

Pedretti, Christopher

From:
Sent: Thursday, April 04, 2013 7:33 AM
To: Pedretti, Christopher
Subject: Walnut Grove dog park

I am unable to attend the meeting, but would like to go on record as approving anything that moves the project forward. I live in Tamarack Trails and own a sweet little pug that would love to meet other dogs in a safe environment. Dorothy Kapke, . . . Free Lane, Madison 53717.

Pedretti, Christopher

From: Chris Gomez Schmidt
Sent: Tuesday, April 02, 2013 9:47 PM
To: Pedretti, Christopher
Subject: Re: Walnut Grove Dog Park Proposal

Hi Chris,

Thanks for your message. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the meeting due to a series of evening commitments this week.

I hope the turnout and discussion is good.

My concerns are the size of the space and the potential high demand for use given the westside urban location. Also, ensuring the park remains safe for all users including small children at the playground equipment and kids at the soccer practice fields.

Are there other urban dog parks that have been started within Madison city parks where there is usage data to show how they integrate into a multi use space?

Thanks for any info!

Chris

On Mar 22, 2013, at 1:08 PM, Pedretti, Christopher wrote:

Chris,

I have reconsidered the date of the informational meeting for the Dog Park Proposal at Walnut Grove Park. I was able to reserve space at the Lussier Community Education Center on Wednesday, April 3 to host the meeting. The following is the information for the meeting.

What: Dog Park Proposal – Walnut Grove Park
Information Meeting – Parks Division
Date: Wednesday, April 3
Time: 6:00-7:15 pm (Walnut Grove Neighborhood Association)
7:30-8:30 pm (Tamarack Trails and Sauk Creek Neighborhood Associations)
Location: Lussier Community Education Center
55 South Gammon Road

I hope you are able to attend.

Thank you,

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From: Pedretti, Christopher
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2013 5:09 PM
To: 'Chris Gomez Schmidt'
Subject: RE: Walnut Grove Dog Park Proposal

Chris,

Thanks for your email. I understand that the meeting next week is during Spring Break, my first choice was the following week, but it was an election week so the meeting spaces were booked. Then I was unavailable the week after that.

I would be happy to speak with you at any time to share your thoughts on the dog park. Feel free to call me or email me with any questions you may have. And feel free to share my contact information with anyone else who may not be able to attend the meeting. I will also share the results of the survey via email to the neighborhood association.

I also want to make sure you know that if, and I stress if, because no final decision has been made yet. If this proposal would move on to the Parks Commission, anyone can have the opportunity to speak on the proposal then as well.

Thank you,

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From: Chris Gomez Schmidt [mailto:chrisgomez@cityofmadison.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 9:44 AM
To: Pedretti, Christopher
Subject: Walnut Grove Dog Park Proposal

Hi Chris,

I am concerned that you scheduled this meeting during MMSD and UW Spring Break and therefore many of the neighbors of Wlanut Grove Park (including me) will not be able to attend and participate.

Would you consider an alternate date on a different week?

Thanks,

Chris Gomez Schmidt

Good afternoon;

Pedretti, Christopher

Subject: FW: Dog Park Proposal

From: Gary Poulson
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 8:34 PM
To: Briski, Kevin
Subject: Dog Park Proposal

Superintendent Briski, On March 26th Chris Pedretti presented to our neighborhood association a proposal for a off-leash dog park at Odana School Park. The following motion was adopted by the Board of Directors and they would like it shared with the Park Commission.

The Board of the Midvale Heights Community Association supports the concept of the City of Madison to develop an off-leash dog park at Odana School Park as outlined at our March 26, 2013 meeting.

Thank you, Gary Poulson

Pedretti, Christopher

From: John S. Pinto
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2013 11:49 PM
To: Pedretti, Christopher
Subject: Walnut Grove dog park

Chris: I have received information on the planned meeting about the dog park on April 3. Unfortunately, I cannot attend. However, I cannot understand why you are pushing so hard for this project even when it is financially going to hurt people and has strong opposition. – John S. Pinto, resident of the Walnut Grove neighborhood

From:

Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2013 2:38 PM

To: Parks

Cc: Romines, Charles

Subject: Parks Contact Submission: General Parks Questions

Contact Information:

Name: Shirley A. Merrill

Street Address:

Farmington Way
Madison, WI 53717-1311

Phone: ..

Email:

Comments / Questions:

Subject: General Parks Questions

Comments / Questions:

I live directly North and adjacent to the proposed Walnut Grove Dog Park. It is literally in my back yard. I oppose the creation of it. The park is too small for a dog park. We feel it should be built at Elver Park which is about 10 times bigger and has no residences adjacent to the park boundaries.

Thank you,

Shirley A. Merrill

Pedretti, Christopher

From: Rutledge, Kay
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2013 11:03 AM
To: Pedretti, Christopher
Subject: FW: Walnut Grove Dog Park

From: Skidmore, Paul
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 12:59 PM
To: Rutledge, Kay
Subject: FW: Walnut Grove Dog Park

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From:
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2013 12:51 PM
To: Skidmore, Paul
Subject: Walnut Grove Dog Park

General Information

Name: Ken Sadeghian
Address: WINTERSET CIR
City: MADISON
State: WI
ZIP: 53717-1331
Phone: '
Work Phone: '
Email: _____
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

I can not support the establishment of a dog park in Walnut Grove park for all the very many negative reasons voiced by the neighbors at the Walnut Grove Annual meeting in January.

Most likely dog owners from Tamarack, High Point, Wexford Ridge, Wexford Village Apartments across from Memorial and Parkwood as well as other west side residents will be using the dog park and the traffic and pedestrian congestion on Westfield would become a problem. Any reason why the Walnut Grove dogs owners could not use other existing dog parks?

The dog park at Walnut Grove would be convenient for dog owners here, but it would not be fair to the folks whose backyard is adjacent to the dog park as well as those folks who live across from the park.

We do not need a dog park to enhance our social activity or to help us "Live A Little" as it was so eloquently presented by one of the residents at the WGHA annual meeting last month. There is the possibility that this could turn into a hang-out place for some undesirable individuals who do not even live in Walnut Grove. We also know that many people do not pickup after their dogs and a good chance they may not even observe the stated hours causing more problems for the residents of WG.

