

orb architects

ORB Architects is committed to making a positive impact on our communities through design innovation and management expertise. For more than 40 years, ORB has provided specialized architectural and engineering services throughout the Greater Northwest. We pride ourselves on being innovators and leaders in the design of people-oriented community facilities and in providing our clients with the most cost-effective and responsive design.

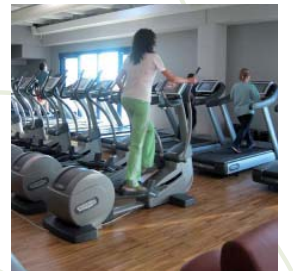
SERVICES

- Pools and Aquatic Facilities
- Community Recreation Centers
- Government Services
- Comprehensive Needs Assessments
- Building Investigation and Analysis
- Feasibility Studies
- Multi-family Housing
- Preparation of Construction Documents
- Preparation of Detailed Specifications
- Construction Administration
- In-House Cost Estimating
- Quality Assurance Oversight

ORB STAFF

- Licensed Architects
- LEED™ Accredited Professionals
- Civil Engineer
- Electrical Engineer
- Project Managers
- Interior Designer
- CAD Technicians
- Administrative Personnel

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making it a reality

Once we have a plan, ORB can see that it gets built to match your expectations. Our team has the uniquely specialized expertise to assure quality construction documents and act as your agent during construction administration. We pride ourselves, as your neighbor, on our ability to deliver value and service that results in a truly lasting community asset.





from dream to reality

laying the foundation

ORB has more than 30 years of aquatic facility and recreation center experience in all phases of analysis and design, and we've worked on more than 250 aquatic and recreation facilities in the Northwest.





CREATIVE JUICES FLOWING

Facility design is extremely important—recreation and aquatic facilities are very specialized and must conform to specific health and safety requirements, while also being a fun and enjoyable place for kids and adults alike. The ORB team brings its many years of experience in meeting program goals to your project to create a unique facility with an identity of its own.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Recreation and aquatics projects are about having fun throughout the process and ultimately with the resulting product. From our initial meetings, and as the project progresses, we strive to fully understand your goals and expectations. We know the best result will come from working together collaboratively.



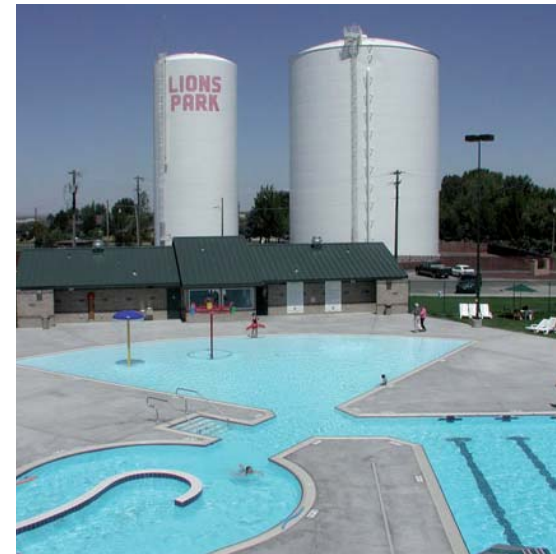
ANALYSIS

SUSTAINABILITY

ORB considers environmental impacts in every facility we design, with the goal of achieving the most healthy, energy-saving, waste-reducing, and ultimately cost-effective building possible. Geoff Anderson, our principal architect, and key members of our design staff and trusted consultant firms are LEED® accredited professionals.



DESIGN



WHO'S GOING TO USE IT?

Ultimately, by getting to know the community, we will understand the needs this facility should fulfill. We'll gather information on the makeup of the population and other similar facilities in your area. Our goal is to make sure that as a public facility, you are best able to serve the broadest spectrum of your community, and thereby provide the most benefit to everyone in every age group.





WE'RE ALL EARS

A successful project is a consequence of good input and thoughtful insights from community participants. As designers, we do not believe we can simply tell you what your right answer is, but we can work with you to discover your best answer. Our success in public meetings has come from demonstrating that we listen well and from creating an inclusive environment that makes the community feel valued for their opinions.

