

Proposal for Renovating Old Skateboard Ramps

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This proposal is in response to a request from the Allentown School Board to the Allentown Economic Development Committee to determine the feasibility of constructing a skateboard park for the children of the town.

Initial contacts were made with several local Parks & Recreation Departments. Most of those skateboard parks were 15-20 years old and some towns were considering replacing them. Their estimates were around \$100,000 for a small park. One web site advised that ramps were usually constructed on-site at a cost of about \$45.00 per sq. ft. At that rate, a small 40 x40 ft. park would cost \$72,000.

One member recalled that the town once had a skateboard park, but, years ago, all the ramps had been moved to the Highway Dept. The chairman took the following photos and shared them with the EDC members.

Old Ramps



Although surrounded by weeds, trees, and construction materials, the ramps still looked solid. The ramps surfaces were made of 3/16 inch steel plate that seemed to have only surface rust.

The Plan

The following plan describes the tasks that need to be done to make the skateboard park a reality.

- Identify an indoor location in which to refurbish the old ramps.
- Find volunteers to do the restoration work (possibly a high school shop project or community service project at Pembroke Academy).
- Relocate the ramps to the indoor location for inspection and assessment. The Allenstown Highway Dept. has agreed to move the ramps when and where needed.
- Find funding for equipment to derust the ramps and for painting supplies to restore their appearance. Three corded electric drills, several wire wheels, safety glasses, work gloves, and kneeling pads are needed so several workers can remove the rust more efficiently. Paint and painting supplies need to be specified.
- Locate a paved site at which to install the ramps. A small paved lot next to St. John's vacant convent has been mentioned as a possible site.
- Engage the Highway Dept. to move the ramps to their new location.
- Fabricate and install a sign to explain safety rules and hours of usage. Rules and hours to be determined.