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Lawrence Township Completes Major Upgrades to Hamnett Park New Hamnett Park Project Includes Dog Park and Passive Recreation Improvements

Lawrence Township, NJ - Lawrence Township is pleased to announce the completion of a significant renovation project at Hamnett Park. The project included the addition of two new dog park areas for large and small dogs, as well as numerous passive recreational improvements throughout the park.

"We're very excited to unveil these great new amenities at Hamnett Park and Hero Dog Park for our residents to enjoy," said Mayor Patricia Hendricks Farmer. "The dog park will provide a safe, enclosed area for pets to run and play, while the other upgrades create more opportunities for walking, relaxing, and taking in nature."

Roughly half of the \$500,000 project budget, approximately \$250,000, went towards constructing the two dog park areas. New fencing, landscaping, shade structures, benches, and dog park equipment were installed to make the spaces welcoming for four-legged visitors and their owners.

The remaining \$250,000 was invested into passive recreational improvements such as a new perimeter walking path, lighting, electrical service, water service, patio seating area, and landscaping throughout the park. Lawrence Township anticipates receiving a \$125,000 grant from the Mercer at Play program to help offset the costs.

The dog park areas should open to the public in the next 60 days. Public Works is actively working on the lawn areas so they mature before residents and their dogs will be welcomed to the park. A grand opening celebration for the full set of park improvements will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

With the addition of the Hamnett Park dog parks, Lawrence Township now has two off-leash dog areas for residents, with the other located at Village Park.

For more information about Hamnett Park and other Township parks and recreational amenities, visit www.lawrencetwp.com. Questions can be directed to:

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