

Responses to Question 2: Other places I swim

Out of town

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Mascoma Lake

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We used to swim at the Hartford Pool when we were residents there and very much having a local pool in our town that kids can bike to and use regularly to meet their friends!

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Lake Mascoma, Grafton Pond, Blood Brook

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ocean

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I'm blanking on the name of the pond, but the parking area is by the Wilder Dam. On the NH side of the river. You walk about 10 minutes up into the woods. No boats, only swimming, fishing from the shore. Sorry I can't remember the name!

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Lake Winnepesaukee. ,

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Hampton beach nh

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Boston Lot

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state parks

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Goose Pond

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Lake Fairlee from rented cottage

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Thetford water hole

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UVAC

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uvac

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Post Pond UVAC and Leb outdoor pool

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Rvc

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Anywhere on the Connecticut River--free of charge!

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None

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Lake Morey

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woodstock

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UVAC

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Lake Morey

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Lots of swimming holes and public pond access within reach

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Warren, Waitsfield, Silver Lake

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at a lake out of state

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ocean front or lakefront vacation cottages or resorts

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the brook running under elm and hopson
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Lake Morey - but rarely swim now that Norwich pool is unavailable. Simply don't have time or money to drive elsewhere.
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I really heaven been since the Norwich pool was damaged
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We live on the Ompompanoosuc with an island providing our private swimming hole.
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Travel to warren falls
9/9/2016 7:55 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
Mascoma Lake
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Will travel to find new swimming holes
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North Hartland Lake, Hartland VT
9/8/2016 5:21 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
Various swimming holes
9/8/2016 4:47 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
Post Pond, UVAC, Connecticut River,
9/8/2016 2:52 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
Lake Sunapee
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Barnard's Silver Lake
9/8/2016 1:04 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
white river
9/8/2016 12:36 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
North Hartland Lake

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Lake Morey
9/8/2016 11:54 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
Gym
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Out of State
9/8/2016 10:54 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
Lake Sunapee State Park
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lake champlain
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deeper "pools" in local streams (cool off, not actually swim)
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Sandy beach thetford
9/8/2016 10:03 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
North hartland dam
9/8/2016 10:03 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
Lake Mascoma
9/8/2016 9:14 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
Lake Sunapee beach, Newbury docks (Lake Sunapee)
9/8/2016 9:05 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
Blood Brook
9/8/2016 9:01 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
White River
9/8/2016 8:29 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
white River
9/8/2016 8:26 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
Used to swim at the Norwich Pool but haven't gone swimming locally since it washed out.
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Quechee lake

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 uvac
 9/8/2016 8:13 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
 none of the above
 9/8/2016 8:08 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
 White river at bridge in Hartford
 9/8/2016 7:53 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
 Caana St Lake
 9/8/2016 7:34 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
 Note: None of these other swimming spots replace the feelings of Norwich community spirit and natural peacefulness that the old Norwich Pool engendered.
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 Connecticut River: River Rd Boat launch
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 none. I miss the Norwich swimming pool
 9/7/2016 8:34 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 lakes, brooks beyond the Upper Valley
 9/7/2016 7:08 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 River Valley Club
 9/7/2016 5:52 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 Don't swim since pool lost in Hurricane Irene
 9/7/2016 3:47 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 White River, etc.
 9/7/2016 3:47 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 Seacoast of NH / ME
 9/7/2016 2:05 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 Never swim
 9/7/2016 2:00 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 Don't swim much anymore

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 Other nearby lakes that are more cost effective than storrs
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 I don't swim now, but found the Norwich Pool a great place to go when my kids were young, for them to swim, have swimming lessons, play with friends, and have a picnic.
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 Boston Lot
 9/7/2016 1:37 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 Lake Morey
 9/7/2016 1:32 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 Upper Valley Aquatic Center
 9/7/2016 1:07 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 Maine
 9/7/2016 1:04 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 North Hartland Dam
 9/7/2016 11:42 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
 small local private pond
 9/7/2016 9:02 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
 north heartland dam Silver lake
 9/7/2016 7:19 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
 White River
 9/6/2016 2:04 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 Lake Winnepesaukee
 9/6/2016 10:49 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
 White River
 9/5/2016 8:48 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 UVMC
 9/5/2016 1:18 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 I swim at the beach, or indoor pools, or privately owned ponds
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None
 9/4/2016 5:25 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 Lake Sunapee
 9/4/2016 2:02 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 Lake Pinneo-Quechee
 9/4/2016 9:11 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
 rarely swim,
 9/4/2016 9:05 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
 aquatic center
 9/4/2016 1:57 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
 River Valley Club
 9/3/2016 9:25 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 Cherry Lane Beach in Eastman NH
 9/3/2016 9:00 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 used to go to Norwich Pool
 9/3/2016 6:20 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 White River, Silver Lake
 9/3/2016 8:05 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
 Blood Brook
 9/3/2016 7:48 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
 Dam in hartland; bloodbrook
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 I used to swim at the Norwich swimming hole. There are no other places to swim in Norwich.
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 The chutes, bloodbrook
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 don't believe public swimming access needed
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 A place where Blood Brook (? or a smaller brook) pools briefly after it passes under Old Orchard Lane where it hits Turnpike Road. Very small.

