

# Support the Minnesota Skatepark Grant Program

Touching all corners of the state, the Skatepark Grant Program will fuel a skatepark infrastructure initiative, led by the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission, that will catalyze the construction of world class public skateparks throughout Minnesota.

This program will 1) provide matching funds for new quality public skatepark construction and 2) support much needed public skatepark renovations throughout the state of Minnesota.

- Matching grants of up to \$500,000, given directly to interested cities for community skate parks.
- Matching grants of up to \$1 million that will provide funding for new construction of public skate parks with a regional impact. Approx. 20,000-40,000 sq.ft.
- Matching grants of up to \$2.5 million toward new construction on a large regional impact public skate park(s) that will provide a statewide draw. Over 40,000 sq.ft.
- To the extent possible, 50 percent of all grants must be awarded to communities in greater Minnesota.



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Join us for

# Skatepark Advocacy Day!

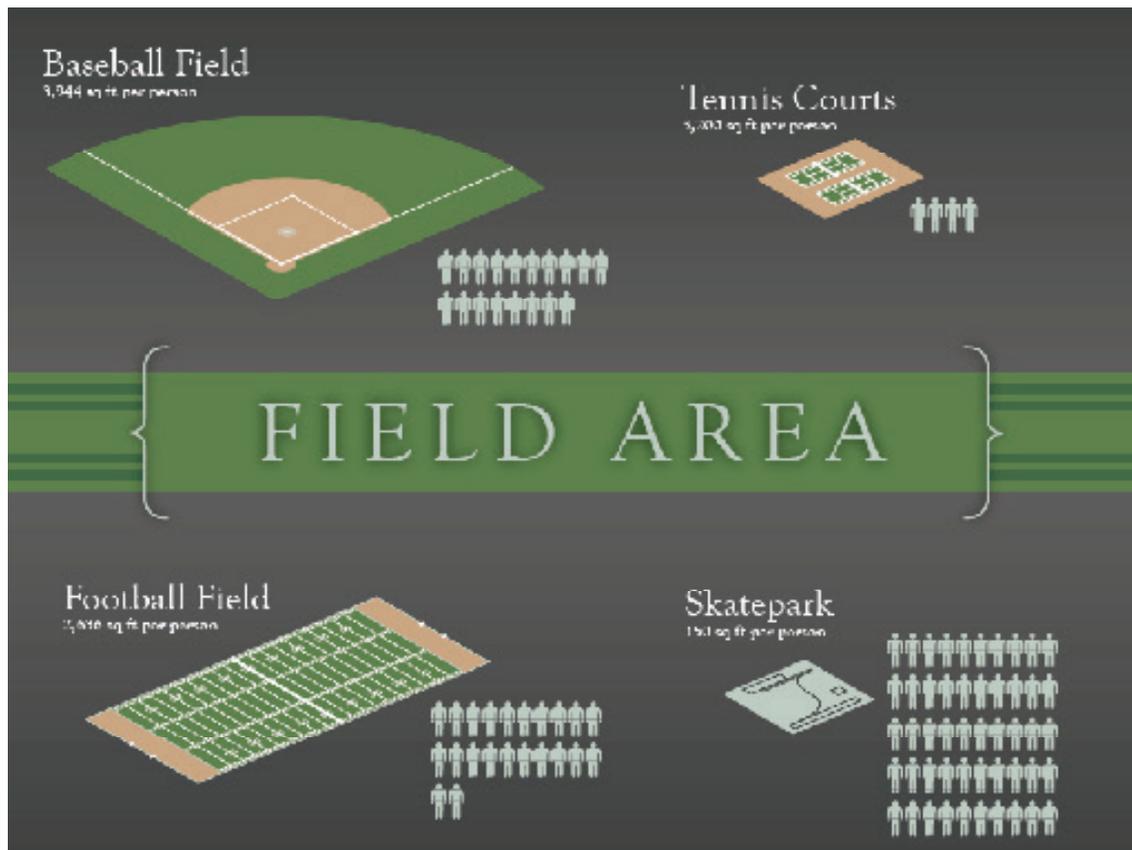
Thursday, March 30, 9–10:30am

MN State Capitol Rotunda

RSVPs appreciated - [info@cityofskate.org](mailto:info@cityofskate.org)

