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BMX bikers and skaters gather in front of the Iowa Community Center.

Skaters and bikers get parks in shipshape order in Villa Park

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Villa Park Skate Park Committee

Teens got off their skate boards and bikes for a few hours July 25 in Villa Park and turned to the task of cleaning the parks.

The event was organized by the Villa Park Parks and Recreation Department. Mikie Rudyk, program supervisor, said the clean-up got young skaters and bikers involved in keeping the community clean and safe.

About 25 volunteers collected trash at

the Jefferson Pool grounds, baseball field and skate park and the Iowa Community Center grounds.

The teens want to keep the parks clean and show that a new skate park, which would be built to replace the existing one, would be well maintained.

"I want to help so we can make this project [for a new skate park] work," said one volunteer, Kyle Swanson, 13, of Lombard.

Rudyk praised the teens' work.

"They are really dedicated to keeping their skatepark clean and giving back to the community," Rudyk said.