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 not doing any swimming
 9/2/2016 4:57 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 Sunapee
 9/2/2016 4:50 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 I don't usually swim but I could use the College dock
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 Lake George, Atlantic Ocean, LI Sound
 9/2/2016 3:50 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 Once at Storrs Pond. Want a place to go in Norwich.
 9/2/2016 3:36 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 Boston Lot Reservoir
 9/2/2016 2:45 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 I haven't been swimming but probably would at the RVC or the pool in WRJ.
 9/2/2016 2:44 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 Crystal lake
 9/2/2016 2:41 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 swim lessons at Dartmouth and UVAC
 9/2/2016 2:41 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 don't swim in the summer
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 Quechee Gorge, Lake Sunapee, White River rt 14
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 Lake Morey
 9/2/2016 2:01 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 White River, Boston Lot Lake
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 Neighbor's pond or the White River
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 UVAA

Responses to Question 3: Criteria for a new swimming access

Rather than struggle to find a Norwich location and incur both initial and ongoing costs, I would favor a pact with Hanover to allow Norwich residents to use the Storrs Pond pool and pond recreational area either at no charge or at a subsidized cost

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I am not interested in replacing the Norwich Pool. I would like to make use of existing resources.

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Current location is accessible without using high traffic roads. That means kids can bike, and that many people can walk. Also, close

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we need to sue to get the old pool back, heritage and all that

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An important asset of the Norwich pool was that it was a place for townspeople of all stripes to gather. It was pleasant spot to hang out, swim or not.

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There are plenty of excellent public swimming holes/areas already.

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Cost! Norwich is too small a town to support this measure when there are so many currently available options.

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PLEASE no pets! Dogs scare many children, dog poop is always an issue

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I believe that Norwich needs another common area for young and old people to gather.

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A Dock

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Do not support a new swimming spot

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I'd like to see CT River access -- exactly like Dartmouth dock across the river.

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The pool should be a major priority. It is a luxury and there are plenty of other options around and greater needs in the town.

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Within 3 miles

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All kids need a place to learn to swim as a basic survival skill. It needs to be free and accessible to all Norwich kids.

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How about an in-ground salt water pool? Much better than chlorine in my opinion.

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Warmer water - the old "pool" was much too cold most of the time.

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Less than 2-3 miles from downtown

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I would be in favor of separate swimming areas for children and adults only. An outdoor lap pool with places to sit and read for grownups, and a place to get a sandwich or an iced tea only would be a dream come true.

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should be free to Norwich residents

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if admission, price has to be reasonable

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If new area, consider pairing with a running track??

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Cost not prohibitive to families that can't afford storrs

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It would be nice to have a picnic area along a brook, where children could wade and play, like at the stream between the Legion Hall and Huntley meadows. Meadows

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I prefer swimming locations that are not overly regulated and tdo not prohibit naturally occuring, adrenaline producing features.

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distance > 1 mi from D&W OK if site is otherwise right

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Within 3 miles of D&W

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I think Norwich residents can use Storr's Pond and the other sites you listed above, which is why I checked neutral on these criteria.

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Do NOT allow dogs

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Some of these questions are hard to answer: yes, needs some parking (duh)Doesn't need to be fancy

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I don't think it's worth the expense building a swimming "pool" when there are plenty of other options locally

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Bulld a pond in Huntley Field?

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Very important to have pet friendly areas as pets are being squeezed out of available areas. Dresden fields for example.

