



# Better Together

A City + YMCA  
Collaborative  
Solution

Grove City Council | March 24, 2026





# Who We Are



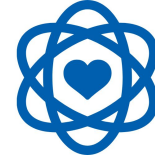
## Mission

To serve the whole community through programs expressing Judeo-Christian principles that build a healthy spirit, mind and body



## Vision

Strong communities where all people reach their full potential



## Core Values

- Caring
- Honesty
- Respect
- Responsibility



# Strengthening Grove City

**36 Years**

Of partnership with  
South-Western City School  
District

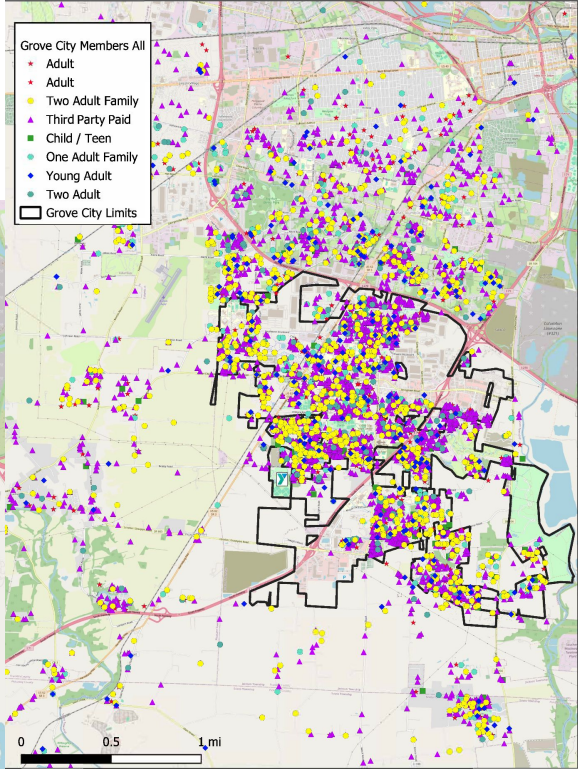
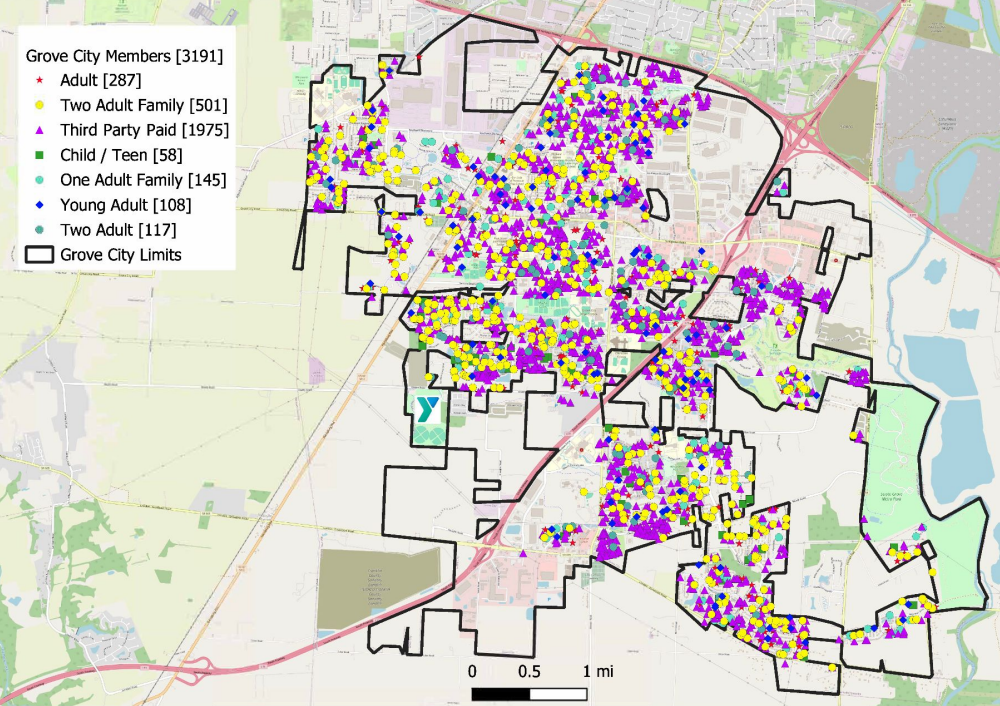
**23 Years**

