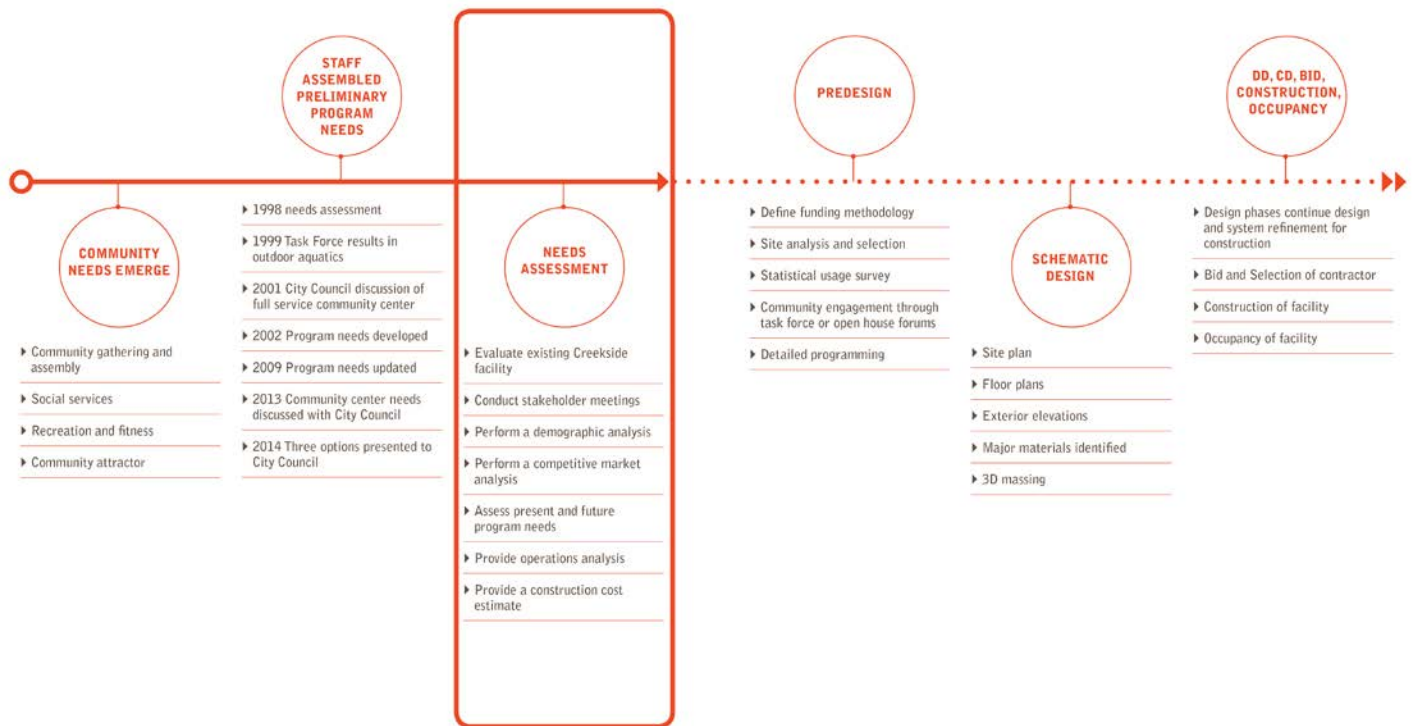


## 8. NEXT STEPS



This Needs Assessment has identified a desire for more public gathering spaces and better facilities to increase the desirability of the city to current and future residents. Several next steps could be performed as part of a Pre-design process before the issue of a Request for Proposals for design services of a community center project. The completion of Pre-design is another opportunity for the city to decide if next steps are warranted.

### Define Funding Methodology

The City should explore and establish preferred direction to fund the community center project. Possible options include bonding, public/private grants, naming rights, partnership potential and program association fundraising.

### Statistical Usage Survey

A statistically valid community survey could be used to prioritize space needs, identify dedicated spaces, determine willingness to pay for services and assess how often residents would utilize a facility.

### Community Engagement

With the framework of desired spaces outlined in this Needs Assessment, a detailed community engagement process could be utilized to prioritize wants and build excitement about the project. A few of many engagement opportunities could be a resident task force or open house forums.

### Detailed Programming

Once spaces have been prioritized and project budget defined a detailed program should be created. This list of spaces should be validated by specific stakeholders making sure unique and shared uses are identified and support spaces are more than adequate for flexible and long term usability.

### Site Analysis and Selection

Once several sites are identified a technical analysis should be performed to select the most suitable site. Analysis of key characteristics such as zoning, topography, access, views, solar orientation, general storm water requirements and site costs will inform recommendation.

The result from a Predesign phase will be a clearly defined project scope that will provide the City with specific detail, including construction budget, project size and schedule, to assess if a project is viable. From there architectural and engineering design services, including schematic design, design development and construction documents, could be requested with bidding, construction and occupancy following.