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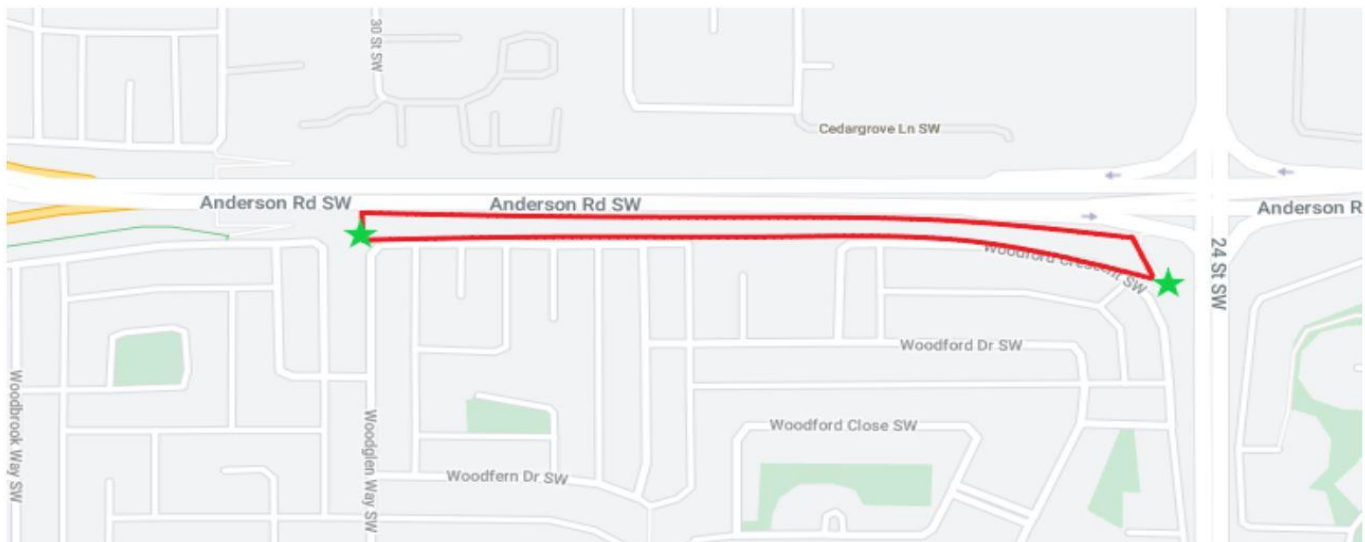
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### Project overview

The City of Calgary, in partnership with the Woodcreek Community Association, is looking for feedback on the proposal to use this plot of land as a dog friendly, multi-use area for the local community to enjoy. The space is a strip of land along the northern edge of Woodbine (see map below).

The vision is a dog friendly space (i.e. off-leash is available) however it is not to be viewed as an exclusive area for dog users. We have also heard that this space could be a place and an area for people to just get out and walk.

### Map of proposed area



*Red line – proposed area boundary*

*Green Stars – proposed location of trash containers*

New infrastructure would be minimal (garbage cans and 'off-leash area' signage only). Formal parking is not to be provided for this site.

Currently, the land is accessed and utilized as a dog friendly space, although it is not for the exclusive use of dog users. The grade (or slope) of the property is not conducive to sports or other formal recreational activities.



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## Engagement overview

The level of public participation for this engagement was to **inform** stakeholders of the proposed changes to the area and **consult** to gauge the level of support with local residents.

We asked for stakeholder's input on the Engage portal page (<https://engage.calgary.ca/offleash-woodbine>) from December 13, 2021 – January 9, 2022.

We supplied messaging about the opportunity to engage and provide feedback to the Woodcreek Community Association and it was promoted on their social media platforms. The Woodcreek Community Association serves both the communities of Woodbine and Woodlands.

Two Bold © signs with information about the engagement were also placed in the community. These signs included QR codes directing people to the portal page.

## What we asked

1. We asked the following questions in a feedback form located on the Engage portal:

1. Are you a resident of Woodbine?
2. Do you believe you will be impacted by the proposed dog friendly, multi-use area?
3. Do you support the proposal of a dog-friendly, multi-use area?
4. There is a responsibility on users, residents, visitors to respect and adhere to City of Calgary bylaws. The City can help with regards to enforcement. In working with the Community Association, we are seeking suggestions as to how can the community be a part of this solution?

