

DRIPPING SPRINGS SKATE PARK

RATHGEBER NATURAL RESOURCES PARK & BSA WILDERNESS CAMP



Our Mission

Proudly supported by

 DSCF
 Dripping springs

 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

In collaboration with



To bring a free, regional skatepark to Dripping Springs residents and neighboring areas. We believe in the need for additional recreational opportunities for our children. Working with community members and organizations we will continue to raise funds and awareness, which will make the skatepark a reality.



Awareness

In 2014, our committee began raising awareness of skateboarding in Dripping Springs. Yea after year we've offered skate classes through DSISD Community Services. Students of all ages have been through the program and have become skatepark advocates.

Skateboarding classes with DS Community Services



Founders Day Parade Float





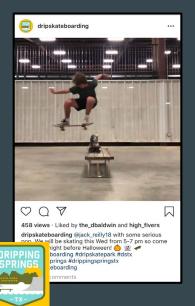
Awareness City Council

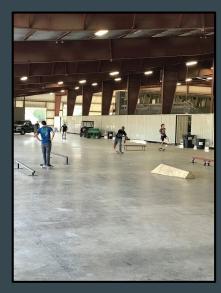
With several years of momentum and over 500 petition signatures, our committee presented the need for a skatepark to Dripping Springs City Council in April of 2017. Over 120 supporters were in attendance. Council unanimously approved our recommendation to dedicate land for a skatepark in Founders Memorial Park.

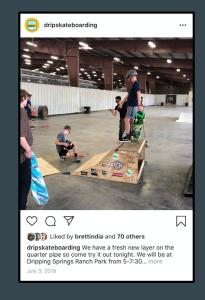




Awarenesskate Night







AwarenessCommunity Design Meeting

On October 2, 2019 the skatepark committee held a community design meeting with SPA Skateparks to get feedback on what elements they would like to see in our future skatepark.









Fundraising

Beginning April 2018 the skatepark committee has worked relentlessly to raise funds from various sources including donations, merchandise sales, events, and grants. With the help of our community partners we've been able to raise \$100k in the past 18 months.



FundraisingDrop In @ Real Ale

Drop In @ Real Ale was held on June-**22**, 2019 and consisted of a Friday evening sponsor dinner, custom skateboard auction, and Saturday skateboarding event. Over 1,000 people were in attendance and 1,158 bids were received online. We were able to raise \$57,000 through sponsorships and online bidding.



FundraisingGrants - Funding

In September of 2019 a professional grant writer was hired to assist in the process of identifying grants and writing proposals to support our initiative Goal - \$550,000.00

- Burdine Johnson Foundation Awarded \$7,500 on 12/20/2019
- Hill Country Rally for Kids Awarded \$10,000 on 1/28/2020
- The Lowe Foundation-submitted on 12/1/2019
- Lola Wright Foundation submitted on 2/27/2020
- DS Wild Game Dinner- submitted on 4/15/2020





The Lowe Foundation Serving the women and children of Texas

Where we are now

Over the course of 2020 we will be working hard to accomplish the following:

- Topographic survey Completed
- Geotechnical survey (In progress, will be completed in May)
- Preliminary skatepark design with SPA (July/August)
- 2nd skatepark design input meeting (Fall of 2020)
- Continue preparations for Drop In @Real Ale 2021



Dripping Springs Public Skatepark Timeline









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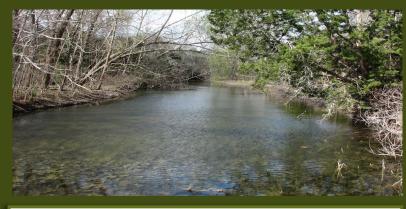


Figure 41: Dripping Springs Area Map Planning Area Priorities/ Preferences

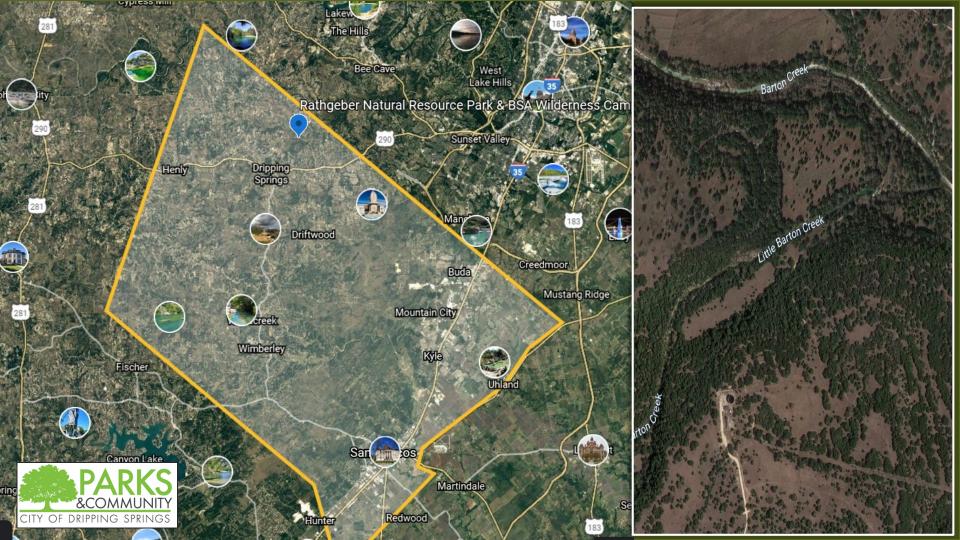
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HAYS COUNTY PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND NATURAL AREAS MASTER PLAN | Hays County, Texas

Dripping Springs Parks & Community Services Mission: To foster community by preserving parks and open space, by connecting people to our natural resources and cultural history, and by offering engaging programs and events.







Hays County 2012 Parks & Open Space Master Plan Priorities for Dripping Springs

Dripping Springs Planning Area

Preferences for Dripping Springs area were for mostly passive recreation and outdoor activities. There was a strong emphasis in the Dripping Springs area on education opportunities and passive activities. As in all planning areas, trails and river and creek access were high priorities/preferences. The location of the Dripping Springs area along a major highway but in the Hill Country, provides many opportunities for open space and passive activities for that require more access. Due to these factors, the following are priorities/preferences for the Dripping Springs Planning Area:

- 1. Multi-Use Trails
- 2. General Nature Enjoyment Lands
- 3. River and Creek Access
- 4. Nature Center
- 5. Community Gardens



Headwaters Master Plan Rathgeber & BSA Wilderness Camp Descriptions

Rathgeber Park (234 acres) along Barton and Little Barton Creek will be a passive natural resource park as defined by the City of Dripping Springs Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan 2014-2024 dated March 10, 2015. This park may provide land for expansion of the City of Dripping Springs community trail along Little Barton Creek. This park may be developed and will be maintained by the City. Rathgeber park may include:

- 1. Interpretive trails for exploration, nature education and connectivity
- 2. Interpretive signage
- 3. Passive recreation areas and support amenities
- 4. Naturally shaded seating areas
- 5. Open native grass and wildflower areas

Boy Scouts Park (66 acres) located adjacent and east of Rathgeber Park has been leased to the

Boy Scouts of America. Boy Scouts Park may be built in phases and may include:

- 1. Interpretive Trails for exploration and connectivity
- 2. Learning play elements
- 3. Gardens Benches Picnic tables
- 4. Camping grounds and facilities
- 5. Open native grass and wildflower areas



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Timeline (w/ Hays County POSAC funding)







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QUESTIONS? THANK YOU!!!