Improving health across five  
generations at the Grove  
City YMCA

**\$4.2 Million**

Invested since 2003 through  
membership and program  
scholarships

# Membership In Grove City Limits



# Membership In the Area

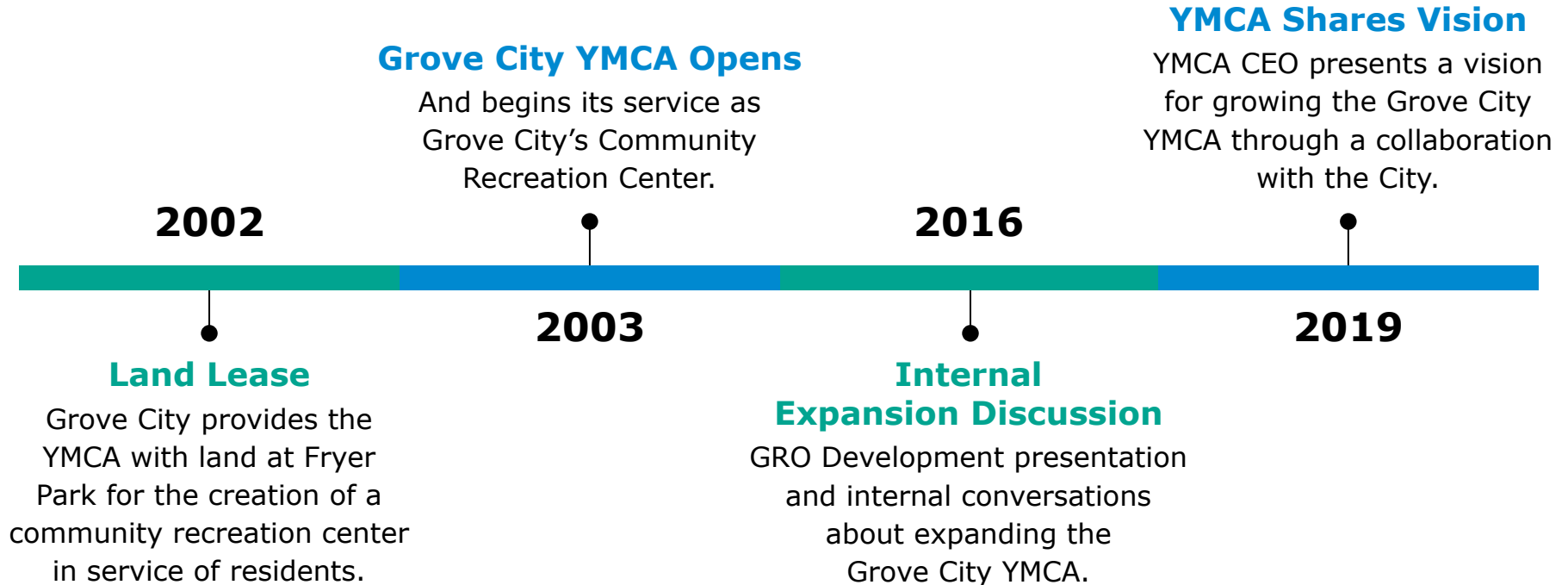


# City/YMCA Discussion Timeline & Community Surveys



# Community Center Discussions

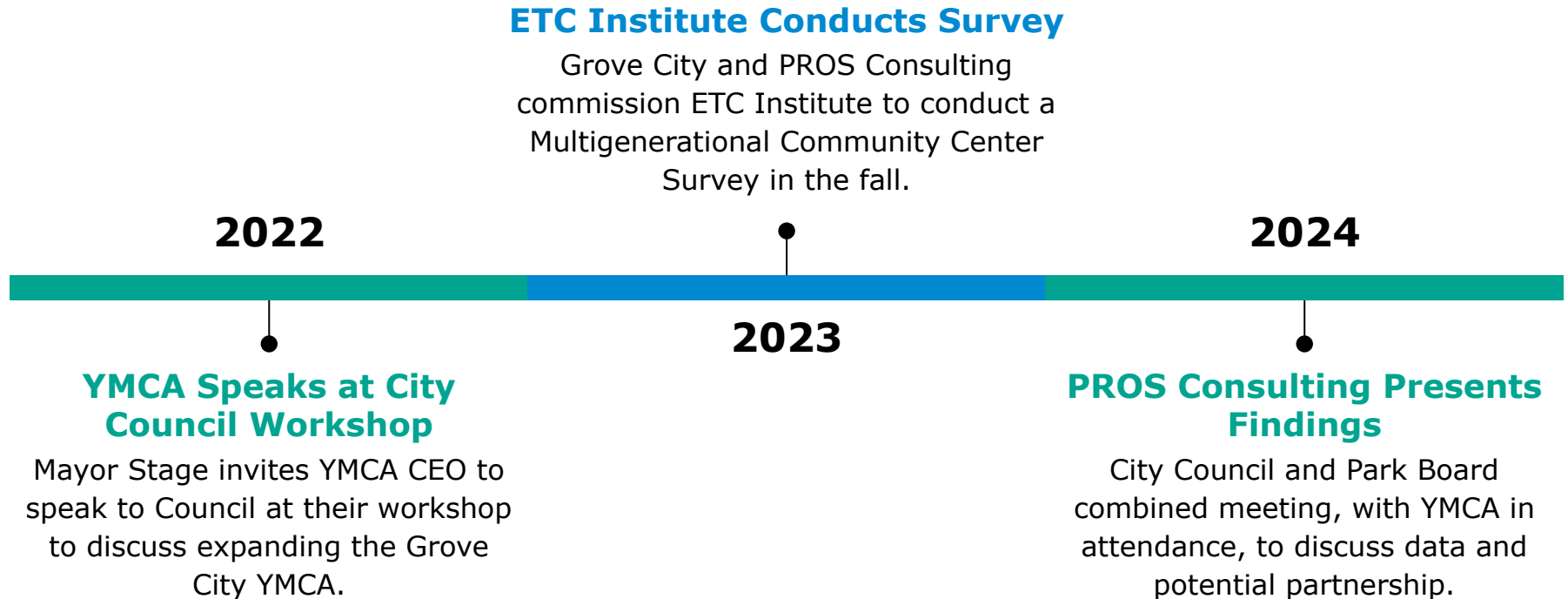
Timeline: 2002 to Present





# Community Center Discussions

## Timeline



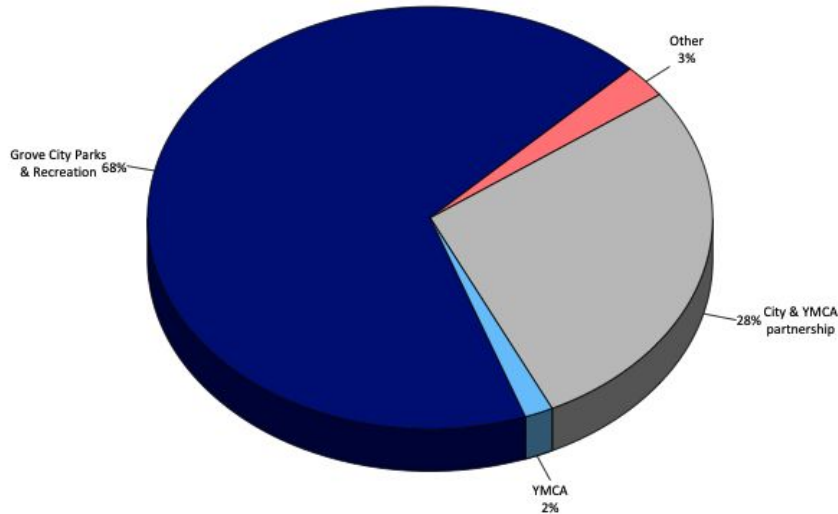
