

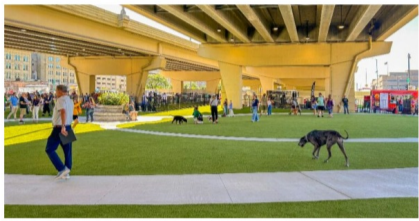


Top Projects of 2025: Downtown Milwaukee Dog Park

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Berghammer Construction Corporation completed the Downtown Milwaukee Dog Park in September 2025, delivering the first public dog park in downtown Milwaukee. The 20,000-square-foot recreation area is located on Plankinton Ave. between Clybourn and St. Paul Ave., directly across from the Milwaukee Public Market.

The \$4.2 million project features fenced areas for both small and large dogs, pet turf, a washing system, and water and trash stations designed to serve dogs and owners in the surrounding neighborhood. The site transformed a former gravel lot into a community gathering space in the heart of the city.

What distinguished this project was the extraordinary coordination required to develop publicly owned land. Berghammer navigated first-of-its-kind agreements among five separate entities — the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, Milwaukee County, two Business Improvement Districts and the City of Milwaukee — aligning each stakeholder around a shared vision for the space.

The project has already demonstrated the catalytic power of public space investment. The adjacent site to the south attracted Foxtown Landing, a private development currently under construction that is redeveloping another long-dormant parcel along the Milwaukee River. The dog park stands as a model for how public-private cooperation can activate underutilized urban land and spur broader neighborhood reinvestment.

Project Essentials

Location: Milwaukee



Cost: \$4,200,000

Complete: September 2025

Owner/Developer: City of Milwaukee, Run PKG, Inc., Milwaukee Downtown, Inc., Historic Third Ward BID

Architect: Stephen Perry Smith Architects

Engineer: GRAEF

General Contractor: Berghammer Construction

Submitting Company: Berghammer Construction

Subcontractors: AW Oakes & Son, Construction Supply & Erection, Lee Mechanical, Martin Petersen Co., Olympic Companies

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