



Dayton Recovery Plan to support HVAC upgrades at two recreation centers

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The City of Dayton announces the newest Dayton Recovery Plan investments, following City Commission approval on Dec. 14.

A service agreement with Elevar Design Group valued at \$117,000 will provide design and planning services for new HVAC systems at the Lohrey and Northwest Recreation Centers.

When complete, the new remotely operated systems will modernize HVAC infrastructure and controls at the recreation centers, improving ventilation and air quality. The design and planning services are the first steps in the system upgrades; future financing will pay for other HVAC expenses.

Funding for the improvements will be provided through the Dayton Recovery Plan as part of the Improving Our Neighborhoods/Upgrading Parks component, which focuses on City-led and managed projects supporting healthier lifestyles through neighborhood revitalization. The Dayton Recovery Plan is a \$138 million framework for community COVID relief and investment for the future, made possible by the federal American Rescue Plan Act.

Given the COVID-driven pressures of ongoing maintenance and reduced staffing, having the ability to control HVAC equipment from a remote location will optimize efficiency and decrease staff time needed for changing system settings and maintenance. A more fully automated system will also decrease the risk of COVID spread by limiting the need for maintenance staff to frequently be on site.

The Lohrey Recreation Center covers 33,000 square feet and is located at 2366 Glenarm Ave. in Belmont. It was constructed in 1956 and has undergone several renovation and expansion projects. Currently there are two natural gas boilers (one serving as building heat and one as pool heat); one outdoor 70-ton chiller; and various air handlers and cabinet unit heaters. Both boilers are from the 1980s and 1990s, while the outdoor chiller and associated chilled water pumps were installed during a 2009 renovation. The existing pneumatic controls are outdated.

The Northwest Recreation Center covers 43,600 square feet and is located at 1600 Princeton Dr. in Princeton Heights. It was constructed in 1976 and has seen several renovation and expansion projects through the years. Currently there are two natural gas boilers (one serving as building heat and one as pool heat); one rooftop 50-ton chiller; three air handlers; and various fan coil units. The air handlers lack variable frequency drives, and system controls are outdated.

About the Dayton Recovery Plan

The Dayton Recovery Plan is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to address the infrastructure, economic and equity issues that exist in the city by using a data-driven approach to analyze socio-economic, health, and demographic data to make informed

funding decisions. These investments directly impact minority communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic and long-standing economic and social inequities in Dayton. The Dayton Recovery Plan is our city's innovative plan to utilize Dayton's share of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The \$138 million award is the largest grant in Dayton's history. For a plan overview, go to daytonohio.gov/drp.

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Photos: Lohrey and Northwest Recreation Centers



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