



Aquatic Facility Renovation

Key Renovation Issues:

- *Is the structure durable?*
- *Will improvements allow operations and maintenance costs to be paid for each year?*
- *What are the goals of the renovation?
Increase attendance?
Increase recreational features?*
- *Can a renovation cost-effectively accomplish these goals?*
- *Will the site accommodate the desired features?*

Summer after summer, communities struggle with opening and operating outdated swimming pools. Whether it's the aging structure or the desire for new amenities, most older facilities do not measure up to today's standards in aquatic facilities.

So, do you have to build a new facility? Not necessarily.

Retrofitting an outdated pool is one potential alternative. This option makes great sense when a specialist, like Larkin Aquatics, finds a way to breathe new life into an existing facility, giving you the facility of your dreams without breaking your budget.

Before we begin renovation plans, we determine your goals for the facility improvements. Do you want to increase attendance? recreational use? both?

The professionals at Larkin Aquatics know these are difficult questions to answer. That's why our staff spends time with you in the initial phase of your project listening, asking questions, and providing advice to ultimately help you clarify and articulate your goals and desires for the facility.

Many times, more than one individual is tasked with developing the recommendations. **Our team is experienced with committee dynamics and we are equipped to facilitate committee meetings and develop consensus within the group.**

Now that the goals are understood, let's look at your options.

Renovation projects can range from minor structural repairs, bathhouse modifications, or enlarging wading areas to full-blown renovations that can include replacing pumps, filters and piping; adding a new filter building; increasing the diving pool to meet current standards; or adding zero-depth entry, play fountains, or shade structures. Many facilities are renovated to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and communities are taking the opportunity to update and add play features.

Communities just like yours are currently studying options to enhance their aquatic facilities with play features. Lazy rivers, once considered only for water parks, are becoming popular for public pools. The added benefit of numerous and diverse play features, including water slides, tube slides, body slides, various spray devices, and themed toys, makes the decision of what to





put in your facility a daunting task. In addition to play features, shade structures are becoming an important part of a successful pool facility strategy.

Whether your goal is to improve pool operation, reduce water loss, or add more aquatic features, Larkin Aquatics is the expert to call on. **Determining the best solution requires experienced professionals who know how to objectively evaluate the specific criteria for renovation versus building new.** This includes a structural evaluation and physical assessment of the facility.



Firms with aquatic experience backed by engineering expertise are clearly the best qualified to evaluate the condition of your existing facility. It's also an added benefit to have a professional engineer involved, to bring a trained eye for many "issues" that are often overlooked by pool builders and manufacturers.

We provide creative solutions for renovating pools. **Because we understand the engineering issues with your existing facilities and with support features, we can offer creative alternatives.**



We know from experience that the addition of non-traditional aquatic features is attracting larger crowds that stay longer, which increases revenues from concessions.

To pull your project together, **you need an experienced aquatic specialist like Larkin Aquatics who will first facilitate discussions that center around your community's goals and then recommend just the right combination of features that will best meet those goals within your budget.**

Larkin Aquatics provides more than just state-of-the-art designs—we help you visualize your goals for the facility and turn them into reality.

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