



Thank-you To:

**Bandit Industries, Inc.,
Kevin Clare Logging, Inc.,
Mt. Pleasant Rental Center
& the City of Mt. Pleasant**

Before



After



Bandit Model 3000 Forestry Mower



Bandit Model 3400 Stump Grinder



Bandit Model 60FM Forestry Mulcher and Bobcat

Bandit Industries, Inc. and Kevin Clare Logging, Inc., have taken a huge step on behalf of the community with a service project to clear the acreage for the future Hannah's Bark Park at Mission Creek Park. Friends of the Dog Park hit a bump in the road when construction bids for the dog park project came in markedly high and exceeded the budget. Hannah's Bark Park is a proposed three acre park, situated in Mission Creek Park, and is jointly undertaken by Friends of the Dog Park, the City of Mt. Pleasant and the Charter Township of Union. Friends of the Dog Park is a grassroots community organization dedicated to funding and supporting an off-leash dog park in Mt. Pleasant. The park includes an area for small dogs and an area for large dogs.

The initial construction bids exceeded engineering predictions in areas such as clearing the land of trees and shrubs and establishing a hearty turf that can withstand running dogs. Bandit Industries' generous help to showcase its Forestry Mower and to clear the land of shrubs and trees infuses new hope into the project. The forestry mower, developed by Bandit, cut down and shredded small to mid-size trees and shrubs, and shredded the heavy brush covering about two acres of the proposed site.

Kevin Clare and his crew had a big role in this project by clearing the larger trees, using their newly acquired Bandit chipper and hauling away the chips. Over 90 fine trees were left for shade, many of them established hardwoods.



Loader and Bandit Chipper (Kevin Clare Logging, Inc.)



Tree Cutter (Kevin Clare Logging, Inc.)



Kevin Clare and his crew

The Friends of the Dog Park initially contacted Jerry and Mike Morey of Bandit Industries, Inc., explaining the delay in the park development and they agreed to clear the land. Friends of the Dog Park Board Member Ken Hofmeister stated, "this is a wonderful start to the dog park construction and should open the way for successfully re-bidding the project in January 2015".

Kevin Clare, of Kevin Clare Logging, Inc., also agreed to donate time and equipment to clean up the land so the turf seed could be planted. The City Parks and Public Spaces department contributed to the clearing and leveling of the park and will finish the cleanup of debris and preparing the surface for seeding. Seeding will take place in November. Finally, Mt. Pleasant Rental Center donated a portion of the cost of the Bobcat Skid Steer machine needed to run the Bandit Model 60FM Forestry Mulcher.

After this seeding is done, Friends of the Dog Park is asking community members to stay off the grass until the park is completed and the turf is well established. It will be too late for the seed to germinate this fall, but it should get the earliest possible start in the spring. A little bit of patience is going to yield an awesome dog park by early summer.

With the help of Bandit Industries, Inc., Kevin Clare Logging, Inc., Mt. Pleasant Rental Center and the City of Mt. Pleasant providing time and equipment donations, many thousands of dollars of cost were avoided.



For more information on Hannah's Bark Park go to: <http://www.mpdogpark.org/>