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The Natatorium Community Recreation and Wellness Center

Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

Client	• City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
Contact	• Richard Pierson, Director of Parks and Recreation 330.971.8225
Associate Firm	• Braun & Steidl Architects, Akron, Ohio
Budget	• \$26.7 million (hard and soft costs)
Completion	• September, 2004

A new recreation and wellness facility is fast becoming the heart and soul of this thriving community of 50,000 residents. Strategically sited downtown, the \$26.7 million, 114,000 sq. ft. Natatorium Recreation and Wellness Center is constructed through a unique funding method: a revenue bond repaid with only user fees. The new center features a recreation activity pool and spa, a competition pool, and an instructional pool as well as two gymnasiums, a fitness center, aerobics studios, community spaces, children's playground, administrative spaces and a hospital wellness center operated by Summa Health Systems.

The atrium and rotunda of the Center have captured the experience of the "rocky gorge and falls," a beloved icon

Pool design and engineering by Water Technology, Inc. of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.



"The Braun & Steidl Architects/Barker Rinker Seacat partnership provided for Cuyahoga Falls Parks and Recreation a thorough and unique blending of vision and authenticity that produced an outstanding Natatorium Recreation Wellness Center appreciated by the entire community."

*-Richard Pierson, Superintendent
Cuyahoga Falls Parks & Recreation Dept.*

- Ohio Parks and Recreation Association
Outstanding Facility of the Year in 2005

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