



City of Ionia celebrates grand opening of Ionia Dog Park



IONIA, Mich. — The City of Ionia celebrated the grand opening of its long-awaited Ionia Dog Park on Friday afternoon with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the southwest corner of Adams and Steele streets in downtown Ionia.

Mayor John Milewski, the Ionia City Council, and members of the Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce officially opened the park to the public, both two- and four-legged residents.

“We’re excited to open this fantastic new dog park as a space for residents and their pets to enjoy together. It’s a great example of the City’s commitment to enhancing quality of life through thoughtful, community-focused amenities,” said Mayor Milewski.

The dog park provides around .75 acres of fenced doggie playground with two separate areas – one for smaller dogs and another for larger breed dogs. Visitors will enjoy a variety of amenities, including dog agility equipment, drinking fountains for both pets and their humans, shaded seating areas, benches, and waste stations to help keep the park clean and enjoyable for everyone.

A gravel parking lot located directly south of the park provides convenient access for visitors. This lot will be paved during the initial phase of the Steele Street Park complex, anticipated for construction in 2026.

Planning for the dog park began in 2021. The project was made possible through a \$375,478 Community Development Block Grant, matched by \$85,792 in City funds.

The City of Ionia thanks the many community members, organizations, and partners who supported development of the dog park and encourages all to utilize this fun, new resource.

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