

CANTON SKATEDPARK



PUBLIC MEETING

**WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 17, 2015**

6:30PM

**CANTON GARDEN CENTER
1615 STADIUM PARK DRIVE**

Introductions



Public Comment

- ▶ There will be time for public comment at the end of a brief presentation. Everyone is asked to sign up once and will be limited to 3 minutes. Out of respect for limited time, we would request that if possible, please try to comment on new points instead of repeating each comment. Please sign up at the end of presentation. We hope to conclude the meeting by 8pm
- ▶ If you would like to meet with the staff or CSA separately from this meeting, we would be happy to arrange an opportunity to do so.
- ▶ You are welcome to send an email or contact us with your feedback at any time.



Overview:



- ▶ Several individuals contacted Canton Parks to discuss the Skate Park 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 Skate Park. Councilman Hawk had been in contact with a few of the youth and word spread about the meeting! And so it began...

Fall 2014

- ▶ We develop the formal “idea” of a Skate Park and fill in some of the details about what we will 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 held in December 2014.
- ▶ Evaluate condition of current Canton Park Skating facilities

Skate Boarding

- ▶ Listed as one of the fastest growing sports in North America
- ▶ Safer on an accident per participant basis than soccer and baseball
- ▶ Promoting physical fitness, self esteem and a sense of belonging for an age group sorely lacking these type of opportunities
- ▶ Sport, hobby, transportation, lifestyle
- ▶ Creates an opportunity for those who cannot participate in traditional sports due to conflicts in time or cost

- ▶ Reference: The Urban Grind



Statistics based on current recommendations:

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

Mingo Skate park
Delaware, Ohio
13,000 sq. ft.





Westerville, Ohio

Alum Creek South Park

Built in 2004

12,000 sq.ft.

\$233,000 for total
project (Natureworks)

No supervision



Crooked River Skate Park, Cleveland,



GRINDLINE
CONCRETE SKATEPARK DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

- ▶ Location: Rivergate Park, 1785 Merwin Ave,
- ▶ Skate Surface Area: 9,000 sq ft
- ▶ City Skatepark Budget: \$758,000
- ▶ Ground Breaking: June 2014
- ▶ Design/Build Contractor: Grindline
- ▶ Project Owner: City of Cleveland
- ▶ Project Partners & Subcontractors
 - ▶ LAND Studio
 - ▶ McKnight Associates
 - ▶ F. Buddie, Inc
 - ▶ Ohio City Incorporated
 - ▶ Tremont West

Crooked River Skate Park, Cleveland, OH

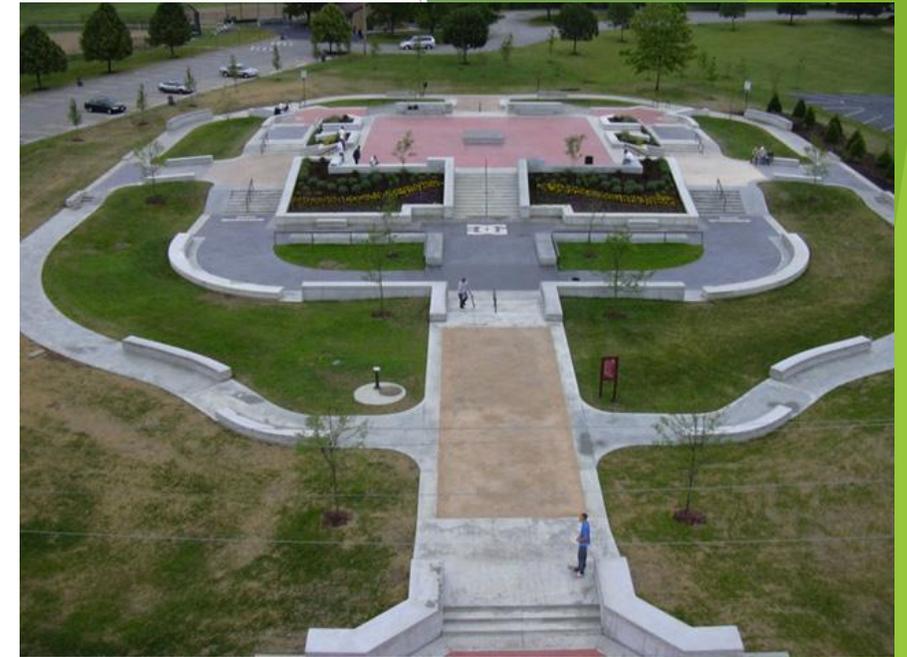


Broadway Skatepark Cleveland, OH



- ▶ Project Location: Union Ave/Broadway Ave
Cleveland, Oh
- ▶ Size: 15K - 20K sq ft
- ▶ Total Estimated Cost: \$650,000
- ▶ Ground Breaking: TBD
- ▶ Possible Opening: TBD
- ▶ Conceptual Designer: Grindline
- ▶ Project Partners : Slavic Village Development

