

## Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Proposed Expansion of the Crozet Park Aquatics & Fitness Center

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### Questions Related to Claudius Crozet Park, Inc.

#### Who owns Claudius Crozet Park?

Crozet Park is a non-stock corporation incorporated on November 19, 1947 under the name: Crozet Community Center. In June 1958, the organization amended its certificate of incorporation by changing its name to Claudius Crozet Park, Inc. and registered to be a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. The 22.81 acres, including all buildings and structures, are owned by Claudius Crozet Park, Inc. Crozet Park is not a County park. A full history of Crozet Park can be found at: [crozetspark.org/park-history](http://crozetspark.org/park-history)

#### What is the mission of Crozet Park?

The mission of the Park is: to promote the health and well-being and enhance the general social, physical, and cultural welfare of residents of the community of Crozet and the surrounding area of Albemarle County, VA.

#### Who manages Crozet Park?

Crozet Park is managed by a 16-member all volunteer board of directors made up of Crozet residents. The board contracts with a variety of people and organizations to provide services in fulfillment of its mission, e.g., pool management, group fitness classes.

#### What is Crozet Park's relationship with Albemarle County Parks and Recreation (ACPR)?

Crozet Park is not a County park. However, we do have a reciprocal relationship that's been in place since 1985. In 1985, the County entered into a restrictive covenant with Crozet Park through the Department of Parks and Recreation. This partnership insured the Park would always be used for recreational purposes for County residents. This agreement established that ACPR would schedule the Park's athletic fields, e.g., baseball and soccer, and in return provide seasonal maintenance including all mowing and snow removal. Additionally, the County would help fund Park improvements through the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Lastly, if the Crozet Park organization fails or decides to dissolve itself, ownership of the Park grounds and facilities would be given to the County.

A full list of the Park's many projects including how each was funded can be found at: [crozetspark.org/projects](http://crozetspark.org/projects)

### Questions Related to the Crozet Park Aquatics and Fitness Center

#### What is the Crozet Park Aquatics and Fitness Center (CPAFC)?

The focal point of Crozet Park is its 8-lane 25-meter seasonal pool and a small 4,750 SF community center comprised of locker rooms, a group exercise studio, and cardio area. The pool, community center, and the structures and open space immediately surrounding the pool comprise the CPAFC and total about 26,000 SF. The current CPAFC and all associated programming are operated under a three-year contract with the Atlantic Coast Athletic Club (ACAC). CPAFC programming – summer camps, after-school, sports clinics – makes use of all the Park's many amenities.

**Who does the CPAFC serve?**

While the original pool served mostly Crozet residents and a few small surrounding neighborhoods, today it serves a large swath of Western Albemarle County and beyond. Although the majority of CPAFC membership hails from Crozet and Charlottesville, we have members coming from as far away as Waynesboro, Staunton, Whitehall, and Batesville.

**Why enlarge the current CPAFC?**

As a designated growth area, Crozet's population has nearly tripled in the past twenty years and is expected to reach 12,000 – 16,000 by 2030. As a result, much of the infrastructure supporting Crozet, including recreational amenities, has not kept pace. What began many decades ago as a recreational facility serving mostly Crozet residents has grown to serve Western Albemarle County and beyond. The current and future recreational needs of residents are no longer being met by the current CPAFC.

**What is the size of the proposed Crozet Park Aquatics and Fitness Center?**

The expanded CPAFC will total 46,800 square feet (SF). This includes a two-story recreational/community center (34,200 SF) and a permanently enclosed 8-lane, 25-yard pool (12,600 SF). The two-story recreational building will be four feet higher than the current big blue dome erected over the pool each October and from a visual point of view will blend more with the surrounding environment. Once the expanded facility is completed, the blue dome and loud blower that keeps the dome aloft will be sold.

**What will the expanded CPAFC be financed and who will own it once completed?**

The CPAFC expansion will cost \$10.6 million. Funding will come from multiple sources including donors, grants, and sponsors. The Crozet Park Board will also request funding from Albemarle County. A bank loan will finance all remaining project costs. Although an operator for the new facility has not yet been decided, the eventual operational lease along with community donations and Park festivals revenue will be used to pay off project debt. All buildings and structures, including an expanded CPAFC, are and will be owned by Claudius Crozet Park, Inc.

**What amenities will be provided in the expanded facility?**

The expanded CPAFC will include a permanently enclosed 8-lane, 25-yard pool, a full size multi-purpose gym, a walking track, three fitness studios, a cycling studio, a community room, a wellness center with cardio machines and free weights, expanded childcare area, and youth and adult locker rooms. More details about the CPAFC expansion can be found at: [crozetspark.org/future](http://crozetspark.org/future)

**What will happen to the current outdoor pool?**

The current outdoor 8-lane, 25-meter pool will remain open for seasonal use. The pool dome, currently erected in October and taken down in April to provide seasonal swimming, will be sold. The logistics of putting up and taking down the dome each year, the number of volunteers needed for this activity, along with costly maintenance and heating have made dome use costly. In a sense, the dome will have been a useful bridge to an expanded and truly all-season facility.

**What will happen to the Park's current Community Room after the expanded CPAFC is finished?**

The Park's Community Room, often still called the "radio building," located just north of the outdoor basketball courts, will continue to be offered to the community for meeting space and used in support of CPAFC programming. In addition to CPAFC programming, the community room is currently used by

the Crozet Park Board, the Peachtree Board, the Crozet Trails Crew, the Crozet Community Association, and the Parkside Village HOA.

**Why will the permanently enclosed pool be 25-yards and the outdoor pool 25-meters?**

The indoor pool will be 25-yards long in order to meet USA Swimming competition criteria. This will expand opportunities to host high school and collegiate swim meets at the CPAFC.

**Who will operate the expanded facility?**

The operator of the expanded facility has yet to be determined. We will issue an RFP (Request for Proposal) to solicit proposals from all interested and qualified organizations. Regardless of the operator, the Park Board will continue to keep fees affordable and scholarships will continue to be offered.

**What is the timing of the CPAFC expansion and how long will it take?**

The CPAFC site plan is currently under review the by Albemarle County with a presentation scheduled for November 3rd with Albemarle County Board of Supervisors (BOS). With BOS approval, start-up funding, and a bank loan secured, construction could start as early as summer 2022 and take 12-14 months to complete. During construction, the current CPAFC fitness facility and pool will remain open.

If you have additional questions, please send to [directors@crozetpark.org](mailto:directors@crozetpark.org).

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