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## **YMCA OF NORTHERN ROCK COUNTY INVITES COMMUNITY TO SHARE IDEAS IN ONLINE PUBLIC SURVEY**

***Residents and non-members can submit feedback through September 12  
as part of the 135 & Beyond Project***

**JANESVILLE, Wis., July 28, 2025** — The YMCA of Northern Rock County has opened a public listening survey for its 135 & Beyond Project, an effort to chart the organization's course as it approaches its 135th anniversary in 2026. The survey remains available through September 12 at [www.ymcanrc.org/135years](http://www.ymcanrc.org/135years) and invites all Rock County residents, including non-members, to watch a short video and share their ideas online.

Launched earlier this year, the 135 & Beyond Project engages the community in shaping facility improvements, program innovation, and partnership opportunities.

Between May 20 and June 26, 13 in-person Reshaping Sessions drew more than 150 residents, YMCA members and staff, business leaders, and partner stakeholders. Participants offered feedback on amenities, accessibility, and community connections.

Conversation highlights included year-round food assistance, a community garden, stable childcare funding, historic-space preservation, aquatic upgrades, expanded youth sports, and family-friendly scheduling. A complete summary of Reshaping Sessions feedback is available at [www.ymcanrc.org/135years](http://www.ymcanrc.org/135years).

"Thank you to the more than 100 participants from the Northern Rock County community who have shared their time, ideas, and suggestions for our Ys in Janesville and Milton," said Angie Bolson, president and CEO of YMCA of Northern Rock County. "Now we want to hear from everyone. This quick survey ensures every voice helps guide our plans for facilities, programs, financial resilience, health and wellness, and deeper belonging."

In fall 2025, online survey results will be combined with earlier gathered feedback, professional assessments, and feasibility studies. A 135 Community Team, comprising volunteers, Y staff, members, and community partners, will then form to draft recommendations to share with the Board, helping to shape and refine the Y's next chapter.

For more information and to take the survey, visit [www.ymcanrc.org/135years](http://www.ymcanrc.org/135years).

## **Everyone Belongs at the YMCA of Northern Rock County**

We're part of a nonprofit organization of over 2,700 Ys located in 10,000 communities across the United States dedicated to strengthening the communities that they serve. With a focus on developing the potential of youth, improving individual health and well-being, and giving back to and supporting communities, your participation brings about meaningful change not just within yourself, but also in your community. The [YMCA of Northern Rock County](#) has two branches: the Janesville YMCA and the Parker YMCA. Stop in for a tour today!

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