



Status Report: The Breakroom Skate Spot

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The Midwest Skateboarding Alliance - MSA

We are a 501c3 non-profit based in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Formed in 2015 by committed skater activists, MSA is dedicated to promoting recognition of skateboarding's role within progressive urban and rural community planning, sustainable, active transportation networks, and a vibrant built environment that prioritizes public health.

Currently, MSA is working with community leaders & partner organizations to coordinate skatepark builds in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area.

Overview

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Project Introduction

Concept Statement



Downtown Service Area Master Plan, 2017

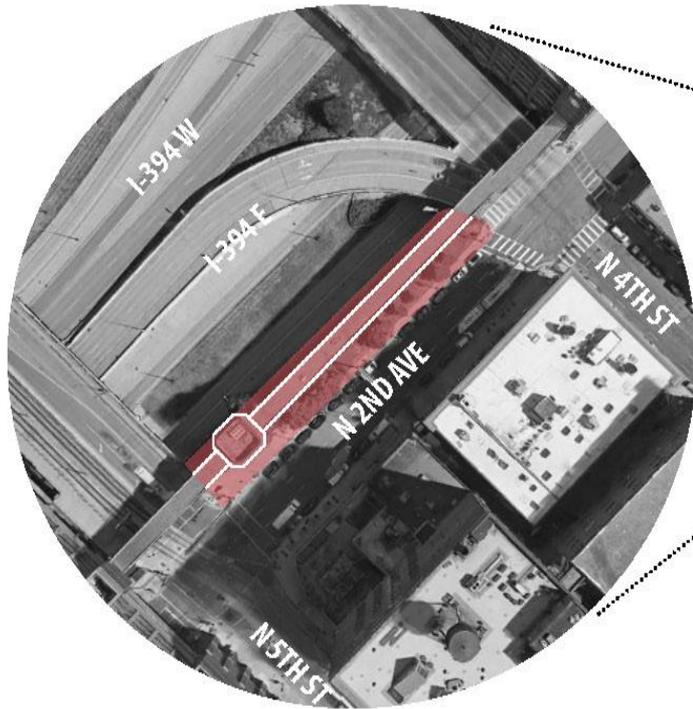
Plan, fund and build a multi-use pocket park on a vacant lot located at **2nd Avenue North and North 4th Street** in the Downtown West neighborhood of Minneapolis, featuring:

- Skatepark
- Meeting & eating spaces
- Art installations
- Rain gardens
- Enhanced lighting

The Vision

- Encourage more foot-traffic in the area in order to activate the space, and thereby increase safety
- Foster displays of public art and citizen athleticism
- Contribute to green infrastructure downtown: rain gardens, shade trees, and progressive stormwater management
- Create a space that would serve as a backyard for at-risk downtown youth
- Create a top tier skatepark that will attract visitors that will patronize local restaurants and businesses

Location + Ownership



*Vacant green space owned by the MnDOT
Located under City-owned skyway connecting two parking ramps
330' x 45' · 14,000 sf · 0.3 acres*



On the Ground



Site design



Development Process

Stakeholder Meetings

Since January of 2021, MSA has been meeting with the DID, MPRB, and MnDOT every month to progress the project.

Our meetings are the second Wednesday of every month at 1 pm.
We'd be happy to have you!

Updated Memorandum of Understanding with MPRB

Our MOU with the MPRB outlines our shared goal of making the Breakroom Skate Spot a reality and defines each parties commitments

(Original MOU passed in 2017 - amendment passed in April 2021 with recent updates)

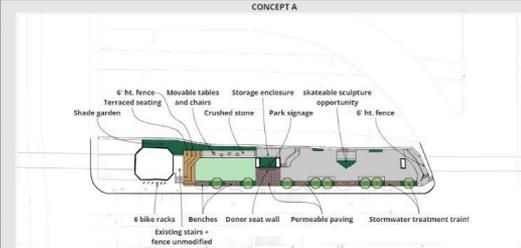
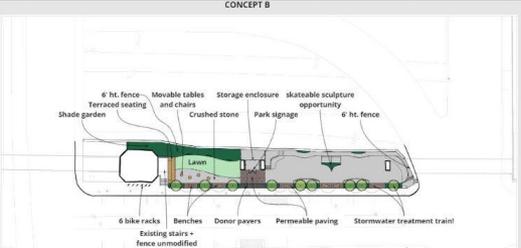
- MSA will take the lead on fundraising
- MSA will take the lead on design advancement and finalization with licensed landscape architects/engineers for approval by respective political bodies
- The Park Board will work with MNDOT to determine how to move an agreement forward for use of the land.

Lease Agreement

In order for MNDOT to approve a lease agreement, they need a refined set of design drawings

- MSA has been working with both city and MNDOT engineers to define our site constraints
- Project stakeholders have been reviewing new design ideas to better inform an updated set of plans

**STEP 3:
REVIEW NEW IDEAS!**

CONCEPT A	HIGHLIGHTS	CONCEPT B	HIGHLIGHTS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• rectilinear geometry• storage enclosure positioned behind columns to close off ambush points• donor recognition in seat wall material• extensive terraced seating feature• movable seating area deeper into the site• art panels on skyway columns• No shared walkway within skatepark		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• curvilinear geometry• storage enclosure positioned between columns, becomes more a central feature• donor recognition in pavers• terraced seating feature more modest, simple• movable seating area closer to sidewalk• art interspersed into the site, might be more accessible to vandals• shared walkway around skatepark

What are some features or spatial decisions that would make this as safe and welcoming as possible?

