



PROJECT INFORMATION

PROCESS

The Emporia Recreation Commission was established in 1953, and for 24 years, the recreation center was located at the corner of 5th and Merchant. Today, the facility sits on 4th Street between State and Congress.

However, the current facility no longer meets the community's needs. As we move forward in selecting a new site and defining the overall project scope, we are committed to staying engaged with the community throughout the process to ensure their needs are met.

To address the growing needs of the community, we are embarking on a comprehensive planning process. This begins with the development of a conceptual design packet that outlines potential solutions for a new recreation facility. The packet will include detailed analyses of site options, facility layouts, and programming opportunities that reflect the feedback gathered from the community. Our design team will collaborate with key stakeholders to ensure the proposed facility meets both current and future needs, providing spaces for recreation, fitness, and community events.

In the coming months, the conceptual design will evolve as we refine details based on ongoing feedback. Once the design is finalized, the project will move forward toward a community-wide vote scheduled for March. This vote will give residents the opportunity to voice their support for the new facility, ensuring it reflects the community's vision and priorities. We encourage everyone to stay engaged in the process and provide input at every stage leading up to the vote.

HISTORY



ANNUAL REPORT

The Emporia Recreation Commission is working with the ERC Facility Steering Committee to propose up to 1/2 cent sales tax for a ballot in early 2025. The Steering Committee was created by the ERC, City and School District to explore options for renovation, expansion and/or construction of the recreation facility to improve quality of life of community members. This committee has successfully hired a construction manager and architect to provide scope, location, cost and community input for a future project and will continue guiding this process for several more months.

WHAT DOES A 1/2 CENT SALES TAX LOOK LIKE FOR MOST EMPORIANS PER MONTH?

Based on Emporia's median income of \$49,661 from 2022

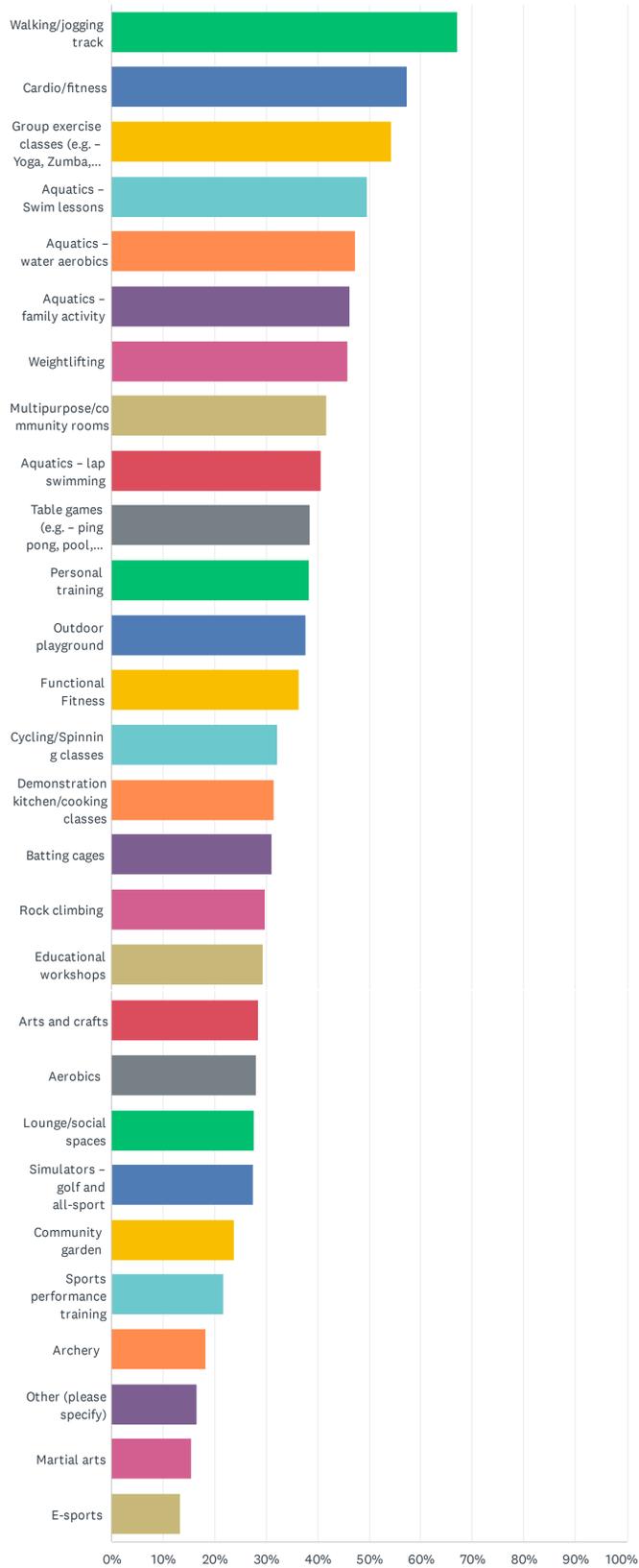
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SALES TAX RATES

