

We live in a beautiful and picturesque city with a walkable downtown: The Harborwalk, Rail Trail, and historic district offer opportunities for a casual stroll, exercise, and dog walking.

What doesn't it have? Public places to access drinking water for yourself and your pet!

Great news: The Belfast City Council unanimously approved the proposal by the St. Margaret's Episcopal Church creation care committee to purchase and install three (3) refillable water bottle stations with attached pet bowls. Approved locations are the Harbor Walk near the Boathouse, and near the Armistice footbridge. The third location to serve downtown is under study but is yet to be determined. To make these a reality before the summer tourist season begins we must raise approximately \$20,000 by April 30.

The water filling stations will reinforce Belfast's reputation as an environmentally-aware and pet-friendly community and will help efforts to eliminate single-use plastic water bottles. Americans use 50 *billion* of those bottles every year. Less than 10% are recycled; the other 90% end up in our landfills, rivers, lakes, and ocean.

Please consider a generous donation of \$50, or any amount you feel comfortable with, to this effort. Please make your donation to the fiscal agent for this project: Friends of Belfast Parks, a 501(c)(3) organization. Your donation is tax deductible.

Checks should be mailed to:

Friends of Belfast Parks
PO Box 947
Belfast, Maine 04915
Include "water fountains" in the memo line

