**Moraga Commons Skatepark - Phase 2: Enhancing the Experience**

Moraga Commons Skatepark is located in the East Bay Area of Northern California. An affluent small town, the skatepark serves as a great outdoor space. Originally built in 2003, Moraga Skatepark has been my second home ever since I started skateboarding. Myself, along with others, have noticed specific aspects of the skatepark that are poorly designed. In addition, the park has experienced general wear and depreciation from years of use. I wanted to create a potential improvement plan that would include slight skatepark design changes and addition of park amenities to improve the overall experience and atmosphere of the park.

**Key Words:** Recreational Space, Facilities, Skatepark, Experience, Atmosphere, Improvement, Community

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**RESULTS**

**Skatepark Design Recommendations:**
- Addition of a single metal flatbar (Figure 1)
- Fill in cutouts throughout the skatepark (Figure 2)
- Remove small perimeter curb surrounding park (Figure 3)

**Skatepark Amenities Recommendations:**
- Addition of more benches
- Building a small fence against the hillside
- Evergreen trees for shade
- Bathroom onsite
- Lights
- Mitigation of scooters and bikes
- Shade structure
- Vending machine

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**SWOT Analysis**

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<td>Recreational</td>
<td>Insufficient parking</td>
<td>Lights - Potential place for lurkers to hang out (people not skating), get into trouble, etc.</td>
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<td>Safe space to</td>
<td>Frisbee golf course poses potential and consistent “hazard” - frisbees thrown into park</td>
<td>Neighbors have expressed concern for lights due to noise</td>
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<td>Bring kids of</td>
<td>Inadequate amount of “official” seating like benches and tables</td>
<td>Would the noise from the skatepark really be a burden to those neighbors?</td>
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