

Greenbelt City Council Work Session

Dog Park

January 31, 2018

8:00 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Center

Agenda

- Introductions
- Possible 2nd Dog Park Locations
- 2nd Dog Park Survey
- Dog Park Licenses
- Dog Park Rules
- Council Discussion
- Questions and Answers
- Other
- More Detailed Site Maps of Each Location Will Be Available At the Work Session

CITY OF GREENBELT MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
POSSIBLE DOG PARK LOCATIONS
January 26, 2018

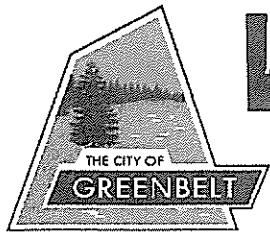
Preferred Locations Identified in September 2016

Map No./LOCATION	PROS	CONS
1. Parcel 7-Ivy Lane *Estimated Cost \$12,725.00	• City Owned • On-Street Parking • Central Location • Open Space • Flat • Not in Forest Preserve • Close to Animal Shelter; Possible Use for Shelter Events • Size= 10,000 SF	• Neighborhood compatibility • Parking Conflict • Need to Remove Existing (but unused) Basketball Court • On-Going Maintenance
2. Ridge Road Opposite 101-105 Ridge Road *Estimated Cost \$13,925.00	• City Owned • Partially Wooded, but Large Open Area • Flat • Lightly Use • Available On-Street Parking • Co-location with Playground • Size= 22,000 SF	• Neighborhood Compatibility • Loss of Open Play Area • On-Going Maintenance • Location Not as Central
3. Candy Cane City *Estimated Cost \$13,000	• City Owned • Central Location • Parking • Unused Space • Flat • Noise Impacts Minimal • Size= 8,925 SF	• Partially Wooded • Poor Visibility • Limited Size • Parking Could Be Impacted by Activities at GAF Braden Field, and Roosevelt Center • Possible Impacts With Adjacent Stream; Could Be Impacted With Stream Stabilization Project

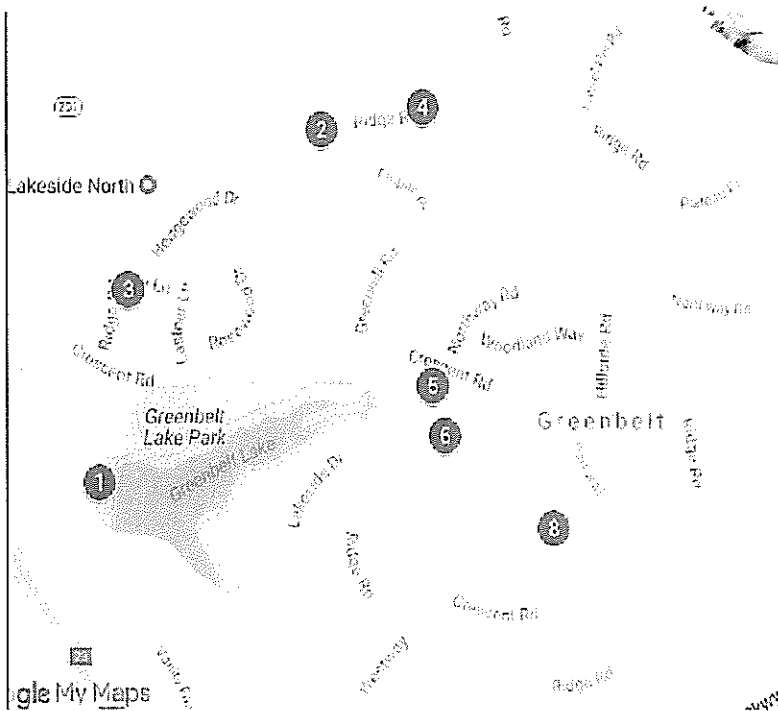
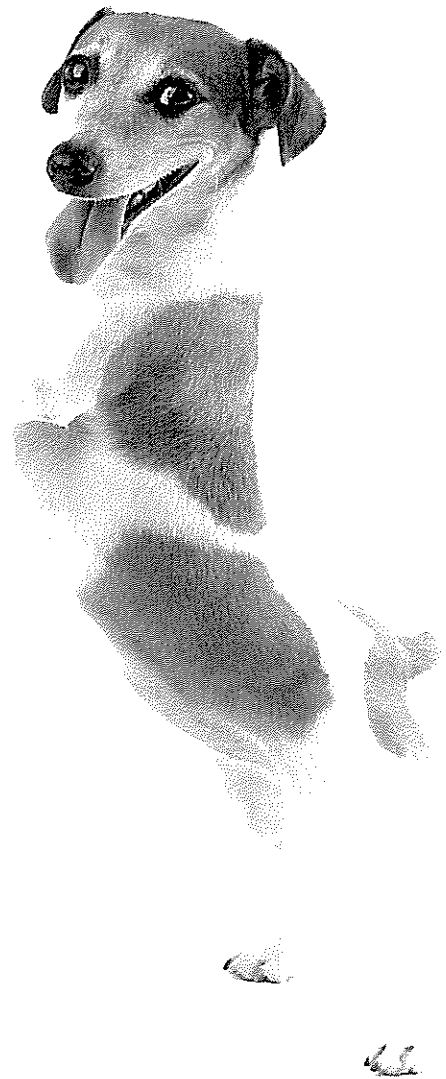
Additional Locations Considered Previously		
LOCATION	PROS	CONS
4. Greenbelt Dam Open Area *Estimated Cost \$26,950.00	• City Owned • Open Space • Flat • Available Parking • No Noise Impacts • Central Location • Already Heavily Used Area • Co-location W/Other Recreation Facilities • Size= 60,000 SF	• WSSC R-O-W • Compatibility w/Buddy Attick Park • Possible Heavy Use • Possible/Probable Use by Non-Residents • On-Going Maintenance
5. Parcel 7-Lastner Lane *Estimated Cost \$25,450.00	• City Owned • On-Street Parking • Central Location • Open Space • Flat • Not in Forest Preserve • Co-location with Playground • Size=30,000 SF	• Neighborhood Compatibility • Parking Conflicts • On-Going Maintenance
6. St. Hugh's Playground *Estimated Cost \$12,475.00	• City Owned • Flat, W/Scattered Trees • Plenty of Parking • Central Location • No Noise Impacts • Co-location with Playground • Size= 8415 SF	• Requires Relocation of Playground Equipment • Heavily Wooded • Limited Size • On-Going Maintenance • Need to Remove Existing Basketball Court
7. Sand Volleyball Court *Estimated Cost \$9,550.00	• City Owned • Close by Parking • Flat • Lightly Used • Central Location • Fence is in Place • No Noise Impacts • Size= 2704 SF	• Already Used for Volleyball • Very Small • Will Require Move Site Work • On-Going Maintenance
8. Northway Fields *Estimated Cost \$13,900	• City Owned • Plenty of Parking • No Noise Impact • Unused Space • Shown on Concept Plan for Northway • Size= 12,650 SF	• Location Not as Central • Will Require More Site Preparation • On-Going Maintenance • Wooded Area