- addition of emergency kiosk?
- phone charging station?
- bulletin board with local resources?

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Project Approval Process

Once an updated set of design drawings are developed - MnDOT and MPRB will be able to execute their lease agreement and the the city approval process can begin

- Meeting with Chuck Lutz with the City to get the conversation started for what the process will look like

Community Engagement

02/25/21 - MSA presented to the [Youth Coordinating Board](#) (YCB)

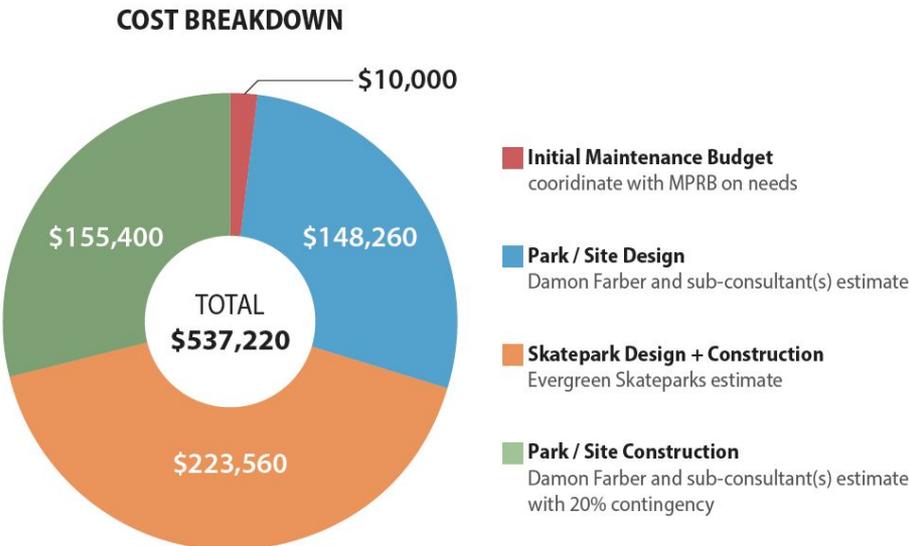
- YCB and MSA jointly creating survey for the project
- YCB to share a list of members that are interested in getting involved with MSA

03/09/21 DID requests Letters of Support from stakeholders

Fundraising

Project Budget

We are currently seeking updated cost estimates per our most recent design iterations - concept design estimate below



Skatepark Grants

This project qualifies for various Skatepark development and Youth Recreation grants - but nearly all require matching funds

- **Hennepin County Youth Sports Program; amount varies**

Requires matching funds. Need Local Government Unit to receive funds. Reimburses completed work. Past recipients include Elliot skate park **\$200k.**

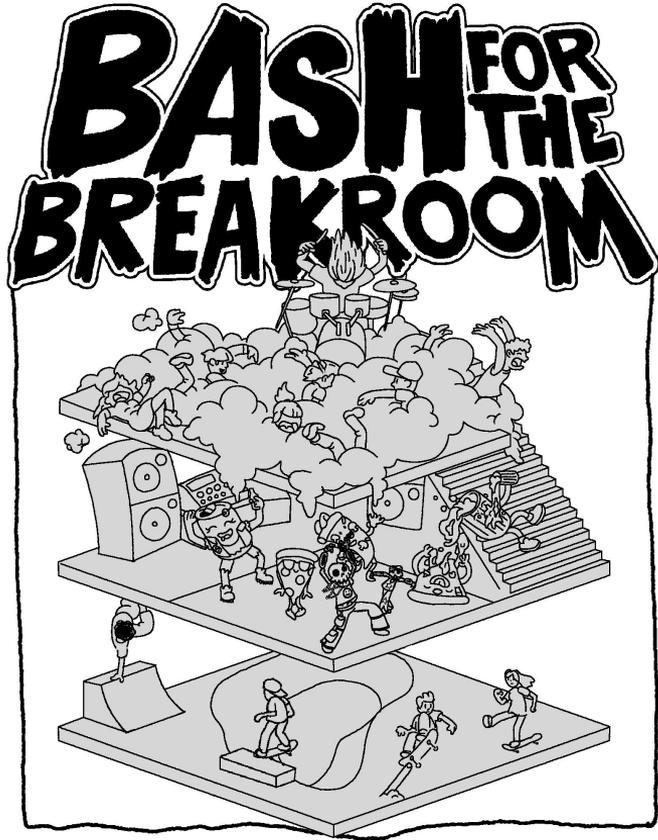
- **Minnesota Skatepark Grant Program; <\$125k**

Requires matching funds. Need Local Government Unit to receive funds. Reimburses completed work.

- **The Skatepark Project (formerly the Tony Hawk foundation); \$1k - \$25k**
- **Mississippi Watershed Management Organization; +\$50k**

Project must align with MWMO mission, watershed management plan goals, learning and education potential, and water quality standards.

Upcoming Fundraiser



Bash for the Breakroom Fundraiser on September 18th @ Modist Brewing!

Fundraise for the project and give downtown residents, businesses, and other stakeholders an opportunity to learn more about the project

- Collaboration between Modist Brewing + Pizza Luce + TC Drum Collective
- Skate demo
- Drum Karaoke
- Food trucks
- Silent auction
- Beer!

Goal: \$15,000

Seeking funds!

MSA would like to request \$10,000 to fund project design services

- This would support Design Development level construction drawings for city approvals and cost estimation
- Contribute to our matching fund pool for grant applications

Join this effort to improve the Downtown landscape, making it a more welcoming and safe place to work, live, and play!