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MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO ANNOUNCES NEW DOG PARK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TOWN OF PARMA

This dog park will join 6 others in the Monroe County Parks System

ROCHESTER, NY — Monroe County Executive Adam Bello today announced, in collaboration with the Town of Parma, the opening of a new dog park at Parma Town Park on Hilton Parma Corners Road. The new dog park includes areas for small and large dogs, and will be included in the County's dog park system.

"The inclusion of the Town of Parma Dog Park in the Monroe County Dog Park System will allow for more efficient access and open this amenity up to more people," **said County Executive Bello**. "I'd like to thank Supervisor Roose for his partnership and providing more opportunities for Monroe County residents to experience recreation."

Construction of the project began in 2022 after State Assembly Member Josh Jensen helped secure a \$50,000 grant from New York State.

"The opening of The Bark Yard is a wonderful example of how local investment in public spaces can really strengthen our communities," **said Assembly Member Josh Jensen**. "This new dog park at Parma Town Park offers families — both two- and four-legged — a safe, welcoming place to gather, play, and enjoy the outdoors together. I'm so proud to have secured state funding to support projects like this one that enhance our quality of life in our towns, and I commend the Town of Parma for its vision and commitment to making this long-awaited space a reality."

The partnership between Monroe County and the Town of Parma will see Monroe County's Department of Parks taking on responsibilities of membership administration and processing along with security details, with the Town of Parma picking up maintenance and day-to-day responsibilities.

"The Town identified this project a few years ago through a survey of residents Conducted by the Parks and Recreation Department. Upon sharing the results and concept with NYS Assembly Representative Josh Jensen, he allocated funding to the Town for the project," **said Parma Town Supervisor James Roose**. "This dog park will be a wonderful place for Parma residents and their dogs to socialize and make new friends. Having it right here at the beautiful Parma Town Park is a great addition to a space that is already viewed as one of the best parks in Monroe County. This is a great day for pet owners and their four-legged friends in the Town of Parma and I'm very happy to see it come to reality. The

project would have cost the Town significantly more had it not been for our own park staff led by Phil Smith, Kyle McDonald, and the uniquely skilled team. They performed the majority of the work, installing most of its features with the exception of fencing.”

Monroe County Department of Parks also hosts off-leash dog parks at Webster Park, Ellison Park, and Greece Canal Park and partners on three other dog parks with the Towns of Henrietta, Pittsford, and Sweden. Each dog visiting must be a registered member of the Monroe County Dog Parks. More details on the registration process are available online at <https://www.monroecounty.gov/parks-DogParks>.

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