

# Re-Creation of Recreation

Alan Carson  
City Manager  
2014 Retreat

# Hillside Pool

- ▶ City Council accepted donation by Hillside Properties (Dearl Bunce) December 2013
- ▶ Renovate Pool and Pool House by Summer 2015
- ▶ Redesign for ADA and lower operational costs
- ▶ Operate as City's only community Pool
- ▶ May be able to enter into agreement with Partner Agency to operate pool for the City



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# Washington Park Re-creation

- ▶ Answers Recreation Facility Study Report that recommended renovation of Washington Park
- ▶ Report recommended renovating pool to splash pad
- ▶ Received community participation
- ▶ Site Solutions recommendation from 2013–2022 Facility Master Plan



# Washington Park Re-creation

- ▶ For safety and to spend funds toward “re-creation” of park, pool will not open Summer 2014
- ▶ Form focus group with Recreation and Parks Board/Ernie Tompkins Consulting
- ▶ Data collected and report 4–6 months
  - Summer/Fall 2014
- ▶ Architectural design/Engineer firm chosen
- ▶ Renovation design approved
- ▶ Bids/construction
- ▶ Completed 2015–2016



# EXAMPLES of Splash Pad



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# Radcliffe Park Re-creation

- ▶ Recreation Facility Study indicated a desire in the community for Skateboard Park
- ▶ Only pool open Summer 2014
- ▶ Possibly managed by Partner Agency for 2014
- ▶ Pool to close after Summer 2014



# Radcliffe Park Re-creation

- ▶ Form focus group with Recreation and Parks Board/Ernie Tompkins Consulting
  - Spring/Summer 2015
- ▶ Data collected and report 4-6 months
- ▶ Architectural design/Engineer firm chosen
- ▶ Renovation design approved
- ▶ Bids/construction
- ▶ Completed early 2016-2017



# EXAMPLES of Skate Parks



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# City Recreation Indoor Facility



## Safe, Fun Place Youth Recreation Center

- Recommended in Four Different Studies
  - 1966 Revised Master Plan for Recreation and Parks
  - 1987 Master Plan for Parks and Recreation
  - 2000 Davidson County Assessment of Health and Human Service Needs and Opportunities
  - Lexington Challenge 2000 Committee



## Obstacles for Local Youth

- Approximately 84% Qualify for Federal Free or Reduced Cost Lunch Programs
- 1,075 Live in Single Parent/Guardian Homes
- Education Level of Parents
- Transportation





City Council approved funding  
for Youth Recreation Center  
Master Plan Study in  
2004-2005 Budget

The Lawrence Group selected  
to complete study.



## 2005 Citizen Input Process

- Stakeholders Group (2 Meetings Held)
  - Lexington City Schools
  - Lexington Housing Authority
  - Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club
  - Communities in Schools of Lexington/Davidson County
  - N.C. Department of Juvenile Justice
  - Lexington Recreation & Parks Department
  - Lexington Youth Council



## 2005 Public Meeting to Present Charrette Findings

- Found that there was a need to provide a safe, fun and education-oriented atmosphere for our youth after school.
- Found that there was support for:
  - Base Building: Mini-mall with multi-purpose activity areas
  - Gymnasium
  - Extreme Room: Skate Park/Rock Climbing Wall



# Recreation Indoor Facility

- ▶ Additional Citizen and Consultant Recommendations since 2008
  - 2020 Renaissance Strategic Planning Committee recommended “Initiate a strategic planning process for recreation/community centers to bring all stakeholders to the table to reach consensus...”
  - Site Solutions recommendation in 2013–2022 Facility Master Plan presented to City Council Fall 2013, which included community forums during facilities study



# Recreation Indoor Facility

- ▶ City reached verbal “handshake” agreement to purchase Tri-distributors building located at 940 South Main Street
- ▶ Contract terms to be finalized and approved Spring 2014 for Summer 2014 acquisition agreement

