

Waconia Indoor Ice Arena - “Quick Facts”
Presented by the Waconia Hockey Association (WHA)

Why is an indoor arena necessary?

- We need to provide opportunities for our kids
- Currently 200 kids play hockey in Waconia
- Projections: over 400 kids in next five years
- Ice time is extremely limited in local area
- Hard pressed to find a community our size in MN that doesn't have at least one sheet of ice
- WHS will likely field its own high school teams soon
- Girls' programs exploding!

What is the status of the project?

- City has designated current site of outdoor rink at Brook Peterson for the arena
- City gave three year time limitation to get it done
- WHA is leading the project, and has engaged RSP Architects to design the arena. This firm has designed and built many other arenas in MN.
- WHA is working with school district, city and other stakeholders in the design. City must approve final plan.
- Arena could open as early as Fall of 2006.
- Fundraising likely to start in Nov./Dec. of 2005

How will the arena be funded, owned and, operated?

- Initial cost estimates are \$4M - \$6M, depending on final facility design.
- WHA will own and operate the building.
- Funded through combination of equity (fundraiser), and debt (city non-obligation bonds)
- Debt service covered through rental of ice time, office space and other revenue streams.
- Ownership possibly given to city or school after bonds are paid.
- This model has succeeded in Minnetonka with positive cash flow.

What are the other potential benefits of an arena in Waconia?

- Benefit to local businesses
- Multi-purpose facility possible (soccer, lacrosse, etc.)
- Ice availability for non-hockey activities (broomball, figure skating, adult hockey, etc.
- Quality of life improvement

Bottom line – We have an opportunity to build a quality facility, and improve opportunities for our kids, without requiring public ownership or taxpayer funding!!!!

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