To establish a dog park in the Walnut Grove park is a very unnecessary project that will diminish the value of homes close to it's proximity. A better location would be either Elver Park or the Vexford Village Park since both of these parks are far away from the residential neighborhoods. As was mentioned there are many activities that take place at Elver Park but since it is such a large park, it could very easily support another activity such as a dog park.

The survey by which the parks commission will base it is decision is also not fair since it involves several other neighborhoods. Obviously those not living in WG would welcome and vote yes to the dog park since it is not in their back yard.

I urge you to vote no on the issue of a dog park in Walnut Grove park.

Than you,
Ken Sadeghian

Recipient:
Paul E. Skidmore

Pedretti, Christopher

From: JCC
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2013 3:07 PM
To: Pedretti, Christopher
Subject: Walnut Grove Dog Park

Hi Chris,

Since we will not be able to attend the meeting at the Lussier Center on April 3rd, I would like to share our family's thoughts on the dog park:

We are **VERY MUCH IN FAVOR** of having a dog park and hope it goes through. This is unused space that could be put to good use. More dog parks are needed and we would be glad to have this located in our neighborhood. I went to a couple meetings and came away feeling that it was a very good idea. We live on Greenhaven Circle and would certainly use it with our one small dog. There are many dog owners in our neighborhood. We believe this would help alleviate the nuisances now going on in the park, with kids from schools going back into the woods during lunch hours and some of the drug traffic we've personally noticed along the street might be deterred. That's the "traffic" we are concerned about! More eyes watching.

I do not agree with the two families' "study." We believe they have their personal interests at stake, are trying to raise issues and red flags and influence others' decisions without much merit.

This is a great idea. Please make it go through!

Thanks.

Jacqui & Steve Suleski
1 Greenhaven Circle
Madison, WI 53717

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From: Elizabeth Russell
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2013 9:24 AM
To: Pedretti, Christopher
Subject: RE: Public Meeting - Proposed Walnut Grove Dog Park

I cannot attend but please register my vehement opposition to the construction of a dog park in Walnut Grove. Dog owners already violate the city ordinance prohibiting dogs in the park – flagrantly and ceaselessly. There is no reason to believe they would abide by any new rules put in place for a dog park. Further, although my home does not abut the proposed park, many people are in that situation. So affecting their properties is unthinkable – if not outright illegal.

Elizabeth T Russell

Thank you for e-mail.
I will not be able to attend the meeting, because of work. But please keep me posted.
I really want a dog park on the westside of Madison.
Chris

Hi Chris,
Can you clarify? Is the upcoming April 29 meeting at Walnut Grove's shelter a repeat of our last gathering there? Or is the dog park any further along in its planning? I'm a neighbor in favor of the dog park....wondering if attending is necessary. In other words, will positive support on April 29 be beneficial for you?

Thanks,
~Debra~

KEEP? WAITING FOR CHRIS TO VIEW & GIVE APPROVAL

From: Jen Braico
Sent: Monday, September 24, 2012 12:40 PM
To: Clausius, Joe; Clear, Mark; barker@geology.wisc.edu; annedave@chorus.net; nanragland@att.net; emanuel_scarbrough@excite.com; madelyn.leopold@gmail.com
Cc: Briski, Kevin
Subject: Dog park in Walnut Grove Park

Hello Madison Parks Commissioners,

It is with great concern that I'm reading about initial plans to put a dog park in Walnut Grove Park. We live less than a mile from the park and have young children who are just getting old enough to ride bikes around the neighborhood. Unlike many parks in Madison, Walnut Grove does not have any parking associated with it, and as there are no other city dog parks on

Madison's west side, we are concerned it will be very popular, overwhelming the area with parked cars and dogs. The lack of parking at the park is an overriding factor that, together with a dog park in Walnut Grove Park, would significantly impact the safety of the children and pedestrians on Westfield Road and surrounding cul-de-sac roads like ours.

As far as I've been able to discern, a few residents would like to shoe-horn a dog park into a space back behind the areas used by people, a space that will be less than a mile in area. This area directly borders neighbor's property along Farmington Way, and many of them are averse to the idea of a dog park behind their properties. Also, currently dogs are not allowed in the park at all, and I assume this law will have to change, so that means more dogs would be in the park, not just using the dog park, and we all know that some dog owners unfortunately do not pick up after their dogs, and also decide to disobey leash laws outside dog parks. There is a playground area that would be just adjacent to the proposed site, which could be disastrous for the city if a child was involved in an altercation with a dog.

My husband and I cannot attend the informational meeting Thursday night at Walnut Grove Park, but want to make our wishes known to those who are making the final decision on this ill-advised plan.

Thank you,
Jen & Sal Braico, Whitacre Road, Madison WI

From: Suleski, Jacqueline R.
Sent: Monday, September 24, 2012 1:35 PM
To: Briski, Kevin
Subject: YES for Walnut Grove Dog Park

Hello - The AKC website below is attached and is useful information for you if you are attending our neighborhood meeting at 6 pm on 9/27 at our shelter. AKC mentions how dog parks enhance a community. I am VERY MUCH IN FAVOR of a small dog park in our neighborhood. I have visited other small dog parks and find them to be quiet and friendly without ever encountering a problem. I would very much like an fenced-in area where my small dog could visit and run free. Also, there are a lot of drinking and drug problems with arrests being made in this park area. I think the more foot traffic the better. I think a dog park would be a wonderful enhancement for our neighborhood and I strongly support it.

