



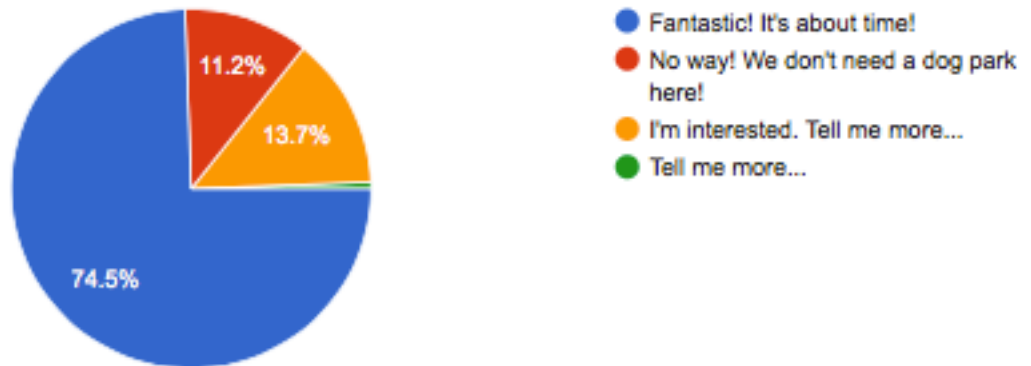
CHUGIAK-EAGLE RIVER DOG PARK SITE SELECTION STUDY: 2017 SURVEY RESULTS

Survey conducted by R&M Consultants; results compiled by Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation

329 total responses

The local parks board is considering developing a dog park at Fire House Lane and Eagle River road. The area that is being considered is roughly 270' x 112', or about 5/8 of an acre.

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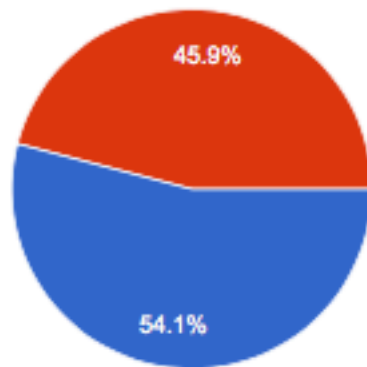


The following 2 questions were asked to those who said they did not want a dog park.

Not ready for a Dog Park here?

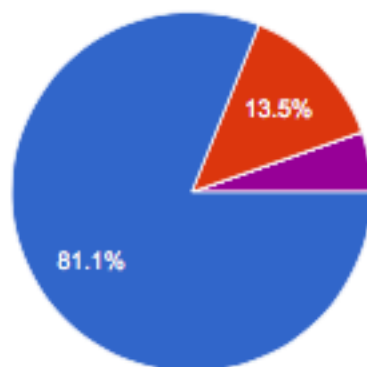
Do you like the idea of having a dog park in the Eagle River/Chugiak area, just not at this location?

(37 responses)



- Yes, I'd like a dog park somewhere in the area, just not here.
- No. I don't feel that dog parks are needed in the area.

Which of the following best describes where you live? (37 responses)

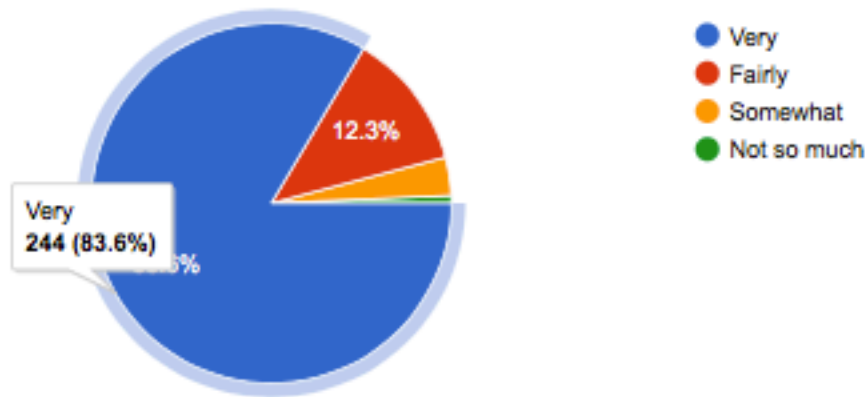


- Eagle River
- Eagle River Valley
- Southfork / Highland
- Birchwood
- Chugiak
- Eklutna
- Some other wonderful place in the Universe

The remaining questions were asked to respondents who expressed interest in a dog park.

