

CANTON SKATEPARK

Overview

Several individuals contacted Canton Parks to discuss the skatepark in summer 2014. This included Councilman Hawk, Tristan Steponovich, Alex Looby, Shane Converse. A meeting was scheduled for an initial discussion for September 24, 2014 by Arcade Cony's Hot Dogs. Expecting a meeting with about 6 individuals, Director Gordon and staff member, Theresa Gang, were pleasantly surprised to see almost 40 people arrive to talk about a skatepark. Councilman Hawk had been in contact with a few of the youth and word spread about the meeting! And so it began...

Fall 2014 Vision

You develop the formal "idea" of a skatepark and fill in some of the details about what you'll need to see it become a reality.

- Research other existing facilities that are successful and popular
- Meet with existing non profit skater organizations such as Public Square Group
- Encourage interested community members to attend the master plan meetings

Winter 2015 Advocacy

You create and implement a public awareness strategy.

- Field trip to visit a couple of skateparks
- Public meeting (December?)
- Add information to WebSite and to Facebook
- Have skate group support a park clean up?
- Only after meetings, then brainstorm sites.

2015 Fundraising

You develop fundraising goals and meet them.

- Grant Opportunities
 - Tony Hawk Foundation (max \$25,000)
 - LWCF
 - Due May 1, 2015 for acquisition, development and rehabilitation of recreational areas
 - Up to 50% match reimbursement
 - Natureworks (ODNR)
 - due May 1, 2015
 - Can be matched by LWCF funds
 - Up to 75% of total project

Fall 2015 Design /2016 Construction

A designer is hired to work with your community, and a construction firm is hired to build the designer's plan.

Ongoing! Maintenance and Operations

You and your group create ways to support the health of the skatepark.

Learn more about the process to bring a skatepark to your community! <http://publicskateparkguide.org/>

Skateparks mentioned at meeting September 2014

- Westerville: http://www.concretedisciples.com/index.php/en_us/component/content/article/58-usa-skateparks/19794-westervilleskatepark-westerville-ohio-usa.html
- Kettering: <http://www.ketteringoh.org/play/rob-dyrdekdc-shoes-skate-plaza/>
- Cuyahoga Falls: <https://cfo.cityofcf.com/web/parks-and-recreation/downview-sports-center/skate-park>
- Williams Farm, VA Beach: <http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/parks-recreation/parks-trails/Pages/skate-parks.aspx>

Delaware, Ohio – by Team Pain: <http://teampain.com/2011/09/mingo-skatepark/>

Suggested Design/ Build: Grindline, Team Pain

Statistics based on current recommendations:

VISION:

Service Area: City of Canton, population 70,000

Estimated Casual Skaters (3% of population) – 2100

Estimated Core Skaters (27.9% of casual skaters) – 585

Peak Load (core skaters x .33) – 193

Square Feet Needed (150 sq. feet x peak load) = 28, 957 sq. feet

The skatepark adoption model result is the TOTAL amount of skatepark terrain that is needed. It doesn't necessarily mean one giant skatepark. The largest skateparks in the United States rarely exceed 30,000 square feet. So any skatepark adoption model result larger than 30,000 square feet should probably be broken up into smaller parks and distributed evenly across the service area.

ADVOCACY:

First harness broad community awareness and support for the project. Then brainstorm potential sites. The location of the skatepark is a major factor in the long-term success and health of the facility.

- Evaluate Sites by:
You'll assess each of your top 20 sites based on 5 qualities. Each site will be ranked from 1 to 20 and the site or sites with the highest total scores should reveal themselves to be the most optimal sites.
- The four qualities are:
Accessibility: How accessible is it?
Visibility: How visible is it?
Activity: How active is it?
Comfort: How comfortable is it?
- And three factors that can sometimes trump even an outstanding candidate site:
Feasibility: How practical would development be?
Ownership: Who owns it? (Can you even build anything on that property?)
Projection: What is planned for it (if anything)?

Fundraising:

The average price to design and build a skatepark is \$40 per square foot. Skateparks rarely are more than \$50 per square foot, and can sometimes be as low as \$20 per square foot.

At the average cost of \$40 per square foot:

- A 3,000 square foot skate spot will be \$120,000 and will support a few skaters at a time.
- An 8,000 square foot neighborhood skatepark will be \$320,000 and will serve a neighborhood of about 25,000 residents.
- A 16,000 square foot regional skatepark will be \$640,000 and will service the immediate neighborhood and attract patrons from the region.