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## **Public invited to skatepark redesign workshop on April 19**

THE COLONY, Texas — The community is invited to come be a part of creating the design direction for the highly anticipated skate park redevelopment project! The Colony Community Development Corp. will hold an **interactive design workshop from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, in The Colony Municipal Courtroom, 5151 North Colony Blvd.**

Learn more about this exciting project, contribute your ideas, and work alongside internationally recognized skatepark designers. The new park will be an all-wheel park, so everyone is invited to attend.

The City of The Colony built its first skatepark in 2003 in Kids Colony Park, which is located adjacent to Griffin Middle School and the Recreation Center on North Colony Boulevard. The skatepark has been an extremely popular addition to our park system. The skatepark was built to give the public a dedicated place to use their skateboards so that skateboard use throughout the community would be curtailed. The area of the skatepark is approximately 5,600 square-feet and consists of amenities that are secured to a concrete pad. The ramps and rails are constructed of metal and skate-lite surfacing. A chain-link fence surrounds the slab and BMX bikes are not allowed in the skatepark.



At 14 years old, the skatepark continues to have high usage, but it has seen better days as repairs become more frequent and costly. Many changes have occurred in skatepark design and the targeted users. While skateboarders were the original users, the wheeled-sport community has expanded to include BMX bike riders, scooters, and inline skaters. Our current skatepark is not equipped to handle all of those users. The age of the skatepark and diversity of users have been the factors that have elevated the priority for enhancements to this park.

The proposed skate park will provide a safe, designated place for wheeled-sport enthusiasts (skateboarders, BMX bike riders, inline skaters, scooter riders, etc.) to develop their skills and enjoy the company of their peers. The skatepark will be state-of-the-art, based on the latest skatepark design principles and constructed with high-quality materials to ensure durability and longevity. It will feature a mix of street- and transition-style terrain, with elements designed for all age groups and ability levels. It is anticipated that the skatepark will double the current size to accommodate all wheeled-sports enthusiasts.

For more information about the project and the workshop on April 19, contact Park Development Manager [Eve Morgan](#) at 972-624-3956.

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