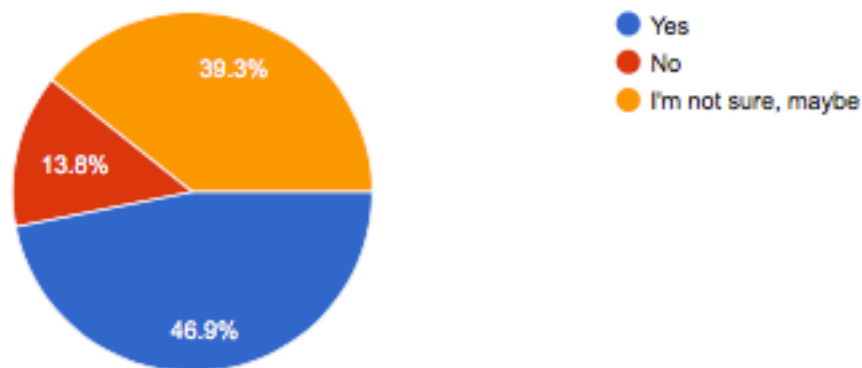
So, you are interested in a dog park...

How interested are you in having a dog park in Eagle River? (292 responses)



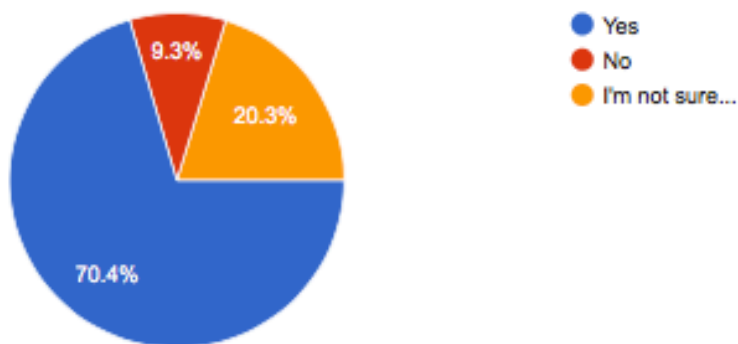
This location would be primarily a walking destination dog park. Would you use this park if parking was not available on site?

(290 responses)

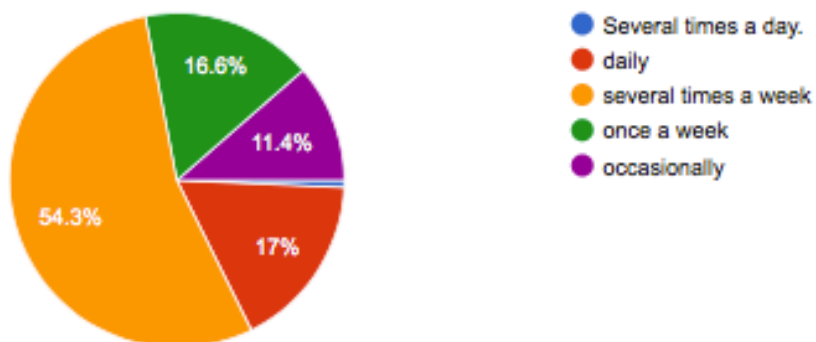


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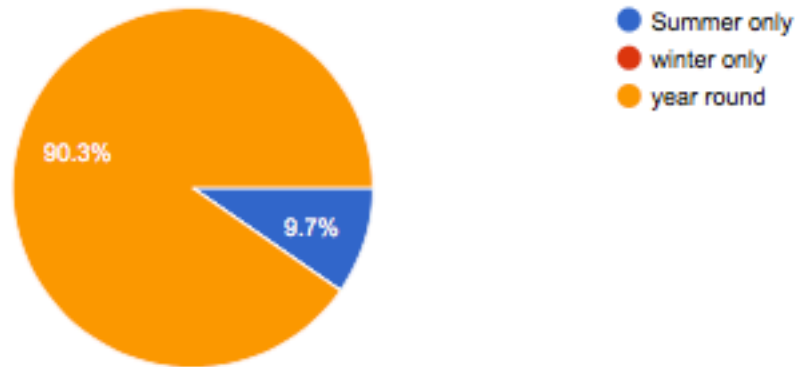
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How often would you use this park, if developed? (289 responses)

