

Dog Status Change Requests 2020 to 2021

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7/14/2021	Resident	Acewood Park	Dog free	Dog Friendly	My family often goes for walks by this park. My boys like to stop and play for a few minutes but one of us has to stay on the sidewalk with our leashed dog instead of sitting at the park bench while our kids play. Makes it a tricky park to stop at while on walks as a family.
7/14/2021	Resident	Acewood Park	Dog free	Dog Friendly	No other in neighborhood I am aware of. There is plenty of open unused space, not used as a sports field.
7/14/2021	Resident	Acewood Park	Dog free	Dog Friendly	<p>There are 3 sections to Acewood Park. There are 2 sections on the west side of the pond - the dog friendly designated dog park which is the bike path, and the dog free conservation park. The section I'd like consideration about is on the east side of the pond where there is a large field, a playground and the greenspace that runs the length of Acewood Blvd to Leo Drive.</p> <p>I walk my dog 4-5 times a day on leash and see the neighbor dogs along the way. My property abuts the park and my dog often steps foot in the park. So do the dogs of my neighbors. I keep my dog out of the park rules, and a lot of people do. But I often see families separated while a parent waits outside the fence with their dog and the other adult is with the children on the equipment with no other people around.</p> <p>I totally respect the idea of keeping dogs on the path and out of the conservation park, but I believe allowing people to walk their dogs in Acewood park on leash could also help curtail the goose poop on the basketball court and playground which would be a benefit to the health and safety of park goers.</p> <p>I appreciate your consideration of this request.</p>
7/14/2021	Resident	Acewood Park	Dog free	Dog Friendly	Many of my neighbors and I have dogs and families. I would love to be able to walk with my child and my dog to the park and allow my child to play without concerns of legal or financial consequence.
7/14/2021	Resident	Acewood Park	Dog free	Dog Friendly	I would like to use this park more with my family but since it is currently dog free we go elsewhere on our walks.
7/14/2021	Resident	Acewood Park	Dog free	Dog Friendly	Acewood park is in a very dog friendly neighborhood. This park is right on a walking route that many families in the area use. It would be an added benefit to allow families with dogs to walk through and/or use the park in their neighborhood. The rules are clear to be on leash.
7/14/2021	Resident	Acewood Park	Dog free	Dog Friendly	I like to walk my dog near the park. When my kids want to play in the playground, I have to stay outside with my dog. There isn't even anywhere for me to sit while they play, so my dog and I sit on the ground. Would be nice to be able to bring my dog with me to sit on a bench inside the park while my kids play. I ALWAYS pick up my dog poop and keep my dog leashed! thanks for reading :)
7/14/2021	Resident	Acewood Park	Dog free	Dog Friendly	Our neighborhood has many families with children and dogs. It would be nice to be able to walk to the playground with the whole family (dogs being part of the family). Dog owners and dogs can watch the kids play. There is a water fountain and seating here, so it is a natural place to want to stop when out on a walk.
7/14/2021	Resident	Acewood Park	Dog free	Dog Friendly	Many people who walk their dogs also have children and their children would like to play but then can't have the dog with them so that causes issues with families.
7/14/2021	Resident	Acewood Park	Dog free	Dog Friendly	This park is in my neighborhood. Would be nice to allow families bring their dogs on a leash. My grandkids play there.
7/14/2021	Resident	Acewood Park	Dog free	Dog Friendly	Many families with dogs can't stop to let their children play at the playground b/c the park is dog free. Families have limited time when they are all together. Most don't have time to make two trips out to walk the dog and get the kids out separately.
7/14/2021	Resident	Acewood Park	Dog free	Dog Friendly	It is a lovely area for the neighborhood children to play and has a great field dogs could utilize with their family.
7/14/2021	Resident	Acewood Park	Dog free	Dog Friendly	My dog loves to look at the water it's nice to take a stroll there in the morning. I think it was dog friendly for a while. I don't know if there were problems before.
