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FIRST 135 & BEYOND REPORT: COMMUNITY VOICES ALREADY SHAPING THE Y'S NEXT CHAPTER

**250 VOLUNTEER HOURS AND DOZENS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE HELPING
SET FUTURE PRIORITIES ACROSS BOTH Y CAMPUSES**

JANESVILLE, Wis. — The YMCA of Northern Rock County today released the first quarterly report from the work of its 135 Community Team, the resident panel informing the Y's [135 & Beyond](#) planning. Drawing on three months of community input (February through April), the findings are already steering major decisions for the Y's next chapter.

"We said our 135 project would be different — and it is. In the best ways," said Angie Bolson, president and CEO of the YMCA of Northern Rock County. "People are showing up each month to tell us what they need, what we do well and where we can do better. And we are listening so our future plans involve their feedback, using all of it in real-time planning and early fundraising. The [Boys & Girls Club space purchase decision](#), considerations about Parker's green space — none of that happens without the voices behind this report."

The first-quarter findings revealed clear signals about what may come next: more child care capacity, modern aquatics, better wayfinding downtown and a serious appetite for outdoor space in Milton. At the Parker campus, nearly two-thirds of April respondents flagged "better use of outdoor space" as its biggest gap. Seventy-four percent of respondents rated their Y experience as very good or excellent with staff warmth the single strongest theme at both campuses.

What the community said is already moving through the Y, into staff conversations, leadership planning and board-led project teams driving 135 & Beyond forward. A Capital Prep Team is shaping campaign strategy and feasibility, including the recent Boys & Girls Club space acquisition. A Mission and Operations Team is building the business case and five-year financial model. A Real Estate Team is evaluating how every square foot can serve the community through partnerships and activation. A Design and Construction Team is diving deep into facility infrastructure needs. Coordinating it all, the Project Management Team keeps the work aligned, on a timeline, and on mission.

The full report and project news lives at ymcanrc.org/135. Follow the team's monthly updates on Facebook. Community members, non-members, families, teens and seniors are

all welcome at any or all remaining 2026 135 Community Team sessions. The remaining meetings are held on Saturdays at 9 a.m., alternating between the Janesville and Milton campuses: July 11, Aug. 1, Sept. 12, Oct. 3, Nov. 7 and Dec. 5. No cost, no membership required.

135 & Beyond is the YMCA of Northern Rock County's community-integrated plan for future changes and improvements as the Y approaches its 135th anniversary in 2027.

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