

Date Posted : February 6, 2025

NOTICE OF MEETING

Please be advised that the Symons Recreation Complex Natatorium Board will convene on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 5:30 PM in the Richland County Board Room of the Courthouse at 181 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, WI 53581.

Information for attending the meeting virtually (if available) can be found at the following link:

<https://symonsrec.com/info/minutes/>

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Verification of Open Meetings Law Compliance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approve Minutes of the January, 2025 regular meeting
6. Public Comment

Administrative Reports

7. Staff Report
8. Symons Recreation Complex Foundation Report
9. Update on re-branding, sponsorships and partnerships related to growth and sustainability of current and future facilities that are part of the SRC

Action Items

10. Consider recommending acceptance of February donations from SRC Foundation
11. Consider recommendations for updates to the County/City Swimming Pool (Symons) agreement
12. Consider Pine River/kayaking management opportunities
13. Consider recommendations to Campus Reconfiguration Committee on proposed management of former UW-Richland facilities:
 - 1) gymnasium
 - 2) soccer field
 - 3) tennis/BB courts
 - 4) wellness trails
14. Consider membership rate discounts:
 - 1) College Student school break memberships
 - 2) Richland Hospital & Clinic Employee discounts

Closing:

15. Future Agenda Items
16. Adjourn

Symons Recreation Complex Natatorium Board Minutes January 13, 2025

The Natatorium Board met on January 13th, 2025 at 5:30 pm. The following people were in attendance: Todd Coppernoll, Grant Worthington, Larry Engel, Mark Chambers and Melony Walters. Staff members Mike Hardy and Kyle Ewing were present. Symons Foundation members Barb Wentz, Alan Lins, Suzanne Fish and Dean Amundson were also present.

1. Call to Order - Coppernoll called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.
2. Roll Call of Membership
3. Open Meetings Compliance - Verification was met, per Hardy.
4. Approve Agenda – Engel made a motion to approve the agenda. Chambers seconded. Motion carried.
5. Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2024 – Walters made a motion to approve the minutes. Worthington seconded. Motion carried.
6. Public Comment – Al Lins reviewed a letter he sent to County Board members requesting that the County assign management of the campus gym to Symons, along with consideration of adding the Wellness Trail, soccer field and tennis court areas to Symons in the future. He requested the Natatorium Board consider making a similar request to the full County Board so that the community can start using the gym space and we can begin grant writing and fund raising to make needed repairs to the building. Engel commented that with the Pine River maintenance future in question, he would like to see the Board discuss possibilities of Symons serving as a site for river recreation in the future on a future agenda.

Administrative Reports:

7. YTD Membership Updates – Hardy provided a report of YTD December 2024 memberships. Current active membership is 1,982 members – an increase of about 100 over November. Membership continues to climb steadily, with another 88 new members already added in the first 2 weeks of 2025.
8. YTD Budget Updates- Hardy shared a spreadsheet with revenues and expenses through December 31, 2024. Revenues continue to exceed expenses, current YTD is 4% revenues over expenditures. Hardy noted that some revenues and bills will come in over the next 2 months before we can close 2024, but is projecting a positive finish to 2024 budget with 2-4% revenues over expenses for an expected surplus to end the year.
9. Staff Report – Hardy reported on meetings with the Richland School District Superintendent on possibly partnering in future Symons operations, as well as initial contact made with Richland Hospital HR Director in promoting membership to medical staff at the hospital and clinics. Ewing reported that a Free Pool Party is scheduled for January 25 with a generous donor providing rental to allow for free admission to anyone. Also, Symons has the annual Triathlon scheduled to begin in February and run through the entire month. Currently, The Yeti event is on hold due to the lack of snow with no significant snow in the extended forecast.
10. Symons Recreation Complex Foundation Report – Al Lins reported the Foundation has set a goal of donating at least \$50,000 in Symons equipment or facility upgrades again in 2025 to mirror what was done in 2024. He added that they are actively looking at grants, have a goal to continue to seek at least 10% annual membership increase in 2025 and have set a priority to seek ways to better reach out to the Hispanic community to promote Symons.
11. Update on Re-branding, Sponsorships and Partnerships – Hardy stated that he and Ewing have met with the Richland School District Superintendent to discuss adding Free swim lessons in 2025 as part of the school curriculum in 2025 as well as a program to train lifeguards as part of the high school curriculum who could then be released from school to lifeguard at Symons and be fully trained to lifeguard at the City's Woodman Aquatic Center in the summer. Hardy will hold a joint meeting with the Superintendent, City Administrator and interim

County Administrator later this month to discuss additional opportunities for the school to be more involved with the City and County in future programming to benefit both the school district as well as Symons. Pending potential future additions of property or facilities to the current Symons Complex, additional opportunities to raise funding through sponsorships are being explored with other partners.

