

RESPONSE TO  
COMMUNITY DESIGN COMMISSION  
COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS  
CHAPEL HILL AQUATIC CENTER

On June 16, 2004 the Community Design Commission reviewed the Concept Plan proposal for this project. Their comments from that meeting have been given to the applicant. Following is a point-by-point commentary showing how the applicant has considered these comments.

Site Design and Elevations

1. Several Commission members were pleased with the applicant's proposal to carefully site the building adjacent to a stand of significant trees in the Resource Conservation District.  
**The building has been sited differently due to energy conservation and LEED requirements. However, the siting continues to respect the stand of significant trees. The building remains adjacent to this cluster of mature hardwoods, and the hardwoods will be visible from the building.**
2. Recognizing obvious site constraints imposed by the existing park development and the nearby Resource Conservation District, one Commissioner stated that the building did not appear to "embrace" the site.  
**The building has been re-oriented on the site with a modified relationship to the existing parking.**
3. One Commission member asked the applicant to consider a site and building design which incorporates the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Program (LEED).  
**We have considered the site and building design to incorporate LEED features. The building now includes many LEED features. A LEED accredited architect is the chief designer for the building and a LEED commissioning agent has been added to the development team. The building will not be formally submitted to the USGBC for certification because the costs associated with full commissioning have not been included in the project budget and there is also no LEED template for Aquatic Centers.**
4. Stating that this facility could be an impressive signature building within the community's park system, a Commissioner hoped that the final elevations and building design would not be negatively impacted by future unforeseen budget constraints.  
**The building has been re-designed partly due to budget constraints. We have made every attempt to retain the features of function, utility and design that will keep this building as a signature building within the town's park system.**