
*Green County Leaders 2024 - 2025***New Glarus Dog Park**

*New Glarus, Wisconsin*

Our team assisted the Village of New Glarus with the early-stage planning and development of a new community dog park. The project responded to a clear community interest in creating a safe, accessible, and well-designed space for dogs and their owners, while addressing concerns over site suitability, funding, and long-term stewardship. We began by meeting with key community stakeholders, including village officials and local residents, to understand their priorities and constraints. We then conducted a thorough analysis of several potential sites, incorporating GIS land data, site visits, and community feedback to evaluate each location's feasibility.

After narrowing down potential locations, we researched comparable dog park projects throughout southern Wisconsin to identify best practices in layout, construction, and budgeting. Based on this research, we provided recommendations to the village, including fencing options, site design, and estimated costs. Our efforts culminated in the selection of the New Glarus Home site as the preferred location. We supported preliminary negotiations between the village and New Glarus Home and ultimately facilitated a smooth transition of project responsibility to the local nonprofit, New Glarus Cares. As a result, the project moved forward with strong community backing, a clear development plan, and a foundation for successful implementation.



"This will give local dogs a safe place to exercise and socialize while strengthening the bond between pet owners in our town."

– **Shelly Johnson**

President of New Glarus Cares