



Bonavista Recreation Centre

Open house | June 2025



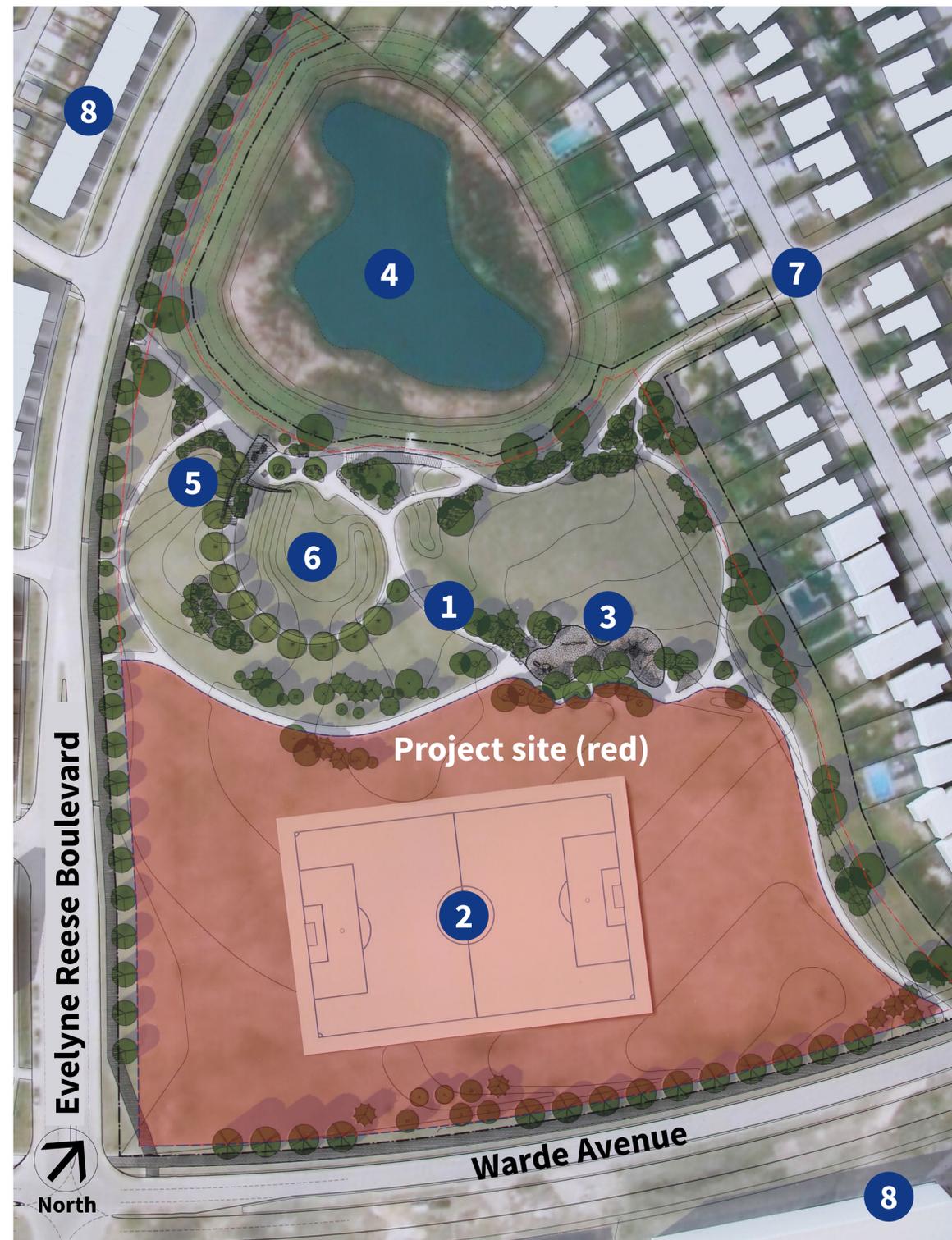
Background

- We are looking at building a new recreation centre in southeast Winnipeg to meet the needs of the growing community.
- The proposed recreation centre will be approximately 20,000 square feet. It will include a gymnasium and multi-purpose rooms.
- The proposed recreation centre will be located in Fraipont Park, near the intersection of Evelyne Reese Boulevard and Warde Avenue.
- The Winnipeg Recreation and Parks Strategies will guide the project.



