

Shelbyville Bark Park

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What a Great Idea: Bark Park in Shelbyville

Team 2 has developed a plan to get people out moving with their dogs. Our idea is to put in a dog park where people can get exercise and the dogs can run and play. The idea has been supported by the staff in our leadership program, Mayor Tom DeBaun and Parks and Recreation Director, Karen Martin. We quickly found that we had support from people in our community who have been waiting for a dog park to be built. Our team designed a website so people can follow our progress and also to encourage others to be a part of our passion for dogs and health.

The dogs will now have a place to roam where people can enjoy the outdoors and conversations with each other. The park will be divided into sections, one for large dogs and the other side will be for smaller ones. The park will be wheelchair accessible with parking available close to the entrance.

We were excited to learn many local businesses are ready to help in many ways to see this get started. The team sent out flyers and met with many companies. We have been collecting bottle caps to help raise enough for benches where people can sit and enjoy the outdoors.

Our team is thankful for the outpouring of support from businesses willing to help with building or donating materials to make this Bark Park happen.

Over the course of our leadership class, we discovered that to have a project come to life there needs to be caring and compassion from the team, and our team has both for the success of our “Bark Park.”

