

Our Mission

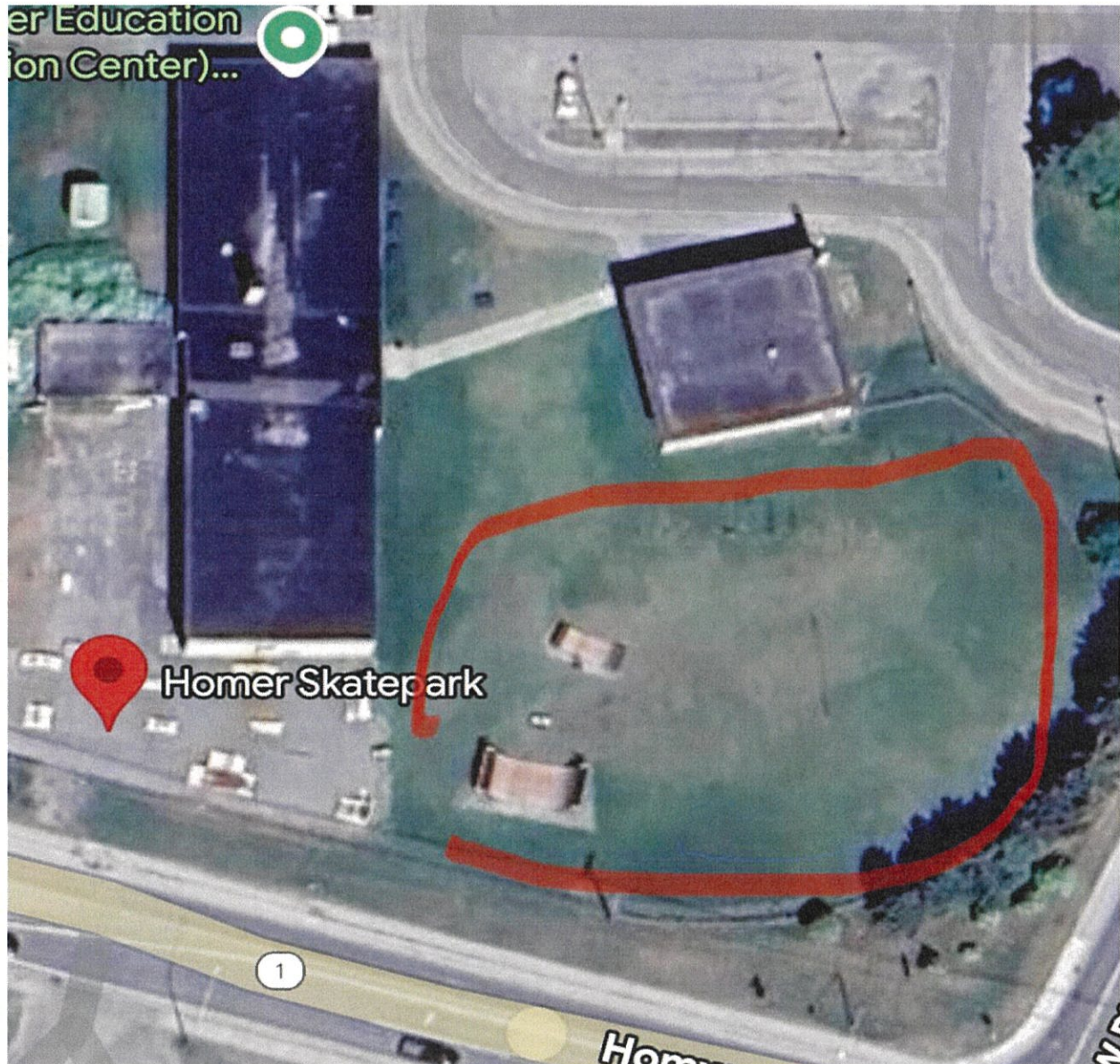
We are Friends of the Homer Skatepark. Our goal is to provide a facility where individuals of all ages can recreate outdoors, practice healthy risk taking, and provide a new "third space" for this community. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 to construct the first phase of this skatepark plan. We plan to apply for grants, fundraise, approach businesses for donations, and identify possible donors within and outside this community. The existing skatepark has been around for over 20 years. It consists of metal ramps that over time have become weathered, no longer functioning to their full potential. We plan to build this new skatepark out of concrete, creating a more sustainable park that can be enjoyed for generations to come.