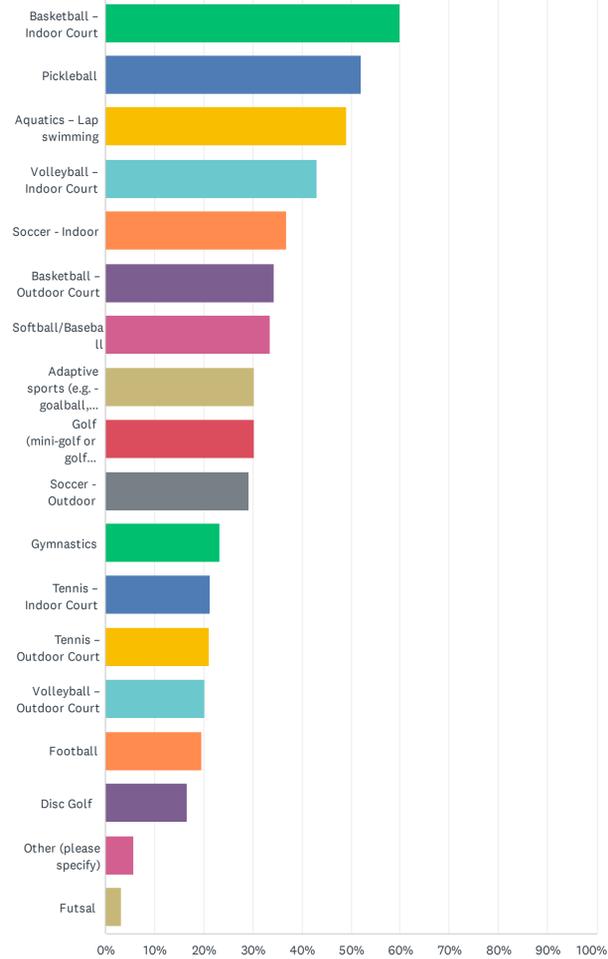
Emporia.....	8.50%
Emporia with 'YES' vote....	9.00%
Kansas City, Kansas.....	9.125%
Topeka.....	9.35%
Overland Park.....	9.35%
Ottawa.....	9.5%
Manhattan.....	9.15%
Lenexa.....	9.35%
Olathe.....	9.475%
Wichita.....	7.5%
Hutchinson.....	8.25%
Pittsburg.....	9.00%
Hays.....	9.25%
Garden City.....	8.95%
Dodge City.....	9.00%

SURVEY RESULTS

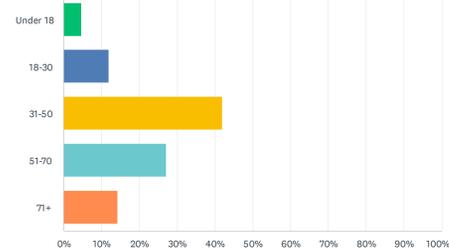
Which specific activities would you like to see offered or to have facilities at the REC Center?



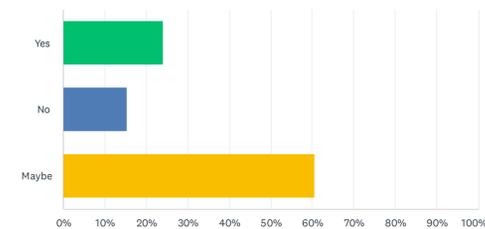
Which specific sports would you like to have at the REC Center?



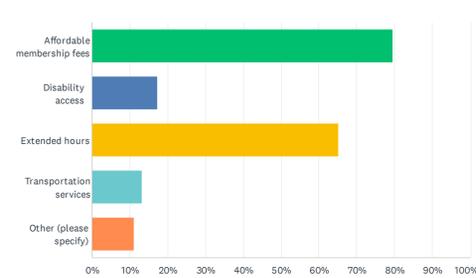
What is your age group?



