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Newark Skate Spots Public Workshop

Newark, DE (March 6, 2012) – It is estimated that there are more than 1,300 skateboarders in Newark and there are no skateboard facilities in the City. Newark has secured funding through a private donation, a Delaware Land and Water Conservation Trust Fund grant and City funds to build skate spots in two or three of its parks in order to provide properly designed and constructed skateboarding facilities. These facilities are safer for skateboarders to use because they are away from roads, parking lots and other areas not designed for such use. The skate spots will provide a new outdoor recreation opportunity that will encourage youth to be more physically active.

A few of the parks being considered for the skate spots are Handloff Park, Kells Park, Phillips Park, Lumbrook Park, and Fairfield Park. Newark plans to secure the services of a professional design and construction firm to help design and build the skate spots.

The Parks and Recreation Department staff and the Newark Skate Spot Committee are hosting a public workshop to discuss what a skate spot is and how it differs from a skate park, present site options, provide pictorial samples of skate spots, and other information about the project.

WHEN: **Thursday, March 29**
 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Municipal Building, Council Chamber
 220 Elkton Road, Newark, DE 19711

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