7/14/2021	Resident	Acewood Park	Dog free	Dog Friendly	Our family often walks by Acewood Park and our two young kids always want to stop and play. However, we usually have our dog along for the walk and we hate having to tell the kids that we can't enjoy the park because Honeybee is with us. I feel like our neighbors would welcome changing Acewood to a dog-friendly park, so long as the rules were followed.
7/14/2021	Resident	Acewood Park	Dog free	Dog Friendly	I live next to the park, and I would love to be able to walk my dog around the green space. Not many of the fields/parks near us allow dogs so he's always stuck on sidewalk.
7/14/2021	Resident	Acewood Park	Dog free	Dog Friendly	<p>I lived in the Acewood neighborhood for the past four years, and recently moved out of the neighborhood due to how unfriendly it is to dogs and dog owners. I would regularly walk by Acewood Park with my toddler and dog, but would not stop to let my toddler play because my dog was not allowed there.</p> <p>It's quite a large park in terms of space, with the vast majority of the park going unused (outside of the jungle gym). It seems logical that dogs and people who do not like dogs could coexist within this one park, because there is so much unused space where dogs could be while the majority of park users are on the playset.</p> <p>Although I no longer live in the neighborhood (due to how unfriendly it is to dog owners), I'm hoping to advocate for my dog-friendly friends and neighbors who do still live in the neighborhood, and experience these frustrations on a regular basis.</p>
7/14/2021	Resident	Acewood Park	Dog free	Dog Friendly	My baby can only swing in the bucket swings, and when we're out with family walks with our dog it makes this park (and swinging!) not an option. We would love to be in this park more but this dog free designation makes it impossible. Thank you!
7/14/2021	Resident	Acewood Park	Dog free	Dog Friendly	Because I often go there with my kids while walking my dog and either have to choose to break the rules (even with him on leash) or sit outside the fence while my kids play inside
7/14/2021	Resident	Acewood Park	Dog free	Dog Friendly	It allows owners to enjoy our parks and get exercise while also allowing their dogs to do the same.
7/14/2021	Resident	Acewood Park	Dog free	Dog Friendly	I want to stop at play structure on walks with my kids and dog (on leash).
7/14/2021	Resident	Acewood Park	Dog free	Dog Friendly	I would like to take my dog on leashed walks in this park. We walk past it often.
7/15/2021	Resident	Acewood Park	Dog free	Dog Friendly	Madison is so far behind when it comes to dogs. I take my dog everywhere and always clean up. He is my companion, and other than him I live alone. For the taxes I pay to live in Madison I should be able to visit parks in my neighbor with my only family member.

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7/16/2021	Resident	Acewood Park	Dog Free	Dog Friendly	: I walk by this park in n frequent walks with my toddler and my dog. As a working mom, one walk is usually all I can squeeze in. I hate having to choose between taking the dog or letting my toddler stop for a swing and a little play time. My recommendation to to allow dogs again (I thought this park was dog friendly when we moved to the neighborhood 10 years ago). If the concern is wildlife around the pond, just don't let dogs winning 100 yards of the water.
7/14/2021	Resident	All parks	Dog Friendly	Dog Friendly	I'm interested in having dogs who have an e-collar on to be allowed to roam the park under "control" of the owner. I believe that an e-collar is a proven method to effectively have your dog off-leash. A leash is considered a physical restraint of a dog, but that leash is only effective if the owner has control of their dog. I believe allowing e-collars will better the community by allowing friendly dogs(non-aggressive breeds) to be controlled in parks by using the best judgement of their owner and not allowing the known aggressive breeds (pits) to be off-leash. Dog owners should be the ones who need to judge if their dog is known to be aggressive and accept the consequences of their dogs being off-leash. I believe by not allowing dogs to be off-leash in any setting besides "dog parks" doesn't allow a dog to be adequately trained in an environment in "normal" situations outside the dog park. I'm asking the city to understand that by restricting dogs to only being on-leash will result in an unhealthy lifestyle of that dog if you require them to be on a 6 ft leash. Some dogs are the size of 6 ft. If I restricted you to a house without a yard and I have a park in my backyard...how would you feel?