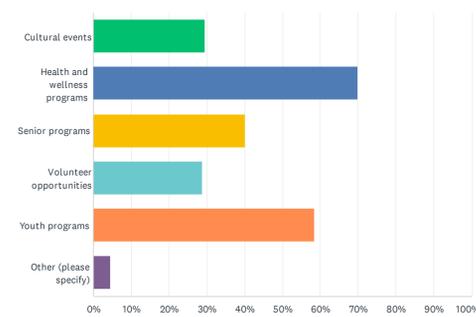
Would you be willing to volunteer your time to support the recreation center's activities and programs?



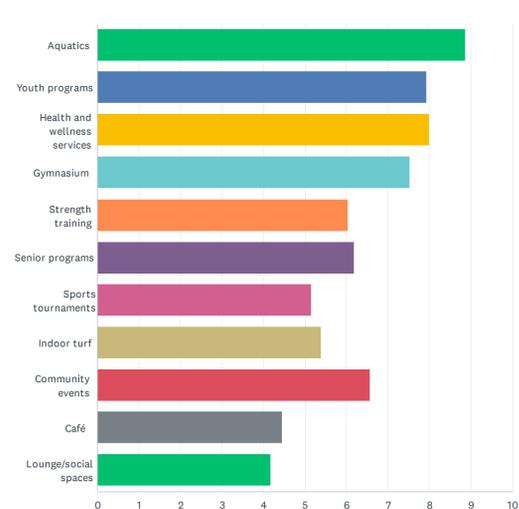
What measures would make the REC Center more accessible to you?



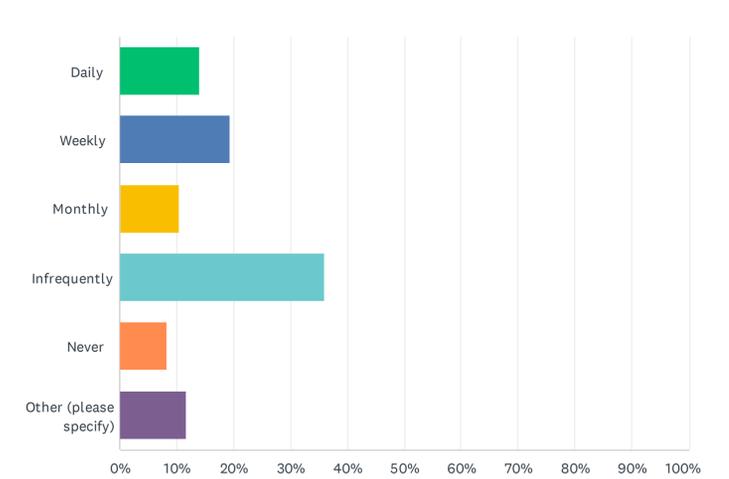
Which community programs would you be interested in?



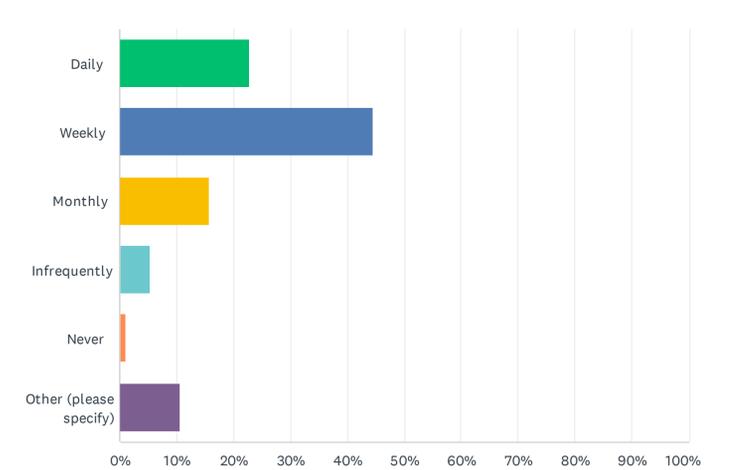
Please rank programs in order of priority for the Emporia Community Recreation Center?