2. We also included an 'Ask the Expert' section, on the portal page, where stakeholders could submit their own questions for the project team and have them answered:

Do you have a question for our team (not answered in the FAQ or links)? Due to limited resources, we'll group similar questions together and answer them as one. All comments will be entered into the What We Heard report available in early 2022.

3. A Community Conversations board, posted on the portal page, received no engagement.

4. As well, stakeholders could email the team via [engage@calgary.ca](mailto:engage@calgary.ca). A 'Contact Us' section was placed on the top right-hand corner of the portal page for the duration of the engagement session (December 13, 2021 – January 9, 2022).

### What we heard

#### Engage portal page – feedback form

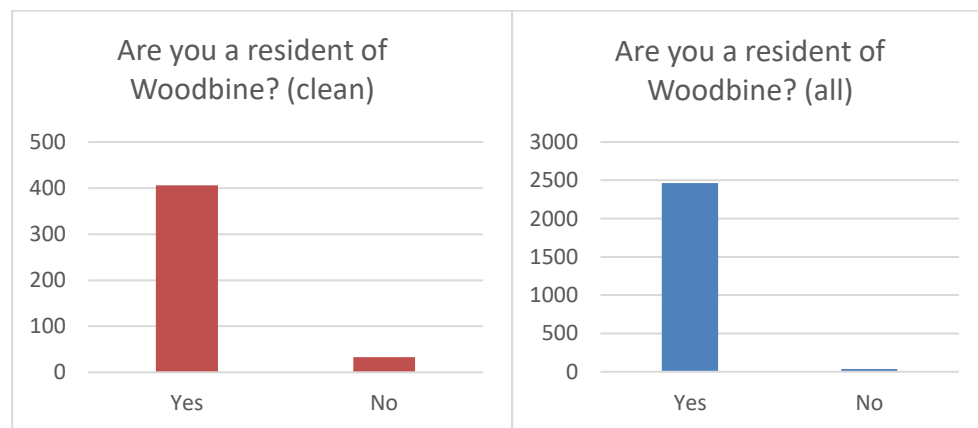
A large volume of the feedback received through the engagement portal came from what appears to be similar sources—there were 279 unique contributors and 2,500 feedback submissions. While the multiple submissions contributed to the degradation of data quality, it is important to include it in the report to provide a holistic overview of the session. For this reason, we have provided two sets of data: where appropriate.

Clean: duplicate entries have been removed/dropped

All: duplicate entries have not been removed/dropped

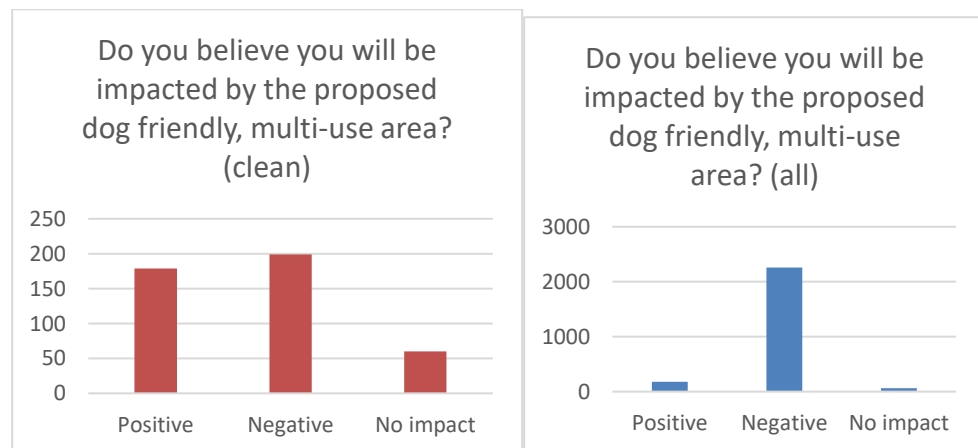
#### Question 1: Are you a resident of Woodbine?