Action Items:

12. Consider special family membership add-on rate for college students living at home –Hardy noted that a complaint was received from Jessica Huntamer who was looking to purchase a new family membership and felt that their 19-year-old daughter who attends college out of state should be permitted to be included on a Family membership rather than the Family Plus membership. Hardy provided the membership rate chart and definitions set by the Board and stated that the chart was shared with Ms. Huntamer when she first requested a membership. The difference between a Family and Family Plus membership is \$79 per year (\$6.58/month). The definitions which were created by the Board several years ago state a Family as 2 adults and up to 4 related children under the age of 17 living at the same address, while the Family Plus states the same as Family with an additional up to 2 extra adults who are 1)a child of one of the adults, 2) are under age 24, and 3) have the same address or a temporary college address. Hardy noted to Ms. Huntamer that staff does not have the authority to allow for deviations from the membership definitions without Board approval. He offered her a solution of getting a Family membership now and using the free week for her adult daughter when she was home for Christmas break, then she could make her request at the January Board meeting. Coppernoll stated that she had contacted him after she left Symons and that he had shared the same with her that Hardy did, that she would need to wait for the Board to discuss membership policy changes. After significant discussion, while several members recognize the need to account for adult college kids who only use the membership during breaks, they also felt our current policy was fair and cannot make special concessions for everyone. Coppernoll asked each member in attendance their thoughts and all came back with not making any changes to existing membership policies. Hardy added that we could consider a special college student promotion during school breaks that could be an add-on for members that would be cheaper than the Family Plus rate to account for the less frequent use, but more than the Family rate to account for the extra adult. He added that it could be an incentive for those who further their education by requiring a 3.0 gpa or a certain amount of credits if desired. The proposal was welcome by members and Hardy was asked to develop a special college student punch card offer and return at a future meeting.
13. Consider final recommendations for updates to the County/City Swimming Pool (Symons) Agreement – Hardy reiterated that he is in discussions with the Richland School District who may be interested in joining the County and City in future operations of Symons. Because of this he asked Attorney Windell to hold off on finalizing the agreement until this can be explored. More information will be available at the next meeting.
14. Future Agenda Items – 1) New City/County Symons Agreement; 2) Pine River/kayaking management opportunities; 3) College student membership special offers; 4) Recommendation to turn over management of campus gym, wellness trails, soccer field and tennis courts to Symons
15. Adjourn—Chambers made a motion to adjourn at 6:27pm. Walters seconded. The motion carried.

Symons Natatorium Board

Agenda Item Cover

Agenda Item Name:	Consider recommending acceptance of February donations from SRC Foundation		
Date of Meeting:	02/10/2025	Presented By:	Mike Hardy, SRC Director

Background: The Symons Recreation Complex Foundation has been a major donor to the SRC and helped to upgrade the facility as well as equipment, which in turn allows the SRC to address maintenance deficiencies, outdated equipment and install new technologies as well as offer discounts for various classes. These donations have been important to sustain the growth of the SRC without further reliance on tax levy subsidies or excessive cuts to programming.

The SRC Foundation has pledged another \$50,000 in donations in 2025, mirroring their efforts in 2024. The first donation request of 2025 includes the replacement of 2 treadmills, 2 recumbent steppers and several hand weights. The SRC Foundation is meeting at 1pm on 2/10/25 and will be deciding on final amount which will be made available at the Natatorium meeting. The amount of the donation is expected to be approximately \$21,000 depending on their selection of equipment to fund.

A recommendation is required which will be considered by County Board for approval.

