



RWU Skatepark Investment Proposal

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Executive Summary

The Skatepark Initiative is a student-led project at Roger Williams University set to build a skatepark for our campus community. This private facility is designed to offer a dedicated space for Roger Williams University students to engage in skateboarding and other action sports while fostering a healthy, active, and vibrant campus environment. This is one of the very first universities/colleges to have a skatepark on campus.

Over the last three years, the skatepark committee has worked with the Student Senate and the Division of Student Life to secure over 80% of the required funds to build the park. RWU Capital Projects estimates there is a remaining \$13,975 needed to begin construction that would start in *May 2025* and be ready for use by *August 2025*. We are eager to raise the remaining funds as \$125,000 of the funds we have secured will be released after May 31, 2025.

Financial Overview

Breaking Down the Budget

- \$105,000 - Skatepark obstacles, installation included (American Ramp Company)
- \$45,000 - Structural engineering & construction of 4-inch concrete slab (Demelo & Sons - [handout #5](#) & Gale Associates - [handout #6](#))
- \$20,000 - Lighting, fencing, card access, & signage (Quote from RWU Capital Projects dept.)
- \$15,000 - Contingency fee (Quote from RWU Capital Projects dept.)

\$185,000 total cost.

Our Funding Breakdown (Student Senate, fundraisers, etc)

- \$125,000 from Student Senate ([handout #2](#))
- \$20,000 Student Senate pledged to match up to \$20k in fundraising
- \$20,000 from John King & the Student Life department
- \$6,025 from donations via donation link

\$172,025 raised in total - [\\$12,975 remaining](#)

Project Timeline

The site of the skatepark received a geotechnical survey in September of 2023 by Haley Aldrich ([handout #7](#)) - Site examination was done by R.A.D. Sports in September of 2023 ([handout #3](#)). Plans for the skatepark were drawn on the site examination alongside RWU administration in October of 2023 ([handout #4](#)). The skatepark shall break ground once the funding is complete. *Images of the Skatepark are also provided ([handout #1](#))*

Moving Forward

1. Develop rules and regs and design and purchase signage ~ 2- 3 months (work with Marketing Communications team and Legal team)
2. Add site lighting to Annex walls and tennis fence as needed (in-house)
3. Engineering - taking the site plan, skate park finishing spec and geo-tech data to design a slab spec that will perform optimally. - 2 months - in order to start construction this has to happen first!
4. Site Prep - using the engineered site plan to prepare the subsurface to meet grades and accept the slab - 1 week
5. Slab Installation - installing reinforcement and concrete to meet the engineering requirements for finish, hardness and thickness - 3 days
6. Fence Install- 3 days
7. Card Access - 1 day (in house) *to scan into the skatepark after signing online waiver*
 - a. **LEGAL** - Students will sign online waiver complying with legal requirements
 - i. *Requirements TBD*

Approximately 18-22 weeks.

Stakeholders & Key Contributors

The RWU Skatepark project has been developed with the collaboration and guidance of various university staff and administrators. The following individuals have played a key role in assisting with the planning, logistics, and overall process of making this project possible:

- Steven Pulver - Senior Project Manager Facilities and Capital Projects
- John Amitrano - Assistant Vice President Facilities & Capital Projects
- John King - Vice President for Student Life
- Derek Zuckerman - Associate Vice President for Student Life & Dean of Students
- Carol Sacchetti - Associate Dean for Student Life
- Adrienne Harris - Associate Director of Student, Programs, Leadership, & Orientation
- Jeffrey Meriwether - Dean of Humanities Arts and Education
- Luke Farrell - Supervisor of Grounds and Athletic Fields Facilities

The skatepark committee is made up of 20 dedicated students, working to make this skatepark a reality since November 2022 by raising capital and engaging with the community. Listed below are our student contributors.

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| ● Will Baird 24' | ● Sam Carter 27' |
| ● Ryan Trabulsi 26' | ● Bobby Schaefer 25' |
| ● Marcus Moore 28' | ● Ronan Peers 25' |
| ● Mike Kudrik 26' | ● Jayden Roffi 25' |
| ● Jack Bransfield 24' | ● Alex Riley 27' |
| ● Eitan Hirshfield 24' | ● Sofia Pierro 27' |
| ● Cole Oppenheim 28' | ● Sade Rueckert 27' |
| ● Brandon Sorrell 24' | ● Tenley Wojt 27' |
| ● Stephen Nalesnik 24' | ● Piper Rogers 25' |
| ● Ricky Waterfall 24' | ● Caroline Roach 25' |
| ● Sebastian Samir 24' | |

Why Invest?

All donations to the RWU Skatepark are 501(c)(3) tax-deductible, as RWU is a tax-exempt institution, a tax-exempt number will be provided for documentation.

Beyond financial benefit, this investment directly enhances student wellness, fosters a stronger campus community, and positions RWU as a progressive institution that supports active lifestyles. A dedicated skatepark will attract prospective students, improve campus life, and contribute to the long-term success of RWU graduates. By supporting this project, investors help create a lasting impact that strengthens the university's reputation and academic standing.