POSSIBLE DOG PARK LOCATIONS
January 2018





We want your input!



Take the City of Greenbelt's short survey on a possible 2nd Dog Park! Survey is located at www.surveymonkey.com/r/greenbeltdogpark Survey includes link to map and information about proposed sites.

Paper copies of the survey will also be available at city facilities.

Additional Dog Park Survey Brief Summary of Results

As of January 25, 2018

Prepared By Terri Hruby

On January 10, 2018 staff posted a survey on the City's website to solicit public input on constructing an additional dog park in central Greenbelt. To date, 190 persons have responded. Of those who responded 179 indicated they are City residents, and 76% live in central Greenbelt, followed by 15% in Greenbelt West and the remaining 9% in Greenbelt East. The majority of respondents range in age from 31 to 60 years old. Of all respondents 76% reported owning a dog. There was overwhelming support (83% of respondents) that the City would benefit from having a second dog park.

Only 35% of respondents reported that they use the existing dog park in Greenbelt East, and 17% indicated that they use a dog park outside of Greenbelt. When asked about what features users like best about the current dog park, 72% indicated that they like a legal place to allow their dogs to play off leash and 64% said they like having a secured fenced area. Also important, was size of the park, location and no competition for other uses. When asked what they dislike about the current park, 56% reported its location, followed by 52% do not like that it does not have water. Only a small number of respondents indicated a dislike for the requirement for a park permit.

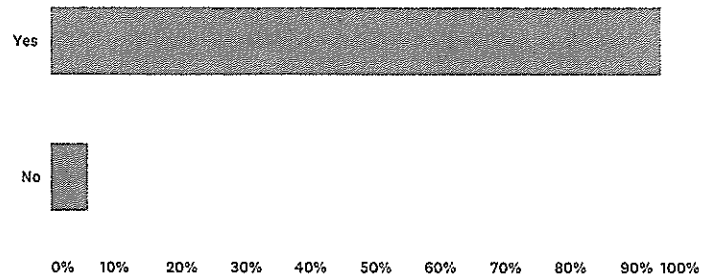
Respondents were asked if they had a dog park closer to them how often they would use it. The majority of respondents (75%) said 1 to 2 times per week. In terms of hours of usage, 68% of respondents indicated that they would most likely use the dog park between the hours of 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Respondents were asked what they consider to be the most important features of a dog park. The top three features selected were cleanliness/maintenance, location (walkability) and size. In terms of issues associated with dog parks that users find concerning cleanliness and dog conflicts rated highest followed by location (proximity to residences) and parking/congestion.

In conclusion, respondents were asked to rate their preference for possible locations for a second dog park to be located in central Greenbelt. Eight locations were included. The Greenbelt Lake Dam Area was the most popular site for a second dog park followed closely by the St. Hugh's playground area. Other sites ranked as follows from most preferred to least preferred: Northway Fields, Parcel 7-Ivy Lane, Parcel 7 - Lastner Lane, Ridge Road Opposite 101-105, Candy Cane City and the Sand Volley Ball Court at Braden Field.