Project site

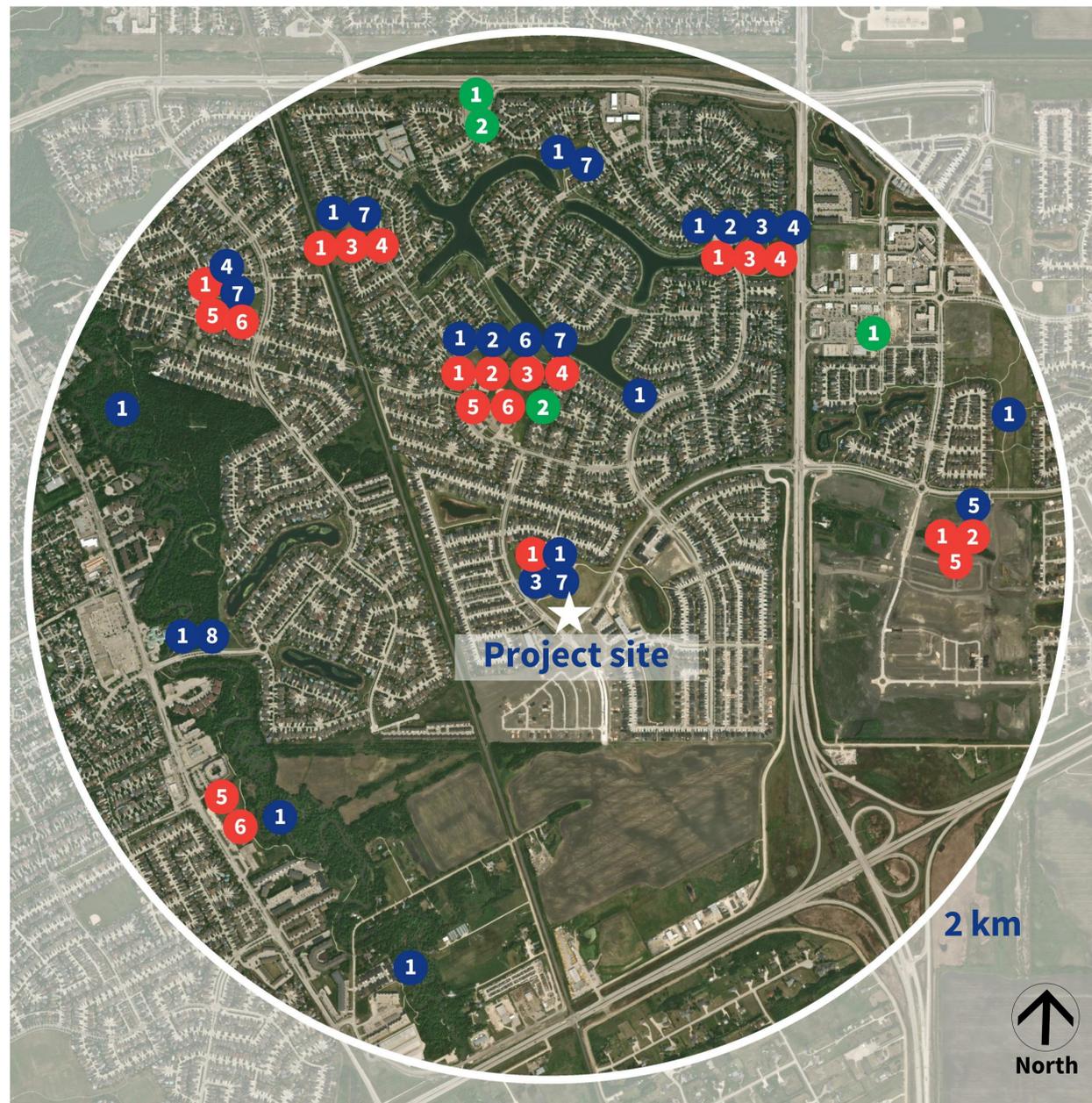
- The site (highlighted in red) is planned for the western half of Fraipont Park.
- The existing toboggan hill, play area, boardwalk, and lookout will not be impacted.
- The existing soccer field will need to be relocated.



- 1 Fraipont Park
- 2 Soccer field (U18, three-quarter size)
- 3 Play area
- 4 Retention pond
- 5 Boardwalk and lookout
- 6 Toboggan hill
- 7 Single-family housing
- 8 Multi-family housing

Existing recreation

We looked at what indoor and outdoor recreation amenities are in the area. This helped identify what amenities the area has plenty of, and what amenities the area lacks.