# 2023 ETC Institute Survey

Commissioned by Grove City & PROS Consulting



Grove City, OH 2023 Survey

**Q11. Do you believe a new Multigenerational Community Center should be operated by:**  
by percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")





# Community Center Discussions

## Timeline

### Resolution Stops Conversations

Resolution passes to not allow Parks & Recreation to expend further resources in pursuit of anything except a city-owned/operated center.

### EMC Research Conducts Survey

YMCA commissions EMC Research to conduct a survey of Grove City voters.

**2025**

*January-February*

### YMCA Meetings with City Leaders

YMCA staff meet with members of City Council and Parks & Recreation.

**2025**

*March*

**2025**

*April-December*

### YMCA Attempts to Present to Park Board

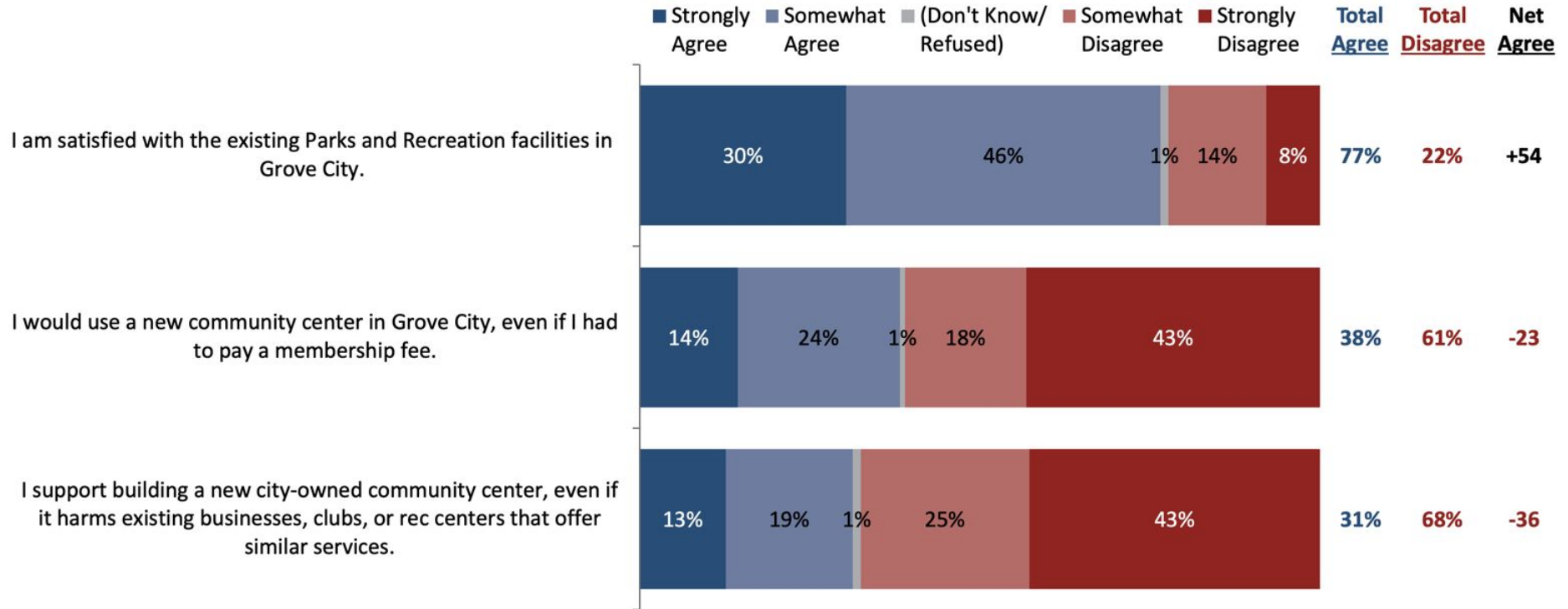
The YMCA is bumped month to month and a presentation never occurs.

