

City of Cherokee Bacon Aquatic Center

Cherokee, IA



Cherokee's swimming facility was nearly half a century old, and the entire facility needed to be upgraded if it was to remain in service. The community had considered tearing down the bathhouse and upgrading the pool and filter system. Newer concepts, such as zero depth entry, slides, and play structures were of interest to the committee established to assess the situation. Furthermore, the park that the pool was located in was not very user friendly.

After careful evaluation and consideration of several alternatives, the community's final recommendations included completely removing the old pool, filter system, and bathhouse, and constructing a new facility. The new facility, because it was so much larger than the previous complex, required extensive reshaping of the 8.2 acre park.

Park reconstruction provided new walking trails, observation areas, and a shelter and stage for summer picnics and concerts. The new complex is extremely successful and draws many more swimming and other recreational users. As a result, more revenue is being produced, and community pride has increased dramatically.



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