Outdoor recreation

- 1 Park/open space
- 2 Outdoor fitness
- 3 Tobogganing
- 4 Skating rink
- 5 Pump track
- 6 Spray pad
- 7 Playground
- 8 Canoe launch

Outdoor athletics

- 1 Soccer
- 2 Basketball
- 3 Baseball
- 4 Softball
- 5 Pickleball
- 6 Tennis

Indoor recreation

- 1 Private gym/fitness
- 2 Daycare/kinder gym

Recreation gaps

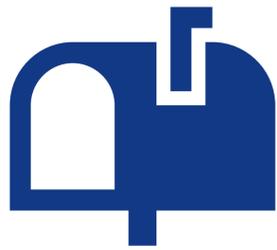
- There are very few of the following **outdoor** amenities within 2 km of the site:
 - Pleasure skating rinks
 - Covered picnic areas
 - Public gathering spaces
 - Basketball courts
 - Tennis courts
 - Pickleball courts
 - Multi-use greenspaces
- There are none of the following **indoor** amenities within 2 km of the site:
 - Public gathering spaces
 - Basketball courts
 - Pickleball courts
- There are no public gyms with weights, cardio, and group fitness classes within 2 km of the site. However, there are two private gyms nearby.



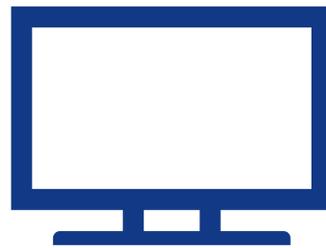
Phase 1 public engagement

In fall 2024, we asked residents what programs and recreation amenities they would like to see. Here is a summary of Phase 1 public engagement:

4,984 postcards



4 digital display ads



10 social media posts



5,672 newsletter emails



3,304 webpage visits



1,366 survey responses



Phase 1 public engagement - what we heard

The top five indoor sports were:

1. Group fitness classes
2. Basketball
3. Soccer
4. Yoga
5. Pickleball

The top five indoor programs were:

1. Reunion/birthday/party rental space
2. Leisure or “learn-to” programs
3. Arts and crafts, such as pottery or painting
4. Dance
5. Craft markets/fundraising sales

The top five outdoor amenities were:

1. Picnic and sitting areas
2. Pleasure rink
3. Basketball court
4. Tennis court
5. Pickleball court

The top concerns were:

1. Loss of greenspace and impact to trees
2. Parking availability
3. Increase in traffic

Design

- We created a draft design for the proposed recreation centre.
- The design was guided by:
 - Opportunities and constraints found during the site assessment
 - Service gaps found from the review of nearby recreation amenities
 - Input from residents in fall 2024 and stakeholders in winter 2025



Proposed site layout



- 1 **Recreation centre building** – near the intersection for a strong street presence.
- 2 **Parking lot** – 114 parking stalls, including accessible stalls.
- 3 **Parking lot entrance/exit** – along Evelyne Reese Boulevard, across from Bonaventure Drive West.
- 4 **Drop off** – convenient pick-up and drop-off near the entrance for vehicles and Winnipeg Transit Plus.
- 5 **Crosswalk** – a safe route through the parking lot for pedestrians.
- 6 **Paved/gravel paths** – new paths to connect the building with outdoor amenities, Warde Avenue, and the existing park.
- 7 **Waste enclosure** – hides garbage and recycling bins.
- 8 **Outdoor plaza** – the building is set back slightly from the street for a covered plaza area.
- 9 **Bike racks** – for secure bike storage.
- 10 **Transit stop** – a new transit stop in front of the building.

Proposed outdoor recreation



- 1 **Soccer field** – new soccer field will be the same size as the current soccer field.
- 2 **Four pickleball courts** – central location is further from nearby homes to reduce impacts of noise.
- 3 **Basketball court** – central location is further from nearby homes to reduce impacts of noise. This area is fenced.
- 4 **Multi-use greenspace** – for a variety of activities such as gatherings and informal sports (frisbee, tag).
- 5 **Multi-use paved space** – for a variety of activities such as gatherings, markets, and informal play (biking, skateboards, chalk).
- 6 **Picnic shelter** – located near the parking lot and existing park for easy access.

