

Choctaw Forward



A dedicated investment in recreation and public safety for Choctaw's future

Where we've been & Where we're going

February 2025 Penny Sales Tax

- Engineering for WWTP Expansion has begun – construction to begin in approximately 3 years
- Engineering is nearing completion for water and sewer line upgrades
- Completed road repair of Apache Rd and funded the Henney Rd project
- Ongoing Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Project reducing rainwater infiltration
- Committed \$500,000 per year to 4th ST(roads to East and South of High School) until completed (estimated \$1,700,000.00 in total costs)

Annual Capital Fund Commitment

- Completed more than 9.5 miles of key road repairs totaling more than \$5.5 million
- Completed Oakridge Water Well Rehabilitation increasing water capacity by 50 gpm
- Hiwassee Rd from N.E. 10th ST to S.E. 15th ST and E Reno from Triple X to Indian Meridian committed for 2026-2027 along with planning stage for Harper Rd and Hawkins ST(N.E. 23rd ST to 3rd ST)

Heritage TIF District

- Heritage TIF District created to incentivize economic growth along the NE 23rd St corridor
- The District will help fund a transformative park improvement program while also expanding commercial and residential development opportunities

Choctaw Parks & Recreation Plan 2026 “CPR 2026”

- Direct response to the challenges identified in the Comprehensive Plan process
- A boulevard will functionally connect major parks enhancing recreation and connectivity
- Project will include lighted walking and running trails for community benefit

What is a Tax Increment Financing District (TIF)?

A tool to help fund public improvements and economic growth.

How it Works

Captures new tax revenue generated by a specific area's future growth for reinvestment into public improvements and support of economic development

No Tax Increase for Residents

No tax increase for residents, businesses or property owners

Community Investment

As development occurs the additional tax revenues fund public projects and encourages further community investment

Partnership & Support

All taxing entities unanimously supported this partnership to invest in Choctaw's future

Goal: Use future growth to fund community improvements without increasing taxes on residents.

Choctaw Creek Park & Special District



AMPHITHEATER ENTRY, CONCESSIONS, & RESTROOM



EXPANDED & ENHANCED EXISTING PAVILION



AMPHITHEATER STAGE



SPLASH PAD

The Decision before Choctaw

A simple, dedicated sales tax proposal with three clear purposes.

Proposed vote

A $\frac{3}{4}$ -cent dedicated sales tax, with a maximum 20 year term to fund major community facilities and first responder needs

- YMCA Recreation and Wellness Center
- New Police Station to replace limited existing space
- Fire Department building improvements and apparatus needs
- Revenue restricted to the projects approved by voters

$\frac{3}{4}\text{¢}$

dedicated sales tax

20 yr

maximum term

3

community priorities



Why this matters now

Choctaw is growing, and public facilities have to keep pace.

Growth is coming

The proposed YMCA site is planned as an anchor near a future design district with additional homes and commercial development in the surrounding square mile.

Public safety is core infrastructure

Police and fire needs do not pause while the city grows. A new station and fire upgrades help preserve response capability and operational readiness.

Quality of life keeps families here

A YMCA creates daily value for kids, seniors, working families, schools, and local employers while keeping recreation dollars close to home.

The YMCA concept

Modeled around a proven community YMCA format similar to NE OKC.



Estimated Cost \$27 million

A practical, community-first facility

- Approx. 56,000 square feet
- Indoor lap pool for practice and fitness
- Separate family pool and play area
- Gym, wellness, studios, childcare, and gathering space
- Operated by the YMCA, not by the City

Built for Choctaw families, seniors, students, and employers, not just one narrow user group.

Where the YMCA would go

West side of Henney Road, south of 23rd Street and north of 10th Street.



Access and visibility

A high-visibility site near a primary corridor, with room for parking, landscaping, and safe circulation.

