

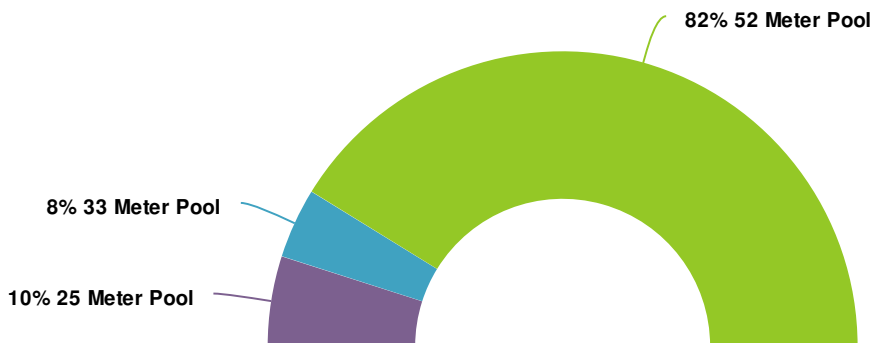
Report for Bainbridge Parks - aquatic center

Response Counts

Completion Rate:	100%	<div style="width: 100%; height: 15px; background-color: #663366;"></div>
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1. Please indicate which pool alternative you prefer, and tell us why:

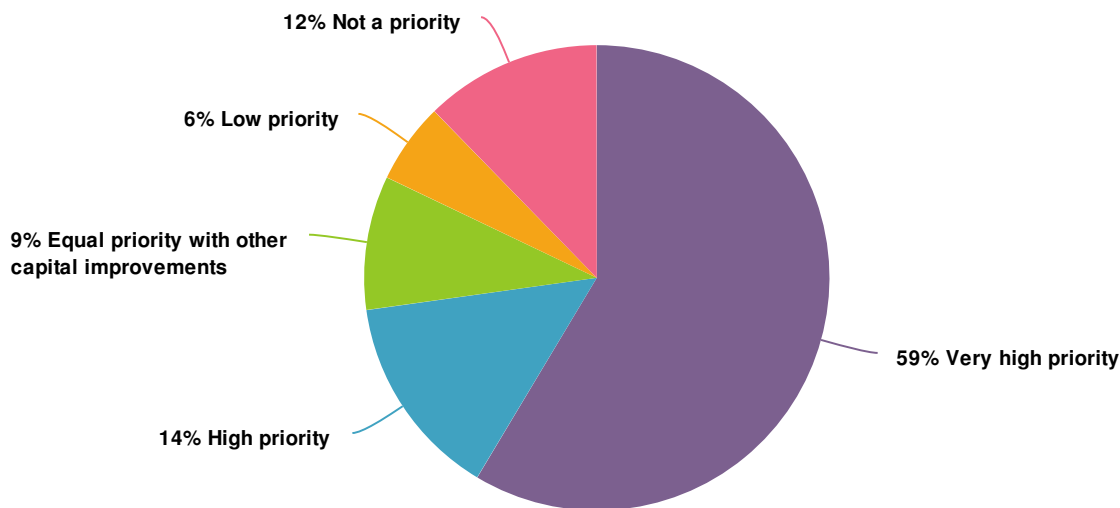


Value	Percent	Responses
25 Meter Pool	9.9%	14
33 Meter Pool	7.7%	11
52 Meter Pool	82.4%	117

Totals: 142

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2. The pool replacement project would require funding from various public and private sources. Funding sources would include public grants, private fundraising, and most likely a voter approved bond. The full build-out of the largest pool option is estimated to cost up to \$40 million to develop. We are interested in learning how high of a priority this project is to the Bainbridge Island community. Within the context of other Park District capital investment priorities and potential need for tradeoffs, please indicate how high of a priority the replacement of the Ray Williamson Pool is to you:



Value	Percent	Responses
Very high priority	58.6%	95
High priority	14.2%	23
Equal priority with other capital improvements	9.3%	15
Low priority	5.6%	9
Not a priority	12.3%	20

Totals: 162

3. Why?



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13 Because I use the pool regularly and my use will probably only increase when I retire. It is the one thing I use most regularly.

15 While many neighbors use the existing pools, I'd rather see the Sakai buildings built first, and I'd rather have my taxes spent on those wide variety of activities vs. lap swimming and water polo.

