

Skatepark Project Update

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Community Need and Support



- Identified as an ARPA Priority through months long process
- Skateparks provide a decade or more of service with no substantial maintenance requirements, yielding unparalleled return on investment.

Manchester, VT Skate Park by Grindline Skateparks



Timeline of Skatepark Public Meetings and Select Board Actions

- 2021 Identified as a priority by Community for ARPA funds
- March 28, 2022 Approved \$5,000
 ARPA funds for Conceptual Design
- June 26, 2023 Presentation of initial design, approved staff to establish costs with GRINDLINE
- October 9, 2023 Update on skatepark, approved staff to continue work with Skate Park team and GRINDLINE to develop design and cost estimates.

January 8, 2024 – Update on Funding, approved fundraising strategy, authorize final GRINDLINE design and permitting work, commence fundraising campaign, approve latest GRINDLINE cost estimate



- A three-year effort from initial ARPA priority to shovel ready project
- A successful community fund raising effort and grant applictions
- Over half of project cost from Federal and State Funds
- Pennies for Parks is only Municipal Tax contribution
- GRINDLINE and Skate Park Committee Cost Savings

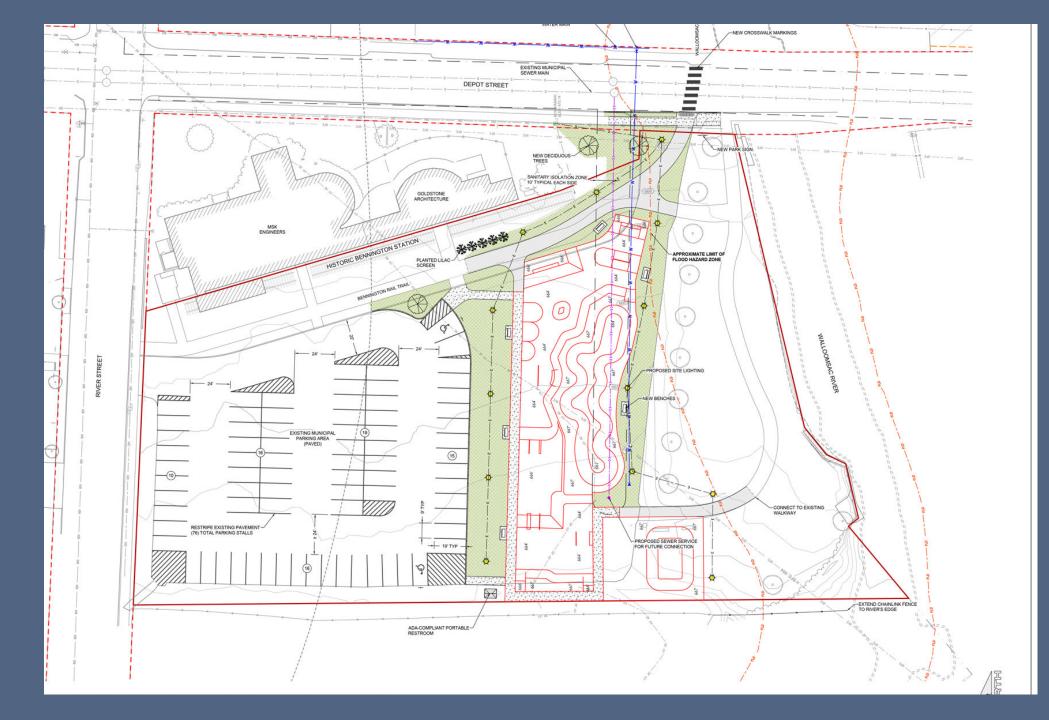


Existing Conditions





Proposed Conditions





Satellite Current Conditions



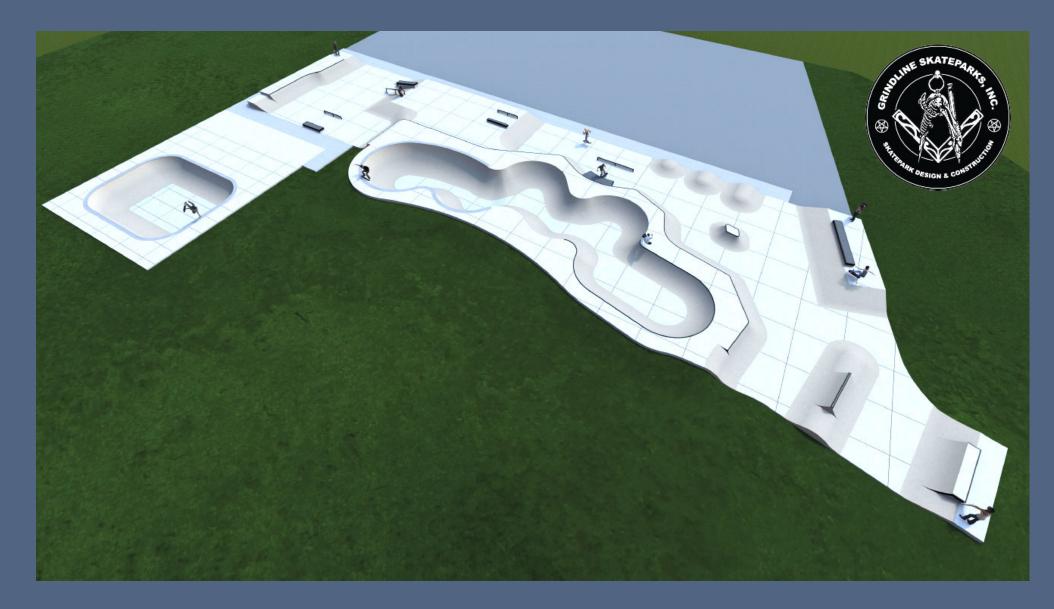


Satellite Proposed Conditions



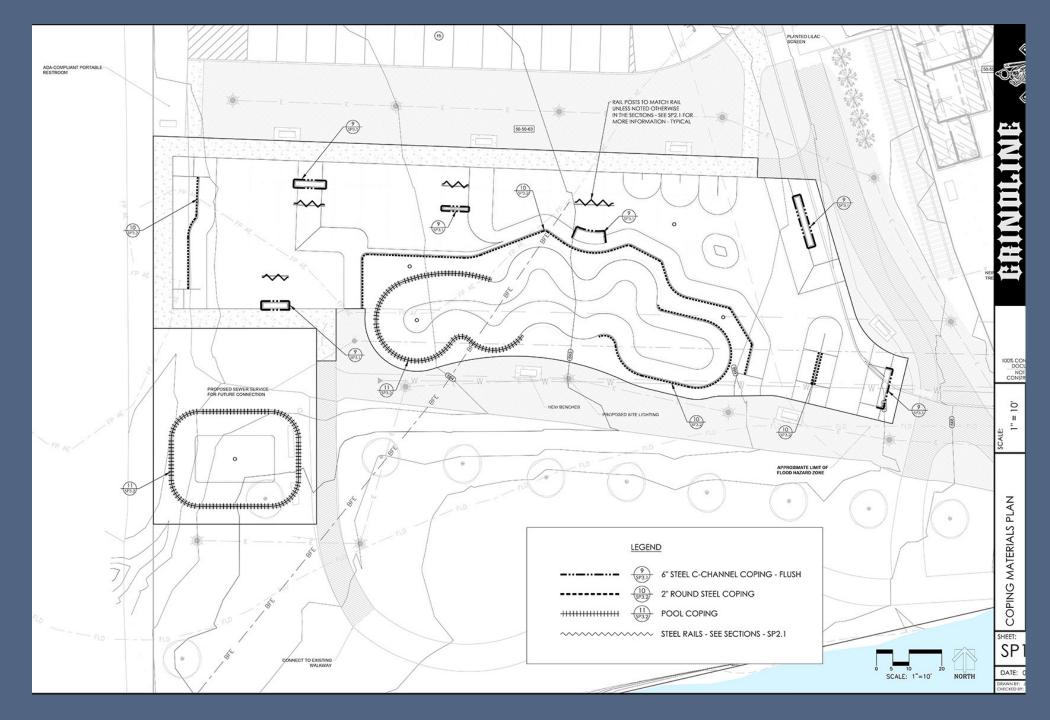


NEW Design Rendering





NEW Design Siteplan





Funding Update

- 1/3 ARPA