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for our town, a natural feel of a swimming hole or pond would be best in our opinion. we loved the old swimming hole

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I am not in favor of any swimming location in Norwich.

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NO PETS!!! Last thing we need.

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Forget the old Norwich Pool location - Get beach on CT Rlver instead

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NO PETS please

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Ideally a natural area AND an inground pool like Hanover or an area like Quechee Lakes swimming area

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If it's expected that kids will walk to the pool it must be safe. It's not safe to walk to the old location due to the cars whipping around the corner of beaver meadow

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Since I answered "Not Important" for #1, none of these issues are relevant. Responses to Quetsion 4: Potential spots for a new swimming access

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We have a number of natural swimming options in and around Norwich. For a developed and maintained option, I would explore the cost and viability of an agreement with Hanover re Storrs Pond

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rebuild or let it go.

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i'm not sure of a few of the above, The old pool is the new pool! Sue to get it back.

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None of the above. We don't need this!

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For example/Dorset VT/privately owned/Now to be Public

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No artificial pool - enough with UVAC, Storr's Pond area, etc!

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Storrs Pond area

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on conservation land across Bloody Brook from Brookside dr

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I'm not sure where some of these spots are (Auxiliary Reservoir on Brown Brook) though think the selected spot should be fairly central and not way out of the way like Patchen's Point.

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Storrs Pond Rec Area

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The question is swimming pool vs. a place where Norwich Residents could

access the Conn. River - similar to the Ledyard Canoe Club's swimming area.

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CT river only safe for strong swimmers

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Dont mess with Patchen's unless you have ALREADY talked to the family

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Space for a track as well

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Keep it cold, keep it moving.

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Ompompan Boat launch is 'duck itch' environment when hot weather. I'm speaking from experience.

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I'm not familiar with the reservoir mentioned above.

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NO TOWN POOL

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I am not in favor of any swimming location in Norwich.

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Area below Subaru Dealership, area below old Mill off Elm, next to brook on big field on Hopson, pond on Allison Moscow's old farm, New Boston Brook somewhere.

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Depends on if natural area or pool - pool should be close to town

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Ompomp is CONTAMINATED. Why would you put children in the toxic water there. ALSO why don't you force property owners on Hemlock Rd to STOP dumping their septics into the ompomp?

Responses to Questions 5 and 6: Additional comments

Free, for Norwich community,
welcoming to families and youth,
Paging spirit and atmosphere lost.
Very difficult to resolve.

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The important thing about this is that the pool was a place where community could meet each other. This made a better, safer town for all of us.

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In town is very important. A place where kids can walk to from rec camp and other downtown locations. Having something in Norwich is important as a community center.

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I loved the fact that kids could bike to the old swimming hole after sports camp in the summer. It was close to town, very accessible, and very safe. It was a great rite of passage for middle schoolers to be able to go their own their own. My kids are past this age, but would still enjoy it, and I would love to see this opportunity for the new middle schoolers of Norwich, as well as for the whole town. It was a lovely, wonderful resource--and much less expensive to maintain and more environmentally friendly and pleasant than a chlorinated pool

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I feel it is most important for children in Norwich to have a place to safely learn to swim and enjoy water access in the summer. The loss of the Norwich pool (which badly needed repairs) was great. It is especially important because the children of the families that stay here all summer working need a nice safe place to go swimming.

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Sorry to all those who think it's a no-brainer option, but I'm not willing or able to shell out the \$\$\$ charged by Storr's Pond - nor do I want to schlep into Hanover during the hottest times of the year. I live on this side of the river for a reason!!! (and I'd much rather travel farther to Trasure Island and pay less for a much nicer 'pond' experience). The precious few really good swimming holes we have are already getting mucked up by extra traffic. The old Norwich Pool was great - nothing fancy, just a quiet, refreshing place to take the kids & family to cool off. If I could dig a pond on my own property I would, but I can't so... let's figure out a way to Make the Norwich Pool Great Again!

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Thank you for doing this. We miss the Norwich Pool so much!!

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limited cost would be good- there are lots of options already in the area.

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At the very least can the town, with volunteers, clean up the old Norwich Pool site soon. It is so depressing to walk by there.

9/10/2016 4:22 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Rebuild Norwich Pool!

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Thank you for developing this survey. Fingers crossed for a future town designated swimming spot!

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I'd prefer that the town use existing natural river pools to spending a lot of our tax dollars on constructing a pool or restoring the old pool.

