

### **The Atlantic Beach Dog Park Historical Background**

The Atlantic Beach Dog Park, also known as the Aquatic Dog Park, was a citizen led effort that included funding from a citizens volunteer committee and the City of Jacksonville. The dog park was originally planned to be located at Tideviews Park, but after citizen requests and consideration, the City Commission approved the construction of the dog park on city-owned property at the Hopkins Creek pond site in 2010. Included in the approved plan were separate play areas for small and large dogs, a rinsing station, benches, and multiple dog waste stations. The Atlantic Beach Dog Park Committee, operating under the umbrella of the Atlantic Beach Public Arts Commission, Inc. raised approximately \$7,000 for construction of the park and agreed to routinely clean up the park and support regular maintenance and improvements to the park through fundraising events.