17 Need to balance the need for more pool space with other broad reaching projects - the island is diverse and the park district needs to develop programs that serve a wide variety of interests.

18 Safety is a high priority. I don't know if that is an issue here, but if it is, let's maintain the pool. I understand that some groups want to hold more swim events here on the island. That is not something I'm willing to pay a lot of extra for.

19 While we have a lot of great swimmers and a lot of pool users, I would emphasize being sure the pool and facility is good for all ages, not just master or competitive swimmers. I'm concerned that the pool improvements being suggested really serve a smaller amount of overall pool users.

20 The pool is very highly utilized by lots of families, and all ages. The schedule at both pools is already packed. More capacity will allow for more use as swim team moves to the Ray Williamson Pool, and then the Nakata pool can accommodate more rec swim, lessons, family swim, open swim, etc.

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22 We need to increase capacity of our aquatic center to allow people of all ages throughout our community to engage in a healthy, lifelong activity. Particularly in our climate where the dark, wet winter months have many Islanders looking for indoor areas to stay active and fit. The Bainbridge Island community has grown and today the aquatic center is in use 17 hours per day and serves dozens of different groups. The pool is literally overflowing with users and is becoming unsafe in some instances (i.e. difficult to get lane space, wait list for BISC, polo practicing at 10pm, overcrowded lanes, etc.) Our community loves the pool; there is growing demand for aquatic groups and activities for every age group and ability.

23 It seems to me to be the district asset that is most lacking and in need of (vast) improvement. And selfishly, I swim regularly and would love the island to have a better pool.

24 This is a very high priority. This is the most important thing the Park District has done since its inception. The community has grown and now is the time to make this happen. We can support this and it should be built.

26 My response to the question above answers this question as well. We are an island with a huge and dynamic swim community. Swimming is a needed skill, a fantastic way to exercise, and just plain fun. The Aquatic center is always packed - people come from far and wide to enjoy it. The amount of use of the current pool speaks for itself. Let's step up and build this 52 meter pool for the health and wellbeing of all Islanders!

28 This building is the park districts most visited year around facility/park on the the island. It's also the park districts responsibility to see that it is properly replaced and maintained. This should be the agencies #1 priority to address before the older facility fails. I would support a bond to pay for this project as it serves islanders of all ages.

30 Can be used by people of all ages in our community. It's the highest use facility on the Island!

31 Needed

32 This should be the highest priority for the Park District. The existing pool has served for the past 50 years, and now we need a pool for the next 50 years. The cost differential between pool sizes is small, and the great flexibility and large capacity of the 52-meter pool makes it an easy decision to support.

33 There is no other resource like this around. The current pool is falling apart. The potential for growth of pool programming is outstanding. This is an inter-generational, incredibly valuable community resource. We need to build this well - with an excellent design that sets high standards for green building standards and non-motorized transportation connections.

34 This is the And only recreational facility available to all ages from Burke to 99 open 5 AM to 10 PM 363 days a year

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36 Demand for competitive and recreational lap swim facilities already outstrips capacity of Ray pool and continues to grow. Ray is well beyond its useful life and requires costly maintenance just to maintain current (inadequate) level of service. Kitsap (and Seattle) desperately need a long course facility other than King County Aquatic in Federal Way. This investment addresses needs for next 50 years.

37 The aquatic center benefits the community in ways that no other parks and rec facility does. Families and people from off-island also depend on these facilities for many activities. The Ray pool is at the end of its life span and presents safety and maintenance issues that make this the highest priority for the community - much higher than developing the Sakai property.

38 Replacement of the Ray Williamson pool is on the verge of becoming a health and safety imperative. Lanes are so crowded with swimmers from age group to Master's that it can be dangerous. Our community is incredibly active with water sports; our facility should meet the needs.

40 Again - affordable housing.

41 Yes, my son is on swim team, so that plays a part in it. But, I am also there often and see the ailing environment our community is using. It's often packed to the brim with activities, and there never seems to be enough time in the day for everything to get done. Let alone the state of both pools. They are used everyday, by all kinds of people. Seems like a no brainer to me.

42 The current facility is falling apart - it is not going to get better. The use from the community is clear. Building an undersized pool when we have the opportunity to build an Olympic sized one will be a regret for generations to come.