**Response:** Yes: 92 percent, No: 8 percent (clean); Yes: 2,462: No: 38 (all)



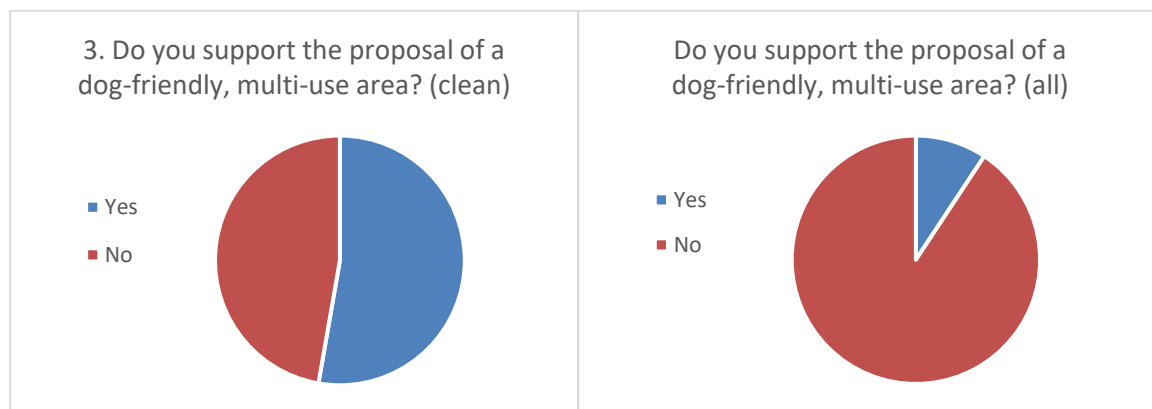
#### Question 2: Do you believe you will be impacted by the proposed dog friendly, multi-use area?

**Response:** Positive: 179, Negative: 199, and No impact: 60 (clean); Positive: 180, Negative: 2,259, and No impact: 60 (all)



**Question 3:** Do you support the proposal of a dog-friendly, multi-use area?

**Response:** Yes: 230, No: 206 (clean); Yes: 232, No: 2,264 (all)



**Question 4:** There is a responsibility on users, residents, visitors to respect and adhere to City of Calgary bylaws. The City can help with regards to enforcement. In working with the Community Association, we are seeking suggestions as to how can the community be a part of this solution?

All data was included for question 4. We received 201 (open text) contributions (total number of responses collected) from 111 contributors (unique number of visitors).

**Response:** Feedback mostly focussed on stakeholders concerns around the off-leash area rather than providing suggestions on how the community can help with the issues of bylaw enforcement.

Suggestions provided for community involvement included annual clean up day, fencing, reminders in the community newsletter, and landscaping. Many felt enforcement was not the responsibility of the community and could lead to an escalation of violence between users of the area.

The verbatim comments ranged from positive (22) to neutral (89) to negative (85). The greatest area of concern was Safety (90 responses), then Accessibility (71 responses), followed by the Environment (54 responses). Concerns also included the size and location of the proposed off-leash area (40 responses). There were also comments determined to be out of scope (27 responses).

**Safety:** Safety concerns were raised for both people and dogs. Many stakeholders cited a fear of dogs by their families and they would no longer be able to use the area. Without fencing there was concern of dogs running into the street or nearby homes. Some believe implementation of this as an off-leash area could lead to further criminal activity. Enforcement, or lack there of, was also a concern.

**Accessibility:** Specific concerns were regarding access to mailboxes in the location, cyclists who use the area could face restrictions, and people with disabilities would not be able to access the top of the berm, There was also mentions of tobogganing and use of the berm as a connecting pathway to other locations.



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**Environment:** Stakeholders were concerned about the existing landscaping (newly planted trees), as well as the amount of garbage and dog waste accumulated (both now and in the future). Fencing and real estate concerns were also included here.

**Size and location of the proposed off leash park:** Concerns revolved around the size of the proposed off leash area (too small), and the location of it in a residential area and next to a roadway.