Kettering Skate Plaza Indian Riffle Park Kettering, OH



- ▶ Date Open: June 5, 2005
- ▶ Sq ft.: 27,564
- ▶ Cost: \$700,000
 - ▶ City: \$450,000
 - ▶ DC: \$200,000
 - ▶ Alien Workshop: \$50,000

Parks Staff requested to have a meeting for those interested in a Skate Park

▶ Meeting was held December 3, 2014

- ▶ Almost 80 people were in attendance
- ▶ Guest speaker from Public Square Group
- ▶ Shared a process/timeline of how other skate parks have been initiated
- ▶ Shared potential funding sources (grants)



Communication Methods

- ▶ Announce in Press Release
- ▶ Posted on City's Website
- ▶ Added to Event Calendar for City
- ▶ Posted on our Facebook Page
- ▶ Mentioned during Public Park Commission Meetings

- ▶ Coverage by Rep on Jan 26th, Jan 29th, March 6th, April 13th

Public Meetings

- ▶ January 28, 2015 5:00pm @ Garden Center
- ▶ March 4, 2015 5:00pm @ Garden Center
- ▶ April 1, 2015 5:00pm @ Park Offices (Committee Meeting)
- ▶ April 14, 2015 5:00pm @ Garden Center
- ▶ June 17, 2015 6:30pm @ Garden Center

Project Timeline Presented

- ▶ Fall 2014 Vision
- ▶ Winter 2015 Advocacy
- ▶ 2015 Fundraising
- ▶ Fall 2015 Design
- ▶ 2016 Construction
- ▶ Management: Ongoing Maintenance and Operations



<http://publicskateparkguide.org/>

Site Selection

- ▶ January - Site Nominations taken
- ▶ February - Rankings submitted by public of nominated sites
- ▶ February - Site Nominations and rankings were reviewed by committee to make a recommendation
- ▶ March - Recommended sites shared with public for informal vote
- ▶ April - shared conceptual design

Site Analysis at next meeting

We will assess each of your top 20 sites based on 4 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)?



Reasons why Train Station was Popular:

- ▶ On the Main Strip
- ▶ Off Expressway (I 77)
- ▶ Close to Downtown
- ▶ Close to additional parks/trails
- ▶ Restaurants close by
- ▶ Few houses in the immediate area
- ▶ Owned by Parks
- ▶ Lack of current train service