Walk, skate, and bike connections

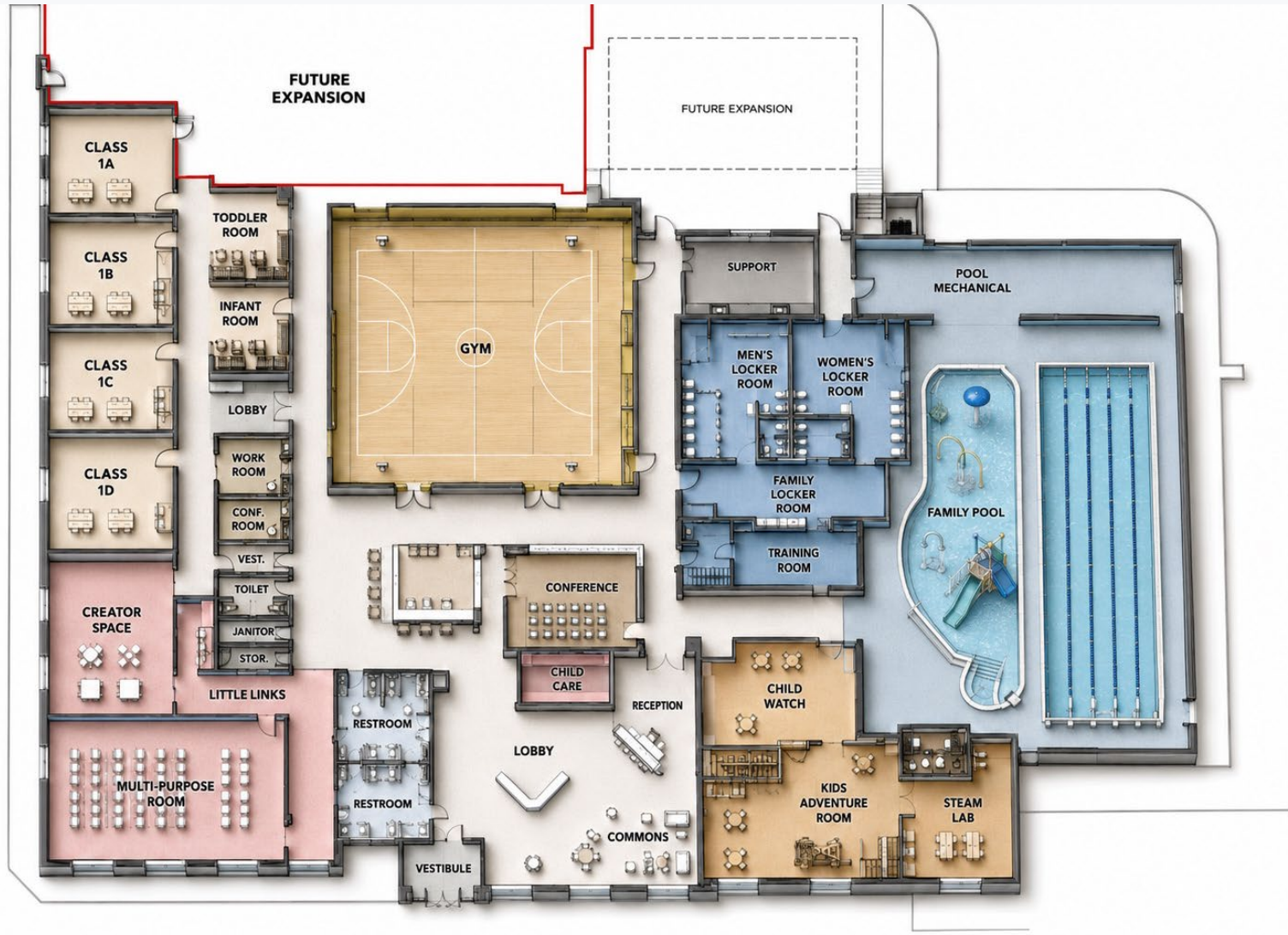
Planned paths would help kids and families reach the facility without every trip requiring a car.

Future civic planning

The plan also sets aside additional land for a future municipal building when the city is ready.

YMCA First Floor: Everyday Community Use

A first-floor floorplan that supports kids, families, meetings, gym use, aquatics, and childcare.



01 AQUATICS

Lap pool + family pool designed to serve fitness swimmers, school practice, and families with younger kids.