**Out of scope:** Many stakeholders presented concerns regarding the construction of the ring road and the loss of fencing along 37<sup>th</sup> street, noise reduction and loss of a previous off-leash area. There was also requests for a better walking and rolling pathway connecting Woodbine, Woodlands, and Canyon Meadows and the completion of the pathway to and from the pedestrian bridge on Anderson Rd.

## Engage portal page – *Ask the Expert*

We received 24 contributions (total number of responses collected) from 14 contributors (unique number of visitors).

Stakeholders asked questions regarding Safety (12), the Environment (6) and Accessibility. There were also concerns about the method of consultation, real estate, and noise reduction.

## Engage portal page – *Contact us*

An email was received with concerns regarding accessibility, safety, and the environment.

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- For a detailed summary of the input that was provided, please see the [Summary of Input](#) section.
  - For a verbatim listing of all the input that was provided, please see the [Verbatim Responses](#) section.

## Next steps

Current engagement results do not allow us to pursue the proposed dog friendly, multi-use area with confidence due to the polarity of the comments. As a result, the decision has been made to not change the intended use of this location.

## Next steps will include:

- Meet with Woodcreek Community Association to discuss What We Heard Report.
- Communicate decision and reasoning on Engage portal.

### Summary of Input

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Question 4; There is a responsibility on users, residents, visitors to respect and adhere to City of Calgary bylaws. The City can help with regards to enforcement. In working with the Community Association, we are seeking suggestions as to how can the community be a part of this solution?

Theme	Example
Safety (personal)	<p>The mailboxes for our street are located in the proposed off leash area. It is unfair to expect all residents to feel safe entering an off leash area to get their mail.</p> <p>Placement of a fence along woodglen way would be appreciated to keep dogs safe from traffic, and residents safe from loose dogs</p> <p>Not sure what to do, but I always feel uneasy having my kids come by on foot or bike around a bunch of leash-less dogs; I'm worried about them getting bit. I'd just ask to be mindful of how this space might intersect with the biking and walking paths.</p>
Safety (animal)	<p>Many dogs are already offleash in this area and run into the road which is a safety hazard. Yes this park is for the community, but making it officially offleash will bring more people in and more dogs will run into the road. A fence should be put up.</p> <p>Area is not wide enough to allow for proper use. It is often used already as off leash though not legally allowed and dogs frequently are on street. As a fellow dog owner I do not think this space will allow safety of dogs.</p> <p>If the off leash park is not completely fenced in, I do not want it in my neighborhood. I walk my dog on a leash always and have been attacked twice. Bylaw should be here handing out tickets regularly.</p>
Accessibility	<p>What would happen to the community mailboxes as they back onto this area and many people are not comfortable with dogs. Would there be a fence around the area preventing dogs from accessing the street as the space is very narrow for a dog park.</p> <p>Unleashed dogs would have unhindered access to school bus pickup, residents picking up their mail, and potential harm to</p>



	dogs from traffic on Woodglen Way. If it was fenced then residents would not have access to the walk area on berm
Environment	<p>The community association is very active and a great group to assist with the messaging in our community. In addition we will no longer have to drive to an off leash park which is great for the environment. Thanks for making this happen. Awesome idea.</p> <p>I live near the berm where this is being proposed and there is already a ton of dog poop on the berm! We don't need anymore disrespectful dog owners! It won't make the berm fun in the winter for little kids to toboggan down. I am totally opposed to this!</p>
Size and Location	This is a popular walking/cycling trail. Off-leash dogs are dangerous and should only be allowed in a fully-fenced-in enclosed area. This space is not conducive to full-fence due to the gradient/slope. Find a different spot!
Out of scope	Can we have a fence up all around the ring road and woodbine like we used to.
Education and Awareness	Educate owners to use the offleash park and advertise new offleash area rather than people allowing their dogs offleash where it is not allowed and not having control of them. Also, protect people and dogs crossing the bridge from being approached.

### Engage portal page – Ask the Expert

Theme	Example
Safety	<p>There are many parks in the city for dogs that are not close to the houses and my family is feared of the dogs. How could you guarantee the safety of my kids?</p> <p>What is being done to address safety concerns of those who would like to access the mailboxes along the park, who are afraid of dogs.</p>
Environment	<p>It would be nice to close the park in with lilac brushes against the fence the give a nicer view for the people living on the street side, trees inside would this be possible ? Do we need to fund raise ?</p> <p>Is the notice of tree removal on the berm related to this park proposal?</p>
Accessibility	What is being done to address safety concerns of those who would like to access the mailboxes along the park, who are afraid of dogs.



