

DATE	PARK NAME	CURRENT STATUS	REQUESTED STATUS	COMMENTS
10/4/2022	Brentwood	Dog Free	Dog Free	We recently received a postcard stating that you were considering making Brentwood Park a Dog Friendly location. As a parent with children who has a fear of animals I would be adamantly against this idea. The park just updated it's equipment and added a pump track to make it a more children friendly space. Bringing dogs in will scare some children from going to the park. There's also the issue of pet owners not picking up after their animals and having them unleashed. There is a dog park very close to Brentwood Park that makes more sense for pets. Instead of making Brentwood Park a pet friendly park and investing money into pets I would like to see the Parks department invest more into the ideas that neighbors had when the playground equipment was upgraded. At that time many human beneficial ideas were asked for and presented and then the money fell short of what could be done. Some of those ideas included a shade area with grill, permanent corn hole cement games, chess tables, a walking path around the edge of the park, etc. This is a large space that is under utilized because it caters to only one age group. I'd like to see more money invested into this park so that there is something for all age groups before investing money into making this pet friendly.
6/23/2022	Blackhawk Park	Dog free	Dog friendly	There are 9 total off-leash dog friendly parks throughout Madison. 5 of the 9 are on Madison's East side, 2 are central to the isthmus, and 2 are near west side (on the east side of the beltline). Blackhawk park is ~30 acres of space that affords an opportunity to develop a section similar to what was developed at Brittingham park around 2019. The growth of housing has been dramatic on Madison's far west side growing the need for a designated off-leash dog park.
5/24/2022	Esther Beach	Dog Free	Dog friendly	Please allow dogs in order to deter geese being at the park.
3/22/2022	Forest Hill Cemetery	Dog Friendly		A request to retract the policy of allowing dogs in the cemetery. People abuse their right and let the dog roam free or have the dog on a very long leash as it trots on the grass, poops, and barks at / chases squirrels. Please, admit this was a mistake and disallow animals at this sanctuary. I will also contact alders with this request.
3/30/2022	Forest Hill Cemetery	Dog Friendly	Dog free	Numerous complaints that dogs are disruptive to those visiting the cemetery.
10/3/2022	Forest Hill Cemetery	Dog Friendly	Dog friendly	and crossing the often-busy streets here (for example Monroe, Glenway, Odana, Regent, Speedway.) Some cannot load their dog into a vehicle to drive out of the neighborhood to areas that welcome dogs, and some nearby dog owners don't even have a vehicle. Thank you.
10/3/2022	Forest Hill Cemetery	Dog Friendly	Dog Friendly	<p>opposition to this - the Forest Hill Cemetery should remain dog friendly. I believe an outright ban to dog walking in Forest Hill Cemetery will put citizens at risk. If there are problems with irresponsible dog owners those should be dealt with through enforcement, signage, and education.</p> <p>As a dog owner who has lived in the area and walks my dogs in Forest Hill and the surrounding areas several times per week, I do not believe there should be a ban on dog walking for the following reasons:</p> <p>First, and most importantly, it is the only way to traverse along Speedway that does not put dog owners, pedestrians, or bicyclists at great risk from automobile traffic. As anyone who lives in the neighborhood knows, there is only a sidewalk on the North side of Speedway Road as the Forest Hill Cemetery side of the street does not have a sidewalk. This forces all pedestrian traffic heading both directions on Speedway onto a single sidewalk, which is bordered by the fence of the Resurrection Catholic Cemetery side, and often by parked cars for West Highschool in the lane nearest the sidewalk. This often means bicyclists are often using the sidewalk as well as there is 1) no designated bike lane on Speedway Rd and 2) often cars traveling far in excess of the posted speed limit and 3) parked cars taking up both outside lanes making Speedway a two-lane road much of the day. I have tried walking two dogs along this sidewalk and it is extremely difficult with oncoming traffic and no way to "step off" to give way to larger groups, bicyclists, strollers, etc.</p> <p>To force dogs onto this single sidewalk that is already congested, where the fence and parked cars prevent a dog walker from stepping off the path to allow bicyclists or other pedestrians (including the West HS athletes who run down it) past, is simply irresponsible and a poor use of public space when there is 140 acre (!) cemetery directly across the street where dogs can be walked safely on wide paths away from all this traffic – leaving the sidewalk on Speedway for commuting pedestrian traffic.