Additional Dog Park Survey

Q1 Are you a City of Greenbelt Resident?

Answered: 190 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES

Yes

No

TOTAL

RESPONSES

94.21%

5.79%

179

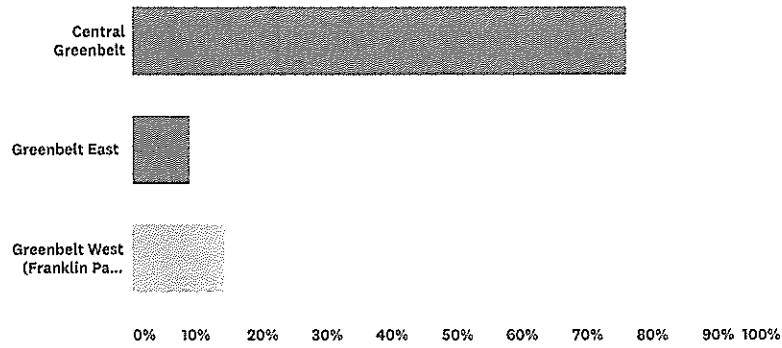
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Additional Dog Park Survey

Q2 If "Yes," which area of Greenbelt do you live in?

Answered: 177 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES

Central Greenbelt

Greenbelt East

Greenbelt West (Franklin Park, Greenbelt Station area)

TOTAL

RESPONSES

76.27% 135

9.04% 16

14.69% 26

177

Additional Dog Park Survey

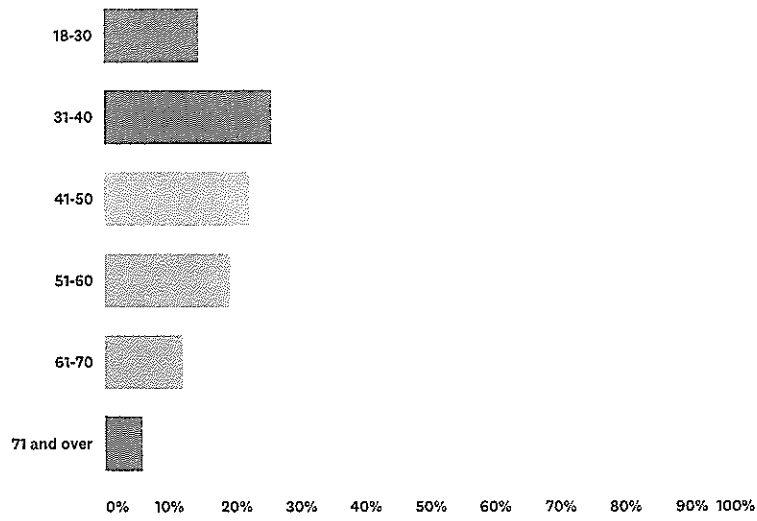
Q3 If "No," where do you live?

Answered: 16 Skipped: 175

Additional Dog Park Survey

Q4 Age

Answered: 191 Skipped: 0

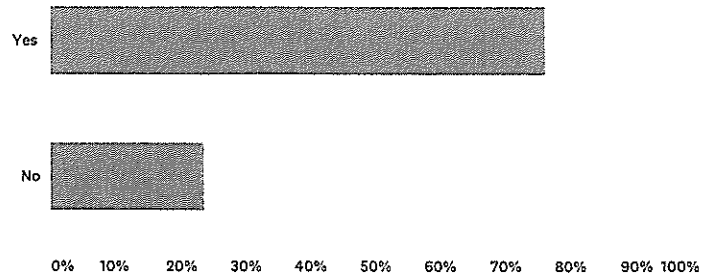


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18-30	14.66%	28
31-40	25.65%	49
41-50	22.51%	43
51-60	19.37%	37
61-70	12.04%	23
71 and over	5.76%	11
TOTAL		191

Additional Dog Park Survey

Q5 Do you currently own a dog?

Answered: 190 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES

Yes

No

TOTAL

RESPONSES

76.32%

23.68%

145

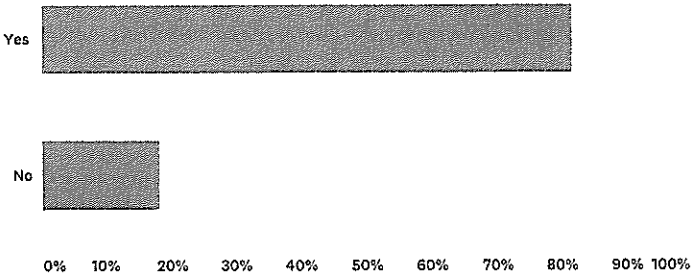
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Additional Dog Park Survey

Q6 Do you think that the City of Greenbelt would benefit from having a second dog park?