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Education and Awareness	Since the old off-leash park closed, many people have been using school fields and parks around playgrounds as an off-leash area. How will people find out about the new location? Will there be any enforcement or reminders in the places such as Woodbine School field and St. Jude school field that people are now using as an off-leash area?
Location	The area west of the Anderson Road pedestrian bridge is flatter and wider than the proposed off-leash park. As a family with a dog, it would make sense to utilize this area to let dogs roam on a larger flatter surface. Has this area been considered for the park, and if not, why not?
Consultation	I personally use the proposed area to walk to Tsuut'ina Nation School and I cannot use it anymore if the proposal is approved. Many First Nation people use this area too and might feel that an indirect way of isolation because of the terrible experience they had in the past. Did you consult or collaborate with the Tsuut'ina Nation about how the first nations or people work for them will be affected with your decision?
Out of Scope	<p>Why do not you build walls to reduce noise caused by the ring road instead in this area? It became so noisy after the ring road that we cannot even sleep and the area is already congested with highly traffic volume and noise. [...]</p> <p>We live near the pedestrian bridge over the Southwest Calgary ring road in Woodbine and the off-leash park was a significant factor in our home purchase several years ago. Can we anticipate this area having a fence constructed to separate the roadway from the Mattamy-Greenway area and the off-leash area to be reinstated in the future?</p>

[Engage portal page – Contact us](#)

To see input that was provided in the correspondence, please see the [Verbatim Responses](#) section.



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## Verbatim Comments

Verbatim comments presented here include all feedback, suggestions, comments and messages that were collected online and in-person through the engagement described in this report. All input has been reviewed and provided to Project Teams to be considered in decision making for the project.

Any personal identifying information has been removed from the verbatim comments presented here. Comments or portions of comments that contain profanity, or that are not in compliance with the [City's Respectful Workplace Policy](#) or [Online Tool Moderation Practice](#), have also been removed from participant submissions.

Wherever possible the remainder of the submissions remains. No other edits to the feedback have been made, and the verbatim comments are as received. As a result, some of the content in this verbatim record may still be considered offensive or distasteful to some readers.

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The area is now used as a walking trail, in winter cross country ski trail, snowshoe area... and yes dog walking off leash primarily.

Few users at present put their dog on leash... with regularity dogs run about freely and sometimes when interested in a bike, walker, or car driving on the road below run full tilt at that point of interest. This is unacceptable risk. Unacceptable to vehicular traffic and the hazards posed by potential of dogs running out onto street, unacceptable to pedestrians attempting to enjoy a walk and be unafraid of an ill mannered dog and untrained owner racing to them, jumping up, nuzzling etc.

The garbage receptacles proposed (which should include one at top of berm above existing mail boxes along berm) need to be there right now for users but aren't. Dog walkers rarely pick up their dogs business at present - rather purposefully choose to leave it there as if it were a giant bathroom meant for their disposal purposes... Granting full permission to run wild and free and do their business wherever will not change these habits. They are well ingrained already. This too is unacceptable for residents trying to pleasantly use the neighborhood walking areas.

There should be a fence erected midway down the hill towards the base of the berm. This fence should be a requirement if this is one of your already decided projects to be green lighted - which I would respectfully urge you to reconsider as the space is small and narrow. Erecting of a barrier with gate openings for access/egress would separate free running dogs from car traffic, and Mom's with babies in carriages & walkers on sidewalk who don't want to be harassed by dogs.



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**Question:** Responsible Pet ownership

**Question Details:** Many answers defer to the expectation that all owners will follow the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw. As the area is already illegally used as an off leash area, how can the City believe that owners will now suddenly follow the rules? Further to that, off leash dogs already regularly run down the slope while playing, does the City expect that this issue will not get worse when there are more dogs playing there?