11/19/2020	Resident	Brentwood Park	Dog Free	Dog Friendly	Sheridan Triangle is 1 block away and is also dog free. The recent move of the playground provides a larger area that could be able to host dogs on leash.
7/14/2021	Resident	Brentwood Park	Dog free	Dog Friendly	We are requesting that the city reconsider the status of this dog-free park, as we live a couple of blocks away and it is our main form of exercise and entertainment with our family. We have an 11-year old daughter and a very well-behaved 5 year old mutt. Prior to this designation, we would enjoy the park daily as a family (and yes, our family includes our dog!). We are responsible dog owners, as are all the other dog owners in our neighborhood. We feel that excluding dogs from this park negatively impacts the lives of many families in the surrounding area. We respectfully request that you designate this park as dog-friendly, as it will improve the recreation and relaxation opportunities for many disadvantaged families in the area with dogs. Thank you,
7/14/2021	Resident	Brentwood Park	Dog free	Dog Friendly	It is nice to be able to take a family walk with the dog and if we pass by the park stop for a bit and let the kids play without having to first take the dog home.The park is large and there is ample space to be able to keep the dog on a leash and away from the playground.
7/13/2021	Resident	Eken Park	Dog Free	Dog Friendly	Lots of families with dogs and kids in this neighborhood, including mine. Makes sense to have a place we can all go and enjoy together. The green space is large enough for dogs to be walked on leash while also allowing for space for field games/people to enjoy and play. The dog free designation is very uninviting.
7/14/2021	Resident	Elvehjem	Dog free	Dog Friendly	I'd love to allow my kid to play on the playground for a bit while we're on a family walk with the dogs.
7/14/2021	Resident	lvehjem (wooded area)	Dog free	Dog Friendly	There are three wooded areas within walking distance of my house. LVM is literally in my backyard. It is a big part of why we chose to live here. But not one of those three (LVM, Acewood, and Heritage) allows dogs in the woods. So despite having all of these parks in my neighborhood, if I want to walk with my dog somewhere in the woods without pavement, I have to drive there. I understand why we don't want dogs near the special ecosystem of the pond in Acewood park, but LVM doesn't have that. It is literally just a tiny woods surrounded by houses, and leashed dogs are already allowed in the unwooded area of the park. The burial mounds of course need to be respected and protected, but dogs wouldn't be allowed on them anyway, since they're not on the path. I have a deep respect and love for all natural areas, and always go into them with a "leave no trace" philosophy. Our parks are treasures, and I am very appreciative of how they impact the quality of life in our neighborhood. Leash and littering laws/rules should absolutely be enforced, with consequences for those who are not as respectful. I am only asking for one area to walk with my leashed dog in the woods. I know that many of my neighbors would like to see this happen too. I urge you to please consider changing the designation for the woods in Elvehjem Park to leashed dogs allowed.
4/19/2021	Resident	Everglade Park	Dog Free	Dog Friendly	Hello! This is a wonderful neighborhood park that is underutilized. There are many households in the immediate neighborhood that have dogs. Designating this park as dog friendly will allow the park to become a meeting place of sorts for neighbors and dog owners. I see this as deepening the social bonds of the neighborhood. Finally, I think this will give dog owners another option to take their dog rather than walking through heavily-trafficked streets. Thank you for your consideration!
4/5/2021	Resident	Glenway Woods	Dog Friendly	Dog Free	I like to walk in this park as it is near my home. There are too many off leash dogs. The park is being used as an off leash park. Sometimes the off leash dogs pack up and chase me when I'm walking. There is no excuse for this dog and dog owner behavior.
