



Pike County Skaters

Why a Skate Park in Pike County?

- A skate park will provide much needed recreational opportunities for the young people of Pike County, an active alternative to television and video games. Skateboarding builds stamina, strength, coordination, balance, and perseverance as youth practice hours on end to achieve the next trick. Skateboarding is an individual sport that promotes cooperation as youth coach and encourage each other.
- A skate park bridges the gap between the county's youth and adult community leaders. When a park is built, the youth feel appreciated, valued, and heard by community officials and law enforcement.
- A skate park is a "destination park" that will bring people in from outside Pike County.
- A skate park will appeal to young families considering relocating to Pike County.
- Because younger children will have an opportunity to practice their skills, the number of skaters in Pike County is likely to grow after a skate park is built ensuring the park's use for generations to come.
- New business opportunities may be encouraged such as a skate shop, safety equipment rental, and skate lessons.
- Skateboarding provides a non-competitive activity for youth of all ages and is a constructive activity for at-risk youth. According to the Tony Hawk Foundation, "The easy answer is that they [skate parks] provide a place for kids who aren't attracted to traditional team sports a place to go and express themselves in an individual and athletic manner. Getting kids, particularly at-risk kids, involved in a personal and esteem-building activity like skateboarding helps them build the confidence to do well in other aspects of their lives."