**Question:** Reinstating original Woodbine off-leash area

**Question Details:** We live near the pedestrian bridge over the Southwest Calgary ring road in Woodbine and the off-leash park was a significant factor in our home purchase several years ago. Can we anticipate this area having a fence constructed to separate the roadway from the Mattamy-Greenway area and the off-leash area to be reinstated in the future?

**Question:** Do we as residence actually have a say in this

**Question Details:** I think this decision is already made like all other plans the city just wants to make residence think they have a say i just moved here right across from the way this is to be my dream home and now im faced to sell it if this goes through, why does the city not pick a city field to do this but ill tell u one thing dog owners will not be happy from me if this goes through.

**Question:** The Removal of Trees

**Question Details:** It has been a pleasure observing the healthy growth of the newly planted spruce trees on the berm. The health of the trees can be attributed to time and money spent by the City watering and caring for the trees. Why have you not been forthcoming in this engage session that the removal of these newly planted trees is part of the proposed development of the off-leash site? These beautiful trees have already been tagged— "proposed removal of public tree for development."

**Question:** Concerns about public safety

**Question Details:** Proposing an off-leash dog park, without fencing, placed adjacent to the mouths of two family-friendly cul de sacs is not prudent to the safety of our children. The City's Off Leash Dog Area Framework—"principals guiding dog use designation" stipulates that public health and safety must be considered. I urge you to consider these demographics: Woodfern Place is home to 15 children under the age of 12. Public safety concerns have been highlighted, isn't clear that this location is not suitable?

**Question:** Did you acknowledge First Nations who walk to work or school in the proposed area as a project team?

**Question Details:** I personally use the proposed area to walk to Tsuut'ina Nation School and I cannot use it anymore if the proposal is approved. Many First Nation people use this area too and might feel that an indirect way of isolation because of the terrible experience they had in the past. Did you consult or collaborate with the Tsuut'ina Nation about how the first nations or people work for them will be affected with your decision?

**Question:** Enforcement is the problem. Dog owners are not following bylaws.

**Question Details:** There is an assumption dog owners will follow the responsible dog ownership bylaws. The problem in Woodbine is a large number of dog owners who are unaware these bylaws exist. And



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despite multiple requests for enforcement, there is none, so dog owners do as they please. Dog walkers walking 3-6 dogs with no faeces bags ever. You can witness it multiple times a week.

**Question:** Utilize the flatter land area west of Anderson Road pedestrian bridge

**Question Details:** The area west of the Anderson Road pedestrian bridge is flatter and wider than the proposed off-leash park. As a family with a dog, it would make sense to utilize this area to let dogs roam on a larger flatter surface. Has this area been considered for the park, and if not, why not?

**Question:** Recent trees planted in the side of the berm

**Question Details:** The recently planted trees on the south side of the berm are tagged for removal from the proposed project. Why would the city remove these trees?

**Question:** Tree removal notice on berm

**Question Details:** Is the notice of tree removal on the berm related to this park proposal?

**Question:** How will people be notified?

**Question Details:** Since the old off-leash park closed, many people have been using school fields and parks around playgrounds as an off-leash area. How will people find out about the new location? Will there be any enforcement or reminders in the places such as Woodbine School field and St. Jude school field that people are now using as an off-leash area?

**Question:** Are you trying to increase criminal activity in the area?

**Question Details:** You say that "We also rely on community support and vigilance ...". It seems that you leave in an unrealistic world and already unaware of the situation and making assumptions rather than listening or asking people actually live there. I live there and I am already fed up with arguing some people breaking by law. Personally, I had two incidences with people that would almost turn into a physically fight. You want this project then take the ownership and make sure the law is implemented.

**Question:** Safety for those that live in the area

**Question Details:** As someone who lives next to the berm and regularly sees dogs run down the hill onto the road and at times across the street to nearby houses, I would like to know how this clear safety concern will be addressed. It is already a concern and by making the berm an official off leash area, it will only get worse. Unfortunately, a steep hill is not a deterrent. If the city is allowing this off leash area, they should also be responsible for ensuring the safety of the community members.

**Question:** How can you say that your poll is not biased?

**Question Details:** I would love the idea about your project having my dog in that unleashed area and support you by heart unless it is along my house or if it is along with someone else's property. What is the purpose of asking the whole city and instead of getting a feedback from the people who actually live along the side? How could you justify the poll results are not discriminating against the residents actually live along the sides or it replaces them in a minority situation?

