

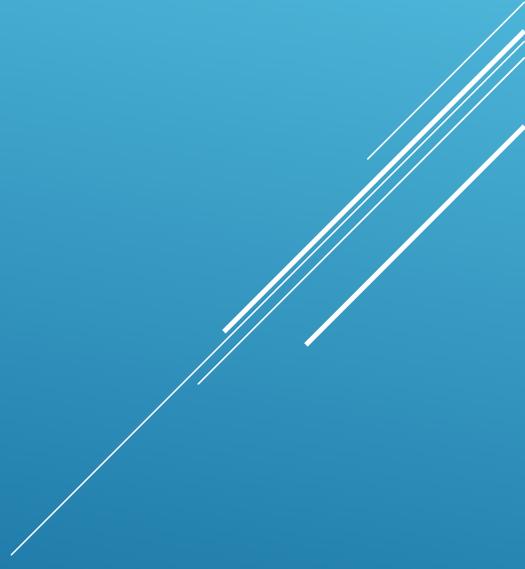
# Community Meeting #2

## BIKE PARK



September 16, 2025

## 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
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# WHO IS IT FOR?

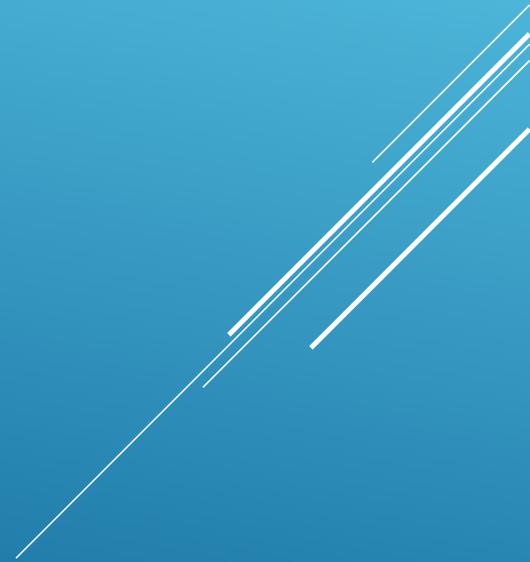
- ▶ Kids- all ages!
- ▶ Adults- all ages!
- ▶ All skill levels



# WHY DO WE NEED IT?

- ▶ Concord's growing and dynamic cycling community
- ▶ A boost for the local economy
- ▶ A place for kids to improve their riding skills
- ▶ Get kids off their screens and out doing exercise with friends
- ▶ A reason to move here and live here
- ▶ Concord is the state Capital and should lead by example

**LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT SOME  
EXAMPLES**



# KEENE BIKE PARK

- ▶ 20,000 square feet/ 1/2 acre
- ▶ Managed by NEMBA volunteers, located in a city park



# PORTSMOUTH, NH

ZERO COST BIKE PARK (DONATIONS AND DIY), located in a city park



# July Meeting Recap

- July 2024 meeting- we presented Rollins Park and Russell Martin Park as options
- Ruled out Rollins Park as an option based on feedback
- Russell Martin was still possible location
- Attendees asked us to look at other possible locations

# Steps Since July, 2024 Meeting

- Looked into Unutil property at Broken Ground
- Looked into Lincoln Financial on Rumford St.
- Looked into State property on Clinton St./ Langleys
- Presented at the Conservation Commission and Trails Subcommittee meetings- they suggest Russell Martin park
- Received approval from RPAC for this public meeting

# Focus on Russell Martin Park

- Narrowed in on Russell Martin as the most suitable location
- Reviewed the site for ideas and options for Bike Park layout
- Decided a “wooded” feel similar to Portsmouth was a good fit
- Goal to avoid changing the feel or look of the park

# DESIGN AND COST

- ▶ \$100,00-\$200,000 or less depending on how much DIY we do and how much donated material/ services we receive.
  - ▶ Plan to fundraise – no city dollars
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## MAINTENANCE?

- ▶ Maintained by The New England Mountain Bike Association (NEMBA) and local trained volunteers, the city already has great relationship with NEMBA as they maintain some of the multi use hiking/biking trails in the city. Assisted by Parks and Recreation Department.
  - ▶ Carry in/ carry out like other city amenities
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**Possible Bike Park Location:  
Russell Martin Park**



**Red Triangle 1.4 acres**

**Existing Trails**

**Bike Park**

0 100 200 400 Feet

Burch St

Iron Works Rd

Rohinda Ave

Harris St

Fennell Ave

# Russell Martin Park Bike Park Layout Conceptual



## 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-Wirkkala, Parent. 2020.10.13 (Keene)

# Questions