<http://classic.akc.org/pdfs/GLEG01.pdf>

Thank you.
Jacqui and Steve Suleski
Greenhaven Circle
Madison, WI 53717

From: Sylvia Armstrong Poppelbaum
Sent: Monday, September 24, 2012 2:45 PM
To: Clausius, Joe; Clear, Mark; barker@geology.wisc.edu; annedave@chorus.net; nanragland@att.net; emanuel_scarbrough@excite.com; madelyn.leopold@gmail.com
Cc: Briski, Kevin
Subject: No dog part in Walnut Grove Park

Dear Park Commissioners:

I am extremely sorry my husband and I will be out of town when the meeting is held in our neighborhood about the possibility of locating a dog park in Walnut Grove Park. We are very much against this idea because of the size and nature of the park, the lack of adequate parking, and the location of our park just behind houses on Farmington. We already have weekend children's soccer games in our park so we believe we are doing our part for the greater good. A dog park requires land a reasonable distance away from homes and with adequate parking. Those conditions do not exist at Walnut Grove Park. Surely there are sites that do meet the requirements on the West Side, but this is not one of them.

Please consider our strong opposition when you make decisions about the West Side dog park.

Thank you.

Sylvia and Thomas (Larry) Poppelbaum

*Sylvia Armstrong Poppelbaum
Southwick Circle
Madison, WI 53717*

From:
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2012 11:40 AM
To: Parks
Cc: Romines, Charles
Subject: Parks Contact Submission: General Parks Questions

Contact Information:

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Name: gerald sorensen

Street Address:

southwick circle
madison, WI 53717

Phone:

Email:

Comments / Questions:

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Subject: General Parks Questions

Comments / Questions:

I am very strongly opposed to establishing a dog park in a portion of Walnut Grove Park. As far as I am aware our alderman has conducted no survey to determine the attitudes of his constituents. Those attitudes are overwhelmingly negative, and for sound reasons. First, the park is too small. Second, establishing a dog park will create problems with parking. Third, it will have an adverse effect on property values. Fourth, it will interfere with current uses of the park. We and our grandchildren use the park frequently, and we are dog lovers. But dog owners have the responsibility of providing exercise for their pets. As well as respecting the rights of their neighbors.

From: Kenneth Sadeghian
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2012 9:43 PM
To: Briski, Kevin
Subject: Dog Park Proposal

In regard to the proposed dog park, we are against having it in the Walnut Grove Park. There have been several emails against the proposed park and we support those who have already conveyed the negative effects it would have in our neighborhood. Our house is several blocks from the park and we will not be affected by barking dogs but the added traffic and congestion will affect the entire neighborhood. As reported in the State Journal, the decline of property values in Walnut Grove has been the worst in the entire city and this would add one more negative factor. Most likely dog owners from Tamarack, Wexford, as well as other west side residents will be using the park and the traffic and pedestrian congestion on Westfield would become a problem. Any reason why the residents of Walnut Grove could not take their dogs to an existing dog park?

I don't think this idea of a dog park in our neighborhood should have even been conceived in the first place, let alone being considered. We could have done without this divisive issue. Obviously the dog park would be convenient for dog owners but it would not be fair to the folks whose backyard is adjacent to the dog park as well as those folks who live across from the park. Another concern is the the dog park could turn into a hang-out place for some undesirable individuals who do not even live in our neighborhood.

We are unable to attend the meeting, however, we would like to register a NO vote for a dog park in Walnut Grove.

Regards.
Ken & Elizabeth Sadeghian
Winterset Circle
Madison, WI 53717

From:

Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2012 6:28 AM

To: Briski, Kevin

Subject: Walnut Grove Dog Park

Hello,

I am contacting you to ensure my voice is heard in the process of determining whether or not to put a dog park in Walnut Grove Park. I use the park regularly with my young son and I have also coached soccer games and practices there. My concerns are that dog owners often seem oblivious to others' perspectives. Even with the current city ordinance of no dogs in the park, people regularly have their dogs both on and off leash there. They do not seem to notice that not everyone has the same comfort level with their dogs as they do. I have had to walk around dog walkers on the path by going on the grass. If there is a dog park, the path will be rendered useless by non-dog users. I am also concerned about access. When cars are parked along Westfield visibility is reduced. It is already difficult sometimes to cross with my son as cars zoom along Westfield. Additionally, I am worried about poop. Who cleans up the poop at the dog park? Will there be poop in other places in the park too? (Yes) I am trying to see the positives and negatives of the dog park and I'm struggling to come up with any positives other than for the minority of households that own dogs. This does not seem to be a best use for our neighborhood park. I hope you will represent our neighborhood views on this issue. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Vena Levesque

Colony Circle

Madison, WI 53717

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A Fact-Finding Report on the Proposed Dog Park at Walnut Grove Park

By

Allen and Joan Liegel
Farmington Way

And

Pete and Carrie Olson
Farmington Way

The authors are homeowners in Walnut Grove. They present facts to support their conclusion: traffic volume, lack of off-street parking, playground safety and sanitation in some city dog parks make Walnut Grove Park a poor choice for a dog park.

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Expanded Version
PROPOSED DOG PARK AT WALNUT GROVE PARK (WGP)
A FACT-FINDING REPORT

By Allen and Joan Liegel and Pete and Carrie Olson
January 14, 2013

Issue	Summary of Information Gathered	Source	Comments from Authors
1. Drainage	"From a drainage stand point there doesn't appear to be any issues." E-Mail Timothy Troster	<u>See:</u> E-mail: October 4, 2012 Timothy N. Troester Engineer III Dept of Public Works Engineering Division City of Madison 608 267 1995 PH ttroester@cityofmadison.com	"If plans do progress such that there will be disturbance of 4,000 sf or more land area then Parks would need to obtain an Erosion Control permit for the site during construction/grading." E-mail from Timothy Troester
2. Barking	Some reasons for barking are: 1. fear, 2. attention/demand, 3. boredom/frustration, 4. territorial/ protection, 5. deafness and 6. play/excitement.	http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/dogs/tips/barking-causes.html See: Patrick Comfort E-mail interview	P. Comfort: "Not sure. Sit by a park and listen. Or call MPD and see if they have any noise complaints. Animal Services does not respond to or record barking complaints. Personal experience shows that some dogs bark on way from car to park but most run around or play in park so noise is not a lot." Liegels: Some barking in a Dog Park and its environs is inevitable.
3. Wildlife	a. Unlikely wildlife will be adversely affected. Salamanders could be displaced during construction of dog park. ... "May shift a couple of rabbits..." Source gives some ideas to encourage wildlife that already lives in the park.	a. <u>See:</u> E-Mail Oct 10, 2012 to Carrie Olson from Geriann Albers Assist Furbearer Ecologist Ecology Section Bureau of Wildlife Management, WI DNR geriann.albers@wisconsin.gov 608-261-6452	a. Comments on owls that live in wooded area of park were not solicited by Carrie so no info from Ms Albers on them. No information of dog park impact on owls from Ms Albers. See Patrick Comfort's comment in below in 3 b.