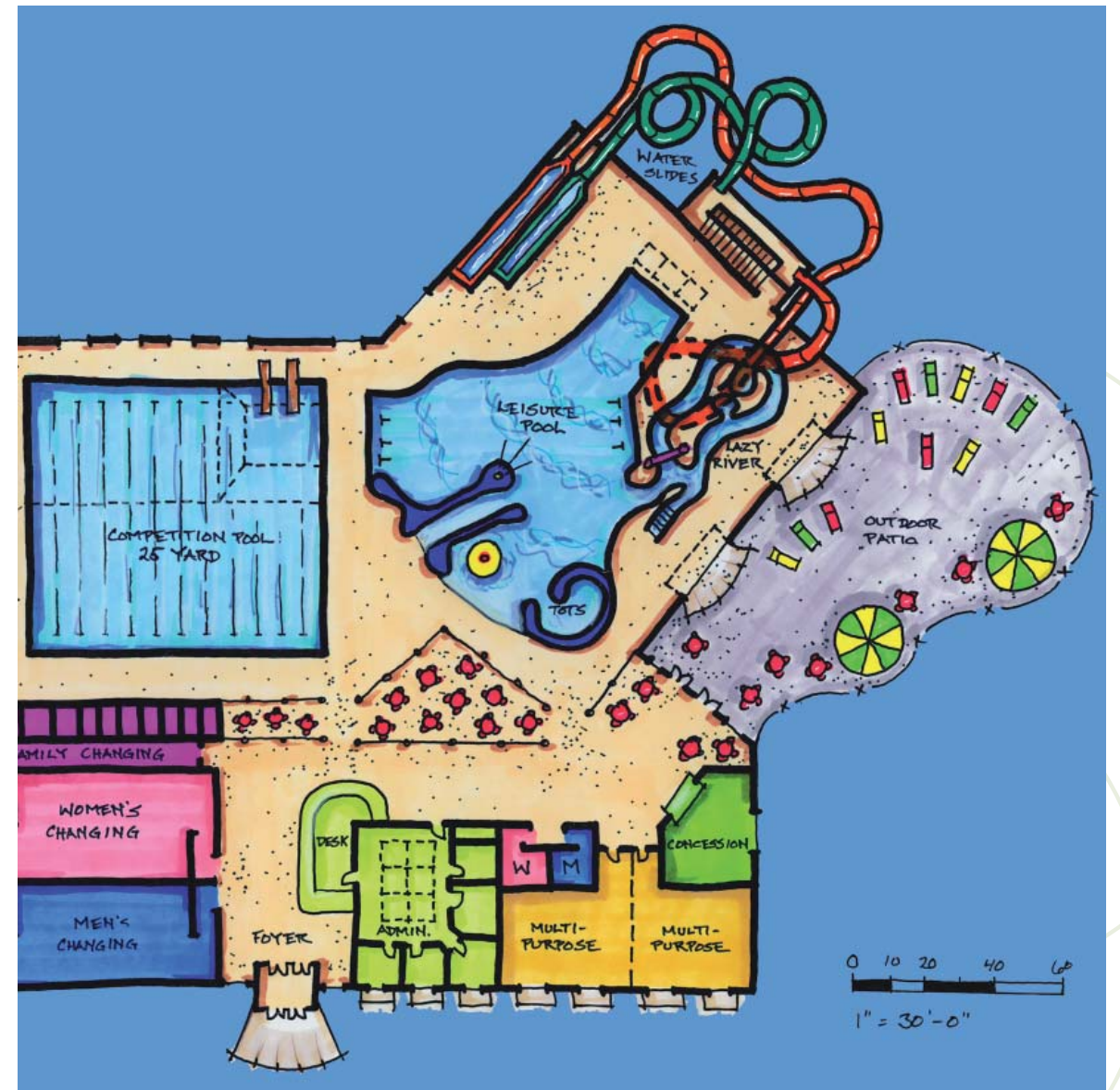


KEEPING EVERYONE IN THE LOOP

We know that in order for your project to eventually become a reality, you'll need to gain public consensus. Our years of experience in the public sector have allowed us the opportunity to participate in presentations and provide visual aids that help the community understand the project. The more people that can conceive of the dream and imagine the fun and benefits of your facility, the more likely it is to be realized.

MAKING THE NUMBERS ADD UP

Population, location, program—these all make a difference in the cost of running a facility. Our experience has shown that reaching the broadest audience and assuring multi-generation participation typically produces the most favorable pro forma. We will help demonstrate how this can be achieved.





LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Where your facility is located can have a significant impact on its success. When site selection is a factor in your project analysis, we can help you weigh the pros and cons in order to support a consensus decision. A community aquatic and recreation facility must be highly visible, accessible, and ultimately part of your community fabric.



THE NORTHWEST LEADER

We offer aquatic and recreation center operational information specific to the Northwest Region. Every few years we conduct an extensive survey of regional facilities and publish an exclusive report. This is a living document, built upon the many hours of talking to pool operators, gathering statistics, and learning about what works best. As part of your team, we'll share our comprehensive recreation and aquatic knowledge.

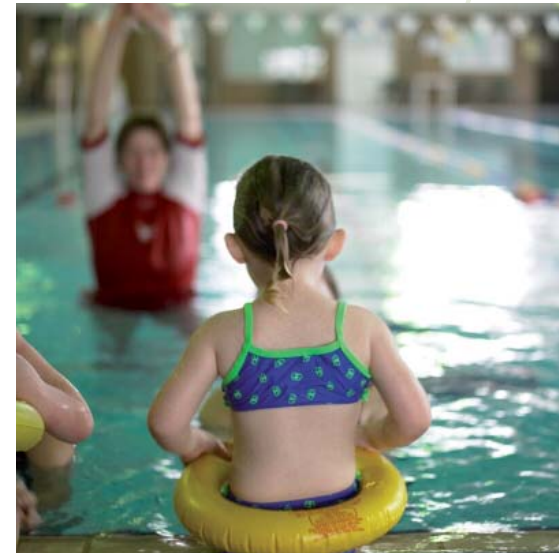




PLANNING

BEST VALUE FOR YOUR BUCK

We will help you serve the community in the best way possible, while being responsible to your tax and fund-raising dollar. ORB understands the difference between a for-profit recreation facility or theme park and a community recreation and aquatic center. We have our own in-house cost estimator who is an integral part of the design team and has an excellent track record for accurate construction cost estimates.



SO WHAT'S IT GONNA BE?

You will likely have a list of great programming ideas and goals for your project. We want you to reach those goals, while achieving the best value from your investment. By working with you to understand the budgets and operations, we can advise on the ideal program and features for your facility.

