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Date: August 17, 2004

To: - Centre Region Municipal Officials & Managers  
- State College Area School District – Board of School Directors  
- Centre Region Residents

From: Centre Regional Recreation Authority / CRPR Board  
By Ronald J. Woodhead, Director

**RE: Aquatics Feasibility Study Extension (Exec. Summary & Detailed Report)**

Attached is the final report of the **Aquatics Feasibility Study Extension** from Water Technology Inc. and HP Architects for your consideration. This document is intended to supplement the original report presented in March 2002. Today the Authority revised and approved the report for distribution. We are distributing this document promptly knowing that the media may request comments. The report will also be available at the CRPR website.

The discussion & presentation schedule for this report is:

- Public Forum on Tues. Aug 24, 7:30PM in the COG Forum Rm. with Mr. Popovich, HP Architects.
- The Authority proposes to meet with COG Exec. Comm. on Tues. Sep. 21, 12:15 PM in the COG Bldg. The regular Sept. meeting for CRRA has been rescheduled to Sep. 28 at Ferguson Twp. Building.
- Present to COG General Forum on Mon. Sep. 27, 7:30 PM in the Halfmoon Twp. Bldg. – with WTI and HPA staff. CRRA will request municipal comments within a specified time.
- Apply in Spring 2005 for state matching funds to prepare a Master Site Plan w/ cost estimates for the **Park Forest Pool** project – pending municipal approval to do so.
- Continue working with the municipalities & school district on determining the selection of the Welch Pool options provided in the Extended Report.

The Authority noted two additional items. First, that if the replacement or renovation of the facilities is delayed and the outdoor facilities become less serviceable in the interim, the agency would implement a contingency plan that will include (primarily) increased programmatic rental of the High School Natatorium. Second, that a significant delay will continue to increase our current annual repair costs (now about \$25K per year) and our future renovation costs, and require increased program fees or COG subsidy to rent the indoor facilities. A decision to pursue any option must take into account not only the initial capital costs but the operational revenues and expenditures that are heavily based on the attractiveness and capacity of the facilities for our three main services: instruction, competitive swimming, and recreational swimming.

The Authority reviewed a first draft of the consultant's report (in July) and returned it with several comments and areas that needed to be addressed to make the report more complete. The final report was significantly improved and acceptable to the Authority as the deliverable for the contract. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ron Woodhead (Director) or Todd Roth (Aquatics Supervisor) at the CRPR Office.