43 The Ray Williamson Pool is heavily used by the various teams (high school swim, BISC, BAM, water polo, etc.) as well as the general public. In fact, it is often difficult for members of the general public to find an open lane in the pool during lap swim. Given the strong demand as well as the facts that the Ray Pool has outlived its useful life and no longer meets the community's programming needs, replacement of the Ray Pool must be a top priority.

44 Because the current Ray pool is not meeting needs and it has met it's life span.

45 Because the current pool has reached capacity and has reached it's end of life.

46 Ray is obsolete and cannot be repaired or rennovated in a cost effective manner. Ray does not currently accommodate current demands by users.

47 It is at the end of its useful life and heavily used.

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48 Sooooo many people on the island use the pool--all ages, backgrounds and abilities-- and it is a form of exercise accessible to all, from the youngest to the oldest, from competitors to people needing the gentle support of water for aqua-therapy. Done right, with good gathering spots, the pool facility also serves as a community center for socializing. I don't know of any other sport activity that serves such a wide swath and is so good for people. Everyone leaves the pool happy!

49 I swim at the pool all the time, both with my kids and the Masters team. We often have 5-8 adults per lane at Masters. Many activities would like pool time for lessons, teams, activities, but it's so crowded all the time.

50 See comments above - the best possible pool should be BIParks #1 priority.

53 This investment in the pool will be wise rather than continuing to dump money into a system that is just going to fail in the long run anyways.

54 Reasons stated above.

55 See above - so many groups use this pool and it is SO crowded each and every day. Despite the high cost, so many folks on the island interact with this pool and would benefit from the larger size.

56 The Ray Williamson Pool is well beyond its intended, safe operating life. Failure to replace and expand aquatic facilities on Bainbridge Island would severely impact the health and wellbeing of several user groups of all ages, from children learning to swim for the first time (a significant lifelong safety issue), youth competition teams that provide a healthy and character building experiences as mind and bodies develop, to adults who use the aquatic facilities for fitness, stress management, or rehabilitation following injury. On a personal note, I grew up in a community that had a strong aquatic infrastructure, and I can say without hesitation that access to pool facilities for various activities and recreation shaped the community and had a profound impact on the person I am today.

57 Pool feels oversubscribed.

58 As a active family user of the pool we see all of the positives the pool provides to so many different user groups. As a parent we have learned that a busy kid is more likely to stay out of trouble. So the more programs and pool time we can have for all types of kids the better it is for our community. Our island is growing and we need to plan for the growth of the aquatic needs over the net decades.

60 I am a swimmer and I have seen how improved facilities bring others into the sport.

61 Ray cannot be repaired. We are already under capacity. Replacing costs "X" which really cannot be avoided and leaves the Island under served. The 33 meter pool would cost "Y" which is the least that can meet the current use So why not spend "y" through the parks department plus "Z" which can be a campaign to raise funds in the county and the community?

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62 The current ray Williamson pool is outdated and is too small for the growing community

63 The 52 Meter pool makes the most financial sense, long term.

64 See comments above. I would like to see our water polo program given greater support, along with the benefits for all the pool users.

65 The aquatic center is a key aspect of our community, but unfortunately the current system does not allow for all those interested to use it. This expansion would solve that problem.

70 The idea of building a "regional" pool complex on this island is absurd. Why would you build something on the scale of the King Co. Aquatic Center in a city (Bainbridge Isl.) with the lowest population density in the state? It makes no sense, financially or operationally. A "regional" complex should be built where the people are, i.e. Bremerton/Silverdale. All a big complex on Bainbridge Island would accomplish is bring more traffic, which is already bad enough. It would also be too expensive to run, as your own studies demonstrate -- creating an escalating effect on the district's operations budget and crowding out other programs and services.

71 It is a vital role in the success of young athletes and can help earn more money in the long run instead of continuing to pay for repairs to the Ray Williamson pool.

72 Current situation is very crowded. Pool is used year round by every age and includes people with physical and mental disabilities so captures a large percentage of our population. We are living on an island so teaching all ages to swim is of vital importance. Bring athletes to our island to compete so brings dollars into community as well.

74 Aquatic facilities serve young as well as older residence in the community. This community has demonstrated that an aquatic facility is of high value to them by producing very successful water sport youth teams as well as a very active adult aquatic community.

