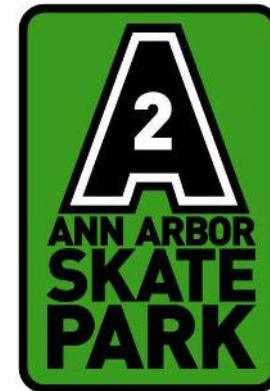


Friends of the Ann Arbor Skatepark

A registered non-profit 501(c)(3)
Founded 2010

*Ann Arbor Parks Advisory Commission Report
September 18, 2018*

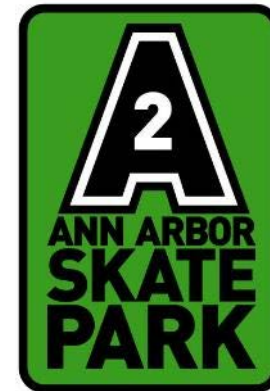


Our Mission

To promote and preserve the Ann Arbor Skatepark as a permanent, free, public resource.

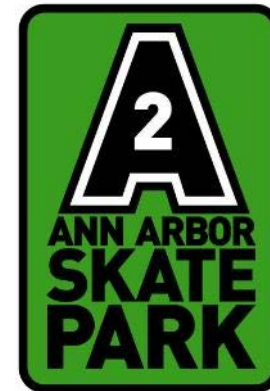
Guiding Principles

- Ambassadors of skateboarding acting in the interest of skateboarders
- Benevolent promoters of the Ann Arbor Skatepark
- Committed to the preservation of the Ann Arbor Skatepark
- Active and responsible leaders in our community.
- Proponents of accessibility, diversity and inclusion.
- Champions of health and FUN!



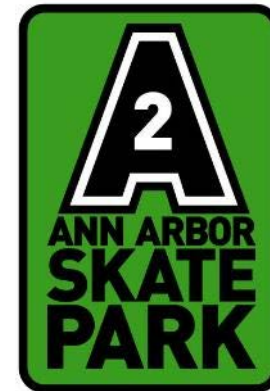
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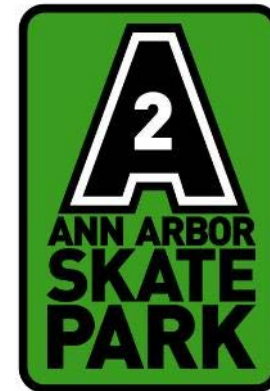
History

- 2005
 - July: Dug Song presents at PROS Plan public hearing about the need for a public skatepark in Ann Arbor.
 - August: *a2skatepark.org* goes online!
- 2007
 - Ann Arbor Skatepark Action Committee holds 6 meetings over the course of the year, and forms steering committee which would later become Friends of the Ann Arbor Skatepark.
 - July: First meeting with Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation staff
 - August: First presentation to PAC
 - AASAC begins advocacy campaign including interviews, concerts, skate jams, and creation of merchandise to help with fundraising



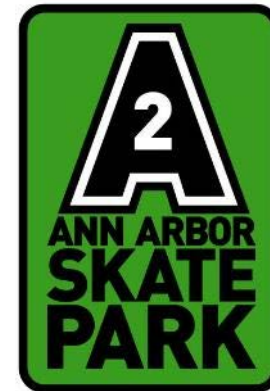
History

- 2008
 - January: About 100 people attend public meeting at Scarlett Middle School with City and Washtenaw County Parks staff to discuss public skatepark
 - May: PAC public hearing on Veterans Memorial Park location for skatepark; Staff opens up partitions in council chambers to make room for standing-room only crowd of supporters. PAC votes unanimously to support location.
 - Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation establishes Design/Build, and Maintenance Endowment funds for the Ann Arbor Skatepark
- 2009
 - Skate Art Show at Vault of Midnight raising \$10,000 for skatepark
 - MOI between City and Skatepark Action Committee describes partnership rights and responsibilities



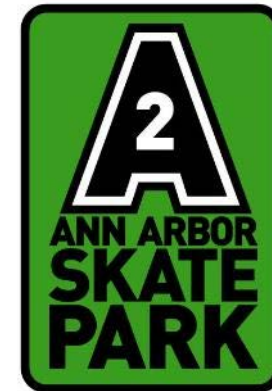
History

- 2010
 - Friends of the Ann Arbor Skatepark non-profit 501(c) (3) organization
 - First design charrette held at Slauson Middle School
 - Washtenaw County Parks Commission pledges \$400,000 in matching funds to spark fundraising and get the park built!
- 2011
 - PROS Plan survey shows strong desire for public skatepark
 - Tony Hawk Foundation awards \$5,000 grant to Ann Arbor Skatepark
 - DNR Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant awarded to Ann Arbor Skatepark
- 2012
 - Designer/Builder approved for Skatepark

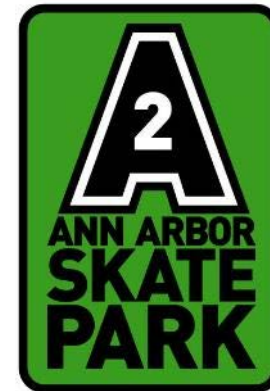


History

- 2013
 - Final skatepark design and budget approved by PAC and City Council
 - Construction begins!
- 2014
 - Thousands attend grand opening of Ann Arbor Skatepark
 - Tony Hawk, Andy MacDonald, Mark Davenport, and other pros in attendance to celebrate!



Public/Private Partnership



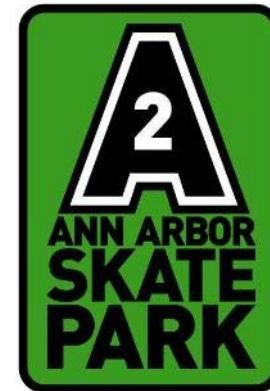
Programs

All Girls Skate

- Spring-Fall, twice/month
- Female Instructors
- Equipment provided: skateboards, helmets, knee & elbow pads
- Environment for girls and women of all experience levels to learn and skate together
- Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation Youth Council grant winner 2015, 2016

A2 Skatepark Scholarship

- Provides equipment: complete skateboard, helmet, elbow & knee pads
- Provides transportation: AAATA The Ride bus passes
- Residents of Washtenaw County, age 7-17
- 24 scholarships awarded in 2015
- 15 scholarships awarded in 2016
- 25 scholarships awarded in 2017



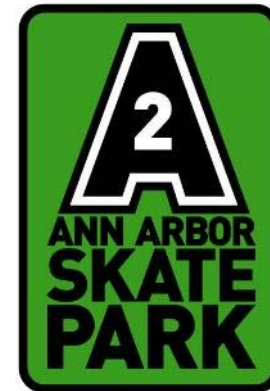
Programs

Ongoing

- Pick Up and Skate!
- Bake Sales
- Contests, and other events
- Partnership with GIVE 365!

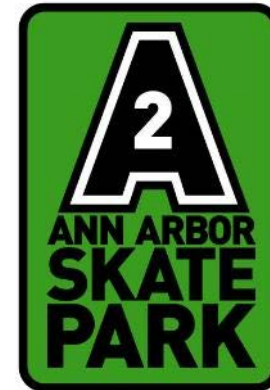
Annual Event

- Raises funds for maintenance and improvements
- Required in MOU
- Attended by skaters/enthusiasts from across United States and Canada



2018 Annual Event: LIGHT UP THE PARK

- Kickoff of campaign to raise money for lights at the skatepark
- Saturday, October 20, 5:00 to 9:00 pm
- First Annual A2 Skatepark Film Festival
- Contests, giveaways, music, bake sale, new skatepark merch... FUN!



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