Answered: 187 Skipped: 4

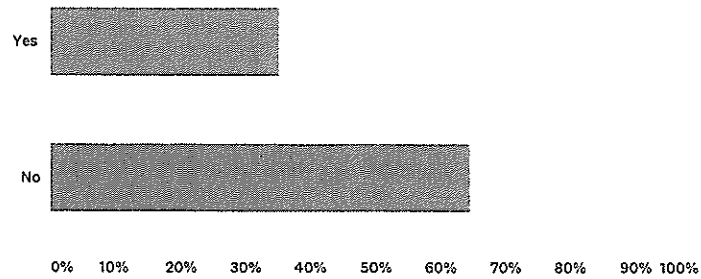


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	81.82%	153
No	18.18%	34
TOTAL		187

Additional Dog Park Survey

Q7 Do you currently use the Dog Park in Greenbelt off of Hanover Parkway

Answered: 189 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES

Yes

No

TOTAL

RESPONSES

35.45%

64.55%

67

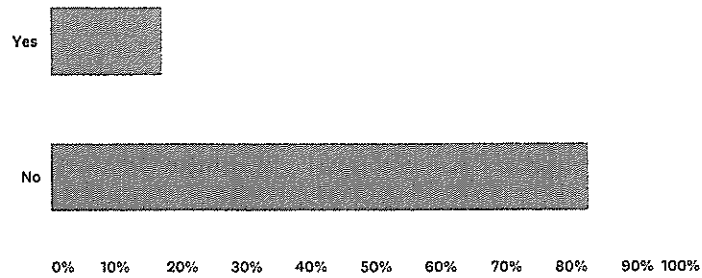
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Additional Dog Park Survey

Q8 Do you currently use a dog park other than the one in Greenbelt?

Answered: 187 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES

Yes

No

TOTAL

RESPONSES

17.11%

82.89%

32

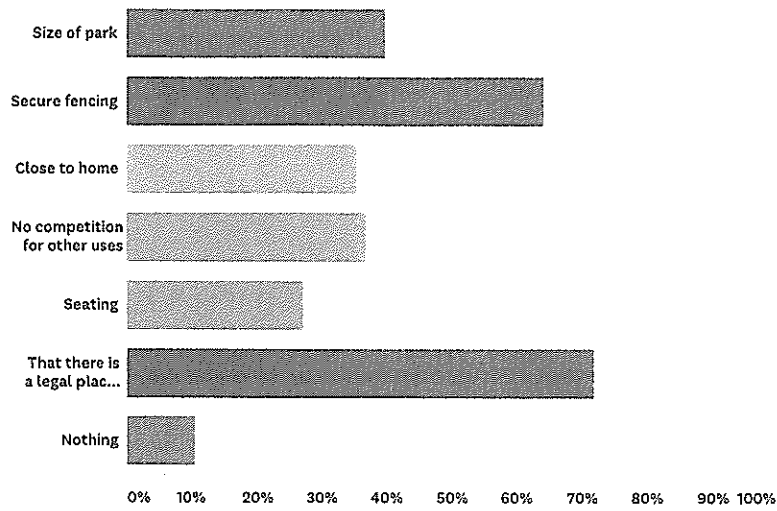
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Additional Dog Park Survey

Q9 What features do you like about the current Greenbelt Dog Park?

Answered: 143 Skipped: 48



ANSWER CHOICES

Size of park
Secure fencing
Close to home
No competition for other uses
Seating
That there is a legal place for dogs to play off-leash
Nothing
Total Respondents: 143

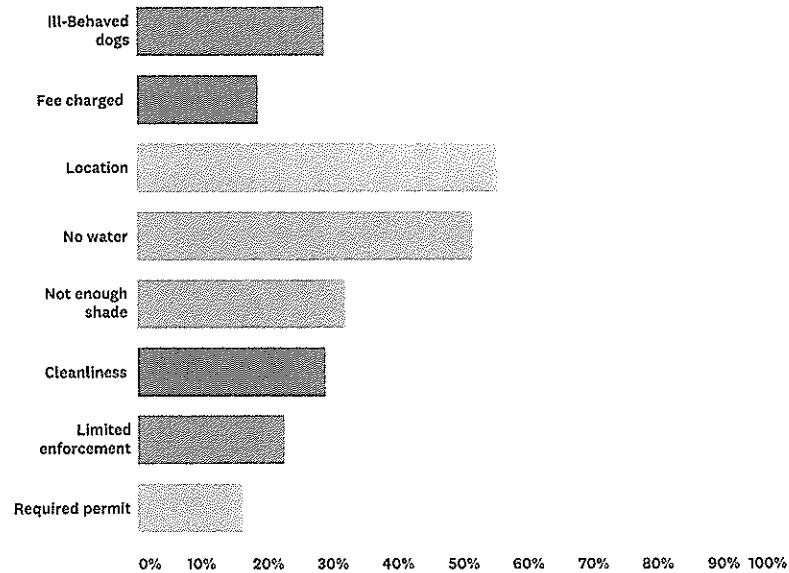
RESPONSES

39.86% 57
64.34% 92
35.66% 51
37.06% 53
27.27% 39
72.03% 103
10.49% 15

Additional Dog Park Survey

Q10 What do you dislike about the current Greenbelt Dog Park?

