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# NEWS RELEASE

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### Announcement of Aquatic Facility Location

Sedalia Parks & Recreation is proud to announce that property located on East Broadway, commonly known as the old Sutherlands location, will be the future home of our new Outdoor Aquatic Facility. This location has been vacant for many years but with the help of the City, we, the Sedalia Parks & Recreation Department have big plans to turn this site into something great for ALL to enjoy. An RFQ will be going out shortly for a DesignBuild of the new facility. It will be mandatory that the company that is awarded the project have an Environmental Engineer on the project, for this site does come with special cleanup requests from DNR.

It is time for this empty site to grow into something fabulous for our community and this Outdoor Aquatic Facility is the first step! So what is next? The RFQ will be released, interviews will be completed, and a firm will be selected for designing and building the large aquatic facility. We hope to start construction in the Spring of 2024 and open for business during the Summer of 2025. This facility will include your traditional swimming pool with lap lanes, a diving well, a separate toddler area, a large lazy river, slides, lily pad crossing and other exciting amenities.

We look forward to what is ahead and having the community involved along the way. The public will be asked to help us name this new facility and we will also be having a logo design competition. We know how much local talent we have and we would love to see just that at the new Outdoor Aquatic Facility. Lastly, this facility will not have a tax increase, however; we will request approval from City Council to take out a loan not to exceed \$8 million to pay for the new facility with payments being covered within the Park budget and aquatic facility user fees. We look forward to what is ahead for Sedalia aquatics and are confident this new facility will be the best for our ever growing community. As always, I am open to any questions, comments, or feedback. I can easily be reached by email, [aepple@sedaliaparks.com](mailto:aepple@sedaliaparks.com), or phone 660-826-4930.