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Private land. Would need to look at the size of the body of water and ability for beach, BBQing etc.

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Patchens point is currently used mainly by drug users. Having it more visible may entice them to move to someone else's town.

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Please consider a salt water pool instead of a chlorinated one. They are healthier for the environment and for the swimmers. We are new to the area, so do not have much opinion on the location. It seems like the old area was an important part of the community and is the only thing lacking in this otherwise amazing town.

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This should not be a priority for taxpayers. Enough already. No snack bars, canoe access, chlorination, etc. If you can rebuild a similar place, great. Otherwise, let people explore and find the many other places for a dip. And PLEASE....no talk of subsidizing fees to Storrs Pond. Honestly, if the swim hole (which I loved) has gone away for good, let it go. And let people take responsibility for their own enjoyment spots. Thank you all for your time on this topic.

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I would not like to pay additional taxes to support the development of a new swimming place.

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Really appreciate swimming in natural bodies of water. Also I think it is important to have swimming resources in town for our children to learn to swim.

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I think it is unacceptable that neither Hanover or Norwich have no free swimming and offer no free swim lessons. Lyme offers both. Swimming is one of the few sports that can be continued into old age and Norwich is one of the richest towns in the Upper Valley. Storrs Pond is quite expensive for families who are not wealthy - despite the fact that some our residents consider it "very affordable."

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Even if the current pool is not fixed up, that location should be cleaned up. The falling apart structures and equipment are litter at this point. In all honesty we should return it to nature as she has already started the work.

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We have enough costs that concern ALL Norwich residents without the additional cost of a pool that benefits a handful of nostalgic's.

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Swimming outside in the summer is important for families and children. I hope our town can find a solution to return swimming to Norwich.

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There is no need for the Town of Norwich to provide for public swimming. We are a tiny town and there are LOTS of swimming options available within easy reach.

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Thank you for taking this on. I think having public gathering places for families and young children are important to strengthening a sense of community. Even though my children are grown, I support this for the young families I want to have in my community. The current location is

accessible and has the added benefit of being near trails for walking and running, so can meet the needs of diverse groups. Also has parking. Would be great to resist the temptation of having everything be too polished and manufactured. We live in a rural area. Let's allow some aspects of our life to be natural. My kids loved playing on the edges of ponds and streams. They don't need a fancy pool with fancy changing rooms and snack bars. It is ok to cherish a little simplicity, and learn how to take care of it. I hope other generations of Norwich children have this privilege.

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I am a homeowner in Norwich living full time and do not agree that this project should go forward in any way. There are far more important issues.

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I'd rather have a rec center. Swimming season is short.

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Having a designated public swimming area builds community! We are sorely missing this summer gathering spot!

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Just rebuild the norwich pool where it was originally. Everyone loves that spot.

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The old pool is the perfect place. It is a community treasure that our old TM failed to try to preserve. We should not all pay the price for Neil Fulton's avarice, incompetence, and neglect.

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Not familiar with some of these spots, but swimming next to Ledyard Bridge (or similar) sounds unpleasant to me.

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I don't often swim now; my answers are from my perspective when our kids were little.

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We may be taxed as the wealthiest town in Vermont, but there is no reason to increase that perception. Therefore let the residents learn to provide for themselves and discover their own entertainment.

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Why is this considered a necessity? I would rather see a town owned and operated ski hill! You can swim almost anywhere.

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Despite what some folks on the listserv are saying about funds being used for a swimming hole in Norwich when there are so many in the UV, I would very much like to see a public swimming option in Norwich.

Sometimes all you need on a hot summer day is to jump in and cool off and then get on with your day; why should we have to drive to other towns in order to do that? Thank you for your efforts!

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If the old Norwich pool isn't renovated into a new Norwich pool, can the town at least use some of the FEMA money to clean up the area? There is debris downstream; the changing rooms are dangerous and an eyesore; and pieces of the dam are scattered along the river banks. It would be nice to at the very least clean up the area and make a nice picnic area along the stream.

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I don't think we need a fancy pool, but a swimming hole or area where folks can gather is worth the small investment. I'd be willing to help on this front. Bandler.james@gmail.com

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People with swimmable Falls ought to be happy to see folks' happy smiles of relief, and share.

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We believe the select board should be spending time and town resources on more substantive and progressive projects. There are more than enough swimming spots in this area.