Proposed floor plan

- 1** Entrance
- 2** Lobby
- 3** Service room
- 4** Gender-neutral and accessible washrooms
- 5** Gendered washrooms - separate men's and women's washrooms
- 6** Gymnasium - full size, hardwood floor
- 7** Multi-purpose rooms - two rooms with moveable divider
- 8** Storage room
- 9** Servery/kitchen
- 10** Office - for recreation centre staff
- 11** Corridor - with seating and lockers
- 12** Meeting room - for small meetings and classes of 10 to 25 people
- 13** Exterior plaza - for outdoor gatherings, markets, yoga, fitness, and seating

Gymnasium activities



Pickleball

Volleyball

Basketball

Badminton

Fitness

Multi-purpose room activities



Large meetings/
gatherings

Rentable space
for events

Dance classes

Art classes/
learn-to classes

Yoga/fitness
classes



Exterior



View from Warde Avenue



View from Evelynne Reese Boulevard



Multi-purpose rooms



Gymnasium



Interior views



Corridor with seating



Gym lobby

Interior views



Lobby and outdoor plaza



Gymnasium entrance and lockers

Project phasing

The Bonavista Recreation Centre might be built in multiple phases depending on the funding available.

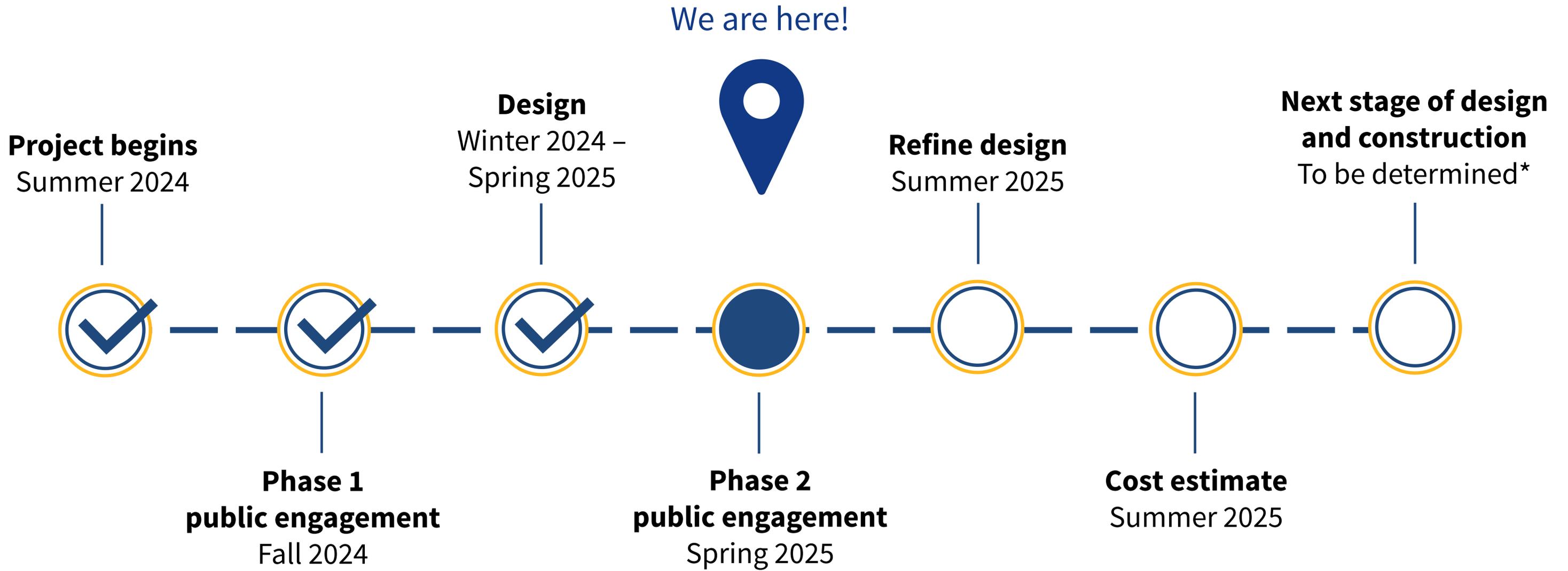
Phase 1



Phase 2



Timeline

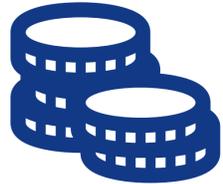


*Subject to Council approval and funding

Next steps



Finalize the design with the help of public feedback.



Complete a Class 4 cost estimate (-30% to +60%).



Seek Council approval and funding.



Start the next stage of design and construction. Funding is required for construction.

How to provide your feedback:

Ask us a question

The project team is here to answer your questions.



Take the survey

Paper surveys are available at the welcome table.



Scan the QR Code

Take the survey online by June 30, 2025.