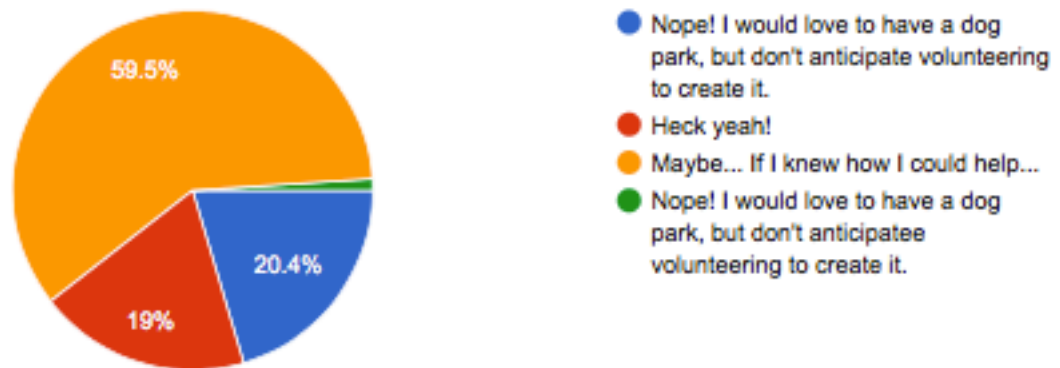


When would you use the park? (290 responses)

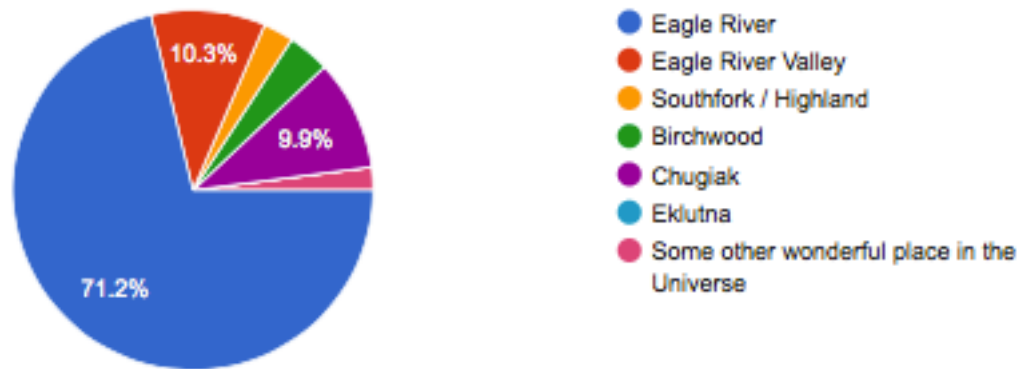


Would you be interested in helping with the development of the park? (289 responses)

(289 responses)



Which of the following best describes where you live? (292 responses)



Open-ended comments from all respondents

- Would the park be fenced?
- Would the area on Firehouse Lane have to be deforested in order to put in the park? Where are the alternate locations being considered?
- Would it be fenced?
- Would it be accessible during the winter, meaning is it going to be plowed?!
- Will there be running water for the pets, and would dog have proof of vaccines.
- Will the trees be left on the proposed location? Hoping so.
- Will it be sectioned off for big dogs and small dogs to be kept separate?
- Will it be for both small and large dogs combine or will it be two areas separated?
- Will it be fenced? We don't need more dogs running loose in Eagle River, especially that close to the highway. Right now, we take our dog to Wasilla every week to run and play with others in a fenced and supervised area. It would be great to be able to stay in our community.
- Will it be fenced?
- Will it be fenced so dogs are free to run without worry of them taking off?
- What's the timeline?
- What is the proposed timeline for these plans? Thank you!!! :)
- We live in North Pole, but we have lots of dog parks here, and we would love to have a place for our dog to play when we visit friends! We also have experience with things that do, and do not work so well about our parks which would probably be helpful in the creation and success of a future park elsewhere.
- Want to be sure the park would be fully fenced and an off leash park
- Timelines for the project
- This would keep folks from using the ball fields of the Eagle River Lions Park as a dog park, as well, which has been an ongoing issue for years even though its posted "no dogs allowed." Would love to see a dog park in the Chugiak/Peters Creek area as well, but would take one in Eagle River if that was the only thing available.
- This would be great for the community!!

