

**Subject: North Canton Skatepark**

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Dear Mr. Osborne:

Thank you for taking the time to discuss North Canton's skatepark ideas with me. I have a few concerns and suggestions for North Canton.

My biggest concern is having unmanned public parks. I feel it is very important to all of the residents and potential skaters that the skatepark needs supervision. A lot of public parks (Canton, Akron and Cuyahoga Falls) do not have adult supervision which can create alot of problems including unsafe conditions, children too young riding with experienced people, underage drinking and destruction of the property. Without supervision, rules can not be enforced such as not allowing bikes on the ramps.

The interest in skateboarding is phenomenal. I feel that free outdoor parks helps spur business for us because it does get more people interested who inturn what to ride other parks. I am not against any small public park but I feel it is very important to layout and build the park "right". Without the right ramps and correct transitions, you could put alot of money into a park that no one will ride. Please be sure to get alot of community input and keep the kids involved.

In regards to liability, I am not sure how the City will be affected in cases on severe injuries. We have all customers sign a liability waiver and require helmets to be worn at all times. Do be prepared for complaints about injuries like broken bones and cuts that require stitches.

We are willing to discuss some kind on plan that we could discount admissions to City of North Canton Residents. We do not have anything like that in the works now but we are willing to discuss it if you feel it might be feasible.

Again, thank you for discussing your plans with me and I look forward to hearing from you. If we can help please feel free to contact me at kbaltzly@neo.rr.com or 330 454-8783.

Thank You,  
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