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I grew up going to the Norwich Pool and it saddens me that my children don't have the same experience. I do hope something can be replaced there!

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Negotiate a Norwich rate with the Hanover Improvement Society for summer use at the Storrs Pond/Pool area.

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I'm afraid that it might be time to realize that replacing the Norwich Pool is hopeless. We missed our opportunity to quickly (and quietly?) repair the old pool and/or remove the old dam upstream as an environmentally-responsible trade-off. The best-case scenario as I see it would be to get an excavator to the old site to remove the debris (a monument to Norwich's ineffective town government) and deepen the channel to create a natural pool. Yes, this would be temporary. In addition, demolition of the upstream dam should be done quickly and cheaply with explosives (lots, yet) rather than by some expensive engineering project that will cost at least tens of thousands of dollars and potentially have less environmental impact. Think of all the sand which will be available for beaches at the old pool!

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Can you just bulldoze a hole and not dam up the present spot? I love the grassy area, there were picnic tables and grills. It's 10 degrees cooler at the old pool. There's plenty of parking.

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Ideally within walking distance from center of town. There are several flat sections next to Bloody Brook: Huntley Mdw, behind St. Francis, between Hopson & Elm (see above).

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So many great places to swim in the UV. This seems like a waste of time and money. A true "first world" problem if ever there was one.

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I think there are many options already available. Storrs Pond is a wonderful facility and there are many bodies of water, ponds, streams and rivers, to choose from.

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The pool was a perfect place to send kids in the summer. Easy to get to and safe. With this gone where do kids go hang out?

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I do not think tax dollars should be used for this. There are other options around for those who need them.

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Why does this committee exist

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Keep it simple and fix the dam! !

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Cost sharing with Storrs pond would be the most efficient.

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It would be best if we can ride bikes to the site, kids can't ride up wheellock to storrs or out rt 5 to ompompinoosic (9/8/2016 8:14 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

We don't need a pool.

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I don't want any of my tax dollars spent on this. If people need to swim, there are plenty of places to go for a small fee or no fee. We will soon be paying off the bond for the police and fire station. Norwich does not need any additional burdens placed on the taxpayers.

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The in-town accessibility is crucial. We feel strongly that kids can bike, walk to the pool from town.

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Either a man-made pool or a natural pond would be fine - important bits are access for small children, and no fees to visit for residents. Even if Norwich just subsidized memberships for everyone at Storr's Pond, that would suit me.

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Old Norwich Pool site was very important close to center of town community gathering place for all ages.

9/8/2016 4:10 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

Too bad old location not viable.

Something with a similar feel would be appealing. Getting in the car to drive to Storrs Pond to pay to swim is ridiculous

9/7/2016 10:30 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

It would be nice to be able to swim no matter what the time of day. I'm sure liability is a big issue. How does Woodstock's pool work?

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I don't think Norwich needs a swimming area, nor do I think it is the best use of limited funds. Storrs Pond seems sufficient to me. Will be VERY UNHAPPY to have my tax dollars spent on this.

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I like a natural pond, not a cement pool.

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The Town's refusal to comply with State law and FEMA requirement to construct an in-stream pool at the Norwich Pool sight is VERY dismaying for me at multiple levels, not the least of which is throwing away publicly available funds to reconstruct an historic resource that was washed away in Irene...

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We do not need to spend tax money on this! Just work out a Norwich resident rate with storrs pond! They need the money!

9/7/2016 3:44 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

There are plenty of places to swim in the area ! I am adamantly opposed to spending one penny of taxpayer money for this

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I don't want to see an increase in taxes attributable to the swimming area.

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Clean water, not too vulnerable to droughts, safe access, easy for kids and elders

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We are happy using Storr's Pond but it is pricey for our family since we have one income and 3 kids. We only use

the pond there and love it but it cost us over \$300 for the summer pass - yikes!

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Private funding for costs in excess of available federal funds, especially if a track is feasible/added

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I think kids and families should have a place to both enjoy the outdoors with swimming and other activities. Kids also need a place where they can learn to swim.

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I think it would be nice to have Norwich only swimming area. The places on the Connecticut river are always filled up with Dartmouth college kids and high school kids. I just think it would be nice like fairlee to have are own place with a pass to swim. I have 3 kids and I enjoyed swimming growing up when places had less people and were more enjoyable. There really isn't anywhere to swim anymore except packed places. My kids don't know how to swim well because of it. I had a cousin that lived in fairlee and I was able to go to the beach then and it was awesome. I just wanted to throw that out there. Spending all that money to allow anyone band then Norwich residents who pay for it won't be able to enjoy it.