Answered: 127 Skipped: 64

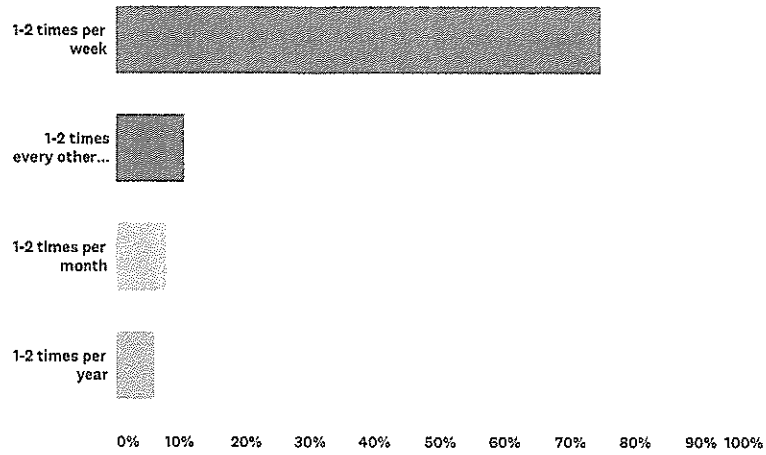


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Ill-Behaved dogs	29.13%	37
Fee charged	18.90%	24
Location	55.91%	71
No water	51.97%	66
Not enough shade	32.28%	41
Cleanliness	29.13%	37
Limited enforcement	22.83%	29
Required permit	16.54%	21
Total Respondents: 127		

Additional Dog Park Survey

Q11 If a dog park were located closer to your residence, how often would you use it?

Answered: 149 Skipped: 42



ANSWER CHOICES

1-2 times per week

1-2 times every other week

1-2 times per month

1-2 times per year

TOTAL

RESPONSES

75.17%

10.74%

8.05%

6.04%

112

16

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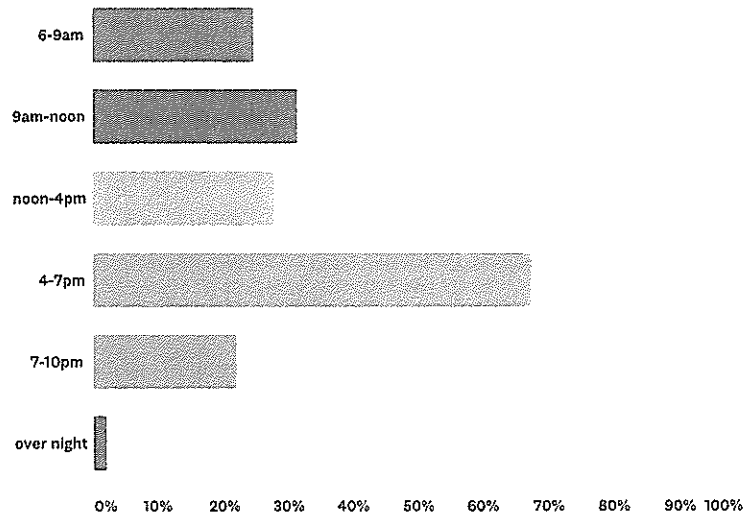
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Additional Dog Park Survey

Q12 What times would you most likely use the dog park?

Answered: 149 Skipped: 42



ANSWER CHOICES

6-9am

9am-noon

noon-4pm

4-7pm

7-10pm

over night

Total Respondents: 149

RESPONSES

24.83%

31.54%

28.19%

67.79%

22.15%

2.01%

37

47

42

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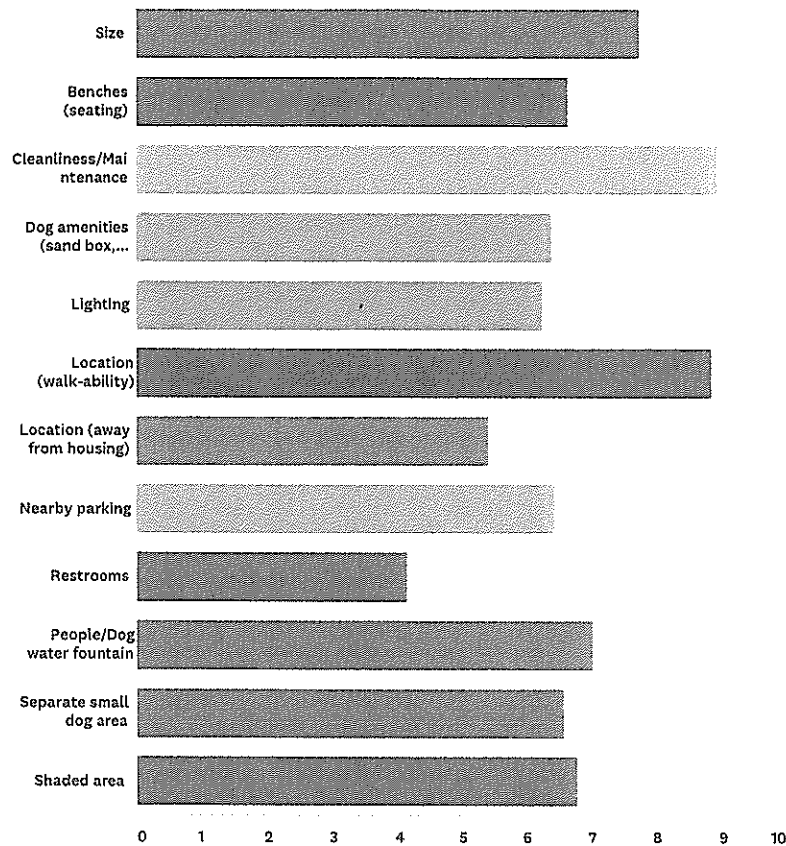
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Additional Dog Park Survey