Benefits of a Skatepark

- Skateparks support individuals of all ages who wish to pursue active, healthy lifestyles by providing a safe, fun, contained area to practice their sport.
- Skateparks can function as a "third space" fostering community built around a common interest.
- Skateparks provide a decade or more of service with no substantial maintenance requirements, yielding unparalleled return on investment.
- Skateparks get more recreational hours than any other recreational facility due to the nature of the uninterrupted freedom the facility provides.
- This skatepark would not only benefit the Community of Homer, but it would benefit the entire Kenai Peninsula, being the only concrete skatepark on the peninsula which would bring a new form of tourism to this town.
- The existing skatepark is one of the first things you see when you pull into town. Skateparks are parks, and often in parks. They're not just a slab of concrete in the ground. A skatepark would beautify that area of Homer and create a new community space.

Location

One site we are proposing is the grass field attached to the existing skatepark and the HERC buildings (see below highlighted area). We are in the process of getting soil samples for this site to make sure it is safe for us to build here. There is about 25,000sqft of space that we are asking to be donated for this multi-phase project. This site allows room for growth for future expansions of the skatepark. It is a central location to many of the schools and centers in town as well. The skatepark/grass field is one of the first things you see when you pull into Homer and we think it's time that space gets a face lift. A new skatepark/park would pump beauty and life back into that area of town.



The other option for the skateparks location would be where the new Rec Center is going to be built.

Contractor

We have carefully selected Grindline as the contractor for this project. They have 20+ years of experience building skateparks all over the US (including Alaska) and abroad. They have just completed a beautiful skatepark in Anchorage at Taku park and are working with Talkeetna to build one there. They are an all in one package, they help curate, design, dig, and construct.



The Taku Lake Park Skatepark stands as a transformative addition to the Anchorage community, made possible through a partnership between the Municipality of Anchorage and the Anchorage Park Foundation. This \$2.1 million investment has firmly placed Anchorage in the "big leagues" of skateboarding facilities.

The journey began in 2018 when the Municipality of Anchorage initiated a planning process for park renovations. Guided by extensive community input, Grindline was selected to lead the design and construction phases due to our proven expertise in creating world-class skateparks. Construction began in the fall of 2023 and was completed in September 2024.

Anchorage's skateboarding community played a pivotal role in realizing this project, raising nearly \$90,000 through grassroots efforts. Their passion was met with matching grants from the Anchorage Park Foundation, the Rasmuson Foundation, and the Skatepark Foundation, as well as municipal bond funding. Highlights of their efforts included fundraising events, art auctions, and kids collecting donations through creative "tricks for tips" initiatives.

The new Taku Lake Skatepark replaces a small, temporary, prefabricated facility, representing a significant step forward for local skaters. Designed to foster skill progression among young skaters, the park strengthens Anchorage's vibrant skate culture while offering a space for the community to gather and thrive.

This project exemplifies Grindline's commitment to creating inclusive, durable, and innovative skateboarding spaces that reflect the unique needs and aspirations of the communities we serve. We look forward to seeing the Taku Lake Skatepark inspire skaters in Anchorage for generations to come.