75 I would rather see more general use indoor rec facilities built instead of specialized aquatic center.

77 The aquatic center is one of the most consistently used park facilities on the island. It is of use to, in used by people of all ages, all year round. The programs housed at the aquatic center are some of the most successful on the island (BHS Swimming, BISC, BAM, the Dive team, etc). Beyond that, as an island community it is essential to have swim lessons readily available to people of all ages. While the course currently offered are amazing, they are frequently full. There is clearly unsatisfied demand. We don't need to guess what people want, we need to spend where they already are!

78 The old pool is near the end of its life. Let's replace it with something that reflects current programs and island growth.

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80 The pool is in great need of renovation but the facility is not up to date with what it is needed for more than any other area I am aware of. As a water polo player I have very late practice times that I have to balance with getting enough sleep for school and I also know that our team can't host tournaments which would be an amazing experience for our team. I think the aquatic center would greatly benefit from this investment.

82 If the Ray Williamson pool is aging, please fix it and do not propose a ludicrous 40 million project. The current facility is good enough and if need be, remodel it, and add a little bit on to it but do not move these activities off that property. NO POOL AT SAKAI PARK!!!

83 BHS is known for its swim program--would like to support that.

84 I am an adult swimmer and use the pool facilities on a regular basis.

85 I don't use it and I don't have kids who might use it. I'd be interested in hearing what percentage of the Island population this serves. I guess I'd say, do what's needed to keep the swim programs going for local kids, seniors, and the high school swim team, but keep it within bounds. It should be nice, but not Ritchie Rich, country club nice.

86 A large pool would draw regionally for swim meets and water polo tournaments which help me as a small business owner. Also my son played water polo and had practices ending at 9:30 - too late. If we want this to be a sport where students participate there needs to be enough time for all swimmers.

88 Can't afford private pool options abs public pool is very tired and limited availability

89 So many kids, families, adults and disabled people use the aquatic center and all the swim and water polo teams, lessons and special programs. Building a new pool will be a huge investment but one that should payoff for the whole community as well as fks in Poulsbo, Suquamish, etc. Also economic opportunity for hosting swim meets, water polo matches, etc.

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93 Sorry..... I am an elder and don't swim.

94 Would the current pool need to be replaced ? Could the current facility be built on to for an aquatic center similar to those in Canada or Olympic Centers like KCAC? It seems that an additional pool would facilitate all teams, clubs and families/public use as well.

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97 Ray Williamson pool is too old and too small to house all the swimming and pool activities going on right now. Scheduling seems hard for the pool as the need is high.

98 Same as above.

100 You can swim in the Sound, I do.

101 For the reasons stated above, but mainly the overcrowding and overuse of the pool and the lack of space to grow the island's swimming programs. We already have newer soccer fields, baseball fields, balls courts, parks, etc., and the current old pool has reached the end of its viable life, a new 52 meter pool will bring Bainbridge Island up to speed with the new pools that are cropping up over in Seattle.

103 There are already plenty of pools in Kitsap County -- at least twelve. The two major users of the Ray (BISC and water polo) are too lazy and consider themselves to privileged to drive off the Island to use other pools. There are also three private pools on Bainbridge that could probably be rented to those two groups -- if there was a willingness to negotiate.....

104 Yet another tax increase for luxury

105 The pool is well used by the community.

106 The Ray Pool is on its last legs. Further delay risks a catastrophic pool failure that would deprive our High School State Championship teams a place to prepare to be State Champs. It would deprive nearly 150 BAM Masters swimmers from being able to train for year-round competitions in both pool and open-water events. It would deprive highly recognized and awarded coaches from being able to prepare their athletes to compete and excel at their chosen sport. It would deny a large community of young club and general lap swimmers who aspire to become better swimmers, better competitors, more fit athletes, and engaged members of our active community. The Ray Pool is heavily used from early morning to late at night. A 52 M pool would provide more space, to serve more people, at more reasonable times. While this would be an expensive undertaking, the potential to serve more community members is great.

107 My 84 year old mother attends classes at the pool - in addition to keeping her healthy physically, it keeps her healthy mentally and connected to our community. Both of my children grew up learning to swim with lessons that were terribly difficult to get into - the demand is/was far greater than the availability. My daughter is now in high school swimming with BISC and on the high school swim team. There is never enough pool time or space to meet their needs. So many people on our island benefit from the aquatic center - it's just not big enough and something needs to be done now to address the current/future structural issues.