</p> <p>If we are banned from Forest Hill Cemetery, the only other alternative a dog walker has available to traverse from Westmorland to Regent neighborhoods along Speedway Rd. would be to walk along S Franklin Ave to Regent St. – which has NO sidewalk for pedestrians, no bike lane, and a blind hill with poor nighttime lighting. I would also like to remind the city that this road is a hill with a steep grade, no sidewalk, and routinely quite icy in the winter - cars regularly get stuck here going uphill! Again – I believe it is a terrible use of public space to force dogwalkers into these kinds of unsafe conditions when there is a 140 acre cemetery they could be using instead.</p> <p>Second, I would like to point out that the City of Madison has Park Rangers who could be used to curb poor behavior by dog owners who are not following rules. I have routinely picked up litter in the street in Forest Hill Cemetery – including "shot blok energy chew" wrappers – does this mean we will ban all runners and bikers for the poor actions of a few litterers? I would strongly prefer to see Park Rangers used to address bad behavior through targeted enforcement and education of the community before an outright ban is put into place. Maybe the city could also send a mailing to the neighborhood reminding everyone of the rules? Perhaps there could also be updated signage placed at all entrances to the cemetery to inform everyone of the expected behaviors – given that we live in a diverse society with many different views and emotional responses to death and the resting place of the deceased.</p> <p>As a dog walker who licenses my dogs and respects the on leash rules of Madison Parks, I would like to formally object to a ban on dog walking in Forest Hill Cemetery. It is an enormous amount of green space that should be able to be enjoyed by all – including the living residents of this city who are funding its upkeep. It is also the only safe route to traverse Speedway road given the lack of investment in other public infrastructure (sidewalks, lighting, bike lanes) along Speedway or N Franklin Ave. To force dog walkers into situations that risk public safety because some individuals can't follow rules seems to be a response out of proportion to the problem. I would strongly encourage the city to consider the safety of dog walkers and how we might be able to use Madison Park Rangers, MPD, mailings, our city alders, signage, and other options to educate the public and enforce the laws we already have.</p>
10/5/2022	Forest Hill Cemetery	Dog Friendly	Dog friendly	I received a postcard telling me of the possible change from dog friendly to dog free status in Forest Hill Cemetery. Both my husband and I thought that the cemetery was already dog free as over the years we have been stopped by the police while we were walking our leashed dog in the cemetery and were told it was against the law. Personally, I would not mind if dogs were running free in the cemetery if they were under the control of an owner and any feces were picked up. What is the main concern of those who are against having leashed dogs in that area?
12/2/2021	Haen	Dog free	Dog friendly	Sauk Creek Park (which is only .6 miles away) is already a dog free park. Haen park is a large park and many dog owners cut through the park on their way to the dog park at Walnut Grove.
11/10/2021	Haen Family	Dog free	Dog friendly	Hello, can I please be directed to someone with knowledge of how the parks are being set as either allowing dogs or prohibiting them? I discovered today that Haen Family Park is transitioning to dog-prohibited status, and that this is not occurring alongside a transition of Sauk Creek Park to allowing dogs. The neighborhoods along High Point road, from Old Sauk to Mineral point, are full of dog-owning families that have relied on these two parks as greenspace to be able to gather outdoors with others (especially during the ongoing pandemic). While we can certainly understand that some parks may want to be kept free of dogs, at least one of our two parks should allow them. We used to have two parks within walking distance to be able to spend time at, and now there are none.
11/12/2021	Haen Family	Dog free	Dog friendly	Please revert Haen Family Park back to its Dog Friendly status, as the large field area is frequented by many citizens looking to relax outdoors with their dogs, often reading books, and dogs are regularly walked around the interior edge of the park where there is long grass and forested area that dogs seem to love to smell as they go by. If this is undesirable for some other reason, please instead change Sauk Creek Park to dog friendly: it is very close to Haen Family Park and has a similar layout that could be similarly enjoyed by dog-owners.

DOG STATUS REQUESTS OCT 16, 2021 TO OCT 15, 2022

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11/29/2021	Haen Family Park	dog free	Dog friendly	There are a ton of dogs living in this area and we have had no issue with them being at this park. Please change it back!
11/29/2021	Haen Family park	Dog free	Dog friendly	It seems unequitable that both parks closest to my home and surrounding neighborhood are dog free. It seems that either the Haen park or Sauk Creek park should be dog friendly.