Attachments and References:

Financial Review:

	In adopted budget (2025)	Fund Number	
	Apportionment needed	Requested Fund Number	
x	Other funding Source	SRC Foundation donated funds	
	No financial impact		

Mike Hardy

Department Head

Symons Natatorium Board

Agenda Item Cover

Agenda Item Name:	Consider recommendations to Campus Reconfiguration Committee on proposed management of former UW-Richland facilities		
Date of Meeting:	02/10/2025	Presented By:	Mike Hardy, SRC Director

Background: At the January 13, 2025 meeting, Natatorium Board member Larry Engel requested that the February agenda include Action Items to make a formal request to the County to allow Symons to take over management of the gymnasium, tennis/BB courts, soccer field and wellness trails to address a shortage of space in SRC in addition to the benefit to members and taxpayers including additional revenue sources and more space for programming, as well as to provide a facility (already paid for by taxpayers) for continued public/taxpayer use (without the costs of building new) – all goals of SRC.

While we have stated (pending projected operational costs) that Symons is interested and would benefit greatly by taking over the gym, with space needs being addressed, membership able to increase and revenue production able to increase to further cut the need for future tax support – the County hasn't received a *formal* recommendation regarding the gym. Therefore, Mr. Engle's request to discuss a possible recommendation is timely and needed to give the County a *formal* request from the Symons Natatorium Board, which represents the City Council, County Board, SRC Foundation and SRC members. This step is necessary to give the committee charged with preparing recommendations for the future of various campus facilities to the County Board the opinion of the Symons Natatorium Board as to if and how any of the available facilities could help the sustainability of health, fitness and recreational offerings to County residents as well as how the addition(s) may or may not help the Symons budget and issues including lack of family changing rooms creating a potential ADA conflict in the future.

A recommendation will be needed in order for the Campus Reconfiguration Committee (and eventually County Board) to consider allowing SRC to manage any of the campus facilities.

Attachments and References:

Financial Review:

	In adopted budget (2025)	Fund Number	
	Apportionment needed	Requested Fund Number	
x	Other funding Source	Grants and donations likely available for much of the renovation work – however will take time for everything. With other needs in the County and City, it is unlikely additional tax levy dollars would be handed over, but additional revenues from memberships, rentals and events would cover much or all of the added operational costs.	
	No financial impact		

Mike Hardy

Department Head

Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Richland County, WI

February, 2023



PLANNING ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY



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RESOLUTION NO. 23 – 14

A Resolution Adopting The Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

WHEREAS, Richland County has recognized the need for a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan based upon an inventory of outdoor recreation facilities and natural resources within the municipalities, Richland County, and Southwest Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the development of the plan will serve as a guide for making future decisions related to outdoor recreation in Richland County and through its adoption will make the county eligible to participate in state and federal recreation aid programs; and

WHEREAS this comprehensive outdoor recreation plan has been prepared for the Richland County Board of Supervisors by Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, this recreation plan is based on sound planning principles and long-range goals and objectives for the county's recreational development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Richland County Board of Supervisors that approval to adopt the Richland County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan as the county's guide for future outdoor recreation improvements and development;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Richland County Board of Supervisors requests the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to provide eligibility to Richland County for participation in the state and federal cost-sharing programs for an additional five-year period.

BE IT FURTHER REOLVED, that this Resolution will become effective upon passage and publication.

VOTE ON FOREGOING RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OFFERED BY THE FAIR, RECYCLING,
& PARKS STANDING COMMITTEE
(25 JANUARY 2023)

AYES _____

NOES _____

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

FOR AGAINST

DEREK S. KALISH
COUNTY CLERK



KERRY SEVERSON
TIM GOTSCHALL
DANIELLE RUDERSDORF
GARY MANNING
SCOTT GALD
SANDY CAMPBELL
GARY DEAVER
ERIC SIEMANDEL
JOHN COLLINS
CINDY CHICKER

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DATED: FEBRUARY 21, 2023

Image 2: Typical Rural Scene in Richland County



Goals and Objectives

This plan is designed to provide a feasible program for meeting the recreational needs of Richland County. Agreement upon basic goals and objectives is necessary to set the general direction for developing this program. Four goals related to recreational and resource protection are outlined below. The goals point toward final ends while the eight objective statements are more directly related to achieving those ends through specific actions.

Goals

- To preserve the county's open space resources and to protect them from visual blight and degradation of quality.
- To provide quality parks and recreational facilities to meet the needs of county residents.
- To provide opportunities for nonresident recreational activity to an extent compatible with preserving irreplaceable resources.
- To identify and preserve sites having scientific, historic, or archaeological significance.

