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Pawp-Up Pup Park Opens at Lugar Plaza

First Public Dog Park along the Indianapolis Cultural Trail

INDIANAPOLIS - Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Inc. announced today the first public dog park on the Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick. Located on the East Lawn of Lugar Plaza, the *Pawp-Up Pup Park* is open and available to the public starting this week and is made possible through a partnership with the City of Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development.

“We know that the Indianapolis Cultural Trail is used daily by dog walkers and we are thrilled to now have a destination for dogs, and their owners, on the Trail,” said Indianapolis Cultural Trail Executive Director, Kären Haley. “Lugar Plaza is a beautiful gathering place along the Trail and we are also excited to offer activities for people of all ages this summer in Lugar Plaza, a greenspace that welcomes everyone and serves as a “backyard” for many downtown residents.”

Pawp-Up Pup (PUP) Park is free and open daily from dawn to dusk to well-behaved dogs and responsible owners. The roughly 1,500 square foot temporary dog park is scheduled to be in Lugar Plaza throughout May and June, with the possibility of an extension into the summer if well-received and responsibly-used.

“As Downtown welcomes more and more permanent residents due to added residential capacity, we can bank on an increase in pet owners, too,” said Mayor Joe Hogsett. “The Pawp-Up Pup Park will be a much-needed resource as well as a guiding light for similar efforts in the future.”

PUP Park visitors enter at their own risk and owners are responsible for their dog’s behavior, including picking up after them. Dogs should be up-to-date on all vaccines and only off leash when inside the fence with their owner. All ages, sizes and breeds are welcome, but dogs using the park should be well-socialized.

For more information about PUP Park as well as other free programs and events at Lugar Plaza and along the Indianapolis Cultural Trail, please visit: indyculturaltrail.org/calendar or follow @IndyCulturalTrail on Instagram and Facebook and @INCulturalTrail on Twitter.

About Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Inc.: Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Inc. is a 501c3 not for profit organization whose purpose is to inspire, create, and sustain connections and cultural experiences that are accessible to all. Indianapolis Cultural Trail, in partnership with the City, operates Pacers Bikeshare and manages and programs several public gathering places along the Indianapolis Cultural Trail: A Legacy of Gene and Marilyn Glick, including Lugar Plaza, the Downtown Canal, and Georgia Street.

About Lugar Plaza: Richard G. Lugar Plaza, located at 200 E. Washington St. along the Indianapolis Cultural Trail, was renamed in 2017 and is dedicated to Senator Richard Lugar's contributions to the City of Indianapolis. After an extensive redesign, it re-opened in 2018 for the public to enjoy. Lugar Plaza is managed through a partnership between Marion County Building Authority, the City's Department of Metropolitan Development and Indianapolis Cultural Trail Inc.

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