

# CONCORD MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK AND PUMP TRACK



## WHO ARE WE?

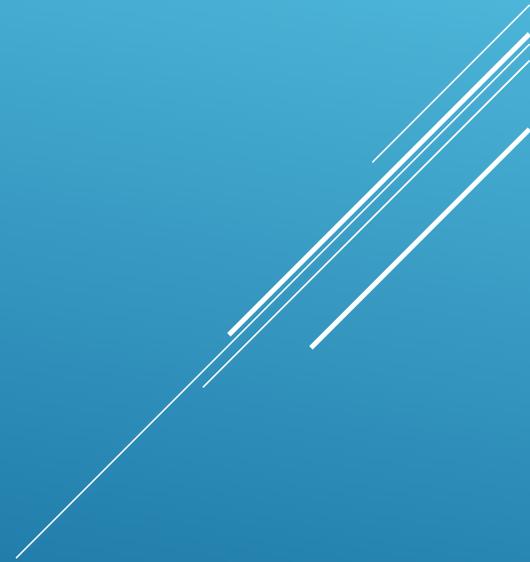
- ▶ Concord Residents
- ▶ Central NH NEMBA
- ▶ Central NH Bicycling Coalition



## WHAT IS IT?

- ▶ An aesthetically pleasing sculpted park designed for kids and adults to practice and improve their skills for mountain biking and BMXing
  - ▶ Skills/ jump area- dirt and wood features
  - ▶ Pump track
  - ▶ A fun, safe place for kids to ride
  - ▶ Addition to Concord's trails
  - ▶ To help build community and make friends
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**Let's take a look at some examples:**



# KEENE BIKE PARK

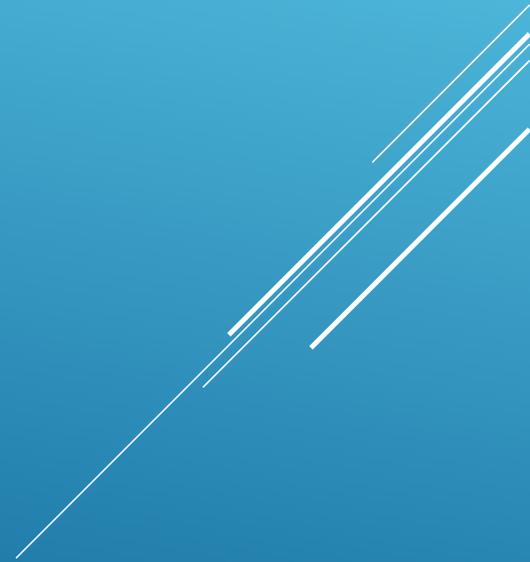
- ▶ 20,000 square feet/ ½ acre
- ▶ Managed by NEMBA



# KEENE BIKE PARK CON'T.



# STRATHAM, NH



# Bentonville, Arkansas



## WHO IS IT FOR?

- ▶ Kids- all ages!
- ▶ Adults- all ages!
- ▶ All skill levels



## WHY DO WE NEED IT?

- ▶ Concord's huge and dynamic cycling community
- ▶ A boost for the local economy
- ▶ A place for kids to improve their riding skills and maybe become world class riders or Olympians.
- ▶ Get kids off their screens and out doing exercise with friends
- ▶ A reason to move here and live here
- ▶ A place for the DIY kids
- ▶ Concord is the state Capital and should be a vibrant community.

# MAINTENANCE?

- ▶ Paved pump track- maintenance free
- ▶ Mountain bike skills area- maintained by NEMBA and local riders as needed



