

# 2015



## Skatepark Expansion – Phase 2, Skate Plaza



CPA Application

Town of Acton

11/17/2014

# PROJECT APPLICATION FORM – 2015

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**Applicant:** Town of Acton

**Submission Date:** 11/17/14

**Applicant's Address, Phone Number and Email**

**Purpose: (Please select all that apply)**

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Open Space

Community Housing

Historic Preservation

Recreation

**Town Committee (if applicable):** Recreation Commission

**Project Name:** Skatepark Expansion – Phase 2, Skate Plaza

**Project Location/Address:** 66 Hayward Rd., Acton, MA

**Amount Requested:** \$160,000

**Project Summary:**

**Estimated Date for Commencement of Project:** August 2015

**Estimated Date for Completion of Project:** October 2015

The T.J. O'Grady Memorial Skate Park is located at 66 Hayward Road in Acton, MA. It officially opened for public use on Monday, November 21, 2005 to celebrate the life of T.J. O'Grady. T.J. was a 14-year-old Acton-Boxborough R.J. Grey Jr. High student who passed away tragically on this date in 1998 while skateboarding on a street in Boxborough. T.J. had a passion for history, friends and skateboarding. He co-founded the Grey JHS Skateboard Club. This skate park was a dream of T.J.'s and was built to provide a great place for people to safely practice their sport. Its location is key - it abuts the Acton Boxborough Regional High School grounds, enabling students to walk Hayward Rd or cross the lower fields to access it. After six years of sustained determination, the park was originally funded with an appropriation of Acton tax dollars, Community Preservation Act funds, generous donations from the corporations and citizens of Acton and the Friends of the T.J. O'Grady Committee, along with endless volunteer hours who helped bring this facility to its inception.

Ten years later, the Skate Park continues to grow. It now shares parking facilities with the upgraded Acton-Boxborough Regional High School Lower Fields athletic complex. During the process of the Lower Fields upgrade, the boundaries of the Skate Park were reconfigured, enabling the Town to expand the skating features into the site of the original parking lot.

The Natural Resources Department has recently approved the T.J. O'Grady Skate Park Expansion Design by Action Sports Design/Stantec, and a two-phased construction plan has emerged. Phase 1, the construction of a skate bowl, is being prepared to go out to bid. It was funded by a 2012 Town of Acton CPA Skate Bowl grant for \$210,000. This Phase 1 project included the construction of 11 parking spaces and infrastructure improvements for \$110,000 in the Lower Fields parking area, in tandem with the opening of the Lower Fields facility. The remaining funds will construct the skate bowl.

Phase 2, construction of the skate plaza, converts the barren 100' x 100' area remaining after the removal of the original Skate Park parking lot due to the construction of the Lower Fields driveway from Hayward Rd. onto the school grounds. It provides an attractive formal entrance to the skate complex, a viewing area for onlookers and handicap accessible park amenities for Skate Park and Lower Fields patrons. It features a world-class triangular skating course around a bio-retention area.

With the completion of Phase 1, the skate bowl installation, Phase 2 will complete the full expansion of the Skate Park, as designed by ASD/Stantec, a \$15,000 engineered design paid for with Recreation funds.

If the project is not funded, an incomplete town skateboarding facility next to ABRHS & FOLF's cutting edge Lower Fields facility will remain. This upgrade will bring our skate park to equal footing, in keeping with the Lower Fields, which shares the parking area with the Skate Park.