Objectives

- To use multiple approaches to resource protection, including acquisition and easements.
- To combine resource protection with park and recreation development, where feasible, through multi-purpose projects.
- To coordinate the county's recreation program with the programs of other levels of government and with private enterprise in order to achieve maximum public benefit.
- To provide areas and facilities for those activities specified in the plan as a county responsibility.
- To develop a coordinated system of river access points emphasizing resource-based recreation areas.
- To maintain the quality of recreational experiences offered within the county by adhering to the standards contained in the plan.
- To encourage quality development of privately owned recreation facilities, particularly for nonresident-oriented activities.
- To maintain the county's eligibility to participate in federal and state financial and technical aid programs having recreation planning requirements.

Image 3: Signage at Orion Boat Landing



Outdoor Recreation Supply Inventory

To determine what course of action county officials must take to provide comprehensive outdoor recreational opportunities, it is necessary to evaluate the supply of existing areas and facilities. This section of the report provides an inventory of Richland County's recreational facilities. Recreational opportunities in Richland County are provided by the state, county, communities, and private enterprise. For ease of presentation, activities based on land resources are discussed separately from those based on water resources.

Land-Based Activities

Golfing

There is one golf course in Richland County. The privately owned Quail Run Golf Course near Richland Center provides open play to the residents of the county with leagues and memberships available for discounted rates. It is located just west of the city of Richland Center on County Road Y. Other options outside the county are available in Spring Green, Plain, and Reedsburg.

Tennis / Pickleball

There are two locations to play tennis within Richland County. There are two courts located at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville at Richland campus in Richland Center and three at Krouskup Park. Tennis opportunities are generally limited in southwest Wisconsin. Pickleball has emerged recently, and opportunities are also available at Krouskup Park and the Community Center Gym. Pickleball courts are adaptable and should be arranged to meet demand.

Sightseeing

Few counties in Wisconsin offer greater opportunities for sightseers than does Richland County. The county road system through Richland County offers great sights including the Wisconsin River, wooded hills, rock bluffs and outcroppings, and the sculptured agrarian landscape typifies the county's visual amenities. Route 60 from Gotham to the Crawford County line offers a spectacular drive. This is one of the strongest opportunities to promote for visitors.

Hiking and Nature Study

Both of these activities can take place without assistance from developed facilities. When facilities are provided, however, enjoyment is typically increased. The only developed public trail systems in Richland Center are at the Miner Hill Trail Park, along the Pine River Trail, and at Ocooch Mountain Trails. Ash Creek Forest offers four miles of trails, 1.5 miles at Eagle Cave and a short trail at Rockbridge/Pier County Park. Park areas along the Lower Wisconsin Riverway also offer short hiking experiences.

There are six state natural areas in Richland Center that provide opportunities for botanical study. A list of Richland County's natural preserves can be found at the following link: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Lands/NaturalAreas/county.html#Richland>. Further detail can be found in this plan under *Scientific Areas and Natural Areas*.

Snow Skiing and Snowshoeing

Although official trails can be used (listed above in as Hiking Trails) these activities can be done anywhere when adequate snow cover exists. The City of Richland Center has begun to offer snowshoe rentals. There is much opportunity to grow this activity in Richland County with expansion of trails and promotion.

Camping

There are 6 publicly and privately owned campgrounds in Richland County. Most offer a mix of sites to accommodate tents, RVs, and group sites along with a combination of options ranging from overnight to seasonal stays. The privately owned Fireside Campground, located south of Richland Center and the county owned Richland County Fairgrounds offer the most sites. The six offerings range greatly in the experience they offer but all do provide water. Camping demands are high in Richland County and the region. The county should work to better take advantage of the opportunity to provide overnight experiences to visitors both for a single night and longer-term overnight camping opportunities.

