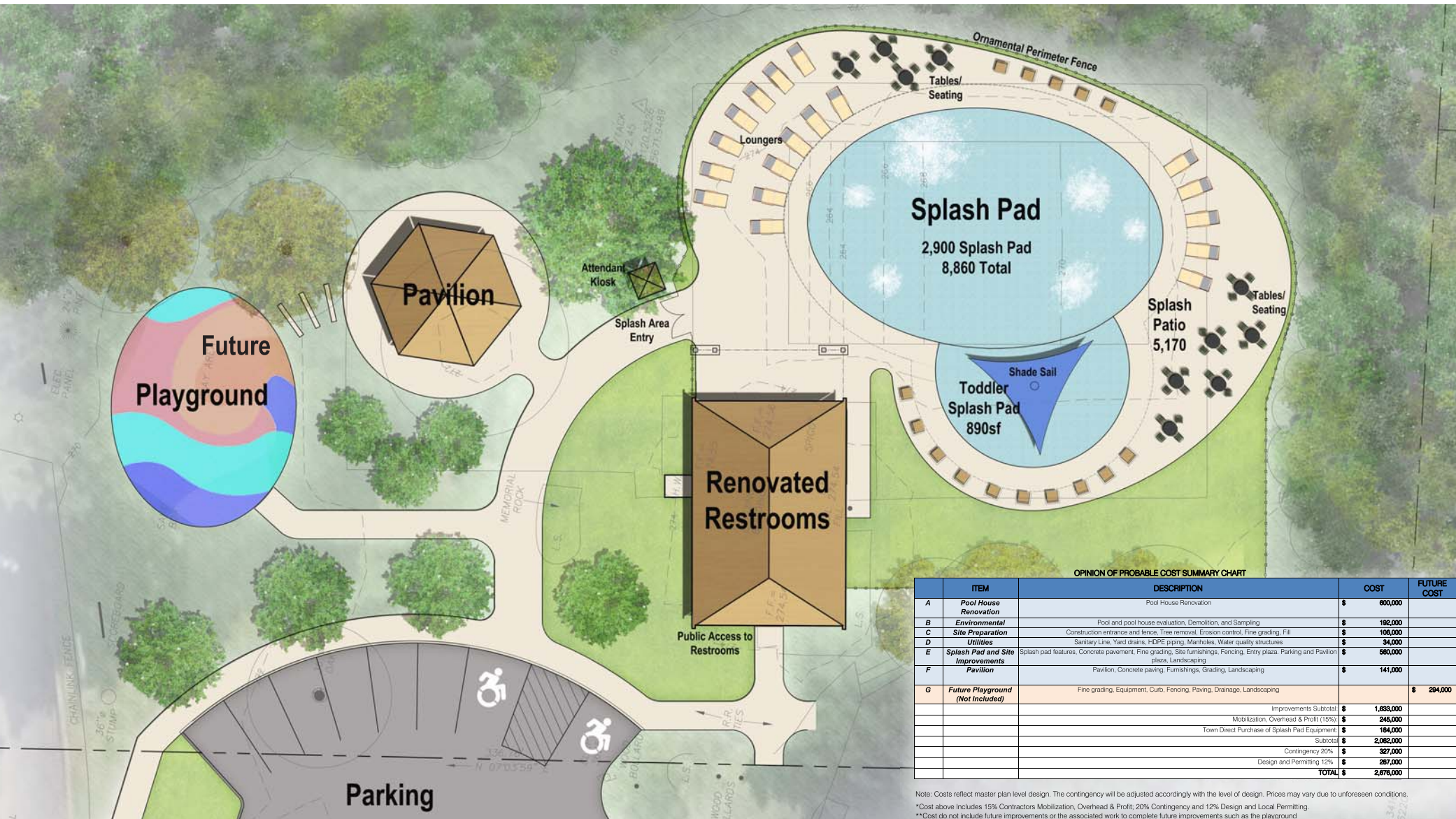
Seniors Splash!

Global Warming and Equitable Cooling Opportunities

With increase in temperatures and the increase in the frequency of warmer temperatures, splash pads offer the community another cooling option



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Note: Costs reflect master plan level design. The contingency will be adjusted accordingly with the level of design. Prices may vary due to unforeseen conditions.

