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## Smithland Road Dog Park Reopens to the Public

Harrisonburg, Va. – Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation’s maintenance staff is finalizing repairs to Smithland Road Dog Park fencing and is expected to reopen Thursday, August 16.

The Smithland Road Dog Park has been closed to the public since June 2018 due to heavy rainfall through a series of storms, which flooded the dog park, making it unusable by the public. At the height of the storms, the dog park collected 17 feet of standing water. Water in the park had to subside before any maintenance could take place.

Staff has since evaluated the ground and fencing structure, reinstalling the fence to ensure stability, while making sure the park is safe for the public to enjoy.

Future dog park enhancement planning is taking place and the department is looking forward to the implementation of future dog park projects.

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