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Skate Park to get a facelift thanks to groups, volunteers

The Rio-Jensen Skate Park is getting a facelift, thanks to the combined efforts of Keep Martin Beautiful, the Rio Civic Center and environmental organizations.

On Friday, volunteers from these groups plus professionals from Crossroads Environmental, Native Land Management and EarthMark Mitigation will trim trees and remove invasive exotics.

They will also clear a pathway around the entire perimeter of the park, as requested by the Martin County Sheriff's Office and a neighborhood watch group.

The main volunteer efforts will be Saturday. Julie Preast, president of the Rio Civic Center said, "We are asking as many as possible to be at the park between 8:30 a.m. and noon. And wear gloves! We'll provide refreshments."