3. Wildlife, continued.	<p>b. "Have not seen that much interaction between wildlife and dogs behind the fence in dog parks. Some chasing maybe if wildlife inside fence, killing may be dependent on breed of dog. Warner park has a dog park and its wildlife is also abundant. The increased people and dog traffic may disrupt some species such as cranes, hawks, owls, but shouldn't bother the mentioned rabbits raccoons, opossums, mice, bats.. Coyotes are extremely adaptable and won't worry about it too much either although they may not show themselves in daylight as often."</p>	<p>b. <u>See:</u> Email interview with Patrick Comfort, Lead Animal Control Officer, Madison Dane County Health Department Telephone: 267-1989</p>	<p>b. Mr. Comfort addresses the affects from dog and people in Dog Parks on owls and hawks as well as other species of wild life.</p>
4. Children's Safety	<p>a. "NRPA does not research or create any design standards for park facilities. When relevant we refer to ASTM ordinance regarding the separation of spaces. Note that distance is not sufficient. A barrier between uses would be more appropriate. Barriers could include fences, landscaping, berms that disrupt the line of sight between the paths and the playgrounds. Good luck with the project." NRPA= National Recreation and Parks Association</p>	<p>a. <u>See:</u> Bill Beckner Research Manager, National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) E-mail 10-19-2012</p>	<p>a. and b. ASTM, American Society for Testing and Materials, did not have helpful information. Unable to find definitive guidelines on locating a playground near a dog park. More specific information would be helpful.</p>

4. Children's Safety, continued	<p>b. No dogs on school grounds- exceptions for service dogs, etc.</p> <p>c. Observation: Pathway to dog park will be existing path at sidewalk on S. Westfield to new cutover path between tennis courts and Dog Park entrance. An increased number of dogs will pass very close to the playground to get to Dog Park.</p> <p>d. Existing Walnut Grove Park playground equipment installed mid 90s with donations from Walnut Grove (WG) residents with a match from City. City replaced the old bedding with ground tires and put installed a new retaining wall 2 yrs ago.</p>	<p>b. City Ordinance on Public Property 8:19 Animals Prohibited in Certain areas. See: Copy within.</p> <p>c. Authors of document</p> <p>d. Phone call to: Mary Nellis, Walnut Grove Neighborhood Association Board Member Oct. 3, 2012</p>	<p>c. How will safety of children using the playground be affected? Will dog owners leave their dogs on lease during journey from car to proposed Dog Park?</p> <p>d. City of Madison and WG residents demonstrated their commitment to the playground with their contributions. The playground is an asset to our neighborhood. More research on the safe distance a playground should be from a dog park is needed.</p>
5. Potential for bites	<p>We have recently installed a new and far from perfect data system and as of yet the reporting function is not operable so no recent numbers are available. 2010 was the last year we used the old system and we had 363 dog bites and 90 dog vs dog complaints. Bites usually number in the 300s but dog vs dog has gone up over the years as pit bulls have become more popular..</p>	<p>Patrick Comfort. Animal Control, Public Health, Madison and Dane County See: E-mail attachment of Oct 2, 2012.</p>	<p>New system does not tell where bite occurred, example dog park, school etc.</p>

6. Change of environment for homeowners.	Currently, there no way to gauge how a dog park near a home affects its value. Must wait for data when these homes are sold.	Phone call to City assessor on Oct 3, 2010 by Carrie Olson.	Residents did not choose to buy a home adjacent or near a dog park. Effect on resale values unknown but is of a concern to the authors of this report.
7. Sanitation	Count of Dog droppings in 3 parks. Done from walking exterior fence line. Brittingham 36, Demetrol 5, McCormick 8.	<u>See:</u> Report of Tours of 6 Dog Parks in Oct/Nov 2012 by Allen and Joan Liegel <u>See:</u> Emails: Oct 2, Oct 12, Oct. 18, Dec 4 and Dec 7, 2012 Kay Rutledge. Jan. 8, 2013 Chris Pedretti - Both City Parks Dept.	No count of dog droppings done in large parks -areas too extensive. Droppings in 3 parks at various stages of hydration represent neglect over time and a sanitation problem. Parks Dept answer is unsatisfactory. Chris Pedretti's E-mail says, Dog Parks remain open every day of the year with the exception of Quann Park near Alliant Engery. City has agreement to close at certain times. One-day Spring Clean-up is held.
8. Parking	All of City Dog parks have a parking lot except for McCormick. Brittingham's is not adjacent to its Dog Park.	Liegels' observation from Dog Park Tour and Parks Dept Web site. <u>See:</u> http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/dogparks/	McCormick is on a dead end street. With an area of .4 acres, it is small. This park's only function is a dog park. WGP has multiple functions. Without a WGP parking lot, parking on S. Westfield, Farmington Way and side streets across from the park will be necessary.
9. Traffic S. Westfield and Farmington Way	S. Westfield RD and Farmington sides of WGP already need traffic stop-signs and calming devices. (islands and speed bumps).	<u>See:</u> "Report of Vehicle Volume Count, Westfield to Old Sauk", Oct. 5, 2006; "Report of Speed Study Request, Pintail Circle and Whitacre RD intersection with 7500 Farmington Way", Jun, 25, 2008. City of Madison Traffic Engineering Dept.	Proposed Dog Park will bring even more traffic into neighborhood. It will be the 1 st dog park on west side. Increased traffic creates the probability for these areas to be congested and dangerous for motorists and pedestrians. Many motorists, passengers and dogs exit vehicles on to the street instead of the sidewalk and create a dangerous situation of motorists driving down streets adjacent to park or near it.
10. General comments on Dog Parks	Response from Mr. Comfort to a written questionnaire covering many aspects of Dog Parks.	Patrick Comfort. Animal Control, Public Health, Madison and Dane County <u>See:</u> E-mail attachment of interview Oct 2, 2012.	Mr. Comfort talks of his experience with dogs and dog parks in this e-mail interview by Joan Liegel.

