



## Groundbreaking Held at Terrill Park

CONCORD, NH (June 8, 2020) – The Concord Parks and Recreation Department and the City of Concord held a groundbreaking ceremony on Monday, June 8, 2020 to officially kick off phase one of the Terrill Park project.

Attendees included Friends of Merrimack River Greenway Trail President Dick Lemieux, Rotary Club of Concord President Warren Emley, Greg Bakos from VHB, Eric Feldbaum from the Land and Conservation Fund and NH Division of Parks and Recreation, Heather Faria from Pope Memorial SPCA of Merrimack County, Merrill Construction, Mayor Pro Tem and Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee member Candace Bouchard, City Manager Tom Aspell, Associate Engineer Martha Druker, and Concord Parks and Rec Director David Gill.

The first phase of the Terrill Park project includes a paved multipurpose section of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail; relocation of the existing dog park, which will increase accessibility and visibility; and a new 19-car parking lot.

The overall cost of this phase of the project is \$389,750 with \$100,000 coming from a land and conservation grant, more than \$62,000 from the Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail, \$12,750 from the Rotary Club of Concord, and \$215,000 from City of Concord.

Merrill Construction was selected for the project. Work is scheduled to begin onsite on June 15 and continue through July. **Due to the onsite work, the park and the dog park will be closed beginning on Monday, June 15.**

Mayor Pro Tem Bouchard thanked everyone involved in the project and noted the development of Terrill Park has been one of the top priorities of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee over the past several years. Gill also noted that this project is a great example of the City working with community partners to improve recreation amenities.

“Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail was formed in November 2011 with the single purpose of building the Merrimack River Greenway Trail,” said Lemieux. “So, the fact that we are here today, less than nine years later, launching the first construction project is a pretty remarkable testimony to the City Council’s confidence.”

The Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail are fundraising for the next phase of the trail. June 9 at 6 p.m. NH Gives begins and for 24 hours, the NH Charitable Foundation will

match dollar for dollar any donations up to \$1,000 (until their funds reach \$250,000 for non-profits).

More information about the project is available online at:  
<https://www.concordnh.gov/1464/Terrill-Park-Project>.