Q13 Please rank these dog park features from 1-12 with 1 being the most important feature

Answered: 156 Skipped: 35



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Size	14.88% 18	6.61% 8	20.66% 25	9.09% 11	7.44% 9	4.13% 5	8.26% 10	8.26% 10	8.26% 10	4.13% 5	3.31% 4	4.96% 6
Benches (seating)	3.05% 4	4.58% 6	11.45% 15	15.27% 20	12.98% 17	10.69% 14	8.40% 11	7.63% 10	4.58% 6	6.87% 9	6.87% 9	7.63% 10
Cleanliness/Maintenance	13.85% 18	26.15% 34	14.62% 19	13.85% 18	8.46% 11	3.08% 4	5.38% 7	2.31% 3	4.62% 6	4.62% 6	1.54% 2	1.54% 2
Dog amenities (sand box, agility, dog toys etc.)	3.17% 4	9.52% 12	8.73% 11	10.32% 13	10.32% 13	9.52% 12	5.56% 7	8.73% 11	7.94% 10	11.90% 15	9.52% 12	4.76% 6
Lighting	2.36% 3	10.24% 13	7.09% 9	7.87% 10	10.24% 13	9.45% 12	7.87% 10	11.81% 15	8.66% 11	8.66% 11	11.81% 15	3.94% 5
Location (walk-ability)	40.16% 51	9.45% 12	8.66% 11	6.30% 8	3.15% 4	7.09% 9	1.57% 2	3.94% 5	3.94% 5	6.30% 8	7.09% 9	2.36% 3
Location (away from housing)	13.14% 18	5.11% 7	4.38% 6	2.92% 4	7.30% 10	5.11% 7	5.11% 7	7.30% 10	7.30% 10	5.11% 7	15.33% 21	21.90% 30
Nearby parking	3.13% 4	5.47% 7	7.03% 9	13.28% 17	12.50% 16	13.28% 17	10.94% 14	5.47% 7	6.25% 8	7.81% 10	7.03% 9	7.81% 10
Restrooms	1.60% 2	0.00% 0	3.20% 4	4.80% 6	6.40% 8	5.60% 7	6.40% 8	11.20% 14	12.00% 15	14.40% 18	9.60% 12	24.80% 31
People/Dog water fountain	6.15% 8	13.08% 17	9.23% 12	4.62% 6	10.77% 14	9.23% 12	11.54% 15	10.00% 13	12.31% 16	6.15% 8	6.15% 8	0.77% 1
Separate small dog area	12.88% 17	10.61% 14	5.30% 7	5.30% 7	9.09% 12	6.82% 9	4.55% 6	9.09% 12	6.82% 9	12.88% 17	8.33% 11	8.33% 11

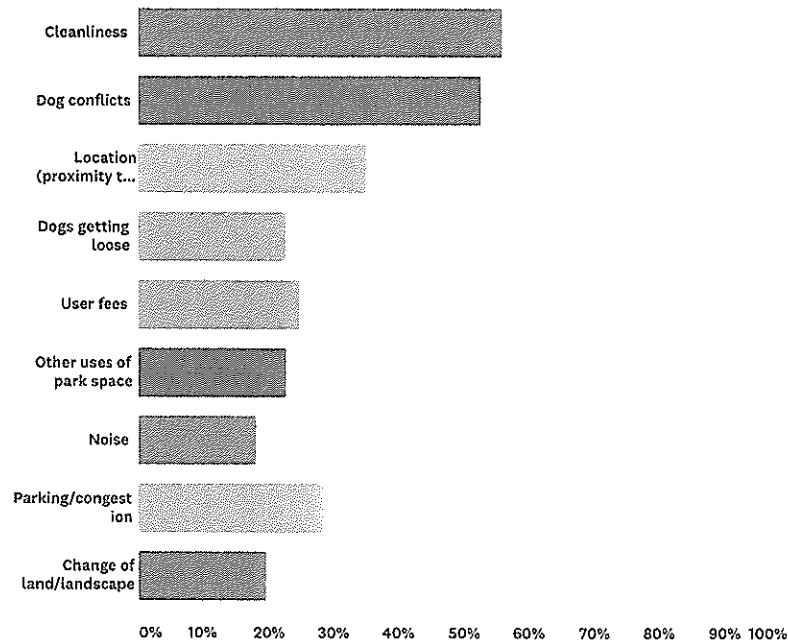
Additional Dog Park Survey

Shaded area	3.60%	6.47%	9.35%	13.67%	6.47%	11.51%	17.99%	9.35%	8.63%	5.04%	2.88%	5.04%
	5	9	13	19	9	16	25	13	12	7	4	7

Additional Dog Park Survey

Q14 Are there any issues related to dog parks that concern you?