<p>12. Ordinance Change</p>	<p>Currently, the City ordinance for WGP does not allow dogs in WGP. If the proposed Dog Park is built, a new ordinance will allow dogs to be on lease on the paths and off lease in the Dog Park. Dogs would not be allowed on athletic fields, tennis or basketball courts, shelter and playgrounds. Leashed dogs would generally be restricted to the pathways in the park. Rangers would check for compliance and enforce this.</p>	<p>See: Oct 12, 2012, Dec. 7, 2012 E-Mails from Kay Rutledge. https://data.cityofmadison.com/Parks-Recreation/Parks-and-Facilities/svr6-6gvb</p>	<p>Our concern is compliance and enforcement. Park Rangers need to cover many parks and do we not know how frequently they can visit each one---Kay Rutledge at WGP meeting Sept 2012 told gathering that rangers are in the parks every day. Her email of Dec 7, 2012 states: "Parks Ranger Staff is 12 Rangers at our peak during summer and 5 at our minimum during fall/ spring shoulder seasons..." She lists more on their duties. City's Data Web site lists 232 parks and parkways. Six of these have dog parks.</p> <p>We doubt that rangers can visit all of these each day.</p>
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A FACT-FINDING TOUR OF the SIX EXISTING DOG PARKS IN THE CITY OF MADISON

By Allen and Joan Liegel on October 8 and Nov 16, 2012

Name and address of Park	Total acres of Park. Source Madison Parks	Total acres of Dog Park	Playground? If yes, location in relation to Dog Park	Homes near Dog Park?	Parking	Shelter	Comments
Brittingham 401 W Shore DR at Broom ST A Community Park	25.81	.40	Yes, according to the Parks Web site, it has a playground. It is not near the dog park and must be on the opposite side of street on the same side as Lake Monona. The dog park is near tennis and basketball courts	Yes. Houses sit on a tall embankment with deciduous trees. Railroad runs between embankment and dog park	Yes. There are 3 but none of them are adjacent to the dog park.	Yes. It is across John Nolen on Lake Monona.	No one was in park at time of visit. Walked along exterior of fence; <u>counted 36 dog dropping—2 with flies.</u> Count of dropping limited to 1 visit. Park's Web site states: Each spring, 1 day is set for volunteers to clean the dog parks. We asked Kay Rutledge Of City Parks if any cleaning is done besides 1 spring day & routine pick-up of droppings when dog owners use dog parks. See: E-mail 12-07-2012 from Kay Rutledge in which she referred this and other questions to Chris Pedretti of Parks. See Jan 8, 2013 E-Mail from Chris Pedretti. <u>His answer regarding sanitation is unsatisfactory.</u> Our finding of numerous dog droppings in various stages of hydration suggests neglect over time. Fence partially covered with vines; nice touch. No dog owners were using park when we visited about 11:30 AM.

Demetral 2279 Commercial AV (Packers and Commercial AV) A Community Park	49.18	.70	Yes, it has a playground. It is open and a long distance from the dog park.	Park's border near dog park has a business and homes in full view of dog park and ball diamond. Surface between them is flat.	There are 2 large parking lots. One is near dog park and serves it and a softball diamond.	Yes, it has a shelter. Dog Park is not visible from it. A berm separates them.	No one was in the park at time of visit. We walked along exterior of fence and <u>counted 5 dog droppings</u> . Count limited to 1 visit. There are 2 cages within park, 1 in the center and 1 near the side of the park. No trees in this park but there are many growing roughly 10-15 ft from its fence. No dog owners using park while we were there.
McCormick Park 702 McCormick AV A Mini-Park	.38	.4	No, this park does not have a playground.	Yes. It is bounded by homes on 2 sides. A street and the Starkweather Creek are the buffers between park and homes.	No parking lot. Street parking on the side bounded by apt buildings.	NO, this park does not have a shelter.	This park is located on a former exit off Aberg AV. When the street was closed, its land became garden space for nearby residents and the dog park. <u>Counted 8 dog droppings</u> by walking exterior of fence. Count of droppings limited to one visit. There are 8 mature trees in the dog park. One dog owner used park while we were there. Madison parks Web site lists McCormick as .38; E-mail from Kay Rutledge lists McCormick Dog Park as .4 acres. The only function of this Mini- park is a dog park.

Quann Park 1802 Quann- Olin Parkway A Community Park	55.3	36.8	No playground	No homes near dog park. Some homes near edge of park itself but at a very long distance and hardly visible from dog park.	2 large parking lots. One is near double- gated entrance from Olin Dr. Another is near Wingra Creek entrance to dog park that serves Franklin Field	No shelter. Small gazebo near community gardens. This is a long distance from dog park	Attempted visit on October 8; park closed until Oct 10 because of Dairy Expo @ Alliant Center. City & Alliant have agreement to close when Alliant Center has certain events. We revisited November 16. Counted 6 small trees in dog park near fence but did not walk entire perimeter of dog park. No count of dog droppings; area too large. 2 kiosks with supplies. Picnic benches outside of dog park. Surface is grass with a gravel trail throughout dog park. Many owners with dogs in park at time of visit. Soccer fields near dog park but entrances to dog park near parking lots so not necessary to walk by these fields.
Sycamore Park 830 Jana Lane A Community Park	71.3	20.2	Yes. Playground is open. Is at a lower level than dog park. There a large space between them. Exact distance?	There are homes visible from at least 3 sides of the dog park. All are a long distance from it.	The dog park has a large parking lot that is adjacent to it.	Yes, but it cannot be reserved. Did not see shelter from the park. Could see it from playground.	There are separate exercise areas within the dog park for small dogs. This is a huge park and there were many users when we visited, about 3 PM. Because of its size, we did not walk its perimeter so no dog dropping count done.

