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14.	I just heard the suggestion by the architects to include a cement skatepark as a part of the new 35 acre park in Crozet. I think it's a wonderful idea. A skatepark will bring families and the community together. My family currently has a skateboard wooden pool in my backyard which has been enjoyed by our family and the rest of our community. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance in the planning or research of the new facility.	4/23/2008 2:34:00 PM
15.	Hi- We would love to see a cement skatepark included in the Master Plan. There are plenty of adult skateboarders in the area with a lot of expertise on what to build and how...and how to do it on a tight budget.	4/23/2008 3:21:00 PM
16.	I understand that you are considering a cement skateboard park in the Western Park Master Plan. As a metro-Charlottesville area skateboard enthusiast, I would like to show my support for this idea. During the season that the current Charlottesville park is open, I visit at least twice a week. I understand that their park is under renovation, but I do not believe they are doing enough to keep up with developments in other small to medium sized cities. Skateboarding is an activity enjoyed by all ages, much like skiing, but there are just not adequate places in our area to support everyone. A cement park would bring us up to par with other localities both in Virginia and beyond. I look forward to seeing your progress. Thank you.	4/23/2008 6:04:00 PM
17.	There is a great need for a cement skateboard park in this area! There are too many skaters and no parks around. Cement is the way to go because it does not need a lot of repairs and the kids will enjoy it more then the pre-fab parks like in Vinton, VA. I live in roanoke, VA and have a skateboard company and I travel (even with the high gas prices) to Lynchburg just to skate their cement park. The best thing would be to have a nice 4ft to 7ft bowl (pool) with a really nice street course. I helped with the design of Lynchburg's park and would help if you needed any designs for this park.	4/23/2008 9:37:00 PM
18.	It is very important that a skateboard park be built in this park. This is a healthy outlet for young people.	4/23/2008 9:54:00 PM
19.	I would love to see a cement skatepark getting build VA from northern VA	4/23/2008 10:31:00 PM
20.	I think this would be a great place for a cement style skateboard park. As skateboarding is getting more popular with the kids, this would be an ideal place and a great time for the Western Park Master Plan to be on the cutting edge. This will also get parents and kids excited about the future of the park. An excellent, recent example would be the brand new skatepark in Stamford,CT. Good information and regional advisors can be found at http://www.skatepark.org/ .	4/23/2008 11:31:00 PM
21.	I would like to encourage the County of Albemarle to complete construction of this park. It will give the local youth something healthy to do. Thank you.	4/24/2008 11:45:00 AM
22.	I would like to see a plan with a concrete skatepark	4/24/2008

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23.	A cement skate park would be an amazing addition to the park as the availability of skateboarding facilities in the area is very minimal. Hopefully you can indulge the skating community. Thanks.	4/24/2008 6:20:00 PM
24.	CEMENT SKATE PARK!!!! Virtually maintenance free and you will make many children smile!	4/24/2008 7:06:00 PM
25.	Good evening, I teach at Western and I was very impressed with the positive and professional presentation you made yesterday. I am also impressed to see the effort you are making to seek community input into the project. The PowerPoint is lovely. However I am disappointed by the small scale of the park so close to an urban center. I am not convinced that it can become a destination, as the COunty is hoping: for people seeking a wild area, it will be surrounded by houses; for people seeking amenities, there is very little buildable space and not enough money to build anything of significance... It seems this park will be mostly for the enjoyment of the locals and I'm disappointed that the County allowed the developers to give away the land they couldn't use for a park they wouldn't have to maintain. One concern I have with the connection of trails is the increased use of the high school facilities, which we are already observing. I specifically want to be sure that people understand that dogs are not welcome at the schools and certainly not on the athletic fields... I am always eager for hiking trails that loop, the longer the better. I think that most of the trails should not be paved, so they can be more natural. I would like to see the children at Brownsville and Henley participate in the creation of the park: ex in making sculptures. I think that at Baker Butler children made sculptures but I don't know the details. At the IGA shopping Center [community members] and high school students created the long mural, which really transformed a plain parking lot. I like the idea of community involvement in the artistic creation. I don't know how fancy we can get with the plantings but a botanical garden component would be very educational. There is a small wetland near Washington pool in the City where the plants are identified. Maybe a variety of environments could be defined in that manner to make the park a destination for the local schools. Good luck with your design!	4/24/2008 10:20:00 PM
26.	I heard about an idea for a cement skate park, and not just as a skateboarder, I think that is a very good idea.	4/25/2008 7:04:00 PM
27.	Concrete parks last longer, ride better, and are safer. A premier concrete park in crozet would draw from C'Ville, Richmond, and all point off 81.	4/25/2008 11:08:00 PM
28.	In regards to the planning of the skatepark, cement is a much better alternative to plywood/skatelite/ramps made of lumber and a floor of asphalt. If you take the McIntire skatepark as an example, it has been falling apart for years- the skatelite/plywood chipped up and deteriorated, making it unsafe and almost unskateable in most areas, and the asphalt slowly got rougher and	4/26/2008 1:20:00 PM

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	<p>rougher, also unsafe and close to unskateable. In turn, most of Charlottesville's skateboarding/rollerblading/biking population started skating the streets-something the city I know doesn't want. A cement park would be a better investment in the long run, but, if the decision is made to make it a full cement park, a well thought out and designed park will also keep the skateboard/etc population and the city from stepping on each other's toes in the future over who's fault it is that the park didn't get planned out well. This happened at McIntire because the city went ahead and just built certain parts of the park without consulting the skateboarders who petitioned for it and resulted in a park where the ramp layout wasn't conducive to skateboarders in the sense that the ramps were too far apart and certain ramps weren't where they should've been (or there at all) to make sure the park had a good flow for keeping up speed. In order to keep peace and harmony between the City of Crozet and the skateboarders who might inhabit the park, I would suggest involvement of a professional skatepark architect as well as a select few skateboarders from the area whose experience would help the architects/planners make a park conducive to the population they're creating it for. Sincerely, [...] Skateboarder of ten years and eyewitness to an unfortunate amount of bickering between the City of Charlottesville and the skateboarders who reside here.</p>	
29.	<p>A concrete skatepark built from one of our nations best skate park builders. Grindline Dreamland Artisan Skateparks Breaking Ground All reputable skatepark design and build skatepark firms. Anything less than that is a waste of tax payers money. Concrete is your best choice...</p>	<p>4/28/2008 6:49:00 PM</p>
30.	<p>The bottomland area contains a unique combination of wetland flowering plants - Joe Pie Weed, ironweed, swamp milkweed, cardinal flower and many others. THESE SHOULD BE PRESERVED!! Their preservation requires no summer mowing in the areas not now being mowed and discouragement of tree growth.</p>	<p>5/2/2008 10:16:00 AM</p>
31.	<p>make a concrete park. that's all you need to know. do it right. by professionals. thanks!</p>	<p>5/2/2008 10:29:00 PM</p>
32.	<p>If you're going to build a skatepark, make sure it is concrete and done by professionals. That's all. Thanks.</p>	<p>5/2/2008 10:31:00 PM</p>