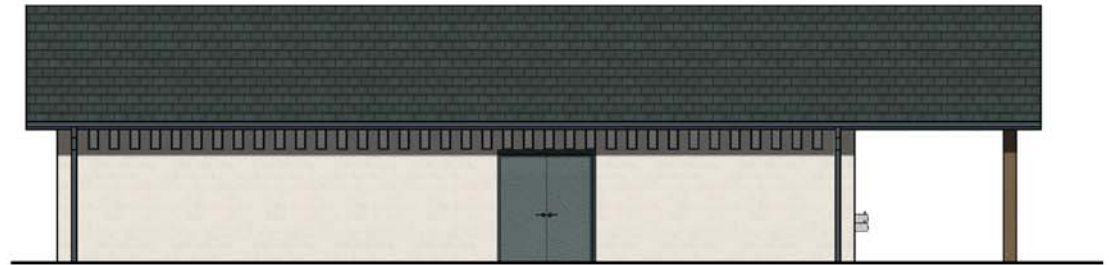
*Cost above Includes 15% Contractors Mobilization, Overhead & Profit; 20% Contingency and 12% Design and Local Permitting.

**Cost do not include future improvements or the associated work to complete future improvements such as the playground

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① WEST ELEVATION



② SOUTH ELEVATION

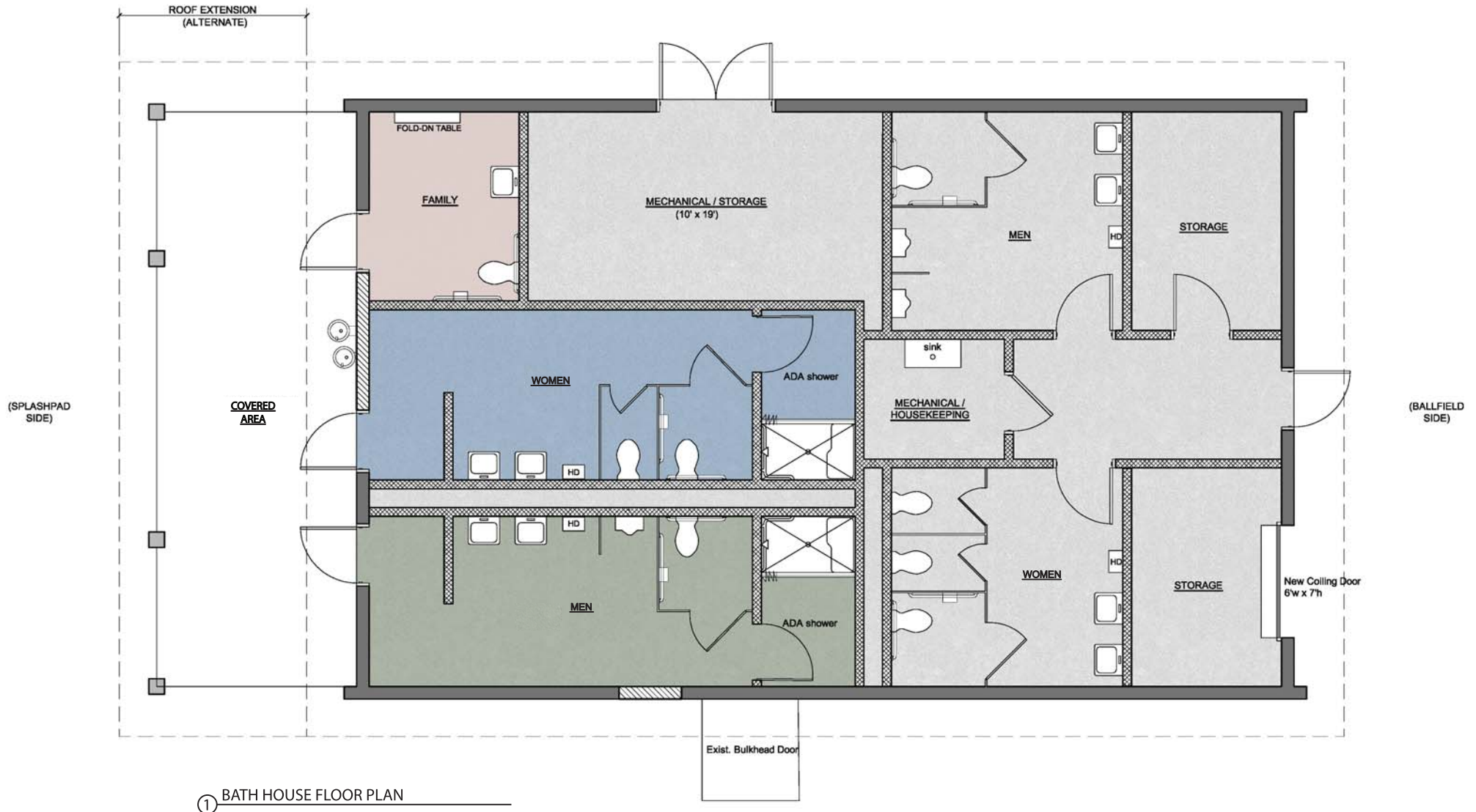


③ NORTH ELEVATION



④ EAST ELEVATION

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