Answered: 153 Skipped: 38



ANSWER CHOICES

Cleanliness
 Dog conflicts
 Location (proximity to residences)
 Dogs getting loose
 User fees
 Other uses of park space
 Noise
 Parking/congestion
 Change of land/landscape

RESPONSES

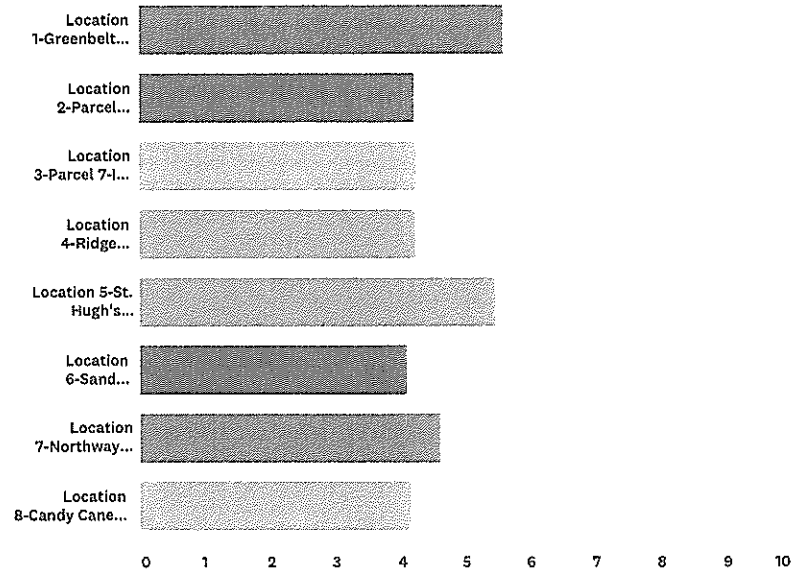
56.21% 86
 52.94% 81
 35.29% 54
 22.88% 35
 24.84% 38
 22.88% 35
 18.30% 28
 28.76% 44
 19.61% 30

Total Respondents: 153

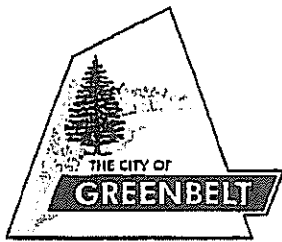
Additional Dog Park Survey

Q15 Please rate the following possible locations from 1-8 according to your preference of possible locations with 1 being the most desirable and 8 being the least. Please see the map of possible locations for clarification. Click the numbers on the map for more information about each location.

Answered: 157 Skipped: 34



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL	SCORE
Location 1-Greenbelt Lake Dam Area	32.85% 45	12.41% 17	10.95% 15	11.68% 16	8.76% 12	11.68% 16	5.11% 7	6.57% 9	137	5.61
Location 2-Parcel 7-Lastner Lane	1.60% 2	17.60% 22	16.80% 21	10.40% 13	12.00% 15	15.20% 19	13.60% 17	12.80% 16	125	4.22
Location 3-Parcel 7-Ivy Lane	11.20% 14	9.60% 12	12.00% 15	14.40% 18	13.60% 17	10.40% 13	12.80% 16	16.00% 20	125	4.28
Location 4-Ridge Road-Opposite 101-105	10.16% 13	10.16% 13	7.81% 10	19.53% 25	9.38% 12	16.41% 21	14.06% 18	12.50% 16	128	4.24
Location 5-St. Hugh's Playground	15.22% 21	23.19% 32	18.84% 26	10.14% 14	18.12% 25	5.07% 7	4.35% 6	5.07% 7	138	5.49
Location 6-Sand Volleyball Court	3.79% 5	12.88% 17	10.61% 14	15.15% 20	14.39% 19	18.18% 24	12.88% 17	12.12% 16	132	4.10
Location 7-Northway Fields	21.90% 30	9.49% 13	12.41% 17	7.30% 10	8.76% 12	9.49% 13	16.06% 22	14.60% 20	137	4.63
Location 8-Candy Cane City	16.28% 21	9.30% 12	10.08% 13	8.53% 11	10.85% 14	8.53% 11	16.28% 21	20.16% 26	129	4.20



Planning and Community Development
15 Crescent Road, Suite 200
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770
Phone 301-345-5417
Fax 301-345-5418

OFFICE USE ONLY

Permit No. _____

Date Issued: _____

Fee Paid: _____

DOG PARK PERMIT APPLICATION

Please fill in each item completely. A separate application must be completed for each dog. Fee is \$5.00.