Warner Park 2930 N Sherman AV A Community Park	213.49	8.2	Yes, according to Madison Parks Web site there is a playground but it was not visible from the dog park. There are no athletic fields nearby.	No homes were visible from the dog park area. A large field and a wooded area bounded one of the long sides and a lagoon and woods bounded the other side. Parkland and woods bounded the shorter sides.	There is a parking lot adjacent to the dog park that is used by boaters and dog owners.	Yes. The shelter is a very long distance from the park.	<p>Dog park: Take Sheridan Drive along lagoon at boat launch auxiliary parking lot park. Because of the size of the park, we did not walk its perimeter and no dog dropping count done.</p> <p>When we visited around 5:00 PM, many people were using the dog park. The time of day may have contributed to usage.</p> <p>This dog park had a walking track covered with wood chips. Most dogs and their owners were using track. This was the only park where we saw wood chips covering its track. There are 14 mature trees interspersed throughout the park and a wooded area at one end that dogs can use.</p>
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**E-mail messages forwarded from Carrie Olson, Farmington Way, to Joan Liegel,
Farmington Way**

From:

Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2012 9:50 AM

To: DNR Wildlife Webmail

Cc: DNR Webmaster

Subject: DNR Website Information Request: Wildlife Information

The Referring URL: <http://dnr.wi.gov/contact/>

My question needs a bit of explanation. My neighborhood is Walnut Grove in Madison Wi our street is located on Farmington Way which backs to a wooded area. This wooded area extends into a neighborhood park. There is some thought to putting a small 1 acre fenced dog park within this wooden and grassy area. My question is will this negatively effect the wildlife in our woods? We currently have, rabbits, hawks, coyotes, fox, turkey and I have even seen a rather large wood chuck. We want to make sure we have thought of all the implications before this moves forward. Thank you so my for your your time and information regarding this matter. Sincerely, Carrie Olson

Forwarded message from Carrie Olson, Farmington Way (home owner), to Joan Liegel, Farmington Way

Oct 10 (4 days ago)

Carrie Olson

to me

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Albers, Geriann F - DNR" <Geriann.Albers@wisconsin.gov>

Date: October 10, 2012, 10:15:04 AM EDT

To:

Cc: "Kropf, Tia N - DNR" <Tia.Kropf@Wisconsin.gov>

Subject: DNR Website Information Request: Wildlife Information

Ms. Olson,

Thank you for contacting the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. First of all, I would like to commend you for considering the potential impacts of this development to wildlife. It is not something everyone thinks of, but more development should consider. It is nice to know there are folks like you out there considering a multitude of angles, including impacts to native species.

After looking at aerial photos of the area and considering the size you mention, a dog park in that area seems unlikely to have major negative impacts to wildlife. Bird species, woodchucks, and small mammals (mice, squirrels) can easily go under, over, or through fences, especially your standard chain link fences. Coyotes and foxes have large enough ranges that an area that size is

unlikely to significantly reduce their prey base. The same could be said for raccoons, skunks, and opossums all of which I'm sure inhabit that area. Raccoons and possums can also easily climb fences if they determine there is food inside they'd like to have. Rabbits are not territorial, so you may shift a couple rabbits, but it is unlikely you'll push any rabbits out of their normal range with a dog park of that size. Reptiles and amphibians, too, will be able to pass through the fence. You may lose some salamanders during the construction/fencing process, and they would be unlikely to rest during the day in that area because of the disturbance, but they would still have it available to them for foraging purposes.

Something your neighborhood/group could consider is "offsetting" the minor loss of vegetation and resting habitat with plantings of native shrubs or vines outside of the fence, adding some bat boxes to trees, and/or making refuge habitat for species like rabbits using brush piles in the park, but outside of the dog park area. That way you will still be encouraging wildlife, you may replace any potential habitat loss, and have a great, natural-feeling dog park area. You can find bat box plans here: <http://dnr.wi.gov/wnrmag/html/supps/2003/dec03/summer.htm>, and wildlife habitat information here: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/yourland.html>. Remember brush and dead and downed logs are great for wildlife, so leave them if you can! The "critter condo" and "rabbitat" publications especially I would recommend looking over before the project begins, but also "On edge" and "To cut or not to cut" may be worth a look as well.

I hope this helps and please feel free to contact me with any other questions you may have.

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From: Kropf, Tia N - DNR **On Behalf Of** DNR Wildlife Webmail

Sent: Friday, October 05, 2012 2:25 PM

To: Albers, Geriann F - DNR

Subject: FW: DNR Website Information Request: Wildlife Information

Dog Parks

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Bill Beckner <bbeckner@nrpa.org>

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to me, Bruce

Joan.

NRPA does not research or create any design standards for park facilities. When relevant we refer to ASTM standards. I know of no related standard in their catalogue. I would suggest including language in the ordinance regarding the separation of spaces. Note that distance is not sufficient. A barrier between uses would be more appropriate. Barriers could include fences, landscaping, berms that disrupt the line of sight between the paths and the playgrounds. Good luck with the project.

Bill Beckner
Research Manager
703-858-2142

To: Patrick Comfort, Lead Animal Control Officer, Madison Dane County Health Department

Telephone: 267-1989

Subject: General Information on Dog Parks; Specific Information on Proposed Walnut Grove Dog Park

From: Joan Liegel, Walnut Grove Resident, Farmington Way, Madison 53717,

Intro: In response to a citizen request, Madison Parks Dept is proposing a 1.3 acre dog park for Walnut Grove Neighborhood Park. It is located at 202 N Westfield RD with the alternate entrance at 7425 Farmington Way. The park has a paved walkway that leads to a shelter. Just before the shelter is a playground with equipment on the south side of the walk. The proposed park is across from the playground, north of the walk and west of the basketball court. The contact person at the Parks Dept is Kay Rutledge 266-4714.

1. JL (Joan Liegel) Can you describe an ideal dog park site?

PC (Patrick Comfort): Ideal site is going to be any neighborhood with a lot of dog owners, especially places where non-dog parks are abundant and people take their dogs there illegally and cause a lot of complaints. (Example- Demetral Field used to have tons of complaints but since the dog park was added there have been almost none) Preferably sites where the entrance to the dog park is very close to a parking lot so dogs arnt being walked long distances from their cars to the park. (example – Sycamore and Quann).