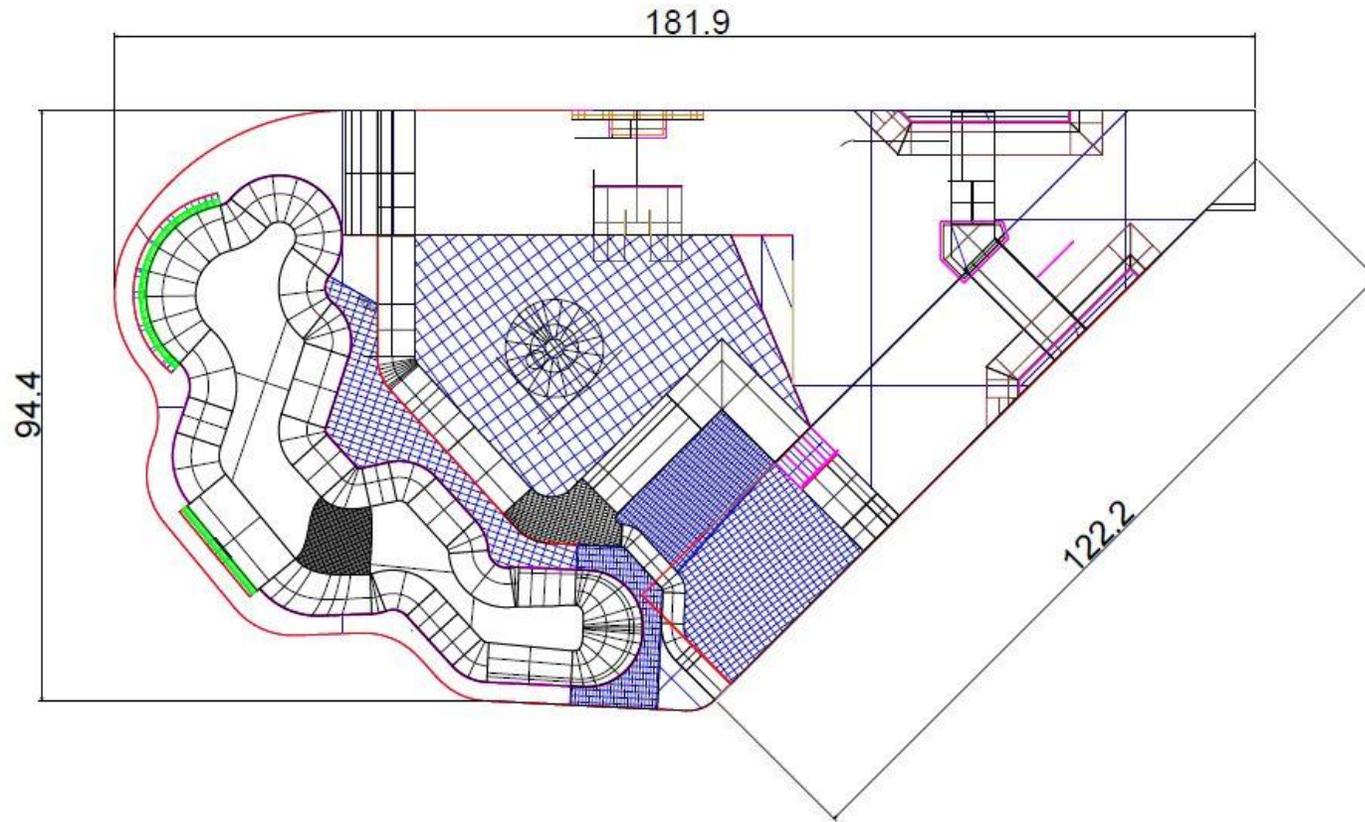
(all but one person at the public meeting voted for the train station location)



Conceptual Design chosen by committee



4-6 feet in depth
12,000 square feet



Cost of Skate park

- ▶ The average price to design and build a skate park is \$40 per square foot. Skate parks 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 skate park will be \$320,000 and will serve a neighborhood of about 25,000 residents.
 - ▶ A 16,000 square foot regional skate park will be \$640,000 and will service the immediate neighborhood and attract patrons from the region.

