

Town Center Park prioritizes kids, conservation



In early 2011, a highly anticipated \$450,000 skate park opened at Town Center Park in Sunny Isles Beach. By 2016, it was closed by the city and relocated to Haulover Park.

The State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection mandated an increase in mangrove coverage along the Intracoastal adjacent to Town Center Park. In order for the mangrove mitigation project to begin, it required the removal of the popular skate park. Miami-Dade County worked with Sunny Isles Beach to create a new skate park at Haulover -- a free skate park this time.

Not all locals were sad to see the skate park leave the neighborhood. According to *Miami Herald* reports in late 2011, some residents living in nearby condominiums complained about the loud noise caused by slamming skateboards. City manager Alan Cohen admitted that a sound study had not been conducted prior to the opening of the skate park.

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