Table 3: Campground Inventory of Richland County

Name of Campground	Ownership	Number of Sites
Alana Springs	Private	34
Cazenovia Memorial Park	Village of Cazenovia	6
Eagle Cave Natural Park	Private	50
Fireside Campground	Private	60
Pier County Park	Richland County	6
Richland County Fairgrounds	Richland County	100
Viola County Park	Richland County	6

Hunting

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WIDNR) provides thousands of acres of land for the purpose of hunting and propagating wildlife. Some of these lands are owned by the state and others are leased. Species of game found on this land include grouse, whitetail deer, rabbit, squirrel, turkey and a variety of waterfowl. Public agencies provide acres of land, wetland, and water for public hunting. Most of the land area in public ownership is in the bottomlands of the Wisconsin River and is used primarily as backup land for the propagation and hunting of waterfowl and hunting is allowed at the county owned Ash Creek Community Forest. However, considerable hunting in the county takes place on privately-owned lands at the discretion of the landowners. The species of game sought on private owned lands and public lands are alike. Hunting is a strong tradition in the region and the county is advised to cater to visitors for a pleasant experience.

Target Shooting

The county owned Richland County Rifle Range satisfies most of the demand needed for this activity. Located north of Richland Center is equipped for rifle, pistol, and archery shooting. The facility is open during daylight hours and is satisfactory in condition. The county should look at updating some of the most needed attributes.

Water-Based Activities

Fishing

The State of Wisconsin has overall responsibility for managing fishery resources. It shares with the county and other units of government responsibility for providing public access to the resources and for adoption and enforcement of measures that will protect the resources from degradation.

Richland County has approximately 4,727 acres of fishable surface waters, including those waters of the Wisconsin River within the boundaries of the County. Other water acreage represents 474 acres. Fishing opportunities, accordingly, are abundant and diversified, which explains the popularity of fishing among county residents and their guests. Located between the Mississippi River and the Wisconsin River, Richland County provides some of the highest premium fishing spots in the Midwest. Most notable is the 260 miles of cold-water trout streams which provide habitat for trout. In the Wisconsin River, anglers vie for northern, blue gills, smallmouth bass, catfish, walleye, and sauger. Today there are ample opportunities for fishing in Richland County, as well as numerous miles of secluded trout and bass streams sought after by anglers. Opportunity exists also at Lee Lake in Cazenovia which is forty acres. The county should work to expand public access to streams through easements or landowner agreements.

Boating and Water-Skiing

Motorized boating and water-skiing require large areas of unobstructed and deep water. The Wisconsin River, for example, is not recommended for high-speed boating because of the abundance of floating debris it carries, its shifting bottom profile and is generally too shallow. Other streams within the county lack the size and consistent depth to make Richland County a strong destination for motorboats. However, Lee Lake and the Wisconsin River are utilized in small numbers. This experience is not considered to be a strength in Richland County.

Canoeing and Kayaking

The Wisconsin, Kickapoo, and Pine Rivers along with Mill Creek are the best canoeing and kayaking waters in the County. Combined, they provide approximately 64 miles of canoeing and kayaking opportunities and reveal a full measure of Richland County's diverse scenery. Other streams can be canoed or kayaked at certain times of the year and along limited stretches of their lower reaches. For the most part, however, they provide very limited opportunities for enjoyable canoeing and kayaking. They are not included in the inventory for this reason. Log jams and debris in the river has been noted as an obstacle to providing greater opportunities in this segment. In the past, volunteer groups have provided the service of clearing blockages. The county and the City of Richland Center have been working to provide greater access with success, including new kayak ports. **The canoeing and kayaking segment is proving to be a small industry in Richland County and the county should continue to work with partners to ensure that this activity can grow.**

Swimming

Supervised swimming pools provide most of the swimming opportunities in Richland County. Public pools are located in Richland Center and Lone Rock with modern "splash pads" as well. **In addition, the City of Richland Center and a facility at UW-Platteville Richland Center has an indoor 'Aquatic Center' providing great year-round amenities to residents.**

However, no quality beaches in natural water exist in the county due to the physical characteristics of it.

Therefore, the county must ensure that the existing Aquatic Center be maintained and continues to operate at its greatest potential.

State Owned Waysides

The state has one wayside located in Richland County.

- **Gotham Wayside:** Highway 14 one mile east of Gotham. Pit restroom and picnic tables.