## TESTIMONIALS:

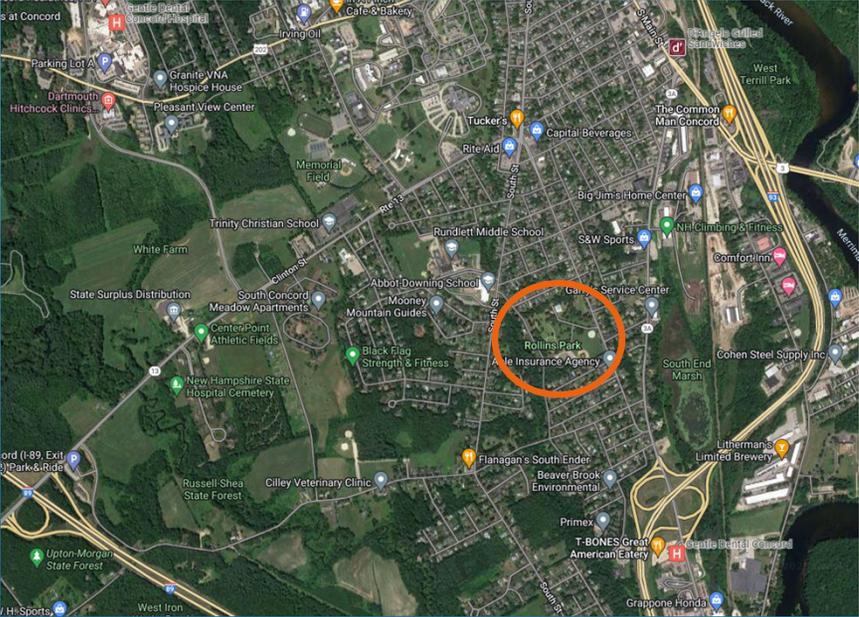
▶ “I’m so appreciative of this park! We have been everyday with my 8 yr. old. The other day we brought his friend. His friend's chain fell off. Immediately 4 teens surrounded him and helped him fix his bike working together! This park has brought the kids together helping out complete strangers! What a wonderful thing to witness!” - Mia Ash, Parent. 2020.09.17 (Keene)

▶ “The Bike Park is THE greatest addition to this city! To see all ages there and riding and all just getting along, like they’ve known each for years (even if they’ve just met). It’s amazing on so many levels!!” Jess Durham-Wirrkala, Parent. 2020.10.13 (Keene)

# Where in Concord Would it go?

- ▶ Considered Several Locations
- ▶ Two Possible Locations Stood Out
  1. Rollins Park along Broadway
  2. Russel Martin Park off Iron Works Road

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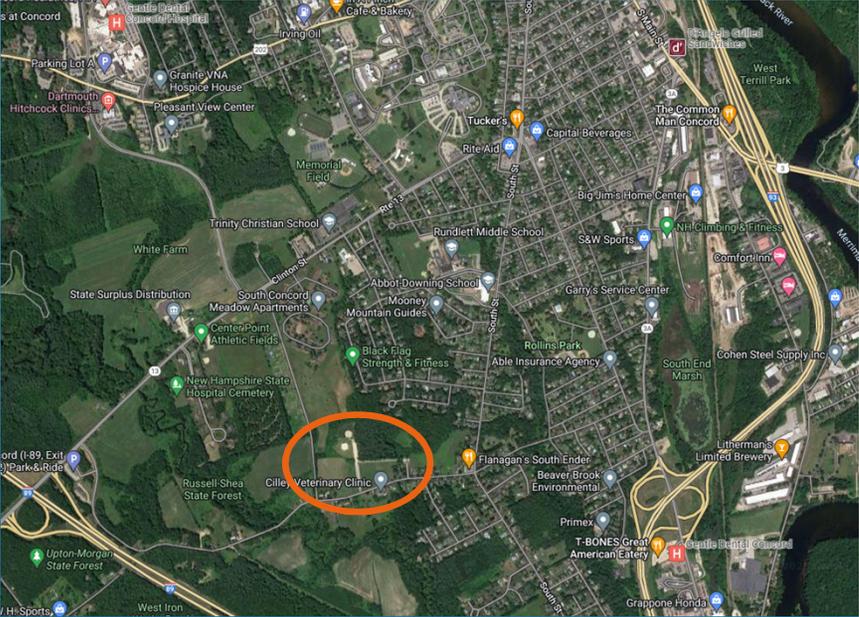
## Pros

- ▶ Easy to see from road
- ▶ Good neighborhood access by bike
- ▶ Ride then swim on summer days, play on playground
- ▶ No tree removal- clean slate for building

## Cons

- ▶ No winter ice skating
- ▶ Less shade
- ▶ Less parking
- ▶ No rocks or features to incorporate into design
- ▶ Near houses (noise)

# Location 2: Russel Martin Park (wooded area)



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(wooded area east of kiosk)

## Pros

- ▶ Large area with space to grow
- ▶ Boulders to incorporate into design for rideable features
- ▶ More interesting landscape for design possibilities
- ▶ Shade
- ▶ Plenty of parking
- ▶ Nearby trails

## Cons

- ▶ Not as visible
- ▶ Not as easy to get to by bike
- ▶ Fewer accessory activities (no pool, playground)

# QUESTIONS/ DISCUSSION

What are your thoughts?