2. JL What has your experience been with dog parks?

PC: For the most part dog parks work out quite well. For the number of dogs and people using the we receive very few complaints. The complaints we do receive are usually dog vs dog complaints where one dog fights or attacks another. This falls under the implied risk category and there is not much that is done about it unless the incident involved a dog in an all out attack or attempt to kill another dog. This has and does happen and when it occurs it is usually (90%) a pit bull or pit bull mix that is the aggressor. Although there have been a few Rottweiler's, and a Doberman. We also get complaints from some of the parks of people letting their dogs run loose from the car to the fenced park area.

3. JL: When do dog parks work well?

PC: When they are in a neighborhood with lots of dogs and no dogs allowed parks, school grounds, cemetery's that people are using. Adding a dog park to the area gives owners an option. Also as stated above highly recommended to have the dog park gate be as close as possible to the parking area as people do and will continue to let their dogs out of the car to run loose to the park area. If the distance is a long way the dogs have a higher chance of running off etc..

4. JL: Part of Animal Control's job is to follow up and keep data on dog bites. Can you give:

a. What are the total number of dog bites in the city of Madison for the past 3 years?

PC: We have recently installed a new and far from perfect data system and as of yet the reporting function is not operable so no recent numbers are available. 2010 was the last year we used the old

system and we had 363 dog bites and 90 dog vs dog complaints. Bites usually number in the 300s but dog vs dog has gone up over the years as pit bulls have become more popular..

ii. JL: How many of these occurred in City of Madison Parks?

PC: Our data will not tell us that.

iii. JL: How many occurred in School Zones?

PC: Our data will not tell us that.

iv. JL: What were the various locations on the body that were bitten?

PC: Most dog bites are to extremities. Hands, arms, legs, feet. Dogs know where and how hard they bite. Extremity bites are serious but not as serious as kill bites which are to the neck, stomach area.

v. JL: Do you have any information about whether the dogs who bit were on a leash?

PC: No. It happens fairly often but no way to track data. Scared or protective dogs are more likely to bite on leash if they feel trapped or cornered or out of concern for their owner. Aggressive dominant dogs are likely to bite off leash or on leash. The different types of emotions can be mixed up in dogs as well so it's always a crap shoot.

5. JL: Are there any factors in on-leash parks that increase the likelihood that dogs will bite?

PC: The breed of dog can increase the % of incidents. People don't like talking about it but Pit bulls are our number one dog for dog on dog incidents and 1 or 2 in bites as well as running at large, abandonment, cruelty etc.. Other protection or fighting breeds can also be a problem such as Rottweilers, Presa Carnios, Cain Corsos, etc.. In dog parks people are not usually the intended victim but often get bitten trying to break up dog fights or save their dogs lives. The other thing that can increase the chance of dog bite or dog vs dog is too many dogs in a small space and nowhere to get away or calm down.

a. JL: City of Madison dog parks?

PC: People bringing treats or toys to parks cause dog fights as other dogs try to get their dogs stuff and fights break out

b. JL: City of Madison on-leash parks

PC: People brining treats or toys to parks.

6. JL: What level of noise can the residents whose homes are adjacent to Walnut Grove Park expect from the proposed dog park?

PC: Not sure. Sit by a park and listen. Or call MPD and see if they have any noise complaints. Animal Services does not respond to or record barking complaints. Personal experience shows that some dogs bark on way from car to park but most run around or play in park so noise is not a lot.

7. JL: Walnut Grove has an open playground for children furnished with playground equipment. Currently, the city ordinance prohibits dogs in all areas of Walnut Grove Park. If a dog park is installed, the ordinance would change. Expected changes would allow dogs on a leash in the park except in the fenced dog park. The new ordinance would probably prohibit dogs on leash in the playground area and possibly other areas of the park. In your experience, have dog owners complied by not taking their dogs into unauthorized park areas?

PC: For the most part people comply with the rules. There are always exceptions. But there are probably people walking or running their dog in Walnut Grove now too. Problems we have seen are people letting their dogs run from their car to the park off leash, (thus park entrance close to parking) and any time you put dogs and kids in the same equation you are going to have a few dog bites. People will obey the rules 95 percent of the time. There will be a few who walk the dog by the playground and an occasional bite, but as stated above this happens all over Madison day in and day out whether it's a dog park or not.

8. JL: Walnut Grove Park has a large wooded area behind the clear area of the park. It is home to a variety of wild such as, rabbits, raccoons, opossums, mice and bats. A coyote can often be seen crossing the southern perimeter near the proposed dog park. What type of interaction can you predict between wild animals who frequent the park and the dogs using the dog park and on leash areas?

PC: Have not seen that much interaction between wildlife and dogs behind the fence in dog parks. Some chasing maybe if wildlife inside fence, killing maybe dependent on breed of dog. Warner park has a dog park and its wildlife is also abundant. The increased people and dog traffic may disrupt some speices such as cranes, hawks, owls, but shouldn't bother the mentioned rabbits raccoons, opossums, mice, bats.. Coyotes are extremely adaptable and won't worry about it too much either although they may not show themselves in daylight as often.

Jan 14 (2 days ago)

to Christopher

Thank you for your reply.

Joan Liegel

On Tue, Jan 8, 2013 at 2:57 PM, Pedretti, Christopher <CPedretti@cityofmadison.com> wrote:
Ms. Liegel,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding dog parks. Included are my responses to your questions. If you need any other information please feel free to email and I will be happy to assist you.

1. Who manages dog droppings in City Dog Parks when users of the parks do not?

The spring cleanup does a good job of getting the dog parks in clean condition after the snow melts. Throughout the year, the dog parks are fairly well self-maintained by the users and many will make extra efforts to clean up. As our Rangers monitor the areas, if there is a need for additional cleanup, either the Rangers or Park Operations staff can be utilized to provide additional maintenance. The Rangers can also enforce the city ordinances regarding cleaning up after your dog, if they see somebody not doing it. We have a contracted service that comes in and empties/removes the dog waste bins on a weekly basis.