Historic Sites

Sites, events, and other mementos of historic interest are important components of a community or county recreation program. In addition, there are several native American burial grounds adjacent near the Wisconsin River and its tributaries. Consideration should be given to those during development. Many sites in Richland Center also exist such as the A.D. German Warehouse. Throughout southwestern Wisconsin, intensive efforts have been made to protect areas of outstanding historical importance and signs have been erected by the state of Wisconsin Areas (and sites) of this level of importance identified in the county include:

- Ada James in Richland Center
- Bear Valley Cemetery and Brown Church at Sextonville
- Birthplace of GTE in Richland Center
- Boaz Mastodon near Boaz
- Krouskop Park in Richland Center
- Ocooch Mountains near Boaz
- Pier Park at Rockbridge
- Richard Brewer near Boaz
- Rockbridge Natural Bridge at Rockbridge
- Rural Electrification near Boaz
- St. Patrick's Church near Hub City
- The Little Rock at Rockbridge
- The Purist West near Gotham
- Troop Encampment at Rockbridge
- Wisconsin Purple Heart Memorial Highway in Richland Center

Scientific and Natural Areas

State natural areas (SNAs) protect outstanding examples of Wisconsin's native landscape of natural communities, significant geological formations, and archeological sites. Encompassing 406,000 acres on lands owned by the state and its many partners, including land trusts, local and county governments, and private citizens, Wisconsin's natural areas are valuable for research and educational use, the preservation of genetic and biological diversity and for providing benchmarks for determining the impact of use on managed lands. They also provide some of the last refuges for rare plants and animals. There are 6 registered scientific areas in Richland County. The following descriptions are provided by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR):

UW RICHLAND COUNTY CAMPUS

Building F – Gymnasium Building and Central Utility Plant



- Building originally designed for a highly specific use. Reuse options limited.
- Interior materials largely unchanged.
- Restroom accessibility clearance concerns at main lobby.
- Roof membrane and ballast pavers in need of replacement.
- Mechanical equipment original to building; all past their expected life .
- Athletic floor in decent condition.
- High likelihood of ACM in flooring, adhesives, sealants and pipe insulation.
- Significant deterioration at several doors.
- Would function well for athletic/training purposes.
- 99 total assets collected
- \$1.89M Renewal Cost
- \$9.7 M Replacement cost



Compliance Self-Inspection Certification Report
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program
 Form 8700-309 (R 3/06)

Notice: Collection of this information is authorized in ch. NR 50(26), Wis. Adm. Code and Section 6(f)(3) of the Land & Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578, 78 Stat 897). Failure to provide this information may result in the loss of eligibility to apply for future outdoor recreation grants or the withholding of reimbursements for pending grant projects. Personally identifiable information collected on this form will be used to administer the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and may be provided to requesters as required by Wisconsin's Open Records law [ss. 19.31-19.39, Wis. Stats.].

Instructions: Please complete Section 2, sign, and return form to your DNR Regional Community Specialist. Attach additional information, if necessary.

Also, provide the following information: 3 to 5 photos of the facilities developed

SECTION 1 – Project Information (to be completed by DNR LWCF Staff)

Grant Recipient (Sponsor): Richland County	Location County: Richland	Project Number: 55-01519
Park, Recreation Area or Trail Name:	Project End Date June 30, 1986	Last Inspection Date 08-AUG-19
Project Title: Richland Co. Tennis-Basketball Courts Renovation	Project Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Development	

LWCF Project Number and Description(s):
 55-01519 Richland County will develop the University of Wisconsin-Richland Center campus for public outdoor recreation by providing the following items: Renovate: 3-Tennis Courts1- Basketball Court

SECTION 2 – LWCF Site Compliance Information (to be completed by Sponsor)

Contact Person: Mike Hardy	Title: Symons Recreation Complex Director
Address: 1250 Symons Circle Richland Center, WI 53581	Telephone Number: 608-647-8522
	E-mail Address: mike.hardy@co.richland.wi.us

A. Site LWCF Compliance Boundary Map (See enclosed map)

1. Have the boundaries and size of the recreation area changed since the time of the LWCF grant? Yes No
 If yes, provide a map of the changed boundary in relation to the original, the revised acreage, and explain the boundary change.

B. Site Development

1. The recreation site as described on the enclosed compliance boundary map is (pick one):
- a. Undeveloped. Will it be developed? If yes, describe the facilities and when development will occur. Yes No
- b. Developed.
- Is it consistent with development plans at the time of the LWCF grant? If no, explain Yes No

- Since the time of the last inspection date, or grant end date, whichever is later (look at dates above):
 - Have any of the existing facilities become obsolete? Yes No
If yes, explain.

