

# 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!

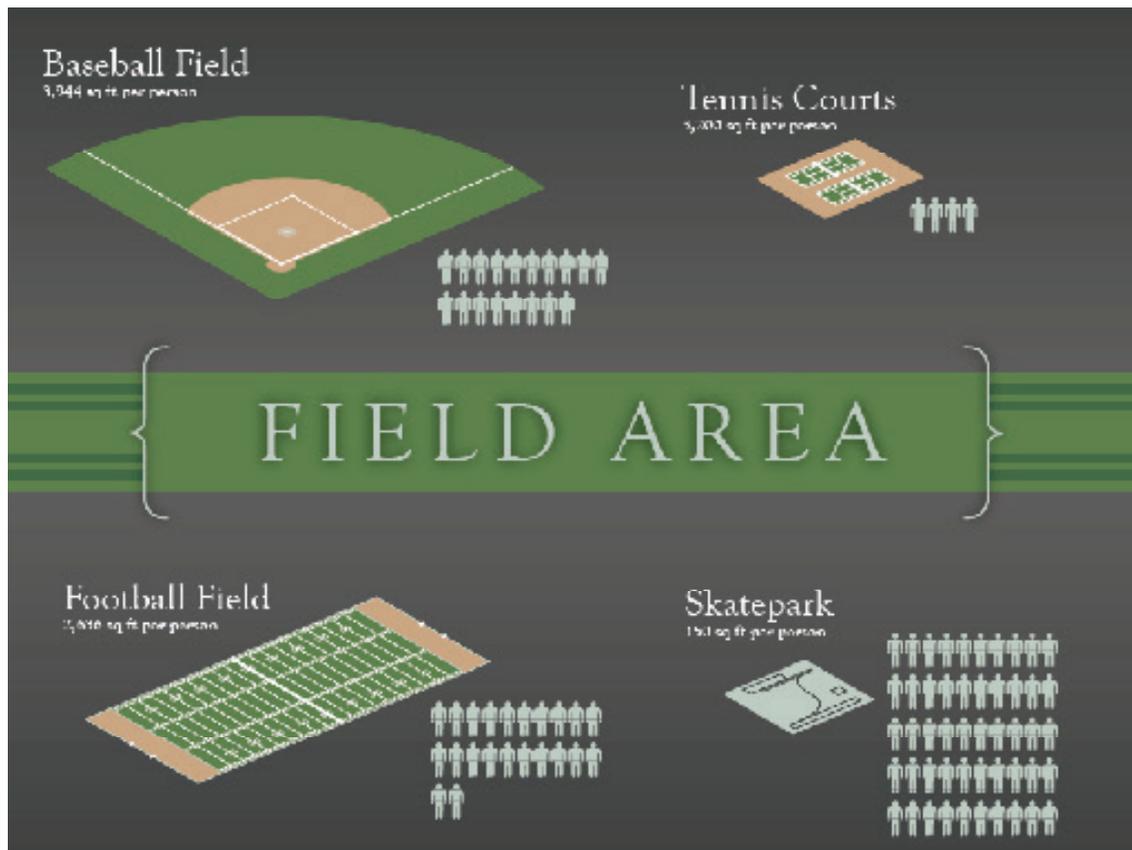
Thursday, March 30, 9–10:30am

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

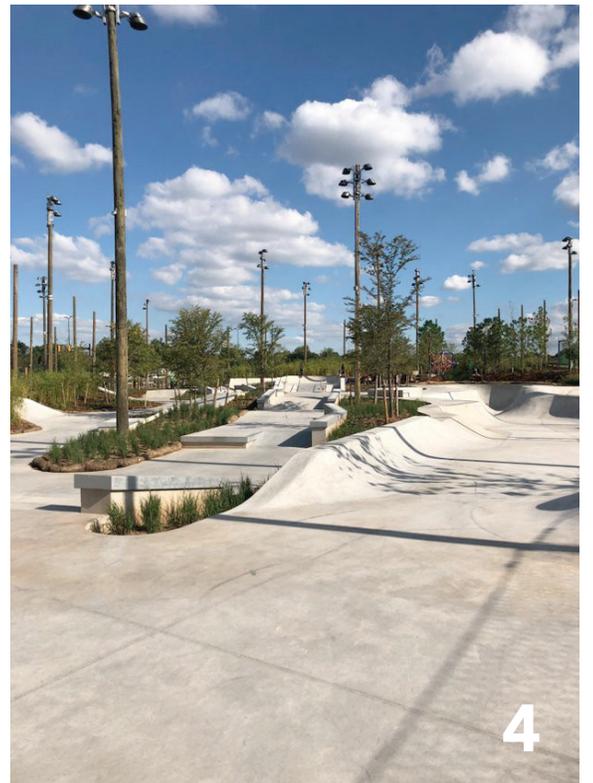
### M&O

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