**2025**

*June*

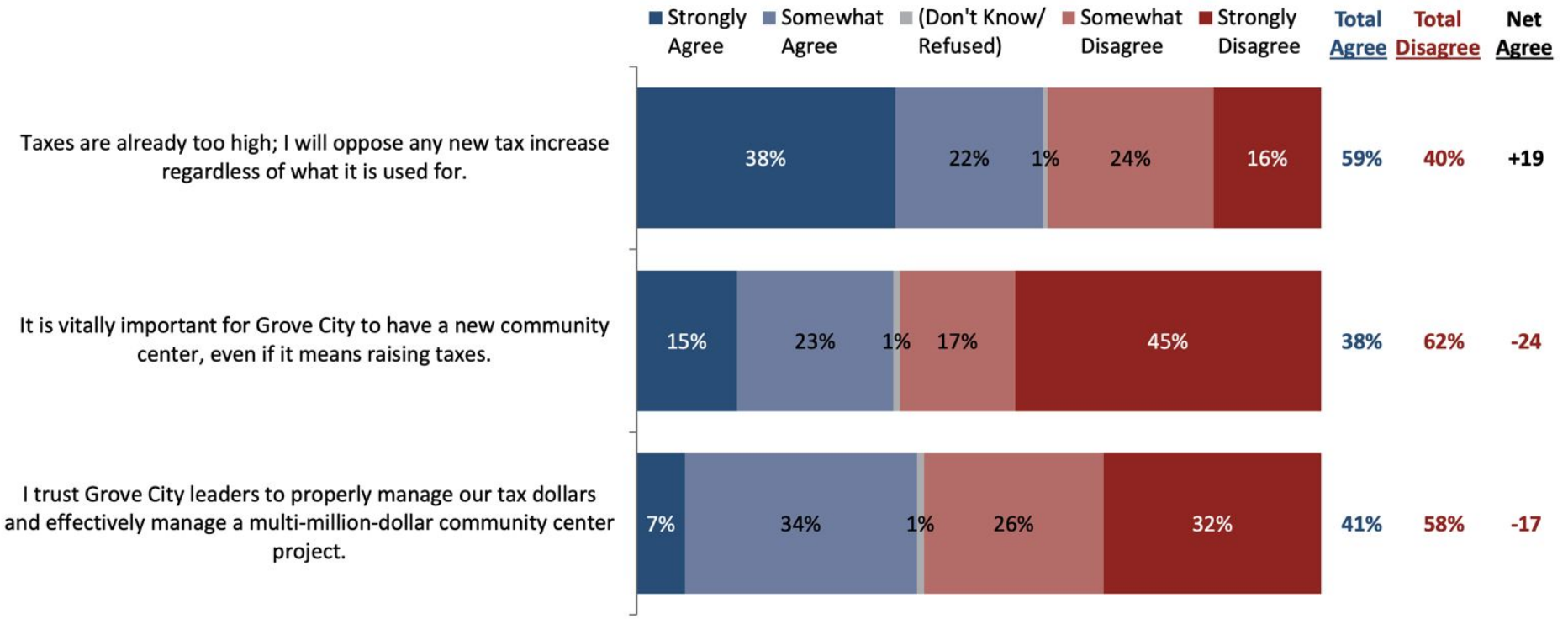
# Recreational Facility Attitudes

*Three-in-four are satisfied with existing Parks and Recreation facilities. More than two-in-third disagree they would support a new community center at the risk of harming existing businesses, clubs and services.*