10/8/2022	Haen Family Park	Dog Free	Dog Free	I DO NOT support making Haen Family Park 7702 Tree Lane a dog park.  I live on Tree lane and we have people in the area that allow their dogs to poop on the sidewalks and private property and they do not clean it up.  I like dogs, but some dog owners do not follow the rules. From what I have seen there is very little enforcement of the city ordinances related to keeping dogs on a leash or cleaning up their waste poop. The city should have a thousand dollar fine and actually enforcement the current rules before changing Haen Family Park to a dog park.
10/5/2022	Hawthorne	Dog Friendly	Dog free	Members of the neighborhood have begun to use the park as an off leash dog park. Other residents I have talked with have told me that they no longer feel safe using the park as they and their dogs have been bitten. It also sounds as if the people allowing their dogs off leash do not plan to change their ways and have been less than pleased when I have gone to check the park.
11/11/2021	Kingston - Onyx Park	dog free	Dog friendly	The change in status to dog free at Kingston-Onyx will significantly decrease quality of life for me and my family. I live one block away and walk in Kingston-Onyx Park almost every single day. As I take my dog on multiple walks a day, nearly 100% of my visits to this park are with my dog. The change in designation makes my nearest park, and truly beloved spot, effectively inaccessible to me and my family.
11/11/2021	Kingston - Onyx Park	dog free	Dog friendly	Seeing a sign that says my whole family isn't welcome at Kingston-Onyx Park was a real punch in the gut. There was no warning that this was being considered for this park or any parks. There have been no releases or concerted outreach about this annual review process or that designations may change. Specifically, the April 2020 release detailing the expansion of access does not mention this process ( <a href="https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/news/dogs-allowed-on-leash-in-most-madison-parks">https://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/news/dogs-allowed-on-leash-in-most-madison-parks</a> ). But this week, after a meeting and a decision-making process few probably knew about, signs went up saying dogs are no longer allowed in several parks. And now, my ability to enjoy the outdoors in our neighborhood at my nearest park will now be severely limited. I hope the Parks Department will consider allowing dogs at Kingston-Onyx Park again soon.
11/12/2021	Kingston - Onyx Park	Dog free	Dog friendly	The Parks Departments provides a form for residents to request a change in designation to a park's rules related to dogs. That's great! Seeking input and using it to make decisions is ideal. However, do you also have a form for residents to affirm their satisfaction with a park's current dog rules? I would fill out such a form every single day if I felt it would make a difference in the decision making process around dog rules. Yes, the same 'change request' form can be used for this purpose, but it was not made clear when parks were opened up more widely to dogs that designations could or would change, or how that process works. I saw no notices in the park, I received no information by mail or by email, nor did I hear from any local leaders. I read every update from my Alder and I volunteer for my neighborhood association; I thought I would have come across such notices had any been made by Parks. How should residents provide positive input about parks, dog designations, and overall upkeep? I'm sure you'd all love positive feedback. Overall, you're doing a great job running parks. Thank you for considering allowing dogs to return to Kingston-Onyx Park.
12/1/2021	Kingston - Onyx Park	Dog free	Dog friendly	I live one block away from Kingston-Onyx Park and have visited every day since I moved to the Rolling Meadows neighborhood last spring. My best friend, Cora, is with me for most of these trips. She enjoys the grass, the smells, the squirrels, and the changing wildflowers in bloom. I appreciate the hills, the variety of trees, and even the many burdocks and stickers I have to pull off of me and her on our way back home. We love this park. We already miss this park. We sincerely hope you'll change the designation to allow dogs again soon.
12/2/2021	Kingston - Onyx Park	Dog free	Dog friendly	What is Park Division's criteria for changing the dog free / dogs allowed designation in neighborhood parks? Has it been publicly released? Have you sought input on the process? Is it required that the designation be changed in some parks every year or cycle? Do you consider expanding and denying access using the same rubric? Are public comments the main input? What other factors weigh in? Thank you for considering these questions, as it does not appear public input was rigorously sought when approving the decision to make Kingston-Onyx Park a 'dog free' park.
4/14/2022	Kingston - Onyx Park	dog free	Dog friendly	Exercising is so important for both humans and dogs. Being unable to stop at the park with our children because the dog is on leash is a major burden.