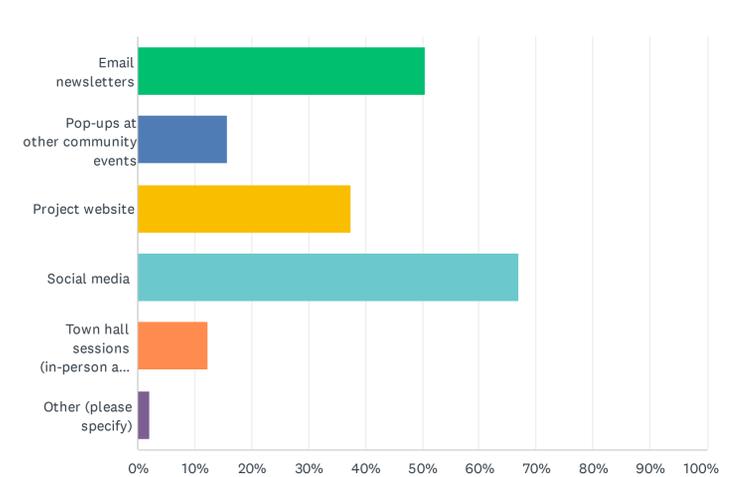
How often do you or a member of your household use the current Emporia Rec Center?



How often would you see yourself or a member of your household using a new Emporia Community Rec Center?



How would you like to stay up to date with the project's progress and community engagement efforts?



