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## **Community Campaign Launched to Build New White Park Skate House**

**CONCORD, NH (June 11, 2018)** – A community campaign to build a new skate house at White Park has launched following project approval at the June 11, 2018 City Council meeting. This campaign represents a new public – private partnership model and a collaborative effort to bring improvements to the Concord community, while reducing the cost to local taxpayers.

During the April City Council meeting, Mayor Bouley appointed a team of local residents made up of neighborhood representatives, recreational users of the park, and hockey enthusiasts, as a fundraising committee, led by Chris Brown and Jennifer Frizzell. Fifty-percent of this \$1.15M project will be financed through private donations, and 20 percent of that goal has already been met through \$108,000 in donations from the Black Ice Pond Hockey Association’s annual tournament.

“This is a community effort to invest in the future of White Park and one that will expand recreational opportunities,” said Mayor Jim Bouley. “White Park is an important asset to the City of Concord, and the addition of this skate house will mean this park will continue to be a valued community resource not only during the winter months, but year round.”

The existing skate house will be demolished and site preparation will take place over the summer. Construction of the new two-story facility will occur in fall and winter, with the goal of utilizing the new skate house in early 2019. The current facility was constructed in the 1950s and was closed more than a decade ago due to health and safety concerns.

“There is much excitement in the neighborhood and throughout the community to restore and expand recreational activities based out of the Skate House. Our campaign is working on an ambitious schedule – for both construction and fundraising – in hopes of opening this new facility in early 2019,” said Jennifer Frizzell, a resident of the White Park neighborhood and co-chair of the campaign.

The new skate house will provide year-round enjoyment for the community. It will not only be used as a winter shelter with skate rentals and a snack bar, but will offer indoor and outdoor space for community events. It will also house public restrooms and have a patio with an exterior fireplace.

To learn more about this project, visit [www.whiteparkconcordnh.org](http://www.whiteparkconcordnh.org).