- This would be an amazing amenity to have in our community and would enhance safety for dogs and people alike. There are no fenced areas for dogs in Eagle River (at least that I am aware of) -- we used to use the ball fields, but now they have "no dogs" signs. My husband and I (and our pup) would be interested in volunteering to make this happen!
- This would be a welcome addition to our area!
- This type of survey was very helpful for your cause. Thanks!
- This is so past due! ER should have more than one.
- This community would greatly benefit from an enclosed dog park! Thank you for considering this project!
- There is a serious lack of dog parks in Eagle River, resulting in people using school playgrounds and baseball fields. A new dog park would be amazing!
- The proposed parcel seems small
- That we desperately need something like this!
- Thank you
- Thank you
- Please please please fence it in!
- Please make sure it is fenced in to keep fur babies from escaping!
- Please create a parking area! I live in chugiak and would need to drive out here.
- Parking would be very helpful if possible.
- Parking is important, minimal at least
- Our dogs are well trained and yet we get yelled at when off lease even when hiking. If the city wants strict rules then provide the locations to get them off leash.
- Note: All of these questions / answers are skewed toward dog owners, with an underlying assumption that a dog park is a good thing. This survey doesn't really provide any opportunity for those who might wish to voice opposition. Editor's Note: This statement was retracted when the author understood the questions determined the pathway.
- Not sure what area of ER Fish Hatchery/Glenn North ER is considered for above.
- Neat. It's walking distance for my house (.5 mile to .25 miles)

- My name is ○○○○○○○○○○. I'm a longtime dog trainer in the Anchorage area and would be happy to help with the final design of the enclosure. I'm also on the Scoop the Poop committee and would be willing to organize restocking of mutt mitts.
- My husband and I are very interested in helping with this great community project.
- Maybe agility course 4 ppl with 2 feet
- make sure it has big dog and small dog areas for safety
- Keep coming up with new ideas
- It's helpful for poo bags and trash cans to be at every corner! Not excessive but just for regular poo pick up
- It must be securely fenced in with a double gate entrance!
- Is there a projected timeline for this project?
- In the question... "If there were a dog park 5 miles from here where you could park your car and walk 500 ft to the dog enclosure, would you be more likely to use that park?" ...Where is "Here" being measured from?
- I would really love a year round dog park! It would be very cool if there was a few lights available for winter time when its dark outside.
- I would like it located in a different area. I think it's too close to a busy road and housing area.
- I would even be willing to pay a small fee per month (\$10 or less a month) to help with maintainance in order to have guaranteed time at the park, kind of like how the private one in Chugiak is set up.
- I would be concerned about being so close to that busy road. How can we reassure people that it's safe or maybe it needs to be very very clear that owners should have full control over dog before bringing them. If they don't have recall it's not a wise choice.
- I will of course be THAT PERSON speaking to everyone about dog poop not being picked up and put in containers etc. We must also consider location of dog park with waste containers being easily accessible to patrons and maintenance crews along with their inevitably smelly impact on any near by surrounding facility as maintenance crews additional coverage required to add disposal of canned waste will be approximately every other day or two depending on park

location and other daily routine tasks taking precedence etc.

- I use the dog parks in Anchorage whenever I can but would definitely use a dog park in the ER/Chugiak area more often.
- I think this is a great idea! Having a fenced area for the dogs to run year-round would be great and I'm sure a lot of residents would use it once the word gets out.
- I think this is a great idea
- I think it would be a great idea to have separate closed off areas for small dogs and big dogs. I know some people with smaller dogs would rather not be around larger dogs.
- I live the closest to the proposed spot on Seabolt Pl. The 2 BIG issues I have is there going to be someone in charge of picking up the poop? The tennis courts are used as a "dog park" now and come spring it stinks the entire area up! 2nd, when the upgrade was done to the courts we gained a lot of road noise when they cut the trees down for the parking lot. How many trees would be cut down in the proposed area?
- I like the area for the dog park in the photo, but I would be concerned about people parking illegally on the road nearby if there is no parking included in the plan.
- I just want to verify that the park would be full fenced. If it's not fenced dogs with poor recall can not use it. Dogs that already have good recall have other options let's make this a place that those still working on recall can use!
- I have years of experience in Recreation and Parks and worked on Parks advisory boards...in Eugene Oregon and Walla Walla Washington and was a regional Parks superintendent in Anchorage...
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- I have conversations about this potential all the time with people in Eagle River.
- I have both small and large dogs. While I love communal dog parks, larger ones sometimes view smaller as prey. It would be ideal if some sort of division (i.e. fence and gate) were available to close off different parts if needed, if this space would be fenced due to proximity & safety.
- I have a few comments regarding the proposed dog park:
- - The proposed area doesn't seem big enough to be true dog park 5/8 of an acre

is less than a standard size soccer field.