7/14/2021	Resident	Merrill Springs	Dog free	Dog Friendly	This is a small neighborhood park not used by children and infrequently used in general. But, the court by which this park is accessed is a neighborhood dog walker destination and I know many who would appreciate it and did in years past. Thank you. PS Spring Harbor beach park is dog free (appropriately). It is just 3 blocks away.
7/2/2021	Resident	Spring Harbor Beach	Dog Free	Dog Friendly	Traffic at this beach is very low, making it a great place for dogs to access the water safely. I couldn't find anything online indicating this beach didn't allow dogs, but found a sign there last time I tried to visit with my dog.

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3/17/2021	Resident	Waltham Park	Dog Friendly	Dog Free	1. To improve the safety for all park users. I have been bitten by an on-leash dog in Waltham Park. 2. To increase the accessibility for small children. Dogs in Waltham Park result in children leaving the park or not being allowed to go to the park due to safety concerns. 3. To improve the cleanliness of Waltham Park. Dog waste is commonly found in Waltham Parks. This was readily apparent when there was still snow on the ground as much of the snow along the park edges was yellow.
7/16/2021	Resident	Warner Park	Dog Friendly	Dog free	Warner Park is a great place for wildlife viewing and for walking and too many times that has been thwarted by someone's dog. There is already a dog park at Warner, so it is hard to understand why dogs also need to be in the other areas of the park where one finds deer, frogs, rabbits, cranes, herons and eagles and walking families. As a very regular Warner Park path walker, I find that I now have to constantly avoid dogs and it is often no longer a nice place to go for a stroll or jog. Additionally, even if an owner "cleans up" the dog feces with a plastic bag on their hand, the grass on which the feces was deposited still has some amount of feces lingering there. This feces is now both present but undetectable to the naked eye which makes it ripe for stepping in or even for sitting in for the unsuspecting picnic goer or wildlife photographer who is getting down low to get a good shot. I don't mind dodging goose feces because they are wild animals and therefore nature is their toilet. I do mind sitting in remnants of dog feces when I don't even own a dog. It's beyond disgusting.
10/6/2021	Staff	All parks			There are a number of dog-free parks that have paths through them that are utilized by the dog-walking public (heritage heights, raymond ridge, sandstone, elmside circle, etc). It is extremely hard to educate people using these paths to walk their dogs as they rarely realize they're violating any rules. Also, allowing people to walk dogs on these paths through a dog-free park defeats the purpose of the dog-free park (especially if it is a designated place for people to go who may have a dog fear or dog-related trauma). These parks should have their designations reconsidered and possibly have a nearby park without a path designated in their place (to continue to provide a dog-free space for those who have a need for a dog-free space and to allow path users with dogs to commute freely).
9/29/2021	Staff	Heritage Heights	Dog Free	Dog Friendly	Thoroughfare of multiple users. Please consider changing to "Dog Friendly".
9/29/2021	Staff	Hudson	Dog Free	Dog Friendly	Long, narrow and used as a thoroughfare by all users. But has burial mounds. Policy states no dogs on mounds, but rest of park could be "Dog Friendly"
9/29/2021	Staff	Hillpoint	Dog Free	Dog Friendly	Park's paved path offers a neighborhood connection for dog walkers
9/29/2021	Staff	Raymond Ridge	Dog Free	Dog Friendly	Park's paved path offers a neighborhood connection for dog walkers
9/29/2021	Staff	Sandstone	Dog Free	Dog Friendly	Park's paved path offers a neighborhood connection for dog walkers
9/29/2021	Staff	Kingston - Onyx	Dog Friendly	Dog Free	This park will replace Heritage Heights as the dog free park to serve this area.
9/29/2021	Staff	Haen Family	Dog Friendly	Dog Free	This park will replace Hillpoint as the dog free park to serve this area.
9/29/2021	Staff	Quarry Grove	Dog Friendly	Dog Free	This park will replace Quarry Grove as the dog free park to serve this area.