

Frequently Asked Questions – Cambria Skatepark Project

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What happened to the old skatepark?

The old skatepark was removed in Spring 2020 and the site reverted to an empty asphalt lot due to safety concerns related to its aging construction and deteriorating condition.

What is the current status of the project?

As of August 2025, the Cambria Skatepark project is fully funded and preparing for construction. Key milestones include:

- **Land secured:** The site has been formally committed for the skatepark.
 - **Designs complete:** Creative and technical engineering plans are finalized.
 - **Environmental reviews completed:** Surveys and CEQA compliance are complete (CEQA approved 7/20/2023).
 - **Building permit pending:** The County of San Luis Obispo has referred the permit application back for further evaluation. Because the site is within a 100-year floodplain, FEMA requires the Cambria Community Services District (CCSD) to provide additional structural documentation, including flood load calculations for the restroom building. This is being addressed by the Public Restroom Company and is expected to take approximately six months to complete.
 - **Funding secured:** The full project cost has been raised.
 - **RFP to follow permit approval:** The construction Request for Proposal (RFP) will be issued once the final permit is approved and weather conditions are suitable — currently anticipated for Q2 2026 — to ensure cost certainty and immediate mobilization.
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What's next?

Now that the project is fully funded, the final steps are:

Awaiting final approval of the Building Permit by San Luis Obispo County

- **Initiating the RFP (Request for Proposal) process:** This is where qualified construction firms will be invited by CCSD to submit bids to build the skatepark. The RFP ensures that the project gets competitive pricing and selects the most suitable contractor for the job.
 - **Selection of a construction firm:** Once bids are received and evaluated, a contractor will be selected to carry out the build.
 - **Groundbreaking and start of construction**
 - **Completion and grand opening** (*target: mid to late 2026*)
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How much will this cost?

The project is estimated at **\$1,020,461**, covering:

- ~6,000 square feet of concrete skatepark
 - Single-stall restroom
 - Paved parking lot
 - Retaining wall, sidewalk, and stormwater infrastructure
 - Landscaping
 - Additional contingencies of \$329,000 have been fundraised
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How is the project being funded?

Funding has come from:

- Major grant funding, including the LWCF grant (match) and additional grant from Cambria Tourism *This grant is dedicated to the bathroom
 - Donations from the public and fundraising events organized by Skate Cambria
 - Funds committed by the Cambria Community Services District (CCSD)
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When will the skatepark be completed?

If the construction bid process proceeds as scheduled, the skatepark is expected to be completed by **mid to late 2026**.

Where is the new skatepark being built?

At the same site as the old skatepark — across from the Vet's Hall and next to the Cambria Library.

Why should I care if I don't skateboard?

The project isn't just about skateboarding — it's about creating a youth-friendly public space in downtown Cambria that brings energy, community engagement, and a safe place for kids and families to gather and connect.

Will it only be for skateboarding?

No. The park is designed to support a range of wheeled sports including:

- Skateboarding
 - Scootering
 - Roller skating and blading
 - Bicycles
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What will the new skatepark be like?

The design features a mix of street and transition-style elements, making it fun and challenging for skaters of all skill levels. It will be built using modern concrete construction, ensuring low maintenance and long-term durability.

What are the park hours?

The skatepark will be open from dawn to dusk, 365 days a year.

How will ongoing maintenance be funded?

The skatepark is being designed as a modern concrete facility, which requires very little ongoing maintenance compared to older modular or wood-frame parks. That said, responsible long-term planning is an important part of the project.

We're happy to share that there is already \$65,000 set aside specifically for ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the park. The Cambria Community Services District (CCSD) will oversee park operation.

Who is Skate Cambria?

Skate Cambria is a community group of youth, parents, and other local skaters that have banded together with the mission of rebuilding the Cambria skatepark.

Are donations still tax-deductible?

Yes, Cambria Community Council has stepped in as Skate Cambria's fiscal agent / 501 c(3) so all donations are tax deductible.

How can I donate or support the project?

Even though construction funding is fully secured, donations are still welcome and will support enhancements like additional landscaping, art, benches, signage, and future programs.

You can donate online at www.skatecambria.com. Also, our Buy-a-Brick program is still active, offering permanent recognition for your support. Donors can receive custom-engraved bricks or name plaques to be displayed at the park as a lasting symbol of their contribution to Cambria's youth and community. We encourage you to inquire at juli@skatecambria.com.

What else can I do to help?

Spread the word, come out to our events, and volunteer! Whether you skate or not, your involvement helps shape a stronger, more connected community. Reach out to us directly — we'd love to hear from you.

Please follow us on Instagram at [@skatecambria](https://www.instagram.com/skatecambria) for news and announcements.