- - The location is a concern as it is right on a busy main road; there is potential of owners losing control of their dogs while arriving or departing due to excitement, which may pose an injury risk to dogs in traffic.
- - you state this is intended to be a walking destination. The proposed location is not very walker friendly. Again, it's right on a main road and the path / crossings around that area are not very pedestrian-friendly. Also the side roads, such as Firehouse lane have no sidewalks.
- - i don't believe that installing a dog park next to the elementary play areas is a good idea.

- I have 4 small dogs. :)
- I have 2 big dogs, a pit mix and a German Shepherd, both fixed, and they get along with all dogs and all sizes. If this was created i am hoping that there isn't a breed or size restriction.

- I feel this is much needed and I would love it to happen!

- I drive all the way into Anchorage for the off leash dog parks as my dogs LOVE to run!
- I do think this idea is long over due. Perhaps this will lessen the amount of times dog owners use places like "Ball Fields" & "Tennis Courts" if indeed they had their own designated/dedicated place to play.
- I am concerned about the location being near an Elementary School. Kids being out during lunch time for about 2 hours. If a dog escapes... and is not kid friendly?
- I am a municipal employee and an active volunteer for Friends of Pets.
- How much would it cost? Est mil rate increase?
- How much is it going to cost ?
- Great idea and the way eagle river is growing it seems necessary. Hopeful

- Go for it! We need a dog park! But if it is at the current proposed site, it's about an 8 mile round trip walk so I don't know how often we could take advantage of the facility.
- Eagle river needs a place to take all of our friendly dogs. I'm tired of going to parks and school fields where other people have aggressive dogs, and they scream at me to keep my dogs away. Love dog parks and the way they sew the community together. Eagle river would surely see a great benefit in constructing one (or more!!)
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- Eagle River needs a dog park. Too many irresponsible dog owners use the parks where children play to let their dogs run around. We need a designated spot for this, for the safety of dogs and people.
- Consider having separate areas for big and small dogs. Need adequate garbage cans for dog refuse. Needs to be enclosed with a fence. It would be neat to have agility equipment (permanent or temporary). Need a sign with park rules.
- Completely fenced in would be a huge plus for me.
- A dog park that had a decent walking area inside would be great in ER like University Lake in Anchorage
- 5/8 acre is a good size park for small dogs, but way to small for large dogs. The one near my old house was over an acre and that seemed little if multiple dogs were there.

- a place not next to a school or other public facility. a lot of dog owners do not pick up after their pet. I often see a lot of dog poop on the trails - bike trails around eagle river, trail up mount baldy, etc
- First there's a school playground right there and second there are also tennis courts there. Dogs are not needed in that high activity space.
- I like the seclusion of those tennis courts.
- I think it's really close to an elementary school and a main thoroughfare. It seems like a questionable place for a dog park area. I think distance from schools is important.
- I think the space is too small to support all of Eagle River and surrounding community's needs. The parking lot is also not adequate for the tennis court and dog park.
- It doesn't seem large enough for a decent sized dog park for running and to accommodate parking.
- it's too small! if we create a dog park it should at least be a decent size for the user base
- It's too small! There are plenty of run down parks that are larger
- Leave some trees, please!!!
- Not large enough, not enough parking
- Not on a main road, no one wants to see a dog park from the road. Somewhere out of the way and hidden. Bigger location needed as well.
- Proposed site is small, has minimal parking available, Fire House Lane is a very busy street at times and on street parking is dangerous. Need to find another location.
- Teachers at Eagle River Elementary currently utilize those woods for outdoor school (°°°°°°°°°°). Also the tennis courts have just been updated & are being used regularly by the community. If it smells from waste & muddy pee filled landscape no one will be interested in inhaling that when playing tennis. Please choose another location.
- This area has nice trees and already has a path though that I frequently walk my dog on. Making this a dog park would require these trees to be torn down I'm assuming leaving an area that in my opinion is too small for a fenced in dog park. Too small of a location will lead to disease and crowding. Choose an area where you don't have to tear trees down and ruin a beautiful existing path and that has more room for dogs to run around without getting too far up in people's business.
- This area is much too small for this idea. The space is adjacent to an elementary school and get used by the kids often. There is definitely not adequate parking available for it either. Dog parks in Anchorage are always packed with cars overflowing from the parking available. This is a small residential area that does not need any more traffic or noise.
- This location is directly beside an elementary school. Dog noise and smell should not be directly beside an elementary school.
- This location is prime real estate that should be used for something more valuable. There are plenty of less prime more rural large lot areas that would work for this purpose.
- Too small of area with having large and small dogs: Corner congested; Parking area small with the tennis players; WANT THE TREES and many tennis players do too. Suggest park off Farm Avenue Shorder? or Business Blvd. Park