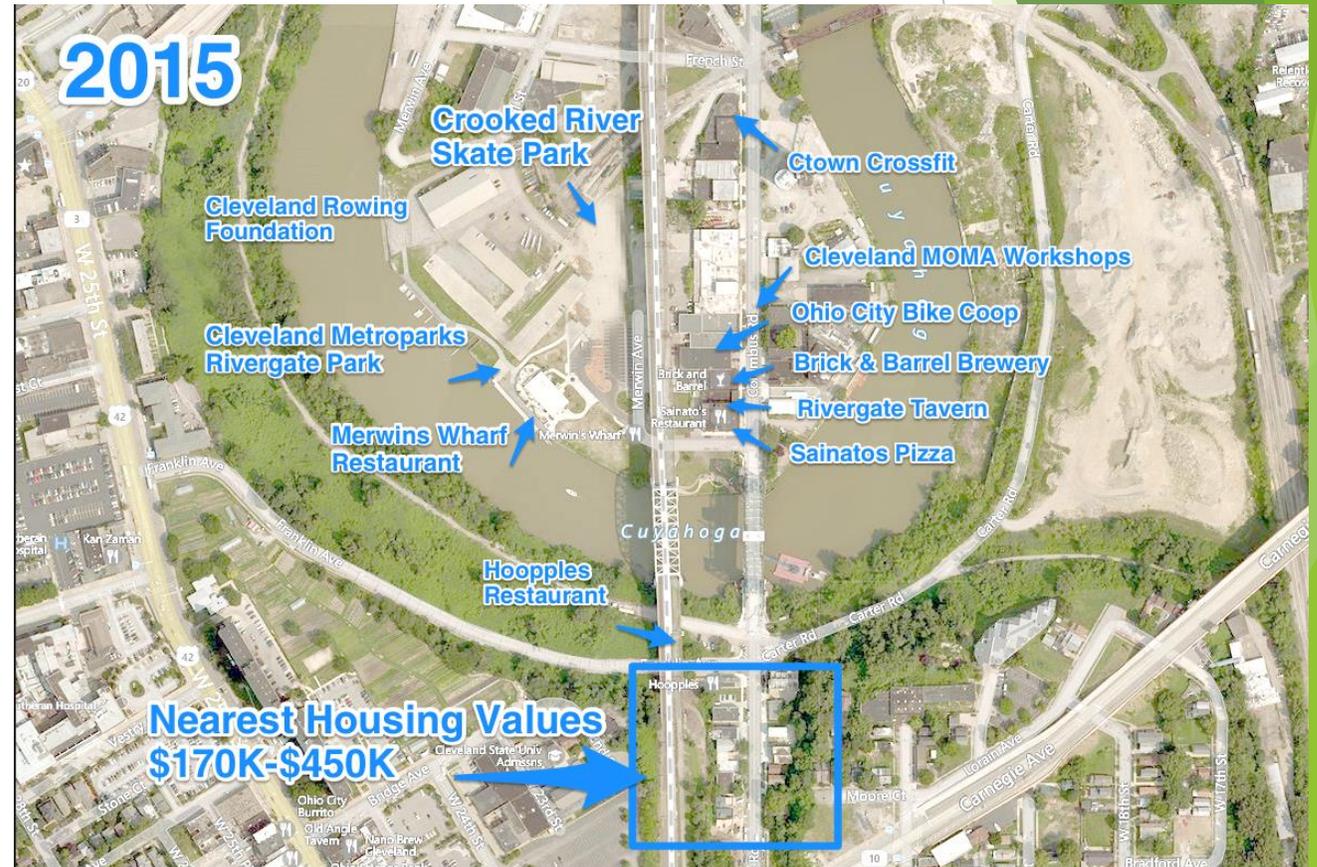
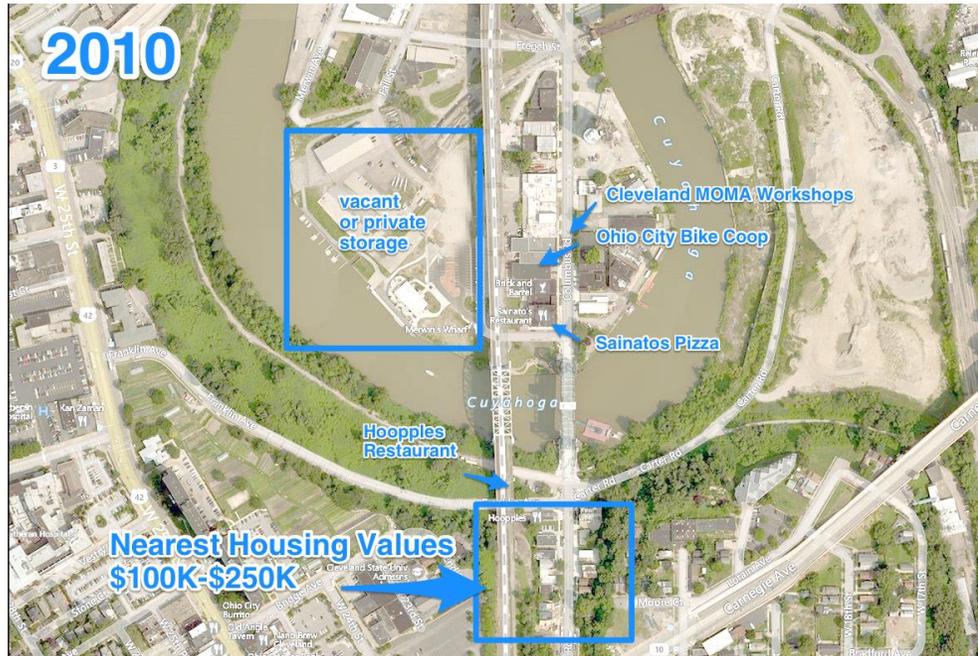
Funding

- ▶ \$103,000.00 Natureworks Grant (applied 5.1.2015)
- ▶ \$150,000.00 LWCF Grant (Land, Water, Conservation Fund - applied 5.1.2015)
- ▶ \$150,000.00 Canton Park Budget
- ▶ \$ 20,000.00 Park Levy funds available to ward of proposed project site
- ▶ \$229,348.00 Donations, Grants - Tony Hawk Grant, Foundation Grants, CJRD

