

Fact Sheet Off-Leash Dog Areas Pilot Project

Site Evaluation Criteria

Is the site under consideration:

- Less used by others?
- Enclosed, when necessary, by either natural or man-made boundaries?
- Absent of obvious hazards?

Does the site under consideration:

- Provide reasonable proximity to available on street and/or off-street parking?
- Provide a flat area that can be used by those citizens with limited mobility near the proposed off-leash dog area's entry points?
- Have the potential to control and treat storm water run-off on-site?
- Contain any active recreational uses? If so, is there a barrier between uses and potential off-leash dog area?
- Provide adequate distance from residences to ensure that activity levels are no more disruptive to neighbors than existing conditions?
- Provide a buffer zone, topographic or man-made, between the proposed off-leash dog area and existing active recreation uses such as children play areas and scheduled play fields?
- Avoid impacts to City of Shoreline designated environmental Critical Areas and to the extent possible their associated buffers?
- Contain both shade and sun areas?
- Contain a number of existing desired amenities?

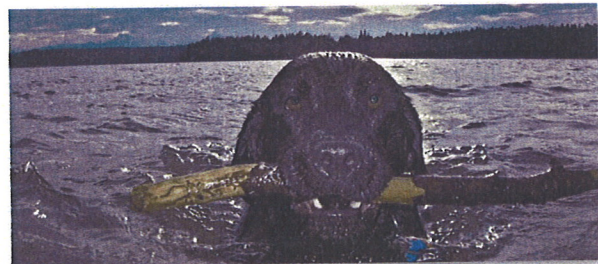
After rigorous review of all 38 available sites by the OLDA Study Group, fourteen sites met or exceeded the criteria. Over the summer public comment was gathered on the six most promising sites. In October, the Parks Board recommended that portions of Saltwater Park and Shoreview Park be amended as "first step" pilot sites for public use and evaluation. Current information about the sites is available at www.cityofshoreline.com.

Project Funding

Thanks to the Open Space, Parks & Trails Bond passed by voters in May 2006, the City has \$150,000 for development of off-leash dog areas in Shoreline. Interest in providing off-leash dog areas was initiated by a 2005 request from an interested group of dog owners to the Parks, Recreation & Culture (PRCS) Board. A citizen committee was asked to investigate possible locations and a community survey addressed the question of need to the larger community. With strong expressed interest, the city included funding for development of an off-leash dog area in the bond Issue.

Future Site Management

Regular maintenance will be provided by the Shoreline Parks Department. In addition, ShoreDOG, the Shoreline resident organization that began the initiative to designate off-leash areas, will take responsibility for the ongoing education of owners and their pets, enforcing rules and providing some site care-taking.



For more info and to submit comments, visit www.cityofshoreline.com

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