



SPLASHForward

Water for All | Water for Life

We envision a world where everyone is safe around water and has equitable access to best-in-class aquatic centers that are vibrant places of pride and inclusive for all.



Timeline

- ✓ **2024**
Master plan adoption
- 2025-26**
Design phase for the New Bellevue Aquatic Center
- 2025-26**
Secure Funding | Solidify Partnerships | Begin construction
- 2027-28**
Open doors of the New Bellevue Aquatic Center

Our mission is to build healthier, stronger, and safer communities by creating equitable access to aquatic facilities and programs that build essential life skills, inclusion, connection, and active lifestyles for our Puget Sound communities. Aquatic centers and accessible aquatics programs provide social, cultural, recreational, lifesaving, and wellness opportunities for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

The Numbers:

- No new public aquatic facilities have been built on the Greater Eastside in 54 years.
- Swim lesson waitlists are 2 years or more long.
- 64% of African American and 45% of Hispanic/Latinx children have little to no swim skills. 66% of Asian Americans (adults and children combined) don't know how to swim. Over 50% of adults in the U.S. have never had a swim lesson.
- No high school meets are held in Bellevue. Students train primarily in outdoor private community pools year-round and compete in swim & dive meets at 8:30 pm on school nights at Mercer Island's Mary Wayte Pool. Water polo meets are at Curtis HS.

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Secure the site of the New Bellevue Aquatic Center at Airfield Park



Secure SPLASHForward operational funding (**the next \$500k**) to assess private fundraising capacity (\$44M-\$50M)



Share SPLASHForward's Early Environmental Sustainability Vision for the New Bellevue Aquatic Center.



Increase access to swim lessons and water safety resources.



Support **120** high school students in our HS Lifeguard Training Program



Support water safety aquatics curriculum for pools, lifeguards, and schools.



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