3/11/2022	Kingston - Onyx Park	Dog free	Dog friendly	We live across the street and love bringing our whole family, which very much includes our beloved Nahla (lab-husky mix) to the park ALL YEAR ROUND. There are so many parks in the city that are not dog friendly but we bought our house 3 years ago knowing there was a park right across the street that we could all enjoy! We walk through the park nearly every evening, enjoying beautiful summer nights but also cold snowy ones because of course as a husky mix, Nahla loves winter. Also, in the winter, walking through the snow in the park is sometimes the only way we can get outside as walking on the icy sidewalks in the dark is unsafe.  There are no dog parks within walking distance and we are truly devastated that our neighborhood, family park has become a completely dog free area. Now we simply can not use it. As a busy, working mom, I do not have time on weeknights to bring my son to the park AND walk our dog, so we just do not go to the park. It is truly unfortunate to not be able to use a park so close to our home. We hope, as do many of our neighbors, that our families will again be able to enjoy Kingston-Onyx park as a designated dog friendly park.
9/25/2022	Kingston-Onyx	dog free	Dog friendly	This park used to be dog friendly, and we never had any problems with dogs. While my family does not have a dog, many of our neighbors do, and I think that they should be allowed to be there with their dogs.
10/2/2022	Kingston-Onyx	dog free	Dog friendly	There are many dog owners within the neighborhood who were disappointed by the initial decision to deem this a dog free park.

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10/8/2022	Kingston-Onyx	Dog Free	Dog friendly	<p>It's been nearly a year since the status of Kingston-Onyx (KO) park changed from dog-friendly to dog-free. This change has, in my opinion, been an overwhelming detriment to our neighborhood. This sentiment has also been echoed by several of my neighbors who live close to KO.</p> <p>For one, park usage seems to have gone down considerably in the last year now that dog-walkers are not allowed to use the park. One of the main attractions when my husband and I moved into this neighborhood was the close access to the park for us and our dog, Cora. In fact, we specifically mentioned this in our offer letter. Since the status change, the only time I have gone to the park was for the Earth Day cleanup in April. While I love KO park, I am also a dog owner with limited time and want to take advantage of every opportunity to get Cora outside. Quite frankly, it seems wrong to visit a park that I cannot also bring my dog to. The loss of the park was especially noticeable in the winter months. Having close access to a park where you can walk your dog without the added risk of icy sidewalks is critical for anyone with mobility/stability issues.</p> <p>One of the great things about the layout of KO is that the playground area is tucked in one corner of the park. I know that sometimes kids (or their parents) are wary of dogs, but it easy to stay far away from others when visiting the the park. From what I saw and experienced prior to the park's status change, dog owners were incredibly respectful of others' space when using the park, as well as respectful of the park itself -- including cleaning up trash left behind by other park goers (a perk of carrying around poo bags!).</p> <p>It's not clear to me who the dog-unfriendly change in park designation actually benefitted, and I (and Cora) hope that the Board of Park Commissioners will change the status of Kingston-Onyx park back to allow dogs.</p>
9/21/2022	Kingston-Onyx Park	dog free	Dog friendly	<p>I used to love seeing my neighbors' dogs at this park. It gave my children a chance to interact with dogs in a controlled setting, and to help the dogs socialize with children as well. This is the closest park to my house and the only one that's practical to walk to with two young children.</p> <p>We all miss seeing the dogs. I see my dog owning neighbors less now because of the dog-free designation. I do not believe that the intention of the dog-free designation was to decrease neighborhood social get togethers, but that has been one of the unfortunate consequences of it. Thank you for considering this change.</p>
4/26/2022	Merrill Springs	Dog free	Dog friendly	<p>As a new resident of Madison and Lake Mendota Dr homeowner, I'm writing to request that the Parks Division reconsider the prohibition on dogs in Merrill Springs Park. I request that dogs be allowed in the park on a leash.</p>
7/21/2022	Merrill Springs	Dog free	Dog friendly	<p>There are many of us that walk our dogs in the neighborhood and it is a great little park. One big benefit that this park has is the water springs have clean water for the dogs to drink even if the lake has an algae bloom. We would typically be there 5-15 minutes because it's part of a walk... Please change the designation of this park to dog friendly.</p>