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I hear Storrs Pond loses a lot of money every year. I think supporting them to ensure we never lose that gem is more important than Norwich spending money on a Norwich swimming hole. First ensure the survival of Storrs and maybe create a discounted Norwich pass system by proposing the Town of Norwich help fund Storrs Pond out of the town budget each year.

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None.

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Any chance to just dig out and deepen an area where the old pool was, without a dam? Would enough water collect there to make this a viable alternative?

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Selfishly, one of my main considerations is the time it will take to get a new pool location up and running. My children were 4-5 when Irene struck, so they have really spent an important part of their childhood without access to swimming in the town. If it took another five years, they would essentially lose out on something that generations of Norwich children have enjoyed.

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My strong preference is same old site. Impt to me is 'natural' watersite, lowkey. Don't want chlorine pool or for entry fee.

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Norwich does not need an in-town swimming area dedicated to its residents.

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There are easily-accessible swimming opportunities in all of the surrounding towns. I don't think it's critical for Norwich to develop swimming access.

9/6/2016 9:12 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

I'm not sure how important it is (budget or otherwise) to put a permanent pool in Norwich. UVAC, CCBA, Storrs Pond, RVC and numerous swimming holes provide all kinds of options. I liked the former swimming hole, but I've found plenty of alternatives. I also don't see how this town will spend a dime if it took this long to approve budget for the public safety facility.

Finally, putting in something like an actual pool will only draw people away from already established upper valley facilities that are not exclusive to those towns.

9/5/2016 8:44 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

The idea of Norwich having to provide its own pool is ludicrous. Storrs Pond loses about \$100,000 a year for the Hanover Improvement Society, and is a wonderful facility, with a new water park, life guards, etc. I do not understand the need to have one here at taxpayer expense; those who want to swim can drive to NH and enjoy a fine facility at minimal expense.

9/5/2016 6:06 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

I don't see why all of the tax payers of Norwich should have to pay for a pool that only a few select people want (and would use). Even if a pool was made I would never use it. I think that if these people want a pool so much they should raise the money themselves instead of making everyone else (who doesn't necessarily want it) pay for it.

9/4/2016 11:44 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Norwich does not need its own site - Storrs Pond is great. Our kids go to Hanover schools. Supporting Hanover Rec is therefore also important.

9/4/2016 6:11 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

I'm not in favor of spending a lot of money on a swimming area when there are so many already available.

Thank you for asking.

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Don't spend any tax \$

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As there are several nearby towns that offer a variety of indoor and outdoor swimming facilities, I do not feel the municipality of Norwich should use any

taxpayer dollars to develop one of their own.

9/4/2016 9:05 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

Lots of areas listed - parking and easy access necessary as well as shade, sand and grass, picnicking

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i think it is really important for Norwich to have its own swimming area. The former pool was terrific and I wish we could duplicate it somewhere else.

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I don't know what most of these proposed spots are like, or how access would work (dam at Huntley meadow? Flooding what area. Why would VT allow that & not old site? Some of Pompy places seem pretty scuzzy. Good luck. Worth cause Forget chlorinated pool; ppl can go to Storrs or RVC

9/3/2016 6:20 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Would prefer not to spend anymore taxes money on a place to swim. Don't feel that it is necessary for the town to have a place to swim

9/3/2016 3:38 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

I don't think we need a pool in Norwich when Storr's Pond, the Connecticut River (and numerable other swimming areas) are available within 1/2 hour drive.

9/3/2016 12:58 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Taxes are already high; please don't spend money on something most residents will never use

9/3/2016 11:28 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

This swimming hole does not have to be state of the art- it shouldn't be! Just a place to get cooled off, and for parents of young children to gather for sand play and wading.

9/3/2016 8:33 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

We miss the pool. Hurricane Irene was over 5 years ago!

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build a pool at Huntley and charge access, lower rates for town. Have changing and restrooms.

