



We respectfully request authorization to pursue a ¼ percent local sales tax to help fund a regional outdoor water park, closing a \$7 million funding gap. This short-term funding tool is estimated to generate the needed funds in approximately three years. \$12 million in private philanthropic support is already secured.

The Outdoor Water Park is Phase Two of the City of St. Cloud YMCA Community & Aquatics Center. The facility will welcome current and new members, as well as draw visitors and guests from across the region.

The Outdoor Water Park will:

- Fulfill a long-time community desire for an outdoor water park attraction that engages all ages
- Create multi-generational connections and spaces to enrich relationships and foster community
- Provide leadership development for youth and young adults with job and volunteer opportunities
- Strengthen regional economic activity and quality of life.
- Enhance collaboration with local City leadership and community partners.
- The average daily attendance will exceed 1,000 users.

As a regional asset, this project will serve a broad region beyond St. Cloud, drawing families from a 40-mile radius and beyond. Already over 40% of daily users of the YMCA come from outside the City of St. Cloud. The expanded facility will increase that reach, serving all ages across Central Minnesota and attracting new visitors to our community. (Comparative water parks are located 50+ miles from St. Cloud, in Maple Grove, Hutchinson and Coon Rapids.)

It is our goal to build a \$19 million outdoor water park with a range of benefits and amenities.

- Lazy river for relaxed floating and conversation for every age
- Shallow swimming areas with slides and water features for young children
- Large slides and aquatic areas for older kids and adults
- Concessions and entertaining area with picnic tables, loungers and umbrella
- Access to a paved walking path and outdoor recreation spaces