 - Have they been replaced? If yes, explain. Yes No
 The asphalt surface of the courts was overlaid with Sport Court tiles in 1991.

 - Have any indoor recreation facilities been constructed on the site? Yes No
If yes, explain.

 - Are there any non-recreation facilities/structures on the site? If yes, explain. Yes No

C. Public Use

1. Is the site readily accessible and open to the general public during reasonable times of the day and year? Yes No
 - a. Public access to the site is:
 - Year-round
 - Limited (seasonally, weekly, etc.) Explain:
 - b. Public access to restrooms, pavilions is:
 - Year-round
 - Limited (seasonally, weekly, etc.) Explain:
Public restrooms are not available on site.

2. Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or any of the facilities? (e.g., because of a resident only policy, league use only, members only, hunters only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, explain: Yes No

3. Is there a fee charged for:
 - a. General use of the site? Yes No
 - b. Any facilities on site? Yes No
If yes to either above, provide information on the fee structure.

4. Does the site and its operation comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, related to prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, disability, color, national origin, religion, sex. Yes No

D. Leases – Easements Excluding short term leases/rentals such as pavilion rental, special event permits, fencing permits, etc.

1. Is the site or any of its facilities being operated and/or managed through a lease agreement or easement with another party that is not a user group? (Examples include concessions, golf course, ski area, soccer area, etc.) If yes, list, describe, and submit copy of current agreement(s) or easement(s). Yes No
2. Are any facilities leased to user groups for exclusive use during certain seasons and/or at specified times? If yes, list, describe use, and submit copy of use/lease agreements(s). Yes No

E. Maintenance

1. Is there a sign at the site making it identifiable as a public outdoor recreation area and available for use? Yes No
2. Is the site facility attractive, regularly maintained and in good condition? If no, explain. Yes No

While the basketball court is in generally safe condition and fairly attractive, the fence around the tennis courts is failing and has exposed and heaving concrete foundation causing a potential hazard, and broken surfacing at the south gate entrance making accessibility challenging and unsafe, however the north gate entrance is accessible. Additionally, the sport court tile surface product, while faded and generally in fair condition, is no longer level in spots and several trip hazards exist, in addition to moss and weeds that have grown through the tiles in areas and could cause a slip hazard. Access to the tennis courts should be locked until repairs are made to make the facility more ADA accessible and safe for use. The basketball court is minimally maintained and still in usable condition and receives frequent use from the public. With the exception of some vegetation growing through the tiles that could cause a slip hazard, overall it is in fair condition, but should be scheduled for repair before the next inspection.

F. Accessibility

- Have the site facilities been developed and maintained based on Universal Design Standards for facilities to provide basic access to people with disabilities? (e.g., complies with the Americans With Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973). If no, explain. Yes No
- While the facility was designed to comply, the aging foundation of the tennis courts was initially repaired temporarily with the sport court tiles, but over time several tiles have warped and heaved, causing inaccessible and unsafe surfacing. Additionally, tiles are missing from entrances to the courts and existing asphalt is crumbling, causing inaccessible entry to the court area from the south gate. There is currently no ADA accessible pathway leading to the courts, creating a difficult access path for some and should be addressed in the future.
- The Basketball court area remains compliant (other than some vegetation growing through the tiles as noted previously) however tennis courts have become mostly non-compliant mainly due to foundation failure.

G. Program Acknowledgement Sign

Is there a sign, in good condition and conspicuously displayed at the site acknowledging the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance? Yes No
 If yes, describe where the sign is located?

LWCF signage is installed on the tennis backstop located in between the tennis and basketball courts easily viewable from those using the facility.

H. Site Facilities and Uses Checklist (Check and/or fill in all that apply to the recreation area.)

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CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information provided on this form and all attachments are true and correct.

