TYPES OF SKATEPARKS

SKATE DOT/SPOT
(1-5,000 SQ. FT)

SMALL SKATEPARK
(1-5,000 SQ. FT)

LA GRANGE, IL

MEREDITH, NH
(TSP PARK #587)

SMALL NEIGHBORHOOD SKATEPARKS
(5-10,000 SQ. FT.)

BAR HARBOR, ME
(TSP PARK #532)

NEIGHBORHOOD SKATEPARK
(10,000-20,000 SQ. FT.)

MACON, GA
(TSP PARK# 529)

LARGE NEIGHBORHOOD SKATEPARK
(20-30,000 SQ. FT.)

ANN ARBOR, MI
(TSP PARK #467)
DESTINATION SKATEPARKS

REGIONAL DESTINATION
(30,000+ SQ. FT.)

NATIONAL DESTINATION
(50,000+ SQ. FT.)

Street Plaza

Des Moines, IA
(TSP Park #593)

Los Angeles, CA

Skateable Art Sculpture

Des Moines, IA
(TSP Park #593)

Treasure Island, CA
(TSP Park #574)

Skate Path

Poteet Canyon, TX
(TSP Park #393)

Diy

Linda Vista, CA
(TSP Park #543)
For information on retail or “competition certified” skateparks see Appendix F.
INTERIM / SIMPLE SKATEPARK ACCESS

Most municipal skateparks take a fair amount of time to plan and build. Communities can lose a generation or two of skaters during that time. There are several ways in which you can create nearly instantaneous access to skatable facilities, while working on the main, larger skatepark projects. Skaters and the city can work together to designate skate-safe lots (utilizing site selection best practices). Find obstacles in city storage and/or build simple pieces. Use the park as a proof of concept while the main park is worked on. These spaces aren’t a replacement for a skatepark but are valuable in their own right as accessible action sports recreation facilities.

Conversations between local skaters and city officials can answer these questions:

- Who will be the point of contact between the user base and the city?
- Is the ground smooth enough to be used?
- Are there any ordinance or zoning changes required?
- What DIY obstacles will be allowed? (Under 18” is usually ok without permitting, but this varies)
- How often are obstacles added, safety checked and thrown out? Consider a community bulletin board for announcements, pending builds and a tag system for repairs and removals (city tags, obstacle not to be skated, two weeks to repair or it will be tossed) Keep an eye on screws (countersink only) and bent approach plates. You CAN pour non-permanent concrete by placing a thick tarp underneath builds so it can more easily be removed when the time comes.
- How is insurance and liability handled? (This should be similar to standard public skateparks. State statutes limiting liability, signage, city insure through citywide umbrella policy. More information about this can be found later in the document.)
- Are there appropriate safety measures to keep cars away from people? Bollards or K-Rails (Barriers can double as a skateable obstacle!)
- Note - wooden ramp transition sides/templates can be reused as concrete forms in the right conditions.

If funds are a concern, allow the community to step in and save the funds for the professional municipal skatepark builds.

These skate-lots, plazas, DIY’s and simple parks are NOT substitutes for a proper neighborhood or regional skatepark. These short-order skate spaces create relatively instantaneous recreational access. They are one of the first steps in immediate and actionable commitment from the local public agency. For more information, see Accelerated/Interim Skateparks.
SUPPORT FROM THE SKATEPARK PROJECT

Founded by Tony Hawk, The Skatepark Project (TSP) is a nonprofit organization working to increase access to outdoor recreation and free play through the creation of safe and inclusive community skateparks. TSP provides the resources, advocacy skills, grants and fellowship programs that guide skaters in creating their own community skateparks, from conception through construction. This is a collaborative process between skaters and city authorities to invest in capital improvements that will enrich a community for decades. The Skatepark Project’s grant programs have awarded over $10 million to help fund nearly 700 public skateparks in all 50 states, enjoyed by an estimated six million people annually. The organization’s International Program has provided technical and financial support to assist youth through the Skateistan educational programs in Afghanistan, Cambodia, and South Africa. To get involved, visit www.skatepark.org.

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FREE SUPPORT
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, WORKSHOPS & PROGRAMS

PUBLIC SKATEPARK DEVELOPMENT GUIDE V2

THE SKATESPACE PODCAST

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