PROGRAM

ENTRY / LOBBY

FITNESS CENTER

AQUATIC CENTER

GYMNASIUM

WALKING TRACK

FIELDHOUSE

ADMINISTRATION

FAMILY ACTIVITY

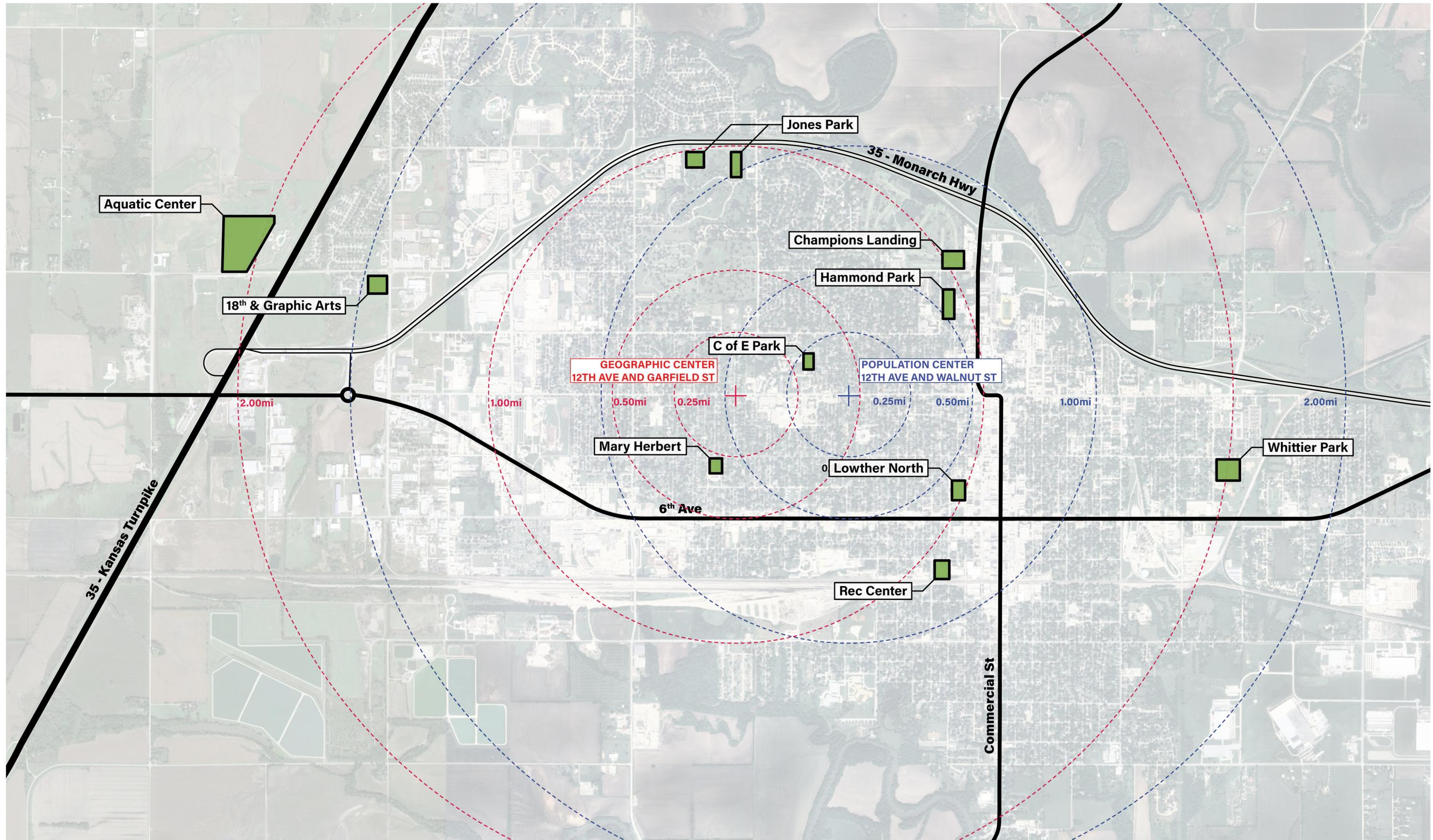
EXERCISE STUDIOS

LOCKER ROOMS

COMMUNITY ROOMS

**BUILDING SERVICE /
STORAGE**

10 SITE LOCATIONS



NOT RECOMMENDED SITE LOCATIONS



18th & Graphic Arts

Too Small



Mary Herbert

Too Small



C of E Park

Too Small



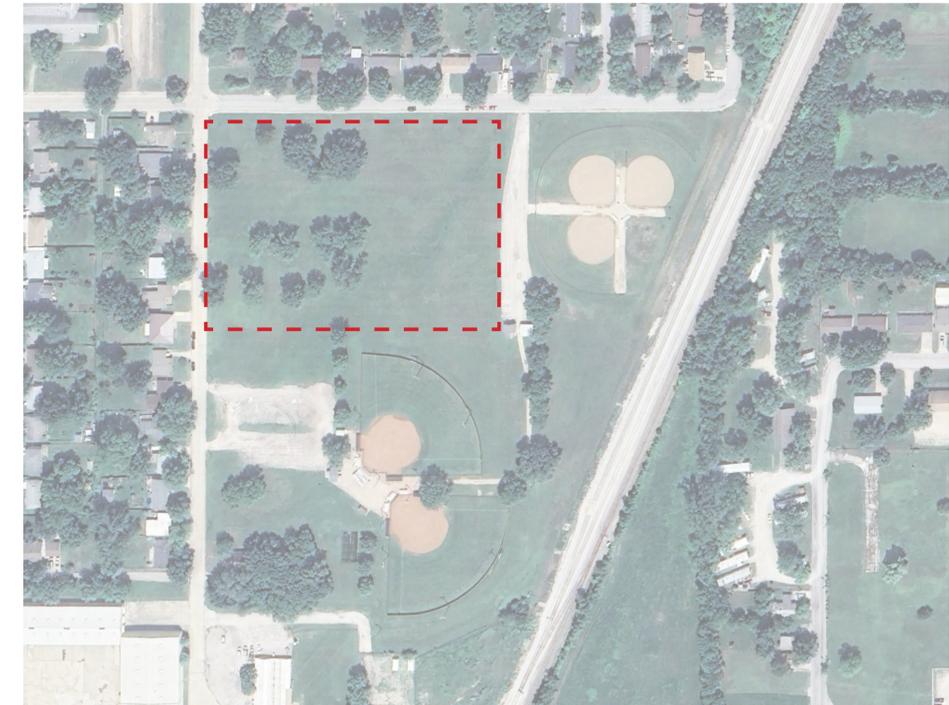
Rec Center

Too Small



Hammond Park

Too Small



Whittier Park

Future Skate Park|Too Small

Lowther North

Land Acquisitions / Site Preparation Cost:

\$5,000,000

Opportunities

Site

- Site could accommodate 100,000 sf building
- Flat site with minimal grading required

Location

- Close to downtown and central for other neighborhood

Access

- Easy car and L-CAT access

Infrastructure

- Potable Water — Onsite (move)
- Sanitary Sewer — Onsite (move)
- Storm Sewer — Onsite (move) - Detention?
- Streets — Existing
- Gas — Unknown
- Electric — Unknown