1. Owner's Name: _____

2. Owner's Address: _____

3. Owner's Phone No. Daytime: _____ Evening: _____

4. Dog's Name: _____

5. Breed: _____ Dog's Age: _____ Dog's Sex: _____

6. Has your dog been
neutered/spayed? Yes: _____ No: _____

7. Date of most recent vaccination
for: Rabies (required): _____
DHLPPV (required): _____
Canine Bordetella
(recommended): _____

8. P.G. County Animal Control License No: _____

By signing this application, I agree to abide by all rules and regulations for the Greenbelt Dog Park under penalty of law and I indemnify and hold harmless the City of Greenbelt for all loss, damage or cost that I and/or my dog may suffer as a result of the use of the dog park. I further have reviewed this application and know all statements made to be true

Signature

Date

THIS PERMIT IS NON-TRANSFERABLE. PERMIT TAGS MUST BE DISPLAYED ON DOG'S COLLAR WHILE IN DOG PARK.

GENERAL RELEASE

**** Important information on reverse side of application. ****

Please read carefully and sign.

THIS GENERAL RELEASE EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 20____

_____, whose address is _____

herein referred to as Releasor

In consideration of being permitted to utilize the Greenbelt Dog Park facilities, Releasor, for himself or herself, his or her spouse, legal representatives, heirs and assigns hereby releases, waives and discharges the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, a body of politic and corporate in the State of Maryland, its officers, agents and employees and each of them referred to as Releasee's from all liability to the Releasor, his or her spouse, legal representatives, heirs and assigns for any and all loss or damage; claims or damages (including attorney's fees) resulting from Releasor's use of the Greenbelt Dog Park on account of injury to Releasor or his/her dog or other pet utilizing the Greenbelt Dog Park, or injury to Releasor or his/her pet or property whether caused by negligence of Releasees or other persons utilizing the Greenbelt Dog Park (or their respective dogs or pets).

Releasor further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all loss liability, damage, cost or the like (including attorney's fees) Releasees may incur as a result of the Releasor's use of the Greenbelt Dog Park or any negligence by Releasor in Releasor's use of the Greenbelt Dog Park.

Releasor expressly agrees that this release, waiver and indemnity agreement is intended to be a broad and as permitted by the laws of the State of Maryland

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Releasor has executed this Release at Greenbelt, Maryland this day and date first above written

Signature

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The dog park is for the use and enjoyment of GREENBELT CITY RESIDENT permit holders only
2. Dogs at the park must be wearing up-to-date rabies vaccination tags, Prince George's County Animal License tags, and Dog Park permit tags at all times
3. Owners are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries caused by their dogs
4. Dog owners must remain with their dogs in the exercise area, and must keep their dog in sight at all times
5. Dog owners must carry a leash
6. Dogs showing aggressiveness toward people or other dogs must be immediately leashed and removed from the dog park
7. Dogs in heat are not allowed in the dog park.
8. No more than two dogs per owner are allowed in the dog park at the same time.
9. Puppies using the dog park must be older than four (4) months
10. Owners must clean up and dispose of feces deposited by their dogs
11. Owners must stop their dogs from digging. Any holes created by your dogs must be filled
12. Dogs must be leashed before leaving the dog park
13. The dog park exercise area is for the use and enjoyment of dogs and their owners. Recreational use by others is not permitted
14. No smoking or eating while in the exercise area
15. Violators of rules for use of the park are subject to removal from the park, suspension or revocation of dog park permits, and the issuance of municipal infractions
16. Professional dog trainers may not use this facility in the conduct of their business

Proposed Dog Park Rules

January 22, 2018

Persons who choose to use the Dog Park as a condition of use agree to the following rules:

1. Use of the dog park is done at your own risk.
2. Owners or handlers must maintain control of their dog(s) and are responsible for damage or injury inflicted by their dogs.
3. Children under the age of 12 must be under adult supervision.
4. Users must have a valid dog park permit.
5. Owners or handlers must remain inside, with leash, within view and voice control of their dog(s) at all times.
6. Dogs must be current on Rabies and Distemper vaccines and be deemed healthy by a licensed veterinary.
7. Dogs that are in heat may not enter the dog park.
8. Dog showing aggressiveness towards people or dogs must be leashed and immediately removed from the dog park.
9. No more than 2 dogs per handler are allowed in the dog park at once.
10. Puppies using the dog park must be at least 4 months old and current on all vaccines.
11. Owners must clean up and dispose of feces deposited by their dogs.
12. Owners must stop their dogs from digging holes in the park and immediately fill any holes dug.
13. Dogs must be leashed before leaving the dog park.
14. The dog park exercise area is for the use and enjoyment of dogs and their owners. Recreational use by others is not permitted.
15. No smoking or eating while in the dog park.
16. Professional dog trainers may not use this facility in the conduct of their business.
17. Violators of rules for use of the park are subject to removal from the park, suspension or revocation of dog park permits, and issuance of municipal infractions.

The City of Greenbelt is not responsible for injuries to dogs, their owners/handlers, or others that use the Dog Park. This areas if for dogs and their handlers/owners only