# Tax Attitudes

*Three-in-five residents indicate a level of tax sensitivity. A similar share disagree that a new community center is vitally important, with nearly half strongly disagreeing.*

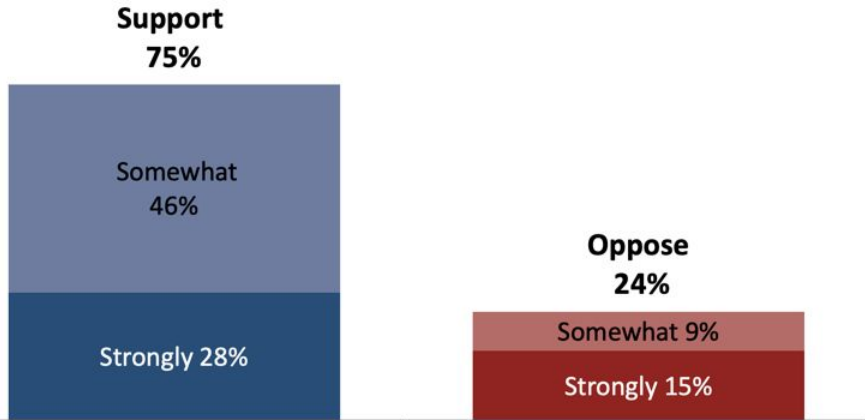


# Support for YMCA Alternative

*After only a brief description, three-in-four support the YMCA's alternative proposal. A majority of all key subgroups support the alternative proposal, especially those initially supportive of a new Community Center.*

**As you may know, the Grove City YMCA has proposed an alternative to the City's plan, which would call for a partnership between the City and the Y to expand and upgrade the Grove City Y with new amenities, and which would cost roughly half of the cost of the City's current proposal.**

**Please indicate whether you support or oppose such a plan.**



	Support	Oppose	Net Support
Overall	75%	24%	+51
Men (47%)	70%	28%	+43
Women (53%)	78%	21%	+57
18-49 (50%)	77%	21%	+56
50+ (50%)	71%	28%	+44
Democrat (29%)	80%	19%	+61
Republican (38%)	76%	23%	+53
Ind/Other (33%)	69%	30%	+39
Homeowner (72%)	72%	27%	+45
Non-Homeowner (28%)	82%	18%	+65
Current or Past member of Grove City YMCA (59%)	77%	21%	+55
Never member/PNR (41%)	72%	28%	+43
Ward 1 (22%)	74%	25%	+49
Ward 2 (19%)	76%	23%	+54
Ward 3 (20%)	73%	27%	+46
Ward 4 (21%)	71%	27%	+44
Ward 5 (18%)	80%	18%	+61
Initially Support New Community Center (40%)	84%	15%	+69
Initially Oppose New Community Center (59%)	69%	30%	+39



# Community Center Discussions

## Timeline

**2025**  
*August*

### Committee Presents Recommendations

Pizzuti presents to City Council. The site of the Grove City YMCA is ranked in the top six locations.

### YMCA Sends Letter to City Council

YMCA advocates for City Council to reconsider a community center partnership, based on EMC survey findings.

**2025**  
*September*

**2025**  
*December*

### Council Extends Pinnacle TIF Until 2050

Council unanimously approves Pinnacle TIF extension by 15 years to fund capital costs for a community center.

