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### Stroud Region Dog Park to Celebrate Grand Opening at Brodhead Creek Park

STROUDSBURG, PA — Stroud Region Open Space and Recreation Commission (Stroud Recreation) is proud to announce the official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Stroud Region Dog Park. The event will take place on April 12, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Brodhead Creek Park.

The new facility features a sprawling, one-acre fenced area designed for exercise and socialization, complete with dedicated dog waste stations to ensure a clean environment for all visitors. Stroud Recreation staff and the Dog Park Advisory Group worked diligently to identify the ideal location within the park system to ensure the new space complements existing park uses while providing ample room for local dogs to run.

"We want to build a real community here, with a positive dog park culture for owners and their canine companions," said Autumn Hawthorne, Executive Director of Stroud Recreation. "Our Advisory Group put a lot of heart into finding a spot that fits perfectly within the existing park, and seeing it finally come to life is a huge win for every dog owner in the Stroud region."

The dog park was made possible through a blend of state and local support alongside dedicated community fundraising. Key funding was provided by a DCED grant with the assistance of Representative Tarah Probst, as well as significant financial support from Stroud Township. Additionally, a large portion of the fencing was funded by the Willowtree Inn Restaurant, which continues to host a monthly trivia night where 10% of dinner proceeds support the park system.

- 11 am - 1 pm University of Pets hosts a FREE canine behavior seminar. Drop in to go over basic commands and how it can help solve many behavior issues. Also learn about AKC Canine Good Citizen! (human- and dog-friendly dogs welcome on leash)
- 12 pm We'll have info and representatives from Melon's Gift, Inc., A.W.S.O.M., and Sit, Stay, 'N Play, and giveaway goodies from Pet Supplies Plus - Stroudsburg, PA
- 12:30 pm don't miss a demonstration by the amazing team at Search and Rescue Recovery Team
- 1 pm After brief remarks and appreciation for our donors and supporters, we'll officially "cut the ribbon" on the Stroud Region Dog Park!

The ceremony will include remarks from Stroud Recreation staff and local elected officials, as well as recognition of the donors and the Dog Park Advisory Group. Representatives from local pet stores and professional dog trainers will also be in attendance to welcome the community.

Members of the public and their leashed dogs are invited to attend the celebration and be among the first to enjoy the new space. To learn more, view park rules, or donate to support future park improvements, please visit [stroudrec.org/dogpark](http://stroudrec.org/dogpark).

*About Stroud Recreation:* Stroud Recreation (Stroud Region Open Space and Recreation Commission) serves the Stroudsburg, East Stroudsburg, and Stroud Township communities, providing high-quality parks, programs, and recreational opportunities for residents of all ages.

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