Sponsor Contact (<i>Signature</i>):	Print Name	Date:
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For DNR Use:

Site Inspection required? Yes No

Compliance Requirements Met

Potential compliance issues:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed Development | <input type="checkbox"/> ADA accessibility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appearance, Environmental Quality, and Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of discrimination – civil rights or general public |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Obsolete facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Signage – user information & safety |
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Symons Natatorium Board

Agenda Item Cover

Agenda Item Name:	Consider membership rate discounts: 1) College Student school break memberships 2) Richland Hospital & Clinic Employee discounts		
Date of Meeting:	02/10/2025	Presented By:	Mike Hardy, SRC Director

Background: At the January 13, 2025 Natatorium Board meeting, members denied a request from a new SRC member to revise membership definitions to allow Family memberships to include children up to age 24 (rather than requiring a Family Plus membership at \$79 more per year). However, there was support to consider a special “college student rate” to address college kids who generally only use SRC membership a couple of weeks during winter break, spring break and a couple months during summer if they return to town. Therefore, the following recommendation is being offered for consideration:

- College Student add-on memberships can be added to any existing Family membership for an additional 10% add-on rate. i.e. Year membership for a Family is \$588. The add on for college student would be 10% (\$58.80) for a total of \$646.80 (for comparison, Family Plus membership is \$667.) Family Plus only requires adult children that live at home be under age 24. The college add-on would require proof of current college enrollment in good standing.

Additionally, staff would like to ask the Board to consider extending a membership discount to healthcare workers at Richland Hospital and Clinics. In addition to showing support for local healthcare workers, the discount will hopefully encourage a relationship where healthcare workers may consider recommending patients to SRC for therapy pool use and rehabilitation classes at SRC. A 10% discount would save an individual \$45/year and a family \$58/year for employees of Richland Hospital and Clinics.

Attachments and References: Current 2025 Membership and Visitor Rates and Definitions

Financial Review:

	In adopted budget (2025)	Fund Number	
	Apportionment needed	Requested Fund Number	
	Other funding Source		
x	No financial impact	*Discounts would hopefully encourage new memberships and create new revenues. The small number of existing members that would pay less would likely be offset by new members attending and starting new memberships.	

Mike Hardy

 Department Head

2025 Membership and Visitor Rates



Membership Rates – 2025

	Pay As		Year Paid in Full
	You Go	Auto Pay	
Student (17 & under)	\$43	\$33	\$321
Individual	\$54	\$43	\$452
Single Parent	\$59	\$48	\$506
Family	\$66	\$56	\$588
Family Plus	\$74	\$63	\$667
Leader (60+)	\$46	\$36	\$355
Leader Couple (60+)	\$52	\$42	\$432
Renew Active	Free	Free	Free
SilverSneakers	Free	Free	Free
Silver & Fit	Free	Free	Free

- **Pay As You Go**- Month to month payment option. No contract.
- **Auto Pay**—Month to month Contract option, deducted from a checking or savings account. Must complete a form by 15th of the month to cancel this option. (3 consecutive auto payments required before you cancel) This membership option is \$50-\$70 more expensive than the Paid In Full Option.
- **Year Paid in Full**- One payment for a year membership. **BEST VALUE!**
- A government issued picture ID must be presented by adults when using SRC.
- Memberships are non-transferable and subject to rules and regulations of SRC.

Visitor Rates – 2025 *All guests/visitors must register at front desk and adults must provide driver's license or government photo ID*

- FREE** Age 2 & under (pool only)
- \$6.00** Pool Pass for ages 3 & older
- \$8.00** Racquetball Pass, kids under 14 must be supervised
- \$12.00** Adult Facility Pass (Age 14 & older: pool, exercise room, & racquetball)
- \$12.00** Land and Water Fitness class drop-in rates
- \$27.00** One week single membership *No 24/7 Access
- \$35.00** One week family membership *No 24/7 Access

Membership Definitions:

Student – Ages 17 & under. Able to use the pool and racquetball courts (with an adult). If unable to swim, must be accompanied in pool.

Individual – Ages 18 through 59 . No children on this membership.

Single Parent – One adult and their children through high school age; living at the same address. (Exercise Rooms are only for those age 14 and older)

Family – Two adults living at the same address, plus their children through high school age. (Exercise Rooms are only for those age 14 and older)

Family Plus – Same as a family membership, but allows for *up to 2* extra adults with these conditions:

- Must be a child of at least one of the adults on the membership *and*
- Must be under age 24 *and*
- Must have the same address as the two primary adults on the membership or has a temporary college address

Leader – Person age 60 or greater at time of enrollment. No children on this membership.

Leader Couple – Two persons, both age 60 or greater at time of enrollment, living at the same address. No children allowed on this membership.

Renew Active, SilverSneakers and Silver & Fit - Free membership offered through an insurance company. **some may require a small fee.*

