

City Building Ski Run at Rouge with Rubbish

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Sports lovers will ski and toboggan this winter down a 75-foot hill of rubbish now being built up in the Middle Rouge Parkway.

They will zip on slick runners over 225,000 cubic yards of trash taken from Detroit's alleys and packed down before the huge hill is finally surfaced with dirt.

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THIS NOVEL and inexpensive project is about half complete. The Wayne County Road Commission is building "Rubbish Hill" from material supplied by the Department of Public Works.

Carl Martin, of the commission's parks and forestry division, pointed out that both city departments would save money on the project.

"Dirt would be expensive," Martin explained. "So we're building one out of free rubbish."

The DPW was happy to cooperate. It costs 2 cents a cubic yard to use the regular rubbish dump a short distance from the hill project.

Plans call for three toboggan slides a quarter mile long, a ski run and a sled ride for smaller children.

When completed it will be 75 feet above the surrounding area. It is going up next to the Edward N. Hines Drive between Middlebelt and Inkster Road.