### Y Members Advocate

Members contact City Council and join Y staff at council meetings, as the city advances toward \$6-\$8 million design and construction phase

**2026**  
*January-Present*



# City + YMCA Collaboration Models & Benefits

# City + YMCA Models



<b>Model Type</b>	<b>Capital Funding</b>	<b>Facility Ownership &amp; Control</b>	<b>Operations Lead</b>	<b>YMCA Role</b>	<b>Typical Outcome</b>
<b>Model 1:</b> City Owned, YMCA Operated	Primarily City	City	YMCA	Full operations	City keeps asset but collaborates in regards to operational complexity
<b>Model 2:</b> Hybrid Capital Partnership	City & YMCA	City	YMCA/City	Dual Operations / Capital partner and operator	Public funding leveraged with philanthropy
<b>Model 3:</b> City Owned & Operated, YMCA Participates	City	City	City	Programming partner or service provider	City carries all of the financial and operational burden



# City + YMCA Models





# Cost Effective: City Cost Comparison

City & Taxpayer Expenses	Independent City Venture	City + YMCA Collaboration
<b>Capital Cost</b> <i>Ranges based on industry standard of \$650 sq/ft</i>	<b>\$70-\$100 Million</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New build</li><li>• 108,000-154,000 sq/ft</li></ul>	<b>\$54 Million</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Expansion</li><li>• 128,000 sq/ft total</li><li>• <b>\$2M investment from YMCA</b> as part of larger campaign</li></ul>
<b>Operating Costs</b>	<b>\$1.25 Million</b> out of \$5 million annually, <b>subsidized through</b> a proposed <b>income tax increase</b>  Residents will pay <b>membership fees</b>	P&R funds its operational expenses, YMCA operating risk and expenses are <b>covered by the YMCA</b>  Y membership fees are affordable and comparable to other facilities

How could the difference of these dollars be re-deployed by the City to meet top needs while also implementing the best recreation center outcome?

Collaboration Benefits:

# 170-Year Legacy of Expertise



## Child Protection & Development

Largest child care provider in the region and hold prestigious Praesidium Accreditation for child abuse prevention



## Water Safety & Aquatics

The Y is known as “America’s Swim Instructor”, with a 100-year history of teaching swimming and water safety



## Exclusive, Multigenerational Programming

The Grove City YMCA holds the area exclusive contract with SilverSneakers®



## Proven Models Refined Over Decades

Including community-centered programming, operational systems, effective funding models and risk management



# Programming & Reach

## Recreation & Swim

- Bitty Sports
- Youth Sports
- Adaptive Sports & Wellness
- Swim Lessons & Water Fitness

## Child Care & Youth Engagement

- Head Start
- Before & After School Child Care
- Summer Day Camp
- Teen Leaders Club

## Health & Wellness

- Personal Training
- Group & On-Demand Fitness Classes
- SilverSneakers® (*Exclusive contract in Grove City*)
- Delay the Disease® (*OhioHealth Parkinson's Disease Program*)