- ▶ \$652,348.00 Total Cost (includes a 15% or \$83,250.00 contingency)

Economic Development

Crooked River in Cleveland



Economic Development

Lakewood





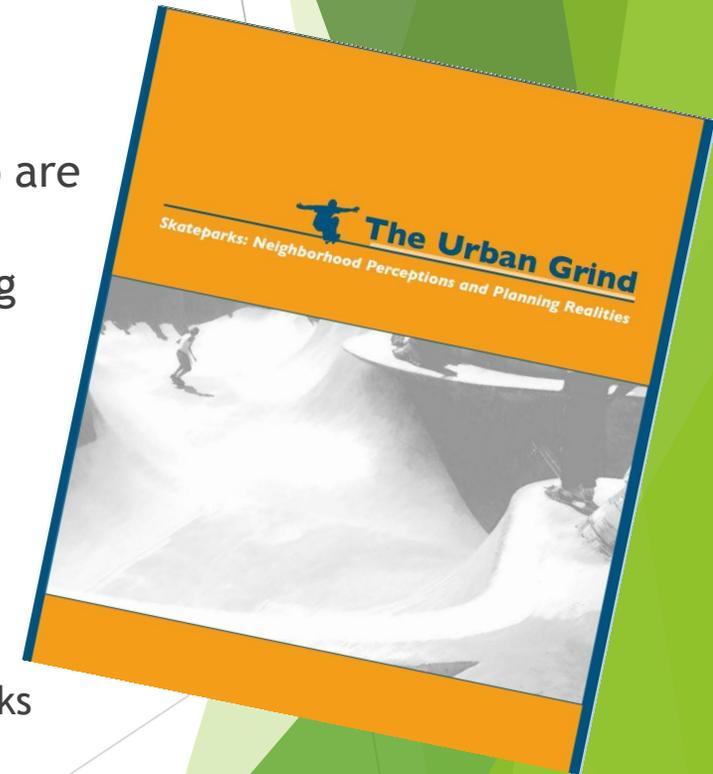
Management: Ongoing Maintenance and Operations

- ▶ Staffing - public skate parks are normally not staffed and are treated as any other public park facility (basketball court)
- ▶ Liability - Recreational Immunity
- ▶ Helmets - not required for public parks due to recreational immunity
- ▶ Maintenance - Grindline does not recommend coating the concrete. Maintenance is limited to repairs of cracks

The Urban Grind

Skate parks: Neighborhood Perceptions and Planning Realities

- ▶ [Document now posted](#) on Skate Park page of Parks and Rec site
- ▶ Study in 2005 by Aperio Consulting as part of Skate Park master plan process
- ▶ Intended to be used by planners and community members in other cities who are considering building Skate Parks.
- ▶ “Neighbors of proposed skate parks often voice their opposition to local siting efforts based on perceived impacts on their quality of life. Our goal was to uncover the realities of living near a skate park.”
- ▶ Primary Findings:
 - ▶ Skate parks do not contribute to serious crime
 - ▶ Skate parks do contribute to nuisances such as litter, noise and vandalism
 - ▶ Skate parks have similar impacts as basketball courts
 - ▶ Neighbors of existing skate parks have predominantly moderate views of Skate parks
 - ▶ Neighborhood context matters



Best Practice Review:

- ▶ “Location is a major factor in crime reduction. The Canton Lincoln Highway Station is ideal for a Skate Park due not only to its current layout and location, but especially for its high visibility and proximity to a high traffic area - both of which deter crime.” - Tom Revis, EDG
- ▶ Upcoming CJRD Master Plan states that a modern full service skate park should be considered for future development within Canton Parks. - Pros Consulting

Monumental 4th

- Skate Event on Basketball Courts at Waterworks
- 4pm
- Stop by!



A MONUMENTAL 4TH

4pm Festival & Live Entertainment
8pm Bluecoats performance

Saturday JULY 4

Between Monument Park at 12th Street NW & McKinley National Memorial Grounds

CANTON PARKS AND RECREATION
ArtsinStark
BLUECOATS

Logos at the bottom include: Canton Police, MAPS Air Museum, Canton Fire Dept, Canton Palace Theatre, Mann, and others.

THANK
YOU!