Adjacencies

- Potential benefit to adjacent businesses
- Potential for adjacent development

Challenges

Site

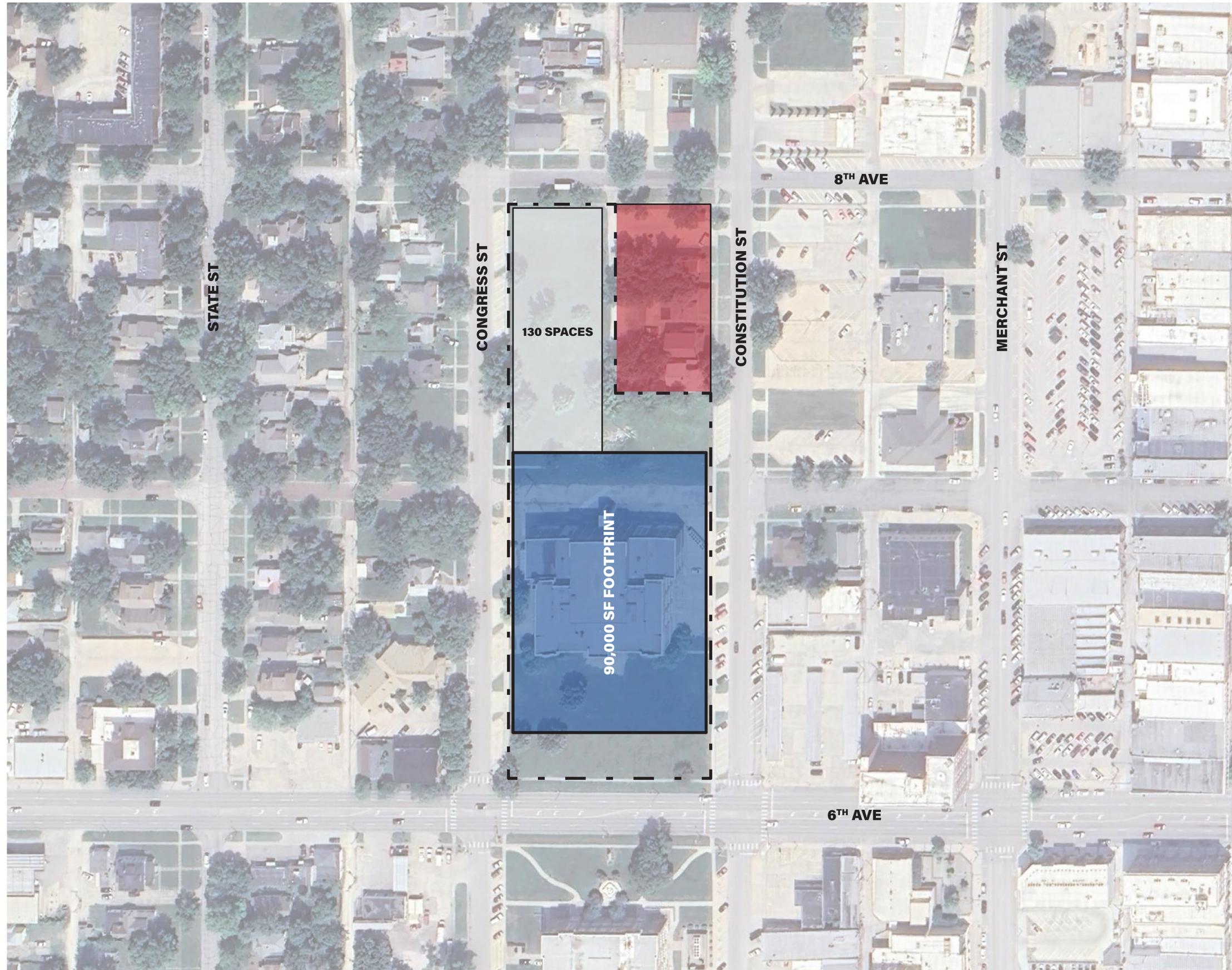
- Existing building needs to be demolished
- Not enough parking area to meet program needs without demolition of NE housing
- If parking replaces NE housing, additional downtown parking would still be needed for larger events
- Possible existing foundations and tunnel

Ownership

- Not currently owned

Adjacencies

- No adjacency to existing rec
- Adjacent to single family housing



Jones Aquatic

Land Acquisitions / Site Preparation Cost:

