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## Fundraising Thermometer Raised for Building Efforts

Palouse, Washington- The Palouse Skatepark & Tony Kettel Skate Gardens has posted a fundraising thermometer at the project site, and is currently seeking \$13,000 to bridge a funding gap necessary to complete construction on the Palouse Skatepark to be open this Summer. There are currently 29 combined skate park and garden project contributors & partners, and over 5,000 volunteer hours given by over a hundred people toward the effort over the last 15 years for the skate park. The Garden Transformation Team has been hard at work planning for their infrastructure phase since last September. Once the skate park is open, all available funding and resources will be allocated to the gardens aspect of this multi-faceted project.

The Palouse Skatepark & Tony Kettel Skate Gardens will feature a skate park with design elements noted to be "the best on the East side of the Cascades," is a living art canvas, a gathering space, will have a micro-orchard, a nature sanctuary, a book-lending library, an outdoor classroom and more. This privately funded project is the result of a land gift to the Palouse Skatepark, Inc. for the purpose of building an open-to-the-public skate facility. The Palouse Skatepark is being built by skilled professionals and volunteers on the lower end of the property, and the Skate Gardens are soon to be located at the upper plateau area included in this gift.

Designed for the young at heart of every age, this multi-dimensional space has something for everyone and will be open for all to enjoy recreation, art, nature, educational opportunities and continuing civic engagement. Folks are invited to click the "Help us Build!" link on the project website at www.palouseskatepark.com to make a tax-deductible donation to the building efforts, and to view design elements and detailed information on both the skate park and gardens.