TAKU LAKE SKATEPARK Anchorage, AK

OWNER

City of Anchorage, AK

GRINDLINE'S SCOPE

Skatepark Design & Construction

DESIGN

February 2023

CONSTRUCTION

March 2023 - July 2023

BUDGET

Design: \$49,125.00

Construction: \$865,000

SIZE

8,000 SQ FT

PROJECT TEAM

James Kleindinst

Project Manager

Brett Johnson

Lead Designer

Tim Dunlavy

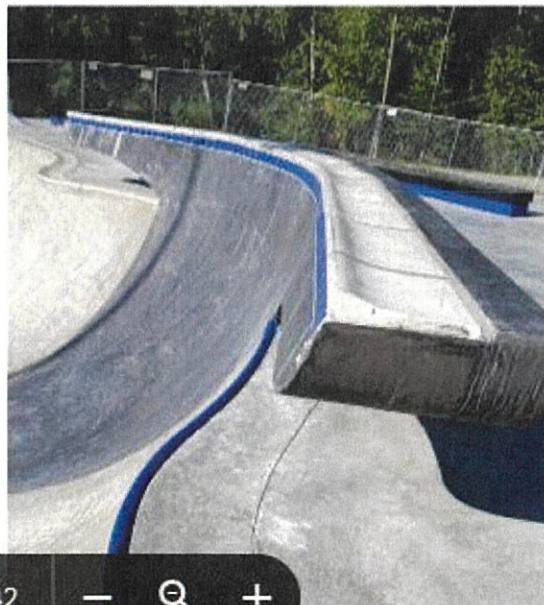
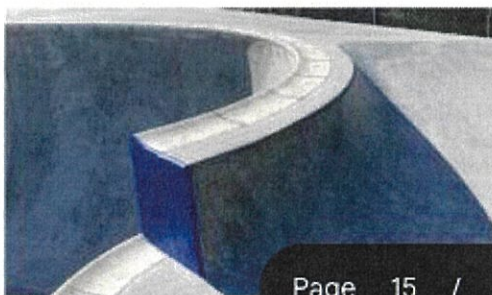
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The success of this skatepark can be credited to the collaborative efforts between Grindline and the City of Sitka. A major challenge to this project was the logistics involved with getting materials to Sitka which is only accessible via boat. This challenge was alleviated through innovative methods of transportation, staging and use of materials. Due to the regions extensive rainfall, this 6,200 sq. ft. park was equipped with a complex drainage system consisting of multiple drains in close proximity.

Sitka, AK Sitka Skatepark

OWNER
Sitka, AK

GRINDLINE'S SCOPE
Skatepark Designer & Builder

DESIGN
February - June 2007 Construction

CONSTRUCTION
June - September 2007

BUDGET
Design: \$10,000
Construction: \$235,000

SIZE
6,200 SQ FT

PROJECT TEAM
James Klinedinst
Project Manager

Micah Shapiro
Lead Designer

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Grindline was hired to design and build a skatepark on JBER (Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson) in Alaska, by JL Properties who runs Aurora Military Housing. For the Design portion of the project Grindline worked alongside The Boutet Company, Inc. who took care of the Engineering for this project. Snow delayed the completion of the design as the survey could not be conducted until the snow had melted. Once the survey was done the design was quickly completed, but we had crept into the short build window that happens in Alaska. With a limited amount of time to build, the Grindline crew got to work fast and completed the job on time and on budget, but not without a few challenges along the way. One of the first challenges encountered was that the drainage line for the bowl crossed under the Base Communications fiber optics cable and had to be excavated without disturbing the line as it was in active use and controlled all of JBER communications, including 911, Air Traffic Control towers, and any other communications that is vital to operate an active military base. Disturbing or damaging the fiber optic cable was not an option so we excavated our drainage trench using a vacuum truck system to avoid any unwanted problems and had great success. The skatepark provides an amazing activity opportunity for military personal and their families. Independence park has a Kidney shaped bowl with a set of stair and a bank setup leading to more technical street skating including, a flat rail, ledges, stairs, bank to curved ledge and quarter pipe hip.

JBER Community Skatepark Anchorage, AK

OWNER	City of Anchorage, AK
GRINDLINE'S SCOPE	Skatepark Design & Construction
DESIGN	December 2020 - February 2021
CONSTRUCTION	June - September 2021
BUDGET	\$489,077
SIZE	4,600 SQ FT
PROJECT TEAM	James Klendinst Project Manager
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Multi-phase project

This is going to be a multi-phase project. We plan to raise \$250,000 on our own, that the city would then match a percent. ~~We are going to raise the money by Homer Foundation and once we have reached our goal we would begin construction of phase 1.~~ Phase 1 would be a section of the skatepark built and ready for use with the idea that it can be added onto. Phase 2 may look like a pavilion roof over phase 1 with the idea that it could be used year around, rain, snow, or shine.

In Conclusion

The main purpose of this project is to provide a safe space where individuals of all kinds can enjoy the outdoors, practice safe risk taking, and build community.