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Friends of Carolina Beach Parks and Greenways Reach Fundraising Goal for Carolina Beach Skate Park Expansion

The Friends of Carolina Beach Parks and Greenways, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to improving the community through fundraising for parks and greenways, are proud to announce they have reached their goal of \$175,000 for the upcoming Skatepark Expansion.

“The CB Skatepark is one of the most frequently used park in our community,” said Nick Hahn, Friends of Carolina Beach Parks and Greenways board member and skate park committee chair. “This park is more than a skatepark, it is a community hub. Expanding the park makes it an even better park for kids of all ages to get outside with friends, get their blood pumping and have more fun!”

Fundraising efforts were led by a skatepark subcommittee that created a series of events starting in early 2022. The events were designed to bring the community together to enjoy skating and all that surrounds the skateboarding scene, including music, art, and food.

“Thanks to the overwhelming support of the community and local businesses, skate festivals created real momentum and positive energy,” said Hahn. “That energy attracted the attention of many generous supporters, including Ben Wingrove, a local father of four and business owner, who was at our most recent festival. He was so excited about what the community is doing that he made a donation of \$135,000 to become our naming sponsor at the skatepark and launch us to our goal!”

Ben Wingrove, a Kure Beach resident, was looking for a great way to give back to kids in his coastal community. “There’s such a sense of community at the Skatepark that I wanted to do what I could to help make it even better. I love going there with my kids and hope that with the expansion even more kids, and adults, will continue to have a safe and fun time there for many years to come,” explained Wingrove.



When the expansion is completed, the skatepark will proudly display his name at the entrance and his business, SchedulePop, will be displayed on many of the new skating elements.

The proposed plan doubles the size of the existing park which now gets crowded during popular times of the day. This plan expands the park's concrete features to include multiple areas so skateboards, BMX bikes and scooters can all ride more safely at the same time. New skate features such as street skating obstacles, a mini bowl and a pump track are planned along with dedicated areas designed for relaxing, spectating and hosting more skate festivals. Repairs will also be done to the 15-year-old park during the project.

To see the current plans for the skate park, developed by Pillar Design and Artisan Skateparks visit <https://www.friendsofcbparksandgreenways.org/skatepark>

The full expansion costs \$350,000 and the Town of Carolina Beach had generously expressed intent to match the remainder to fund the project. With the initial fundraising goal of \$175,000 reached, it is now with the CB Town Council, who previously reviewed the plan, to finalize the budget and planning details. Once these details are set the groundbreaking for the project could be as early December 2023.

“We are insanely grateful to have reached our goal this quickly and owe 100% of our success to our awesome community, the Town of Carolina Beach and to all of our generous supporters,” Hahn added.

The Friends of Carolina Beach Parks & Greenways plans to continue fundraising efforts to improve and expand the park even further. The next scheduled fundraising events include upcoming skate festivals at the CB Skatepark on May 6th and October 21st. Check the Facebook and Instagram pages for details.

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