02 YOUTH & CHILDCARE

Child watch, kids adventure areas, classrooms, and flexible spaces for programming.

03 COMMUNITY ROOMS

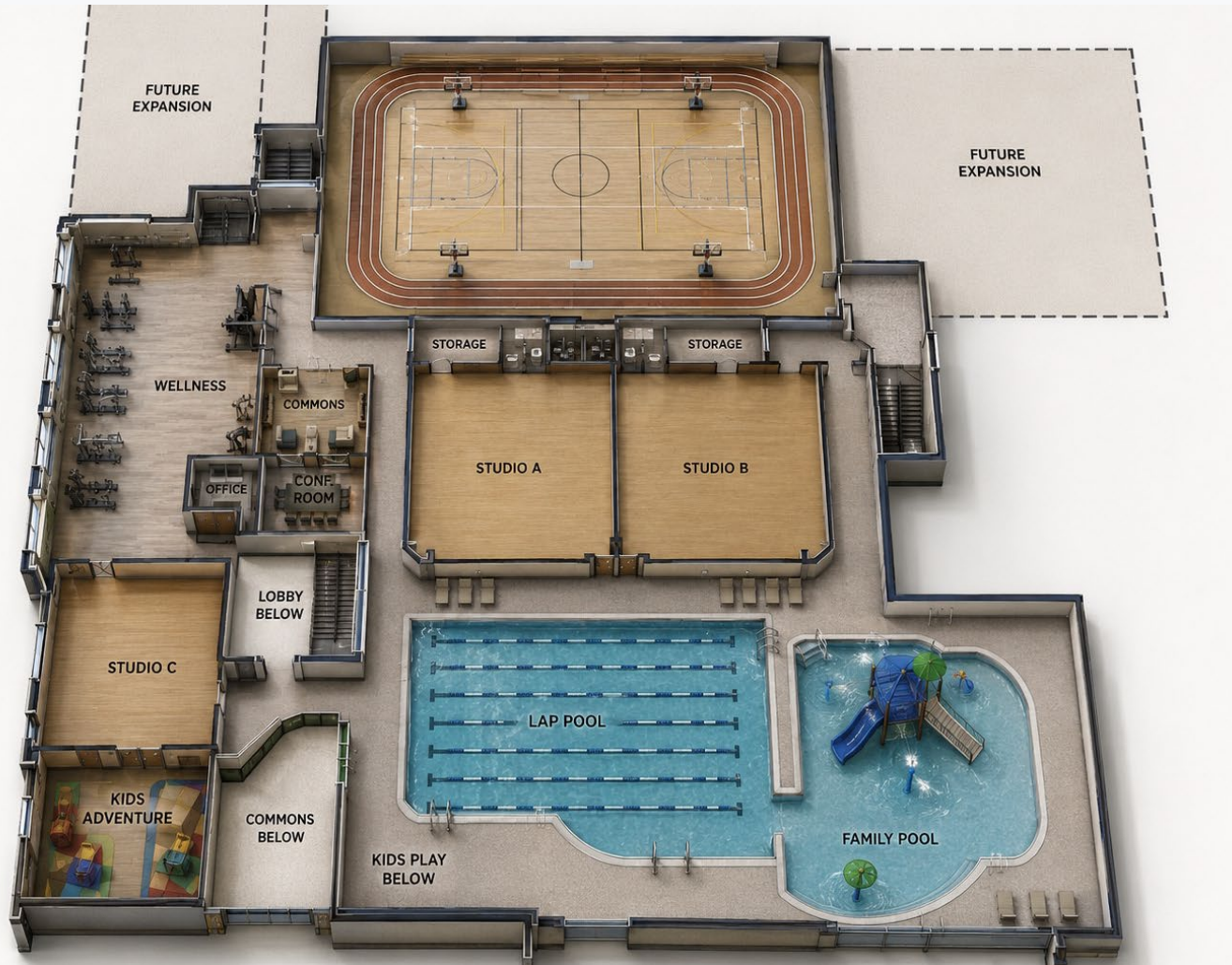
Conference, multi-purpose, and commons areas give the facility value beyond workouts.