8/4/2022	Merrill Springs	dog free	Dog friendly	<p>Merrill Springs Park is at the end of a dead-end street used primarily by neighbors. I am on the board of Merrill Springs Park. I have spoken to many neighbors both dog owners and non dog owners and nearly all support my request. I often stop in the park while walking to pull out fallen branches, pick up litter, plant natives etc but when I walk by with my dog I am prevented from doing any maintenance in the park. This park has increased in size thanks to a parkland acquisition which makes it easier to remain a good distance from other park users when in the park with a leashed dog.</p> <p>This is a small oasis especially for non water front home owners who enjoy walking with our dogs near the lake. Thank you for this consideration!</p>
8/5/2022	Merrill Springs	dog free	Dog friendly	<p>I have lived a few doors down from the park since 1979. In all those years I only saw one badly behaved (owner/dog). I never saw any dog poop in the park. This is pretty much a walk in park and people walk in the am, lunch hour, all different times. Many, many have dogs and until the sign went up a few years ago, they would bring their dogs in and let them have a sip from the streambed. And also just sit and enjoy the lake. I'm also on the board of the Friends of Merrill Spring (pres) and I know members that have done a lot of work in the park and usually bring their dogs while (in the past) they were working. One of our members - who did a lot of cistern cleaning now no longer helps as he can't bring his dog. I am not a dog person. I was jumped and chased as a child and so I am wary of them. But I absolutely have never had a problem in the park and I think people should be able to bring their dogs on leash. There will be an irresponsible person or two (but I'm guessing they already exist and use the park irresponsibly). And designations can always be changed back. Please allow dogs "on leash" back into the park.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
9/21/2022	Portland park	Dog Friendly	Dog free	<p>I would like to keep this park dog free. It backs up to many residential backyards. <b>Resident made an error, the park is Dog Friendly, so Dog Free would be a change. AMF</b></p>
12/3/2021	Quarry Cove	Dog free	Dog friendly	<p>I live across the street from Quarry Cove Park on Bradbury RD. Our neighborhood being bordered by Fitchrona RD and McKee/Hwy PD offers no street access to the Fitchrona/Nesbitt Road area of Fitchburg without first walking the .75 miles North to McKee/PD. Taking the walking path through Quarry Cove Park in order to access sidewalks and paths in Fitchburg including access to the Military Ridge Bike trail is a pleasant and nature friendly route I enjoy taking my dog several times a week. I understand all of the reasons for including Quarry Cove as Dog Free as the playground area is not large and I am very respectful of my fellow neighbors who want their children to play in a dog free park. I do not agree that the walking path should be cut off from pet owner access. I also do not understand why there was not community outreach in our neighborhood on this issue since it was a "Staff Recommendation" and not changed due to community input as far as I can tell from meeting notes. Sandstone Park is designated as a dog free park in our neighborhood. Thank you.</p>
10/10/2022	Quarry Cove Park	Dog free	Dog friendly	<p>I live in the Quarry Cove neighborhood, and received a mailing about the parks commission voting on Nov. 9, 2022, whether or not to change Quarry Cove Park from a "dog free" to a "dog friendly" park.</p> <p>Three quarters of the neighborhood are dog owners. My opinion along with my neighbors is that the status should be changed to a "dog friendly" park.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of the status change which will benefit our Quarry Cove community.</p>
10/13/2022	Quarry Cove Park	Dog free	Dog friendly	<p>Quarry Cove is a small park that has a walking path connecting the neighborhood to the main road that gets to Target/Hy-Vee. Similar to other parks that have paths, this park should be made dog friendly so that people walking dogs down the path between neighborhoods can do so freely.</p>

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11/11/2021	Sugar Maple Park	dog free	Dog friendly	The Park sits directly on my property. I could get reported and fined for stepping outside with my dog. Along with that you are affecting my property value. This is a dog friendly neighborhood with a "dog free" park right smack dab in the middle. We held a dog costume contest just a few weeks ago in it! The apartment complex below the park is a dog friendly complex. You are punishing the neighborhood for no real reason other than the location of where the park is, which is completely irresponsible. Did you do any actual research and due diligence with the people who live here. If you show me data that suggests more people who live here want a dog free park I'd be happy to change my perspective. But, I highly doubt that's the case and I'd be more than happy to put the data together that says more people in the neighborhood prefer the park to be dog friendly. I strongly encourage you to change this park back to being dog friendly or to backup the current status from people who live in this neighborhood and is affected by this every day.
