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**REGION'S FIRST STREETScape-STYLE SKATE PARK
OPENS SATURDAY IN CITY OF SYRACUSE**

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Eastwood neighborhood residents will join Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Miner, Syracuse Parks Commissioner Baye Muhammad and skateboarders of all ages in opening the first streetscape-style skate park in Central New York at a public ceremony and ribbon cutting beginning at **11am on Saturday, June 21**. The **East Woods Skate Plaza**, named for the last stand of trees of the East Woods after which the village of Eastwood was named, is located behind Huntington School on **Caleb Avenue off of Stafford Avenue**.

East Woods Skate Plaza is a 6,000 square foot park that can accommodate beginners as well as more experienced skateboarders and like all city parks, is free and open to the public. Streetscape-style elements of the Plaza include stair sets, quarter pipes, ledges, hips and rails. Saturday's grand opening event highlights a skateboard competition for all ages and local celebrity musician Jamie Notarthomas who was instrumental in the skate park's initial petition.

East Woods Skate Plaza is the culmination of nine years of planning, fundraising and building by the Eastwood Neighborhood Association Skate Park Research Committee chaired by long-time Eastwood resident and community activist Judy Lewis. Design and construction for the Plaza was made possible in part by grants and funding from the NYS Environmental Protection Agency, the Tony Hawk Foundation, the City of Syracuse and the Eastwood Neighborhood Association.

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Saturday, June 21, is International Go Skate Day

Skateboarders like Santino "Stixz" Chambers who worked on East Woods from Afghanistan where he was stationed, are available for interviews before or after the event.