109 I am a big supporter of the Aquatic Center and a Masters Swimmer

110 I would rather see the current pool/swimming lessons run more efficiently.

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111 The high use and impact on diverse user groups that cross every generation on BI means that this will positively impact a high percentage of residents on BI. It also impacts many current users of the aquatic center that would be negatively impacted if the current pool were to become inoperable.

113 It is TIME! lets actually solve this.

114 Do not care will never use it

115 At some point, we all need to learn to make due with what we have. Reduce, reuse and recycle should be part of the mission statement of all aspects of our community.

116 People of all ages on Bainbridge use the pool. It's especially important for physical fitness in the inclement winter months. It offers something for literally everyone: lessons for kids, swim teams for kids & adolescents, masters swimming, physical therapy alternatives for people with disabilities and recovering from surgery or injuries, physical fitness options for special needs people, and lastly, geriatric people with joint & other body issues.

117 Replacing the pool is a high priority if and when the current Ray Williamson pool fails. I think it is outrageous the estimated costs for the project. I would like some explanation why two private developments (The Pool and Pleasant Beach and The Bainbridge Athletic Club) were both able to fund and construct their pools at a significantly lower cost. I am also concerned about the feasibility study being preformed by The Coates Design Group. When viewing their previous projects on their website I do not feel that they have the experience or expertise to be conducting such a feasibility study. I am also concerned about the level of which their current buildings have preformed - the soon to be police station has obvious signs of failure on the siding which makes me concerned about their level of commercial experience and the longevity of the buildings they produce.

120 Critical to all ages and growing programs for swimming and water polo. The Sakai property build out is just not needed in the same way (we already have parks and picnic facilities, and fields and meeting spaces). Building a proper pool will bring community revenue when events can be held here, and provide athletic opportunity for swimmers of all ages.

122 Enjoy going there with the grandkids and not much other public pool access

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124 I think most families use the pool in some fashion. It's one of the few places anyone of any age can have fun recreationally. These types of places that serve multi-generations are slowly going extinct (e.g. Pavilion, Skateland). My kids love going to birthday parties there. I enjoy classes there and the availability of the pool for organizations like the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

125 Demand is high for more available time and space for large numbers of programs.

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128 We have a lot of quality athletes on the island that deserve a state of art facility

130 The "new" pool was a huge community investment what 20 years ago? It seems other areas of recreation deserve the large investment now.

131 Read previous. It is not needed.

134 The Ray Williamson pool is very old and outdated. There are more and more people doing competitive swimming (clubs, teams, Masters) and a new facility would be great for these activities.

135 We really need a 50 meter pool for ALL of our aquatic sports needs and given how many families regularly use the pools and have such success with their teams, I think it should take priority to the other needs at this time. In order to accommodate all the programs AND provide the opportunity to host events, we need a 50 meter pool for Swim and Water Polo competitions. Having the ability to split the pool for practice times will aid significantly in healthier practice times for our players/swimmers. Also, please consider that the community will benefit YEAR ROUND from hosting Swim and Water Polo tournaments. (for which a bigger pool is necessary for splitting into 2 WP courts too.)Our kids have to travel quite far for tournaments, as do the Seattle teams, and being able to host tournaments will boost our off season Restaurant and Hotel business too.

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138 This is so much money, and it makes no sense. The current pool might not be perfect, but it's still a very high quality facility that serves our community well.

139 I currently have two swimmers and one son playing water polo. Our current facilities are insufficient for the level of aquatic sports I'd like to see available on the island.

140 This is a huge expense for a limited number of people. At some point we make do with what we've got. With the amount of money we could do so many important things - solar panels on buildings, more biking and walking trails, make building more energy efficient.

141 The current facility seems to meet the community needs. If the old pool need to be enhanced in some was - do it on the current site. I will NOT vote for additional funds to pay for this and I further will join any group that arises to campaign against it.

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142 Useless, as we could never have access to this pool. It will be full of those who sign up or live near it. Why does such a small City need two pools? The road to Gazzam is still unpaved, causing a dusty, choking mess every summer, only getting worse with dryer climate and more tourists (multiple cars holding people who obviously don't live here), and yet you want to spend millions on another pool?

143 Despite the demand, it can't be top priority as there are other users of BIMPRD resources also and their needs must continue to be met.