11//11/21	Sugar Maple Park	dog free	Dog friendly	Dear Eric and Board of Park Commissioners, My dog Nelson is a 5 year old cockapoo. We've have had him for 5 years this Thanksgiving. We decided it was finally time to get a dog after moving to Birchwood Point and feeling so welcomed by such a dog friendly community. We felt that even with very little yard space and no fence, we could still provide a good life for Nelson given that our front yard is the local park - Sugar Maple Park. Getting Nelson allowed us to socialize more with our neighbors who also have dogs and helped us to build a welcoming, friendly, and inclusive community here in Birchwood Point. Many folks in this neighborhood pride themselves on saying hello and getting to know one another, with most of these friendly interactions taking place with our dogs at the park. Many of us use our furry friends to bring this community together, and many folks use the park as a gathering location. I learned today that Sugar Maple Park is now a dog free park due to an embarrassing oversight by the Parks Department in 2020 to add the proper signage to alert the residents of this change. The lack of signage and information denied me (and many other neighbors) the opportunity and right to submit a timely appeal. In many occupations, a critical logistical oversight has consequences. It appears that the Parks Department is moving forward with this change without addressing the fact that is was their mistake to begin with in 2020. I expected a more honorable approach from my local government. I intend to contact my Neighborhood Association, Alderperson, and the Parks Division leadership as many times as it takes to have this issue be properly addressed this year. Waiting until 2022 is disrespectful given that we were not the ones who caused this issue. I need take Nelson on a walk this afternoon and I'm not really sure what to do since he's not allowed 6 feet outside of my front door. He loves to walk in the park, not just along the sidewalk. Alternate routes aren't as desirable since there is limited grassy areas near our house without needing to walk a significantly further distance. Your error and lapse in judgement has created significant stress for my family, our park neighbors, and our Birchwood Point community. Please do the right thing and own up to your mistake. Nelson would really like to enjoy the park today. Thank you for your time, Sarah and Nelson
11/12/2021	Sugar Maple Park	Dog free	Dog friendly	The Park has been dog friendly for 5 years. It's a place where friends and neighbors go to hangout. This isn't a sanctuary for people who hate dogs. If you hate dogs you aren't going to come to birchwood point and sugar maple park to look for peace away from dogs. There are so many dogs in this neighborhood you wouldn't be getting away from them you'd be getting closer to them. Which then means this is only in place to punish dog owners.
11/15/2021	Sugar Maple Park	Dog free	Dog friendly	Our community is filled with dogs and dog owners who enjoy taking leashed walks through the large grassy area of the park This is NOT a welcome change to our entire community. PLEASE reverse this decision and make the park dog-friendly once more.
11/15/2021	Sugar Maple Park	Dog free	Dog friendly	This park has been dog friendly since I first moved here over 5 years ago. Our community is filled with dogs and dog owners who enjoy taking leashed walks through the large grassy area of the park. It is incredibly confusing to me why this was changed to be dog free. This is NOT a welcome change to our entire community. PLEASE reverse this ill-advised decision and make the park dog-friendly once more.
8/3/2022	Sugar Maple Park	dog free	Dog friendly	This park is in a neighborhood where dogs are all over the place- the neighborhood is very dog friendly. Seems extremely odd that a park would not all dogs in leashes. Families often want to sit in the park and often times, they have their dog!
8/3/2022	Sugar Maple Park	dog free	Dog friendly	This neighborhood is extremely dog friendly and there are a ton of families with dogs. It's a shame that they can't take their entire family (which includes their dog) to the park!
8/3/2022	Sugar Maple Park	dog free	dog free	PLEASE keep/make this park DOG FREE! Not every area needs to be dog friendly!!!!
8/4/2022	Sugar Maple Park	dog free	Dog friendly	Many of the households in our neighborhood have dogs. A dog-friendly park would allow for more efficient walking routes around the neighborhood and make the area more walkable.
8/4/2022	Sugar Maple Park	dog free	Dog friendly	Surrounding neighborhood has a large number of households with dogs who are walked along the sidewalk. A dog-friendly park would allow for more efficient routes around the neighborhood and make the area more walkable.
8/12/2022	Sugar Maple Park	dog free	Dog friendly	I am the president of the Birchwood-Oaks Neighborhood Association. A recent poll of neighbors has indicated that 79% of people polled (84 votes) would like Sugar Maple Park returned to being dog-friendly. Only 7% (8 votes) indicated that they'd like it to remain dog-free, while 13% (14 votes) indicated they don't care one way or another. So, the Neighborhood Association would like to ask that Sugar Maple Park be returned to being dog-friendly park. Thank you.
10/2/2022	Veterans Memorial	Dog free	Dog friendly	I live in the neighborhood where this park is located. I walk my dog through the neighborhood and it would be nice to be able to stop there.
3/16/2022	Zook	Dog free	Dog friendly	This neighborhood is short on sidewalks and zook has a big green space that no one ever uses. This park is also a short cut to the bike path used by dog walkers. Would be nice to use the space for pet friendly (on leash) picnics and walks. Thank you
Note that seven comments on Kinston- Onyx were from the same family.				