Cost Estimate for Skate Park Expansion Design from ASD/Stantec:

- 1,730 S.F Bowl Section - \$ 70,000 PHASE 1 - currently going out to bid
- 4,000 S.F. Plaza Section - \$160,000 PHASE 2 - applying for 2015 CPA funding

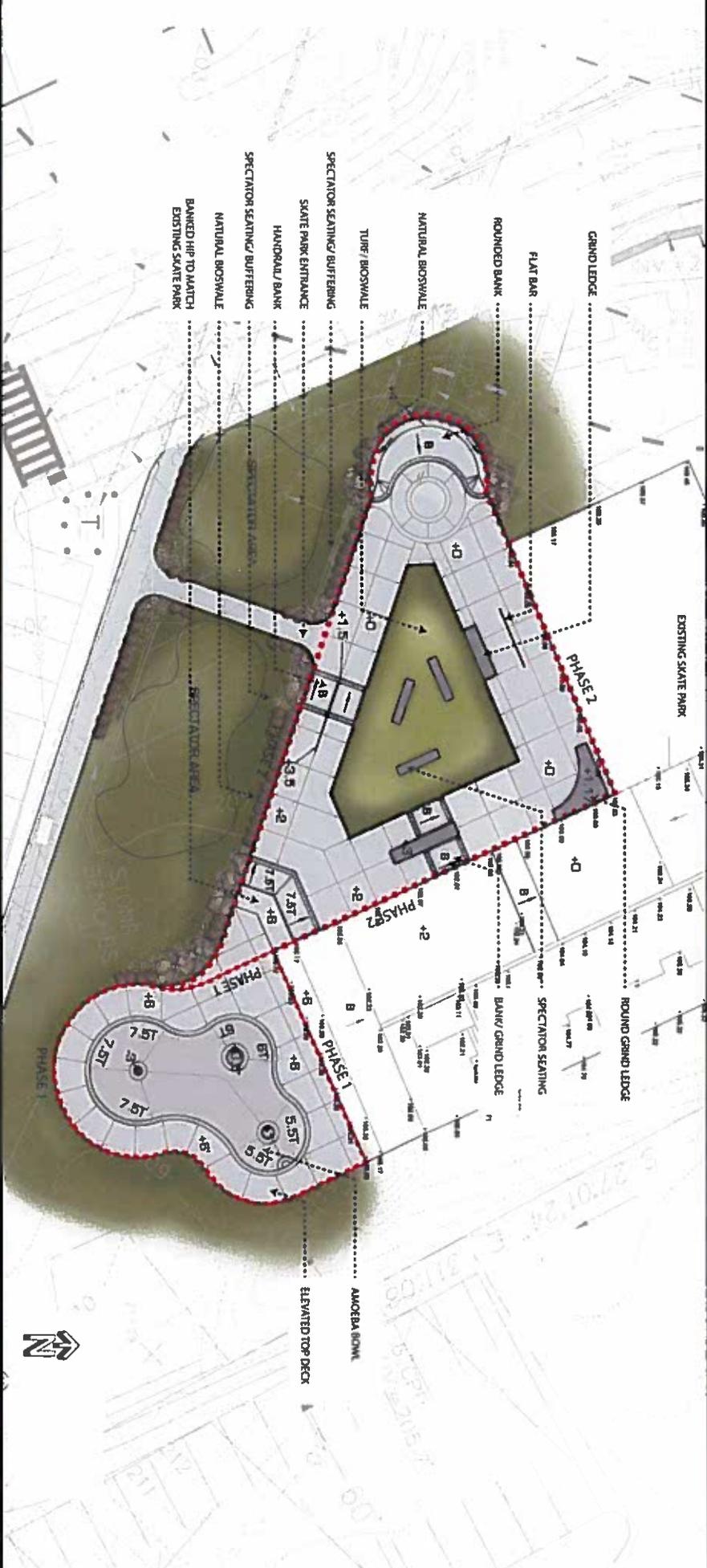
Leveraged funds: The Recreation Department paid for the \$15,000 overall design engineered by ASD/Stantec. Mitzi Garcia-Weir of the Boxborough Recreation Commission is in discussion with Town Administrator Selena Shaw about the level of support that Boxborough may offer the project.

In addition, Skate Park users have offered to fundraise and other stakeholders are being approached.

# T.J. O'GRADY SKATE PARK EXPANSION

## TOWN OF ACTON, MA

### PLAN VIEW RENDER



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