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Work Begins on County's Newest Dog Park at New Harvest

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Knox County Parks & Recreation crews on Tuesday began work on the county's newest dog park, this one at New Harvest Park.

Using a Bobcat equipped with a forestry cutter, workers spent the day grading roughly two acres of wooded area near the overflow parking lot just west of the circular greenway by the pavilion. They should wrap up later today.

The New Harvest Dog Park will feature a half-acre for dogs 30 pounds and under and another acre for dogs over 30 pounds. County officials plan to meet with representatives from the Boyd Foundation to go over further plans for the park. Crews are expected to begin installing the fencing in the next month or so. The plan is to open the new dog park by spring 2021.

"We are really excited about this project because there isn't currently a dog park in this area of the county," Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs said. "We have several out west and one in the south and all are well used. We expect the same with this park. Also, on behalf of Knox County, I would like to thank Randy and Jenny Boyd for continuing to help make Knox County the most dog friendly community in the country."

The county plans to build five new dog parks within the next couple of years thanks to a contest and grant program initiative funded by the Boyd Family Foundation, which will set aside \$50,000 for each one. The county will cover any remaining cost.

As it stands, the remaining new dog parks to be built will be located at Beverly Park, New Harvest Park, the SportsPark, Powell Station Park and Clayton Park.

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