144 Swimmers seem to need the pool, and it provides a lot of programming for our island. Would be nice to wait until construction market cools though.

145 This project would allow Bainbridge Island to host high-caliber swimming events that would draw more daytime and overnight visitors to our island thus boosting the restaurant, shopping, and hotel industries without causing serious permanent resident over-crowding. We already have a repeat state Champion High School swimming and diving team and the Speedo US Masters Swimming coach of the year (April Cheadle), a thriving high school water polo team, etc...So swimming is part of this island's heritage and one of our highest performing high school sports. Lets bolster our support for these groups to help them continue to improve while giving a boost to our local economy at the same time. Please note that a 33M pool is a non-standard pool length and a 25M pool is very little different from the existing 25yard pool. So, both smaller pool options actually seem like a waste of resources to me.

146 This is an investment in a healthy young and aging community. Swimming is a life time fitness sport - age 2 to 102! Swimming, water polo, boating safety - play - is all important for a community. Also - having a year round indoor sports area is key to mental fitness in the dark winter as well.

147 I'm a swimmer who participates in the Masters program. The multi-use complex planned for Sakai Park is laudable, but much of those facilities already exist on the island and their replacement/expansion doesn't seem as urgent nor the audience for them as great as the aquatic center.

148 An expanded Aquatic Center would support programming for the public and allow the swimming programs to grow. Living near water means that swimming is not only a recreation, but a safety issue. Having a facility that encourages swimming and safety/ experience around water will contribute to the fitness of the community as well as the safety of community members. Swimming/water programs are accessible to a wide range of age groups and ability levels and are a great way to meet others in the community.

149 as above

150 It is absolutely necessary. Our community is very water centric.

152 As a master swimmer I see how busy the pool is from 5 in the morning until late at night.

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153	Needed for our top notch swimmers to compete and practice!
154	We love the current aquatic center and would love to see it even better!
155	The current Ray pool either needs to be updated or replaced. It seems best at this time to replace it with a larger pool that can serve our growing population.
156	The existing Nakata pool has outlasted its projected lifespan by several decades. It could fail at any time. It is also completely inadequate to meet the needs of Islanders of all ages, not only for lap swimming but also for water polo, swim meets, water aerobics, hydro-therapy, etc. The aquatic center is the most intensively used recreational facility in the park district. It is used year-round. I believe that building a replacement pool for the Nakata pool has a higher priority than any other capital project currently under consideration by the Park District.
162	Do not use the lap pool
163	\$40m can provide for numerous other opportunities, both developed and dispersed, including furthering acquisition of open space and continuing to improve the existing trail system, not to mention adding to and improving the great selection of programs the District offers.
165	I would most likely not use this pool but I'm not against building it for others that find it important
166	We do not have competitive and or lap swimmers in our household.
167	Because it is part of my health and wellness care plan..... Also the pool situation provides a multiage community which builds a resilient integrated society.
168	Since I am a swimmer it is of course the highest priority to me. The Masters Swimming program is extremely successful and boasts this year's National Coach of the Year, April Cheadle. Due to the success of the program we often have 6 or 7 swimmers in each available lane which is certainly less than ideal. In addition the available lanes for freelance lap swimmers is severely diminished during Masters workout times, and no space is available during those times for other aquatic programs and activities.
169	Like it but not more than other projects on the table
170	The community already has public places for gymnastics, basketball, etc. But when the pool fails there is no place else on Bainbridge for people to swim indoors.. Also, Bainbridge is an Island and every child should know how to swim.
171	I played a large part in the creation and funding of the newest pool some years ago. At the time, it was promised that the old pool would be redone and receive the highest priority shortly after, That never happened and we now have a decrepit sub-par facility, supported by adults who have no other place to go. The current pool facility is a health hazard

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173 While the cost may be higher now, the investment will pay itself in community opportunities, health and recreation programs, pride and sporting tourism.

175 Bainbridge has such a strong swimming culture, the new pool would allow for more users to enjoy the pool. Kids swimming lessons are so hard to get into, which is a shame since living on Bainbridge offers so much water activity and getting kids to be competent swimmers is extremely important for safety. Masters swim practices are for all ages and those practices are sometimes so crowded. The High School teams are fantastic and the larger pool would help create more sports support and meets.