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**Westborough Dog Park – Project update and timeline**

The Westborough Recreation Department has been awarded a grant and ARPA funding to design and construct a community dog park. The park will be located on Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller way at the newly named Storey Park (formerly referred to as Chauncy fields). Below is a timeline of where we currently are with the project. We will continue to update this document with further developments.

We will also regularly update our website, [www.westbororec.com](http://www.westbororec.com) and social media pages with pertinent information.

• May 2023: Awarded Stanton Foundation Grant ($25,000 design funding + $250,000 construction funding) and ARPA funds ($107,000).

• Summer-Winter 2023: Retained KZLA architectural firm to design the dog park and held a public meeting

• Winter-Spring 2024: Site plan review and other public meetings to complete finalized bid documents

• July 2024: Went out to bid for construction. Received one bid for $480,000

• September 2024: Revised bid documents and went back out to bid for a “base park”. Received 9 bids ranging from the low bidder of $374,000-$528,059

•September 2024: Westborough Selectboard establishes a Dog Park Gift Fund. This will allow for us to accept donations that can be used for future improvements at the park

• November 2024: We were awarded additional ARPA funds ($17,000)

• December 2024: Signed contract with Heimlich Landscaping and attended pre-construction meeting

•December 2024”: Heimlich Landscaping will install construction fencing and erosion controls. Conservation Department will give final approval on erosion control. Once approved, we plan to break ground before the end of the year.