2. How often are the Dog Parks monitored?

The Park Rangers try and make an effort to visit the dog park areas on a daily basis. The Rangers are responsible for monitoring these areas for safety, doing periodic checks of dog permits, doing safety checks of the fence lines and gates, clearing snow at the gates, and collecting the fees at the sites. Of course, some days the Rangers can get delayed by other large events or incidents that may limit them visiting a site occasionally, but dog parks are on the regular route for supervision. We don't have a large Ranger staff, generally there are 2 Rangers on duty, one assigned to the West Side and one to the East Side, with an extra Ranger on occasionally during very busy times of the year.

3. What criteria is used to close a Dog Park? Who determines this criteria and enforces it?

We really don't close Dog Parks with the exception of Quann Dog Park. There is a special agreement with the Alliant Energy Center in regards to Quann Dog Park. During some of the larger events at the Alliant Energy Center they will use Quann Dog Park as an overflow parking area. For example, the World Dairy Expo uses Quann Dog Park for about a week in the fall each year. When this happens we have a smaller fenced area next to the larger dog park, bordered by Wingra Creek, that can be closed off and used as a dog park while Quann is closed. This is the only dog park that is affected by this type of arrangement. All other dog parks are open year round.

Thank you,

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Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2013 12:08 PM
To: Pedretti, Christopher
Cc: Dave Henry; Carrie Olson
Subject: Re: Questions on Proposed Dog Park for Walnut Grove

On Tue, Jan 8, 2013 at 11:45 AM,

wrote:

Good Morning Chris!

Below is the e-mail conversation on Dec 7 between Kay Rutledge and me. In it she refers me to you for any further questions about dog parks in general and in particular the one proposed for Walnut Grove Park

She has answered all of my questions but left #3 and #4 for you. Question # 4 on Park Rangers' duties is partially answered but not in relation to drop droppings. The data in #3 re droppings is from visits in early Oct. 2012. Quam Park was closed at that time but visited in Nov. Because of its size no count of droppings was made.

The question of dog droppings that are not picked up in dog parks is one of sanitation and courtesy. I have learned that Animal Control no longer is responsible for Dog Parks. In addition to answering #3 and # 4, could you please address these concerns?

1. Who manages dog droppings in City Dog Parks when users of the parks do not?
2. How often are the Dog Parks monitored?
3. What criteria is used to close a Dog Park? Who determines this criteria and enforces it?

I appreciate your attention to these concerns.

Joan Liegel
 Farmington Way
 Madison. Phone:

Rutledge, Kay <KRutledge@cityofmadison.com>
to Christopher, me, Carrie

Hi Joan – I've included responses to most of your questions below and am copying Chris Pedretti, our Community Services Manager, so he can address the remaining questions. Chris will be your point of contact regarding the Westside Dog Park process in the future. I'll still be helping out as well so feel free to contact either one of us if you have additional questions. Kay

1. What is the area of each of the 6 existing dog parks in Madison? I could not find this online.

- Brittingham – 0.4 acres
- McCormick – 0.4 acres
- Demetral – 0.7 acres
- Warner – 8.2 acres
- Sycamore – 20.2 acres
- Quann – 36.8 acres

2. How many park rangers does the City of Madison have? What are their job responsibilities?

Parks Ranger Staff is 12 Rangers at our peak during summer and 5 at our minimum during fall/ spring shoulder seasons, primary duties include:

1. Open and close Parks facilities
2. Check permits at boat launches, dog parks and cross country ski trails
3. Check Park events and reservations for permit/ parking compliance
4. General Park Patrols for
 - a. Parking issues
 - b. Conflict of use issues
 - c. Madison General Ordinance Violations
 - d. Graffiti and maintenance issues

Dec 7, 2012 E-mail Kay Rutledge cont.

3. We took a tour 5 of 6 dog parks 2 wks ago. (Quann was temporarily closed.) We walked the perimeter outside the fence of 3 of the parks; we decided that Sycamore and Warner were too large to do that. We found the following number of dog droppings:

Brittingham Park 36. Two of these droppings had flies on them.

Demetral: 5

McCormick: 8

We noticed on the Parks Web site that there is a day in spring for volunteers to clean up the dog parks. We know that each dog owner has responsibility to clean up after his/ her dog but what on-going clean-up is done to ensure sanitation? Who does it?

4. What is the job description of the Park Rangers? I was able to get an short job posting from Judy Kurtz but it did not describe the duties. City of Madison personnel only had a posting---no job description.
5. Walnut Grove Park has an open playground for children. At its closest point to the park path it is 14 ft. Do you have any guidelines for placement of a dog park near an open playground? Are there any national organizations who might have such guidelines?

The diagram that we provided at the public input meeting creates a separate path for dog park users to access the dog park. Dogs would be required to be on-leash within the park along any of the pathways. This would also be enforced by our Park Rangers.

6. Some residents have asked where the entrance to the park would be. There is concern that dog owners may allow their dogs off lease during the long distance between the street and the proposed dog park.

The pathway entrance from Westfield Road would be the pathway entrance for the dog park as well. Rather than following the path through the park, dog park owners would be directed to a separate path adjacent to the tennis courts and away from the playground.

7. What are the other parks that are being considered for dog parks on the west side?

At the last Westside Dog Park meeting in October, other park sites discussed and currently being evaluated are Garner Park and Odana School Park.

Walnut Grove Park - Dog Park

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Troester, Tim TTroester@cityofmadison.com

Oct 4 (10 days ago)

to me, Kay, Greg

Joan.

I checked with Kay Rutledge with Parks and also Greg Fries here in Engineering (Greg is the head of the Sewer Section here).

My understanding is that right now the Parks Department is in the initial stages of selecting a location for a dog park, with Walnut Grove Park being one of the options. No design work has yet been done.

From a drainage stand point there doesn't appear to be any issues. It should drain to the west into the trees. The property with the trees is City owned and currently administered by the Storm Sewer utility as it does contain a greenway to provide stormwater conveyance through the neighborhood. So draining this direction is where the water should go.

If plans do progress such that there will be disturbance of 4,000 sf or more land area then Parks would need to obtain an Erosion Control permit for the site during construction/grading.

Tim

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