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# News Release

**SPORTS & PROPERTIES, INC. (SPI)** of Raleigh has been selected by Szostak Design and the City of Raleigh Parks & Recreation Department as part of a consulting team to perform an extensive aquatics study for the City.

The consulting team is headed by Szostak Design of Chapel Hill. In addition to Szostak Design and SPI, the team consists of Councilman-Hunsaker Associates of St. Louis, MO; Mulkey Engineers of Raleigh; Mulkey Engineers of Raleigh; Reynolds and Jewell of Raleigh; and RMF Engineering of Durham. The team was selected by the City of Raleigh through a national RFP (Request for Proposals) process.

The study is intended to do an in-depth review of Raleigh's current aquatic facilities and how those facilities are serving the public. The study will also provide a 20-year aquatics plan for the future of aquatics facilities throughout the City. The study began in March and is expected to be completed by mid-fall.

In addition to SPI's more than 40 years of aquatics experience among its principals, the firm has extensive expertise in sports facilities, events, naming rights, and major sponsorships. As one part of the study, SPI is responsible for identifying potential additional revenue sources to supplement municipal funding of the Raleigh aquatics facilities plan.

**About Szostak Design:** Szostak Design Incorporated has been in existence in its current form since 2001, with a reputation as one of the most respected design firms in the Triangle. Notable projects include the Durham Performing Arts Center and Winmore, a zoo unit village style neighborhood that promotes affordability and sustainability. For more information about Szostak Design, please visit [www.szostakdesign.com](http://www.szostakdesign.com).

**About the City of Raleigh Parks & Recreation Department:** Raleigh's Parks and Recreation Department is a professionally managed network of facilities and programs. The City of Raleigh is home to a Parks System of over 7,500 acres, and a full-service Recreation program, featured at over 200 city-owned and operated facilities. The Department manages 19 community centers, 8 swimming pools, 108 tennis courts, 61 softball fields, and four lakes. For more information about the City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department, call (919) 890-3285 or visit [www.parks.raleighnc.gov](http://www.parks.raleighnc.gov).

**About Sports & Properties, Inc.:** SPI is a sports and entertainment marketing and development firm based in Raleigh, NC. The firms clients range from major corporations and venues to cities and non-profit organizations. An important focus area for the firm is sports and entertainment projects that drive significant and positive economic development in communities throughout the United States. For more information about SPI, please visit our website at [www.sportsproperties.com](http://www.sportsproperties.com).

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