\$500,000

Opportunities

Site

- Large, open site could easily accommodate 100,000+ sf building and parking expansion
- Relatively flat site with minimal grading required
- Could accommodate full indoor soccer
- Partner with EHS/EMS on facilities and programming
- Proximity to DeBauge
- Room for expansion
- Surrounded by new development

Location

- Good visibility from/to I-355
- Ave. 7.6 minutes from local elementary schools

Access

- Close but circuitous access from I-35 and I-355

Infrastructure

- Potable Water - Onsite (loop)
- Sanitary Sewer - Onsite (extension)
- Storm Sewer - Detention basin
- Streets - Existing
- Gas - Unknown
- Electric - Unknown

Ownership

- City-owned

Adjacencies

- Potential for adjacent development
- Adjacent to existing aquatic center and parking

Challenges

Location

- Farthest site from downtown and neighborhoods
- Traffic on Graphic Arts is particularly busy during school start and dismissal times.

Access

- No existing L-CAT access



Jones Park East

Land Acquisitions / Site Preparation Cost:

\$1,000,000

Opportunities

Site

- Site could accommodate 100,000 sf building and parking
- Disc golf partnerships (training, indoor use, leagues, etc)
- Room to expand in the future

Location

- Good visibility from/to I-35
- Ave. 6.6 minutes from elementary schools

Infrastructure

- Sanitary Sewer — Onsite
- Storm Sewer — Detention basin
- Streets — Existing
- Gas — Unknown
- Electric — Unknown

Ownership

- City-owned

Adjacencies

- Adjacent to existing outdoor rec

Challenges

Site

- Existing mature trees along east border
- Rock outcropping for site development
- Approximately 20' elevation drop from SW to NE (building)
- Could accommodate full indoor soccer but would have large impact on park space
- Increase traffic in quiet neighborhoods
- Create traffic congestion at nearby intersections

Location

- Far from downtown

Infrastructure

- Potable Water — Need to loop along 24th Ave

Access

- No existing L-CAT access
- Difficult access through neighborhood
- 24th Ave is only 20-21' wide

Adjacencies

- Adjacent to single family housing



Jones Park West

Land Acquisitions / Site Preparation Cost:

\$1,000,000

Opportunities

Site

- Site could accommodate 100,000 sf building and parking
- Disc golf partnerships (training, indoor use, leagues, etc)
- Room to expand in the future

Location

- Good visibility from/to I-35
- Ave. 6.6 minutes from elementary schools

Infrastructure

- Sanitary Sewer — Onsite
- Storm Sewer — Detention basin
- Streets — Existing
- Gas — Unknown
- Electric — Unknown

Ownership

- City-owned

Adjacencies

- Adjacent to existing outdoor rec

Challenges

Site

- Existing mature trees along east border
- Rock outcropping for site development
- Approximately 20' elevation drop from SW to NE (building)
- Could accommodate full indoor soccer but would have large impact on park space
- Increase traffic in quiet neighborhoods
- Create traffic congestion at nearby intersections

Location

- Far from downtown

Infrastructure

- Potable Water — Need to loop along 24th Ave

Access

- No existing L-CAT access
- Difficult access through neighborhood
- 24th Ave is only 20-21' wide

Adjacencies

- Adjacent to single family housing



Champions Landing

Land Acquisitions / Site Preparation Cost:

\$1,000,000

Opportunities

Site

- Site could accommodate 100,000 sf building and parking
- Partnerships with ESU on facilities and parking
- Room to expand in the future

Location

- Close to I-35 and ESU
- Ave. 6.2 minutes to local elementary schools

Access

- Easy access from I-35 and neighborhoods

Infrastructure

- Potable Water — Existing
- Sanitary Sewer — Existing
- Storm Sewer — Detention basin
- Streets — Existing
- Gas — Unknown
- Electric — Unknown

Adjacencies

- Adjacent to existing outdoor rec

Challenges

Site

- Existing golf course would need to be partially reconfigured (if it is to remain)
- Multiple existing mature trees on site
- Rock assumed onsite
- Approximately 22' elevation drop from W to E (building)
- Could accommodate full indoor soccer but would have large impact on golf course
- Already at a busy interesting. New building would cause more traffic

Access

- L-CAT route and stop 3 blocks south

Ownership

- Not currently owned

Adjacencies

- Adjacent to single family and multi family housing