04 FUTURE EXPANSION

Expansion areas preserve flexibility as Choctaw grows and community use increases. Look at it like future MAPS projects.

YMCA Second Floor: Fitness, Studios, Track, and Aquatics View

Upper-level programming adds daily utility for members and partner groups.



Wellness floor

Fitness equipment and commons areas for individual health and senior wellness.

Studios + gym track

Flexible rooms support classes, training, and indoor walking/running options.

Youth activity

Kids adventure and play areas create value for working parents and families.

Who benefits from the YMCA?

A strong YMCA is more than a building — it is daily community programming.

Kids & teens

Safe after-school, swim, sports, fitness, and leadership programming close to home.

Seniors

Classes, wellness, social connection, and SilverSneakers-style membership opportunities for eligible residents.

Families

Child watch, family pool, recreation, and year-round fitness in one place.

Schools & partners

Practice space, pickleball/tennis/soccer partnerships, and local programming support.

Goal: keep Choctaw families active, connected, and invested in their own city.

Why a new police station is included

Public safety facilities are infrastructure, just like roads, water, and drainage.



Current challenge

- Choctaw's current police space is very limited and operational costs are exceeding its current value.
- A new station improves workflow, evidence/security needs, staff space, and public access.
- This project supports recruitment, retention, and professional service delivery.
- Currently there is no Animal Control holding facility creating challenges with Animal Control functions.

We need police facilities built for today's workload and tomorrow's demands.

Estimated Cost \$6 million

Benefits of a New Police Station



- Supports City and Population growth
- Improves Emergency Response Capabilities
- Provides room for Current and Future Staffing
- Improves Operational Efficiency
- Improves Recruitment and Retention
- Supports Officers and Wellness
- Supports Modern Technology and Communications
- Reduces Liability and Safety Risks
- Reduces Maintenance and Operating Costs
- Enhances Public Access to Customer Service
- Demonstrates the City's Commitment to Public Safety

Why fire department upgrades are included

Fire readiness depends on buildings, apparatus, equipment, and response capacity.



Building readiness

- Front Lobby for public entrance
- Dedicated training room for firefighter training
- Additional Office Space for increased staffing
- Dedicated Training & Fitness Area for Firefighters
- Roof Replacement due to leaking and damaged roof
- Exterior Stucco Repair and Paint
- Install needed Ventilation System for vehicle exhaust
- Remodel interior of building
- Estimated Cost \$1 million

Why fire apparatus upgrades are included

Apparatus needs

- Increase water tank size by 500 gallons
- Increased pumping capacity from 200 gallons to 1500 gallons per minute
- Apparatus can serve as a Tanker and Engine for fire suppression
- Insurance Service Office (ISO) credit for water capacity, larger pump, and equipment carried to help decrease insurance premiums for citizens
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) compliant fire apparatus bringing equipment up to date
- Estimated cost \$3.4 million



How a $\frac{3}{4}$ cent Sales Tax works

Sales tax spreads the cost across local and visitor spending instead of property tax.

For every \$100 taxable purchase:

0.75¢

would go to the dedicated project fund while the tax is active

Dedicated

Funds are tied to voter-approved project purposes, not unrestricted city spending.

Time-limited

The proposal is for a maximum term, not a permanent increase for these projects. The City will work aggressively to retire the tax early.

Important distinction: Choctaw receives no city property tax revenue. This proposal uses sales tax, the city's primary revenue tool, for capital investment.

The Tax is Projected to generate \$38 million

Accountability built into the plan

Residents deserve a clear answer on how dollars will be protected and tracked.

Restricted purpose

Per state law money must be tracked separately and used only for the voter-approved YMCA, police, and fire projects.

Public reporting

Regular updates will show collections, progress, design milestones, bids, change orders, and construction timelines.

Finite timeline

The tax has a maximum term and is tied to capital project completion and repayment, not ongoing open-ended spending.

Questions & Comments

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A vote for facilities that match Choctaw's future.

Recreation. Public safety. Growth readiness.

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