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Green River Park now a park in perpetuity

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GREENFIELD — Green River Park on Petty Plain Road will forever be exactly what it is now — a park, a playground and a recreation area.

Town Council has voted to dedicate the land permanently as a park and that decision comes just as the town prepares to do a \$690,000 renovation on the park.

The town will spend \$50,000, while \$240,000 will come from an anonymous dog park foundation and \$400,000 will come from parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities grants.

The PARC grant is a program of the state Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

The town is going to build a new playground, pavilion, dog park and basketball and pickleball courts in Green River Park. It also plans to improve drainage throughout, build pedestrian pathways and install benches and fencing.

Greenfield has already renovated several of its parks, including Beacon Field below Poet's Seat Tower on Beacon Street, Greenfield Swimming and Recreation Area on Nashs Mill Road and Hillside Park on Grove Street.

The mayor recently asked the town's Planning and Construction Committee to form two task forces that will assess the need to upgrade two more town parks — Veterans Memorial Field on Silver Street and Highland Pond on Parkway Street. Those committees will be formed in early 2015, according to Mayor William Martin.

The town has 17 parks and according to Recreation Director Christy Moore, Greenfield will continue with

upgrades to all, or a least most of them, eventually.

Moore said it is because of the investments the town has made in its parks that Greenfield has received the KaBOOM! Playful City USA designation for the past three years and with the designation, a couple of \$20,000 grants to be used for the upgrades.

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Above: Green River Park off Petty Plain Road in Greenfield. Left: Cara Leach of Greenfield walks her dog Little at the Green River Park.

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