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Dog Park receives reforestation grant

The board of the Glen Rock NJ Dog Park, in conjunction with the Friends of the Glen Rock Arboretum, received a \$4,315.50 Roots For Rivers reforestation grant awarded by the Watershed Institute in partnership with the Nature Conservancy and Sustainable New Jersey.

The grant supports efforts to undertake floodplain restoration initiatives and will be used to enhance park landscaping by planting tree and shrubs along the north and west fencing. The project will also include signage for visitors to learn about the new native plantings and their importance in the community. The new plantings will help reduce the effects of flash flooding and storm water runoff while providing more habitat to local wildlife.

Planting days are scheduled for the end of March. Volunteers are welcome and encouraged to participate. Service hour confirmations are available upon request.

GRDP vice president Lisa Schor Babin noted, "The board of the Glen Rock Dog Park is so proud to learn today that we are the recipient of the Roots for Rivers Reforestation Grant. A huge thank you to Tom Scerbo and FOGRA for their ongoing partnership and support. When a community comes together, great things happen."

FOGRA trustee Thomas Scerbo added, "It's great that we will be receiving a grant from the state to landscape the area around the dog park. The trees and shrubs will provide a natural screen be-



Winter at the Glen Rock Dog Park
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tween the park and the ball fields on Upper Faber. In the process, we will be greening up the area with native plants as a way to beautify it and to protect the watershed. A great community effort to improve our town."

The GRDP is an ADA accessible, multi-generational canine recreation park dedicated to the 9/11 Search and Rescue Dogs. Girl Scout Gold Award recipient Michelle Hillock initiated the project in 2013.

The park was officially dedicated on Jan. 1 and is open to all. The construction of the off-leash park was the sole responsibility of the GRDP nonprofit organization. The park will contribute up to 30 points towards Glen Rock's sustainable New Jersey municipal certification.

As of January, there were more than



Friends of the Glen Rock Arboretum trustee Thomas Scerbo reviews plans with Glen Rock Dog Park vice president Lisa Schor Babin. COURTESY OF EILEEN HILLOCK

1,000 dogs registered in the borough. All dogs entering the park must be licensed and current with vaccinations.

For information or to donate to the enhancement and maintenance of the park, visit GlenRockNJDogPark.org.

The board includes CEO and founder Michelle Hillock, president Eileen Maher Hillock, Babin, treasurer Linda Brennan, secretary Christine Pfeiffer, and Jay and Christine Ross (strategic initiatives).

MLK Day

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