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## City of Evansville Hosts Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for New Aquatic Center & Park



**EVANSVILLE, Wisc. (June 7, 2024)** – Representatives from the City of Evansville, MSA Professional Services, Inc. (MSA), Corporate Contractors, Inc. (CCI), Water Technologies, Inc. (WTI), Rettler Corporation, State Sen. Mark Spreitzer, State Rep. Clinton Anderson, and other project stakeholders gathered Friday, June 7, for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the grand opening of a new community aquatic center and revitalized Larson Acres Park (formerly West Side Park) at 700 Porter Road.

City Administrator Jason Sergeant expressed the city's excitement "The investment the City has made for Larson Acres Park and the Evansville Aquatic Center represent an investment for generations to come."

The completed facility includes a six-lane pool, aqua climbing wall, diving board, slides, zero-depth entry area, and accommodations for individuals of all ages and abilities. The center is also equipped with locker rooms, showers, a concession area, admissions desk, staff and lifeguard support spaces.

Accompanying the new Evansville Aquatic Center are upgrades to the surrounding property. Formerly known as West Side Park, the 24-acre site has been renamed Larson Acres Park — dedicated in honor of Don and Virginia Larson whose family farmed the land for decades and made a generous donation in support of the project. Upgrades at Larson Acres Park include renovated soccer fields, new ballfield, softball field, central open green space, multiuse trails, parking spaces, and new stormwater system.

[MSA](#) served as the lead architect and engineer for both projects, with [Corporate Contractors Inc.](#) serving as the general contractor, [Water Technology Inc.](#) as aquatics designer and [Rettlers Corporation](#) as athletic field specialists. Work on the aquatic center and park began in August 2022 and was completed in May, 2024.

“I’m so proud of this community and what it has accomplished” Mayor Duggan shared, “and excited for the citizens to enjoy these new facilities all summer long!”

The project was made possible by \$1.85mil in private donations from businesses and the community. A Capital Campaign Committee, chaired by Matthew Pooch, spearheaded the fundraising efforts.

More Information about the project can be found here: [www.evansvillewi.gov/parkimprovements](http://www.evansvillewi.gov/parkimprovements)

More information about the Aquatic Center including hours and fees can be found here: [www.evansvillewi.gov/aquatics](http://www.evansvillewi.gov/aquatics)