## Why support funding for public skateparks?

- ✓ **There are currently over 35+ new Minnesota public skate park projects in planning stages that are in need of funding.** There is a need throughout Minnesota for additional funding. This funding will allow Minnesota communities to fully benefit from the positive impact of quality public skate parks for all wheeled activities.
- ✓ **Public skate parks are youth-centered community spaces** that safely serve the recreation needs of kids, especially appealing to teens looking for their own spaces. Parks also serve parents looking for a safe community space to support their child's interest in learning a new sport.
- ✓ **Public skate parks offer a low barrier to participation** and a free, inclusive recreation outside of organized clubs and paid programs. Skateparks serve people of all ages, genders, and economic backgrounds including adults looking for individually-directed recreation options.
- ✓ **Public skate parks are places of social exchange** much like a playground with creative, undefined play space. Skate parks provide a flexible venue in which peers can enjoy skateboarding, BMX riding, scootering and blading and other safe, social activities.
- ✓ **Public skate parks promote an active lifestyle while also benefiting the mental health of our communities.** These active sports build confidence, require bravery, discipline, learning strategies, goal-setting and grit. Activities like skateboarding not only improve physical health, but are shown to improve academic performance and reduce at-risk factors in youth.
- ✓ **Well-designed, quality public skate parks can provide a real economic benefit.** Skate parks have been known to help turn blighted or underutilized areas of a city or community into vibrant recreation areas, attractive to new business and community investment.
- ✓ **Public concrete skate parks require very little maintenance.** Professionally designed and built skate parks will provide years of support without any significant attention. There is no other public attraction that can boast the same return on investment as a concrete skatepark.
- ✓ **Skateboarding is an Olympic worldwide sport.** Skateboarding competition made its Men's & Women's debut at the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympic Games.



## BREAK DOWN OF THE COST OF PUBLIC SKATEPARKS

### DESIGN

10–15%

Site Survey and Permits, Fees  
Public Workshops  
Concept Design  
Construction Documents

### CONSTRUCTION

85–90%

Mobilization  
Site Prep / Earthwork  
Equipment  
Labor and Materials

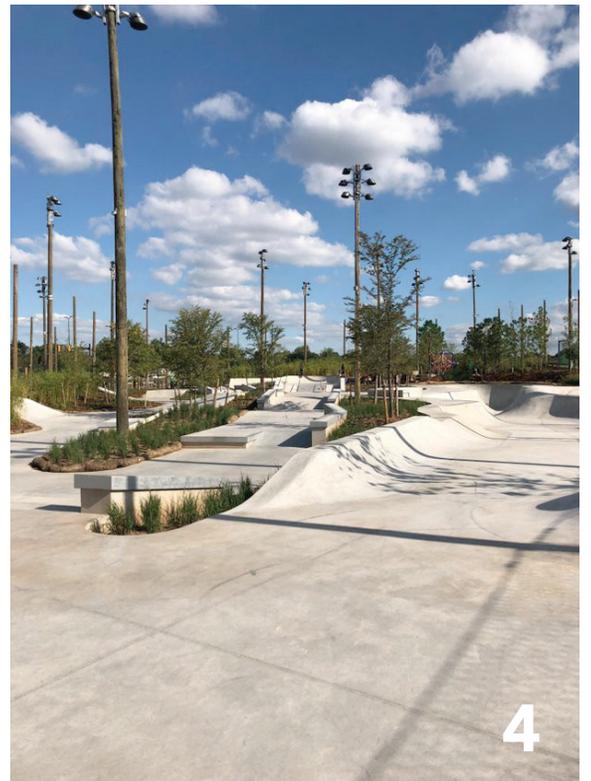
### M&O

1–2% per year

Trash Removal  
Cosmetic Maintenance  
Programming  
Insurance\*

\* Additional Insurance is not usually required.

## EXAMPLES OF QUALITY SKATEPARKS



1. Woodward Sierra, Nevada
2. Luxembourg
3. Avarda, Colorado
4. Tulsa, Oklahoma