- We have much more important things to focus on - budget, crime, roads. A dog park is the last thing we need to waste our time and money on right now!
- There is no need to spend any money that the city and state don't have to make a park for peoples dogs to play in. This area is very spread out. If someone wants to have their dog run loose then take it for a hike or throw a ball. Don't spend money on stupid shit like this! I am a dog owner (English mastiff 190 pounds). If you cant afford to drive a few minuets to find a good area for your dog to run, then don't by a dog.
- There are already plenty of places you can take your dog and it would fiscally irresponsible for MOA to spend money on a dog park when there are already plenty of options out there.
- Simply not necessary -
- Residents complain about everything in Eagle River, Soon as a dog park is opened they just complain that it's not being up kept, or non eagle River people are there with their pets, or to many teenagers hang out, etc.
- People are too irresponsible. My dog was attacked and nearly killed by an off leash pit bull, and there are always lazy butt people who leave dog poop everywhere. They would not clean up after themselves and it would just be another place for vagrants to frequent. No thank you.
- Our vet has said that dog parks are not safe for dogs because the owners don't do enough to police their dogs behavior, and that our dogs could very easily pick up diseases from other dogs.
- Nobody will clean up and it will end up a hang out.
- No needed
- No need for a dog park when most people take their loose dogs to the mountains. Or to Lions park (ignoring the no dog signs) placing it there will mean those who use the tennis courts are subjected to noisy barking dogs, those who walk the trail along Eagle River Road will also have added noise and distractions for dogs on leashes.
- Most people here have yards for their dogs to run in. It is an unnecessary expense that taxpayers don't need.
- It is not worth the expense to put in and maintain. People are the problem. My experience with dog parks is there are always people who bring dogs that are not friendly playing with others, they leave it littered, they don't pick up after their

pet.

- I walk my dog at the Town Square and it is full of dog poop all winter long. It just seems like another place for people to forget about cleaning up after their dogs.
- I live in this neighborhood and would not welcome the additional noise of even more barking dogs on top of the increased traffic congestion of putting a park in that spot. People already park on the side of the road here when the road is not wide enough, and I envision traffic getting choked off trying to turn from the main road.
- I just don't feel we need one.
- I grew up in eagle river and now live in anchorage. I've been to all the dog parks and they are DISASTERS. Kennel cough, parvovirus, dog fights, uncontrolled off leash dogs, rude owners and more. More dog parks to me just equals more problems.
- I find dog parks to be a breeding ground for sickness and disease in dogs. They are dirty and gross.
- ER has a large number of open spaces both parks and chugs have forest for dogs as long as you pick up after them including on ER elementary school grounds which offers a tree free area right next to proposed area. Also anytime you can preserve trees for green belt that is a community need and priority and this area would have to be cleared to make such a small area possible to exercise a dog! It's too small and not needed
- Dog parks have a tendency to end up as a dog poop park, barking dogs and of course aN area of concentrated dog poop to run off into the nearest waterway.
- Dog parks are not a good idea. people who have little to no control of their dogs, or understanding of dog behavior, frequent them and it causes long term issues when a dog is attacked. On leash dog walking is a responsible form of excercise. Dogs don't need un regulated free time playing together, that is not how dog behavior and pack structure works. I never take my dogs to dog parks and never recommend my dog training clients talking their pets there either. It causes life long problems of fear aggression in dogs.
- A park for kids would make more sense