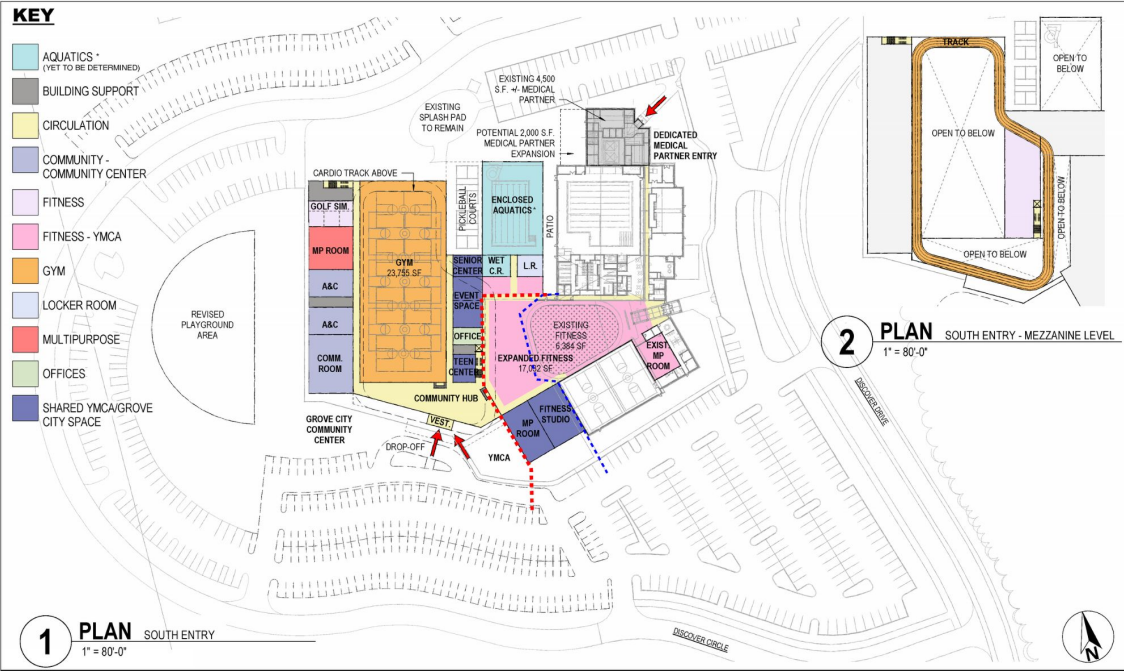
### City Benefits Include:

- 10% discount on membership/programs
- Discounted child care
- Priority registration
- Nationwide access



**KEY**

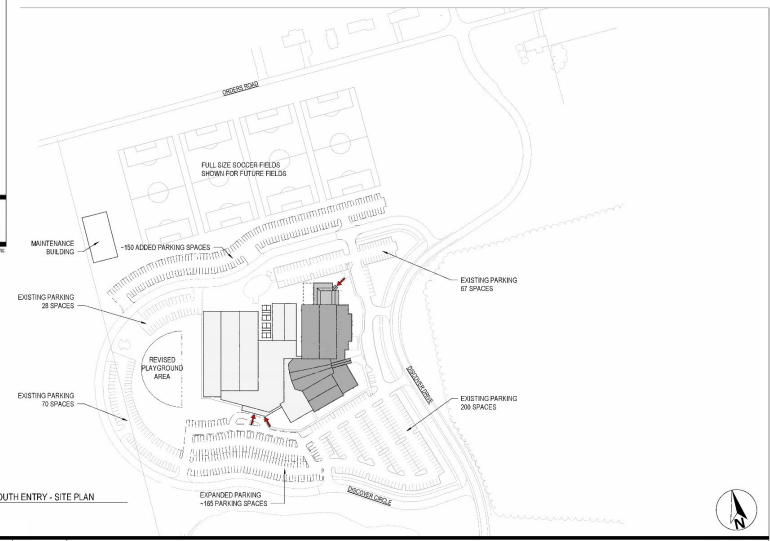
- AQUATICS\* (YET TO BE DETERMINED)
- BUILDING SUPPORT
- CIRCULATION
- COMMUNITY-COMMUNITY CENTER
- FITNESS
- FITNESS - YMCA
- GYM
- LOCKER ROOM
- MULTIPURPOSE
- OFFICES
- SHARED YMCA/GROVE CITY SPACE



**2 PLAN SOUTH ENTRY - MEZZANINE LEVEL**  
1" = 80'-0"

**1 PLAN SOUTH ENTRY**  
1" = 80'-0"

# Fryer Park Site



**1 PLAN SOUTH ENTRY - SITE PLAN**  
1" = 160'-0"



	Moody Nolan	03-24-2025 <b>A.102</b>	<b>EXTERIOR RENDER</b>	<b>GROVE CITY</b>
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	Moody Nolan	03-24-2025 <b>A.103</b>	<b>EXTERIOR RENDER</b>	<b>GROVE CITY YMCA STUDY</b>	
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# Community & Collaboration





**Survey of Registered Voters**  
**Grove City, OH**  
*June 2025*