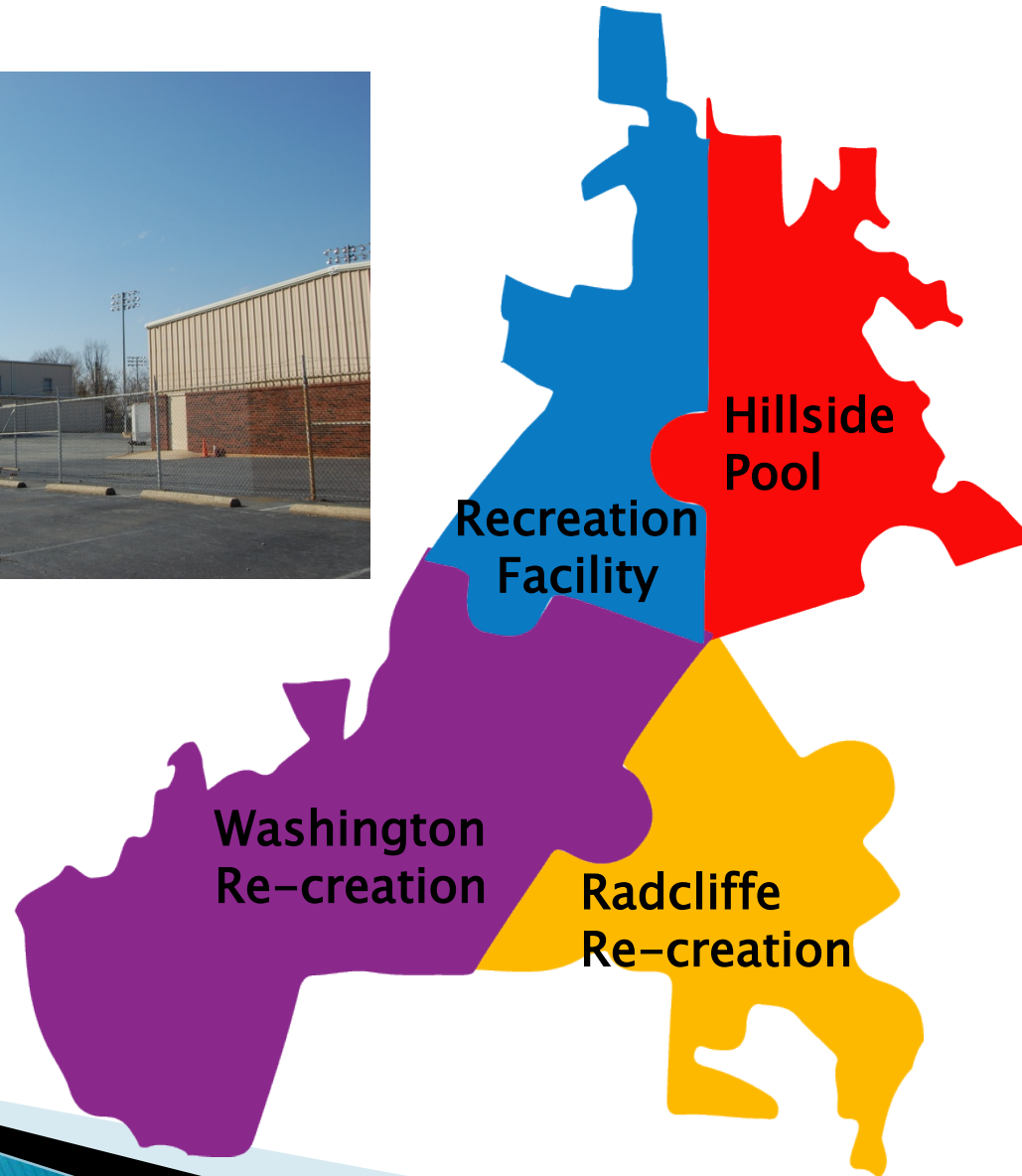


# Recreation Indoor Facility

- ▶ Form focus group with Recreation and Parks Board/Ernie Tompkins Consulting
- ▶ 4–6 months of meeting and report delivered Winter/Spring 2015–2016
- ▶ Architectural design/Engineer firm chosen
- ▶ Renovation design approved
- ▶ Bids/construction
- ▶ Completed early 2017–2018
- ▶ WOW Factor!



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# Possible Partners

- ▶ YMCA
- ▶ Lexington City Schools
- ▶ Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club
- ▶ Davidson County Transportation





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