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Skate Park Ready to Roll in Spring

The Pike County Skate Park will be built in Spring 2011. Pike County Skaters has contracted with Who Skates of Kennebunkport, Maine to design and oversee construction of the skate park which will be located in Pittsfield's King Park.

Due to unexpected delays and scheduling issues, the park was unable to be built this fall as hoped. "We are disappointed that we weren't able to build this fall, but we are thrilled to have John Petty & Sons on board as general contractor," says Michele Westmaas, president of Pike County Skaters. "It's always been a priority to keep the project local as much as possible. We know that there are many skilled folks in Pike County. We'd like to hear from anyone interested in contributing their time and talents to the project. If you have skills in construction, specifically excavation and concrete work, and you are willing to give a week or two of your time this spring, please contact one of us."

According to Patty McIntosh, Executive Director of Illini Community Health Care Foundation fiscal sponsor for the Pike County Skaters, some of the promised in-kind donations have changed since the project's inception, due to change in supplier ownership and economic pressures. Therefore, additional donations are being sought to keep the project on budget. "We have made every effort to provide the community with a skate park that will

meet the needs of Pittsfield's youth while containing the overall project budget", says McIntosh. "Anything more we can raise to offset project costs is greatly appreciated and we are excited to play a part in making this project a reality for our youth."

Anyone interested in making a tax-exempt donation, small or large, may send a check payable to Pike County Skaters to Patty McIntosh, Executive Director, Illini Community Health Care Foundation, 112 W. Washington, PO Box 81, Pittsfield, IL 62363. Illini Community Health Care Foundation is fiscal sponsor for Pike County Skaters. For more information, visit www.pikecountyskaters.org, join Pike County Skaters on Facebook, call Michele Westmaas at 285-2301, or call the Foundation office at 285-6080.

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