9/3/2016 7:41 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. For me, the biggest issue will be the cost. Like many Norwich residents, I feel taxes are high, and though I am willing to pay for services, depending on the cost of the pool/swimming area, it might be best to not move forward. We're about to vote on a bond issue for the new police/fire buildings, and we still need to figure out what we're doing with the Public Works facility (FEMA money, or ours?). Adding yet another layer of cost on top of that would be a lot. I realize it's the school portion of the tax bill that's the big culprit, but we should still be diligent about keeping the increases for the town tax portion to a minimum. Property taxes are my biggest concern about being able to continue to live, and eventually retire, in Vermont. Thank you again.

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It is my opinion that no swimming facility should be proposed or built in Norwich at the taxpayers expense. There are many locations with a 10 minute drive that people can swim at.

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Current spot is so great because it is so close to town, but even nice it is directly on a fantastic walking/running trail. I have often wondered why smaller pond was not constructed at the current site, one that allowed the river to run around the pond so that no dam would be required and water from

river would just be piped in and out...seems like a simple solution that would (might?) solve environmental/regulatory challenges

9/3/2016 7:19 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

Please be mindful to not muck up already quiet places we have in the Norwich area. I hope you are truly capturing whether there is a need and not "finding a solution, looking for a problem". Thx

9/3/2016 7:05 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

do not feel public money should be spent on this issue until/unless user fees will cover the entire cost

9/2/2016 8:37 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

The old site of the Norwich Pool is a magical place. It is not just for nostalgia's sake that I wish to restore a swimming access point there - I believe it had all the most essential features of a Norwich swimming access point and gathering place: a small, grassy picnic spot; a small, child-friendly beach and swimming area; a nice spot from which to jump; and above all, a place where townspeople could come to enjoy a tranquil but joyful swim in natural waters in a beautiful setting in nature.

9/2/2016 6:50 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

The CT river or the Ompompanoosuc would be the logical locations since there is abundant water.

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Thanks for the work you're doing taking this on.

9/2/2016 3:50 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

I am not in favor of spending any town money to fund a swimming location in Norwich.

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It would be nice if kids could get there safely on bikes or walking

9/2/2016 2:45 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

I am not sure it is really important to have a swimming "pool" in Norwich, because there are other opportunities in the Upper Valley where one can swim.

9/2/2016 2:44 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

1.) There are many ponds and streams around, lots of options. Keep thinking until something works. 2.) Please don't block AO passage. If necessary, then provide for passage.

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There does not need to be a public swimming spot provided by the town. There are plenty of other options for interested residents and taxpayers do not need to subsidize this activity.

9/2/2016 2:17 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

An area with beach like Quechee lakes would be nice. If pool, should be close to downtown maybe next to a stream setting like Huntley or the old pool site.

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I think Patchen and near Ledyard Bridge are potential dangerous places to locate a swimming area due to currents and under water hazards. The same could be said for the old reservoir as it stands right now.

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doesn't need a designated child area, but does need to have a child-safe place to enter the water (e.g., no drop off). Some of the sites listed have reported unsafe levels of E. coli and Salmonella in the recent past. It may be impossible to eliminate that risk, but upstream contamination from agriculture and other contaminants should be an important consideration.

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The swimming area should be self supporting. Various fees can support the endeavor rather than adding to the tax base for everyone. I would like to see an area for people who do not have children. Most of our town resources go toward children. I love children but we need to consider others.

9/2/2016 12:56 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

You should have asked if we ever used the old Norwich Pool. We didn't so are not interested in a "new" Norwich pool and would not welcome any tax burden associated with a pool.

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gain, thanks to you! I can't make this meeting, but am grateful for your efforts.

9/10/2016 7:46 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

me too...

9/9/2016 10:34 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

Thanks for taking on this task. Miss the Norwich pool!!! - Storr's Pond is *not* even on my long list of potential swimming spots.

9/9/2016 10:08 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

Thank you all for your time and energy on this project! it is greatly appreciated!!

9/8/2016 1:16 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Henry Scheier

9/7/2016 2:00 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Thank you for all your hard work.

9/3/2016 9:26 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

I am very much against ANY swimming access in Norwich. Why does the committee think it must have it's own swimming facility?? There are many other options locally. Storr's

Pond is a fine facility. Residents of Norwich who wish to swim can buy a daily or yearly pass. Do NOT spend the taxpayers money on any swimming facility.

9/3/2016 7:26 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

Thank you! See you there.

9/2/2016 6:51 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Unfortunately, will be out of town.

Good Luck!

9/2/2016 3:50 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Thanks for working on this project