



Bethany Church

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Bethany Church is organizing the fundraising, renovation and improvement of the existing, LaPorte County Animal Shelter Park (owned by the county) into a more community focused meeting area to include shelter pet meeting areas, agility equipment, and a K9 splash pad. Dog parks have a positive impact on property values in the area and are a recruiting tool for new neighbors and businesses. Plus, community areas for pets ranks in the top amenities requested by residents in towns like ours. This effort was inspired by the increasing number of families in need in our community, the growing number of shelter pets in need of homes, and the lack of community dog parks in our county. This project is a win-win: families with fur-friends of their own will have a place to play and their humans will have a place to gather and build community. Plus... shelter pups who are waiting for a family of their own will have an amazing area to have fun, practice socialization, and become great, adoptable pets!

The neighborhood of this animal shelter and park is at a main entry to LaPorte on Highway 2. This area has housing of average price range, and the area is frequented by families who love to walk their pets as well as those considering adopting a pet. There are no fully fenced, dedicated dog park areas that incorporate community and family involvement in LaPorte. This would be a first of its kind with water/spray features for pets, fencing and equipment for pets of different sizes, and shaded gathering area with benches to encourage community. We see the development of this area as a great enhancement to the neighborhood and a needed area for both shelter pets and families with pets who cannot afford large fenced yards for interactive play.

Project estimates are in the \$150,000 range for community gathering improvements, splash equipment, K9 grass, safety fencing for divided areas, and the site area preparation. This area is currently and would remain open to the public with ongoing annual maintenance being paid for by the the county. Through grants and funding sources we have raised approximately \$117,000 since February, and intend to begin phases of the project this spring. Funding raised over expenses will be used towards additional equipment and ongoing maintenance.

We believe our project meets the need to enhance the social, economic, and cultural fabric of the community that we serve. A matching grant of \$50,000 was recently received through the IHEDA via Patronicity fundraising grant period that ended on March 17, 2024. The number of donors on the site helps demonstrate the level of community interest and support - in the top 80 list of programs (26 states): www.patronicity.com/hydrofido

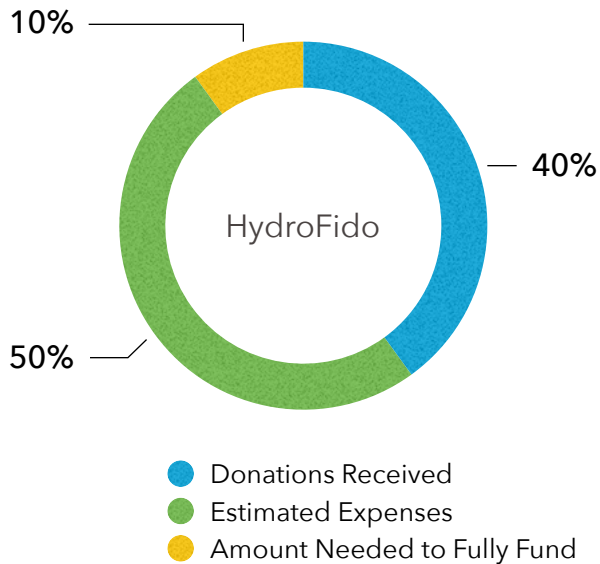
Thank you for your consideration,

Carey Garwood
Project Organizer
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Pastor Dennis Meyer
Senior Pastor
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Bethany Lutheran Church
EIN: 35-1010426



Funding Received Since 1/1/31:

Bethany Church	\$6,000
Tom & Kathy Smith	\$15,000
Steve & Candii Dobben	\$5,000
Pet Supplies + & All Creature Features	\$2,800
In Memory of Chris Miller	\$11,000
IHCDA Grant	\$50,000
HydroFido Events (Egg Hunt)	\$5,000
Other Individual Donations	<u>\$22,590</u>
	\$117,390

Estimated Total Expenses: **\$150,000**

Budget Items	Estimated Costs
K9 SPLASH EQUIPMENT & PARK AMENITIES	\$50,000
K9 TURF GRASS	\$10,000
SMALL AGILITY EQUIPMENT	\$5,000
LARGE AGILITY EQUIPMENT	\$10,000
FENCING	\$15,000
SHADE STRUCTURE	\$15,000
CAT RUN AREA	\$10,000
LANDSCAPING	\$5,000
MATERIALS/LABOR	\$30,000
TOTAL	\$150,000

Bethany Church will be the 501c3 grant recipient to build the park with volunteer assistance.

Once complete, LaPorte County, as owner of the land, will own and maintain these improvements.



HydroFido

K9 SPLASH PARK

EXISTING PARK
2855 W ST RD 2
LAPORTE, IN 46350









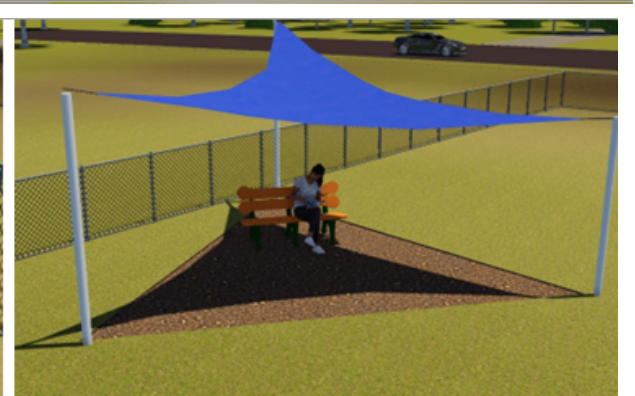
View 1 of 4



View 4 of 4 - General



View 3 of 4 - Amenities





Give \$5,000 or more

3 of 10 claimed

Fido's Platinum Paw

All Paws Up! Just 10 of donations at this level would build the dream dog destination in LaPorte County. Fido says "You are Pawsitively Pawsome"! Note: this level comes with a large dog fountain or small splash or dog park feature recognition.



Give \$10,000 or more

2 of 5 claimed

Fido's Fetch and Play Partner

The best time for Fido and all our dog friends is time together with the humans they love! Sponsors at this level are bringing community together to help bring amazing fun to life for shelter pets and family pets alike. Fido says "I'll sit, stay, speak, fetch, shake, rollover, place... all the things. Zoomie, zoom, zoom! Woofapalooza!" Note: donations at this level come with large splash and dog park feature recognition.



Give \$1,000 or more

11 of 50 claimed

Fido's Biscuit

Here you are... showing up with the treats! Just 50 of these donations would help us reach the matching grant goal to bring the water wonderworld to our K9 friends and the shelter pups waiting for homes! Fido says.... Paw Five!
Note: this level comes with small bone bench recognition plaque.



Give \$2,500 or more

1 of 20 claimed

Fido's Golden Dog Bone

The biggest bones are the best bones says Fido! Just 20 donations at this level would get us to puppy paradise at the animal shelter. Helping family pups and those waiting for a home at the shelter to have splashy fun all summer long! Fido speaks! "Bow wow yip yip hooray"! Note: this level comes with a large bone bench or small dog fountain recognition plaque.

