



**“Skateboarding made me into an architecture nerd.”**

**Janne Saario**

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PROJECT OVERVIEW



**CRIDER 2.0**



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BUILDING A NEW SKATEPARK  
**THE COLUMBUS WAY**

## THE NEED: AN UPGRADED SKATEPARK

In a recent online community survey, a total of 66.67% of over 200 respondents indicated that skateboarding, skating, BMX biking, or using a scooter in the Jolie Crider Memorial Skatepark was their primary source of exercise.

Replacement of the current skatepark with a new, more durable and welcoming design, and replacing the deteriorating wooden structures with concrete, will allow more citizens to utilize the park for exercise, promoting health in the community, and will provide the opportunity for additional programming for the community's benefit.

## THE PLAN: CRIDER 2.0

The Jolie Crider Memorial Skatepark faces major repairs in order to bring it up to current safety standards. For Crider 2.0, Janne Saario, a world-renowned Finnish skatepark designer, has been selected to design the new skatepark, with an eye toward the final design as a tribute to the architectural and design heritage of Columbus while providing a safe, healthy place for skating and other alternative sports. This will be his first skatepark design in the U.S.

Hunger SkateParks will collaborate to do the design and build process and concrete providers will be sought to donate materials in order to defray the final cost of the project. Target completion of the new skatepark will be June 2018 to coincide with Jolie's 35th birthday.

## THE WORK SO FAR: FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

Of the \$385,000 total budget, over \$170,000 is currently in place. These funds include construction funds from the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department, earmarked funds from the Columbus Park Foundation and a matching grant from The Heritage Fund of Bartholomew County.

## THE FINAL GOAL: RAISE AN ADDITIONAL \$215,000

\$215,000 needed to continue work on the project. Corporate and private organizations are invited to participate in this community effort via several donor levels. The Columbus Park Foundation will also be holding several community fundraising events.

Additional information:  
[columbusparkfoundation.org/skatepark](http://columbusparkfoundation.org/skatepark)