

Progress continues on the construction of the skatepark.

After weeks of excessive rain, the construction of the skatepark at Chandler Park has resumed. The Chandler Park Conservancy, in partnership with The Skatepark Project; Find Your Grind Foundation; the City of Detroit's General Services Department; Michigan Economic Development Corporation; the Rocket Community Fund; Stellantis, and more than 150 donors are moving ahead on the uniquely designed skatepark.



The new activation's design is inspired by the natural environment found in Chandler Park and will be a completely custom, one-of-a-kind skatepark. It will feature terrain types for all ages and ability levels and includes elements for both street and transition skateboarding styles. Developers SITE Design Group and Hardcore Skateparks worked with community residents and stakeholders through community

meetings, a steering committee, and a comprehensive survey to create an engaging and environmentally safe space for skateboarders, bikers, and scooters, and the like.

"This skatepark is another among a series of impactful projects that continue to enhance the park toward becoming a world-class space," said Steve Ogden, Chandler Park Conservancy Board Chair. "The partnership between the City of Detroit and Chandler Park Conservancy has advanced our park and made it a model for recreation in our city, one that we hope will bring Detroiters and their families together for years to come."

This will be the first significant skatepark on Detroit's east side," said Keith Flournoy, Deputy Director of Detroit Parks & Recreation. "In recent years, there has been an enormous increase in skateparks' interest and providing amenities in parks beyond our traditional playgrounds."

The skatepark is due to be completed in mid-October. The Rocket Community Fund and The Blue Cross Foundation have provided resources for skateboarding instruction to 100 youth ages 6 to 17 living in Chandler Park and surrounding communities.

The goal is to give this instruction over one year, starting October 2021. Classes will be held three times a week once the skate park is completed. Run through October and November (weather permitting) 2021, start back in May, June 2022, with a six-week camp July thru August 2022



