



Hales Corners Pool Testing

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Informational Item

From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks with an informational report sharing findings from the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (Parks) testing of the Hales Corners Park Pool in 2025



Background

- In June 2025, the County Board passed Board Resolution 25-437, directing the Parks Department to conduct comprehensive testing of the Hales Corners Park Pool and its associated systems to evaluate maintenance needs and identify necessary repairs for reopening the facility.
- Parks was asked to provide a summary of findings upon the completion of this work.

Background

- Parks staff began filling the pool in August 2025 and initiated testing of various operational systems. After more than a month of testing, significant deficiencies were identified.



Findings

- Filtration System: Replace the existing diatomaceous earth (DE) filter system with a new sand filter system. The current DE filter has exceeded its expected service life.
- Sanitary Piping: Replace deteriorated and leaking sanitary sewer piping.
- Showers: Repair leaking showers serving the pool area.
- Main Drain: Repair and replace the leaking main drain system.
- Pool Deck: Mudjack and repair existing concrete areas around the pool deck.

Findings

- Pool Liner: Replace the existing liner, which has exceeded its expected lifespan.
- Fencing: Replace the existing perimeter fencing.
- Flooring: Replace flooring in the main and shower areas.
- Changing Area: Replace existing benches and partition walls.
- Painting: Repaint interior walls and apply new floor coatings.
- Electrical: Replace exterior building and pool deck lighting, as well as interior lighting fixtures.
- High Voltage System: Replace the existing high-voltage electrical system.

Findings



- The estimated total cost for these repairs is approximately \$600,000. These findings reflect the age and condition of the facility, which originally opened to the public in 1968.
- Three other pools were constructed by Milwaukee County Parks during the 1960s
 - Two (Lincoln and Dineen) have since been replaced with new facilities
 - Washington Park pool is identified for full replacement



Questions?



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