- 1/3 Donations/Grants
- 1/3 Penny for Parks

Local Fundraising was greatly helped by a \$200,000 grant from the VT Downtown Transportation Fund program \$900,000 GOAL \$300,000 Penny for Parks (From town, contingent on raising \$600,000)

> \$300,000 Local Fundraising

\$300,000 ARPA funding



THANK YOU to all our generous local donors \$10,000 level



We would like to give special recognition to our anchor donors, the Bank of Bennington and the Vermont State Employee Credit Union, who both gave \$10,000 to support the skatepark.



THANK YOU to all our generous local donors \$5,000 to \$2,500 level



Thank you to the Bennington Sports Foundation and MSK Engineers for each giving \$5,000

and to Southwestern Vermont Medical Center for their \$2500 donation.



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Thank you to the many local businesses who donated \$1,000, including:



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And those that gave \$500:

The Apple Barn Goldstone Architecture Pownal Center Community Church Stewart's Shops



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Individuals who donated to our fundraising campaign:

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GRINDLINE Construction Contract

Original Estimate (Phase I Only) - \$916,000 Original Estimate (Phase I & Bowl) - \$1,024,000

> GRINDLINE Construction Costs Phase I Only - \$826,000 Phase I & Bowl (\$147,000) - \$973,000

Identified Savings of \$49,000 = \$924,000 GAP = \$24,000



Next Steps:

Approve Design

 Authorize Town Manager to Sign Contract with GRINDLINE

Your Questions and Comments?