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Since the first **skatepark** was built in the 1960s in the United States, there have been hundreds more built, especially in the past decade. And who better to design a skatepark than a landscape architect-especially one like Mike McIntyre, who is a former sponsored skateboarder and BMX racer? The Lynch Family Skatepark in Cambridge, Massachusetts, across the Charles River from Boston, is one of the newest. It has 76,000 square feet of competition-level skating under a highway underpass. It's also popular among BMXers and in-line skaters. And it's all legal!