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**Skateboard Park Project
Woodridge Recreational Area
Durham, NH**



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Introduction

The Town of Durham has been investigating the possibility of building a skateboard park for the past five years. Several small groups have researched mostly the typical designs, which are mostly centered on several ramps of varying heights and lengths. The groups have also focused on several different locations over the past years. The current group has selected the Woodridge Recreational Area off of Fogg Drive to locate a smaller start-up skateboard park. This working group has solicited ideas from local teenagers, which has changed the conventional skateboard park elements from ramps to more street elements. Street elements are common, everyday items found in outdoor settings virtually everywhere around the world or in a small New England Town like Durham. Examples of street elements are stairways with a handrail, park benches and granite curbing. The working group has selected these street elements as the core elements of the new skateboard park at Woodridge. The Public Works Department (DPW) will either purchase supplies or donate components and build and install the elements, DPW will also apply a new asphalt surface for both the skateboard park and the relocated basketball court. The project has \$5,000 in seed monies provided by the Town and will conduct fundraising events to complete the new park.

CHAPTER 111
SENATE BILL - FINAL VERSION

SB 23

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the year of Our Lord
One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five

AN ACT

Limiting the liability of municipalities operating
facilities for skateboarding, rollerblading or rollerskiing.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of
Representatives in General Court convened:

111:1 New Section; Liability Limited; Municipalities Operating
Facilities for Skateboarding, Rollerblading, or Rollerskiing. Amend RSA
507-B by inserting after section 10 the following new section:

507-B:11 Municipal Facilities for Skateboarding, Rollerblading, or
Rollerskiing. A municipality, which without charge permits any person to
use a facility operated by the municipality for the purpose of
skateboarding, rollerblading, or rollerskiing, shall not be liable for
personal injury or property damage resulting from the person's
participation in such activity, in the absence of gross and wanton
negligence.

111:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: May 16, 1995

Effective: May 16, 1995

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April 8, 2008

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Mr. Michael Lynch
Public Works Director
Town Of Durham
100 Stone Quarry Drive
Durham, NH 03824

Re: Proposed Skateboard Park

Dear Mike,

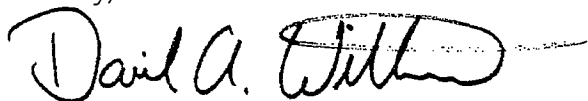
This letter will confirm our meeting of April 4, 2008 relative to the Town of Durham's plans to construct a skateboard park at the Woodridge Recreation Area. You shared with me the plans for the project and we went to the site to look at the proposed placement of the park.

I commented that you and the committee have done an admirable job in looking at all of the issues. In fact, we reviewed the risk management bulletin that Primex³ has prepared on the topic and the issues we outline and examine have already been addressed by you and the committee.

The only concern I recognized was the proximity of the proposed skate park to the parking area. Of concern is that an errant skateboard could strike a parked car or worse yet, get lodged under a car causing a young child to crawl under a vehicle that could suddenly back-up. We agreed that the easiest solution would be to install a fence along the boundary between the skate area and the parking lot and I strongly recommend that this be part of the overall project.

I remain available for further questions and wish you well in your pursuit of the Park. Again, it seems well thought out with consideration of risk management in many of the park's aspects.

Sincerely,



David A. Witham
Sr. Risk Management Consultant
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CC: Todd Selig, Town Manager

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