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Renovations of Green River Park to begin next year; town will build dog park there

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GREENFIELD — It's going to cost \$690,000 for the town to make improvements to Green River Park off Deerfield Street and build a dog park there.

The improvements will include the dog park, a new playground and pavilion and new basketball and pickleball courts, as well as accessibility updates.

The town expects to receive \$240,000 from an anonymous dog park foundation, and Greenfield will match that grant with a \$50,000 appropriation.

Mayor William Martin said the remainder, \$400,000, will come from Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities grants, a program offered through the state Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

There will also be drainage improvements and paving done in the park and pedestrian pathways will be built. The town also plans to install benches and fencing.

Town Council will vote today on whether to approve the \$50,000 match.

The town has already renovated several of its parks, including Beacon Field on Beacon Street, the Greenfield Swimming and Recreation Area on Nashs Mill Road and Hillside Park on Grove Street.

Recreation Director Christy Moore said the town will continue to upgrade its parks, making them even more attractive to families and individuals living in and outside of town.

The town has 17 parks, including the three that have been renovated and Green River Park off Petty Plain Road.

The others are: Abercrombie Field on Montague City Road, Davis Street Tennis Park on Davis Street, Greenfield Energy Park on Miles Street, Griswold Wildlife Reserve on Lampblack Road, Highland Park on Highland Avenue, Murphy Park on Leyden Road, North Greenfield Park on Severence Street, Rocky Mountain Park on Mountain Road, Shattuck Park on Federal Street, Temple Woods on Mountain Road, the Town Common on Main Street and Court Square, Veterans Mall on Main Street and Veterans Memorial Field on Silver Street.

The town was once again designated a Playful City USA in 2014 — the third year in a row.

Moore said it is because of the investments the town and state have been willing make in Greenfield parks that the town has received the designation so many times.

Renovations of the park are expected to begin in 2015.



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