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Skateable Art Park Wins the Statewide 2023 APWA Project of the Year Award



Tallahassee, Fla – Last week, Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency, Leon County Government and the City of Tallahassee earned the statewide 2023 Project of the Year Award from the Florida Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) for the Skateable Art Park, located off of FAMU Way. The project represents a \$1.2 million investment in the Southside and has expanded recreational opportunities in the Tallahassee-Leon County community.

The world-class Skateable Art Park, Tallahassee's second public skate park, is part of Blueprint's Capital Cascades Trail Segment 3 Project. . The skate park features artistic elements to provide an optimal riding experience for skaters of all skill levels and a visually stimulating space for spectators. The centerpiece of the park is the 225-foot-long snake run, inspired by Florida A&M University (FAMU)'s mascot.

“Blueprint infrastructure goes above and beyond with the well thought out process of planning, design and construction,” Blueprint IA Board Chair and Tallahassee City Commissioner Curtis Richardson said. “The Skateable Art Park has become a one of a kind space for visitors and residents of Tallahassee-Leon County.”

The Skateable Art Park sits at the center of many Tallahassee-Leon County destinations, including FAMU, Florida State University, Railroad Square Art District, and College Town. The park offers many unique experiences that foster a distinct sense of place, attracting new users, and compelling people to return to exercise, socialize and explore. It brings the community together for a safe, fun and unique recreation experience.

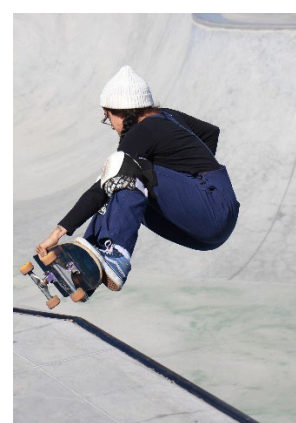
“It never ceases to amaze me to see the Blueprint projects come to life with such exquisite thought behind every element,” said IA Board Vice Chair and Leon County At-Large Commissioner Carolyn Cummings. “Getting to see people of all ages enjoy the skate park really brings a sense of community to me.”

The unique skate park was made possible through years of collaboration with community stakeholders and a partnership with Team Pain Enterprises, Inc. The distinctive shape of the park not only fits the parameters of the land but also provides the skating community with a plethora of skate features along the ride. In June 2022, Blueprint celebrated the grand opening of the park, which over 200 people attended. Since then, it has been a popular attraction for residents and visitors from around the world.

“The Skateable Art Park Project is the perfect example of how Blueprint projects go beyond traditional infrastructure,” Blueprint Director Autumn Calder said. “Through the collaborative partnership with Team Pain Enterprises, Inc., the skate community, and local artists, Blueprint was able to bring this unique project to reality.”

The Capital Cascades Trail continues to add to the growing vibrancy of the Southside community and is anticipated to be complete in fall 2023. For more information about the project’s history and other Blueprint projects, visit BlueprintIA.org/Projects.

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About Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency

The Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency (IA) is a joint City-County agency within the Department of Planning, Land Management and Community Enhancement (PLACE). The City of Tallahassee and Leon County created the joint Department of PLACE, which emphasizes the desire to create a livable, sustainable and economically vibrant community through the coordinated efforts of the Planning Department, Blueprint IA and the Office of Economic Vitality.