**Question:** Question responses so far

**Question Details:** It seems a lot of the answers provided, especially to the request for fences and concerns about safety involve the responsibilities of pet owners. Unfortunately this is not a helpful response to these valid concerns. Please explain how residents will be kept safe from unsafe or uncontrolled pets (because not everyone is a responsible pet owner) if there are no plans to fence. Also, it seems this area is already disturbed enough without an off leash area.



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**Question:** Dogs running into road

**Question Details:** Lots of people already use this as an offleash area, and many dogs will run into the road, or if you are walking on the sidewalk across the road the dogs will come running towards you. A fence should be installed if we make this an official offleash area. No one wants to run over someone's dog, but there have been several close calls without some sort of barrier.

**Question:** What is your solution for people scared of the dogs that live in there?

**Question Details:** There are many parks in the city for dogs that are not close to the houses and my family is feared of the dogs. How could you guarantee the safety of my kids?

**Question:** What is the purpose of spending our tax money on a dog leash?

**Question Details:** What is the purpose of wasting our tax money on a dog leash instead there are many productive and efficient ways to use the area and reduce the noise?

**Question:** Why do not you build walls to reduce noise caused by the ring road instead in this area?

**Question Details:** Why do not you build walls to reduce noise caused by the ring road instead in this area? It became so noisy after the ring road that we cannot even sleep and the area is already congested with highly traffic volume and noise. Why do you want to even destroy the area further with building off leash area? It is proposed just in front of my house and we are already disturbed with the dogs and garbage, and congestion.

**Question:** What would happen to existing community mailboxes that are within this area? Will it be fenced?

**Question Details:** Many people are not comfortable with dogs and the community mailboxes are right in this right area. The space for dogs is limited and risky being right next to a road. There are dogs that are occasionally off leash in this area already and run into the road so it truly is not safe for the dogs. Area is poorly maintained and unless that's improved dog waste would be easily hidden everywhere.

**Question:** Safety concern of mailbox

**Question Details:** What is being done to address safety concerns of those who would like to access the mailboxes along the park, who are afraid of dogs.

**Question:** Fencrs

**Question Details:** Will there be fences along the east and west ends of the area? That stretch is already a pathway used by hikers, joggers and cyclists.

**Question:** Fencing / trees/ brushes

**Question Details:** It would be nice to close the park in with lilac brushes against the fence the give a nicer view for the people living on the street side, trees inside would this be possible ? Do we need to fund raise ?

**Question:** Will there be a fence along woodbine way?

**Question Details:** Will there be a fence put in place between the park and Woodbine Way? Dogs running down to the road is already a problem with people walking dogs off leash on the berm.



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**Question 4:** There is a responsibility on users, residents, visitors to respect and adhere to City of Calgary bylaws. The City can help with regards to enforcement. In working with the Community Association, we are seeking suggestions as to how can the community be a part of this solution?

387716 Dogs are often off leash here and come running off the hill and onto the street. A chain link fence would help prevent them running into the neighborhood street (woodglen way).

389796 This stretch of land is already frequently used by dog owners, many who always have their dogs off leash anyways. I think that a few parking spots should be designated so that residents don't have issues with parking in front of their homes.

387584 Will there be fencing added beyond what exists along Anderson Road? With the loss of 37th street off leash there is a need for fenced run areas. Parking will be an issue. Not centrally located. Walking to/from this area is over 6km.

389749 Can we have a fence up all around the ring road and woodbine like we used to.

390655 The proposed dogpark is too small, I am very disappointed of how much green space ( dogpark ) we lost, and expected a nice , proper size fenced in one , like other communities have ( Mahagony ) beautiful dogpark , where my so lives,maybe look at that one

390437 The narrowness of the corridor would only be exacerbated by identifying it as an off leash. The taxpayer's money would be better spent identifying a more suitable, better-shaped piece of land. We lost a great off leash along 37 St. with ring road so close

387445 the area would be better used for a bike and walking path to connect the communities if woodbine and woodlands to canton meadows. It is possible yo do both but I find it frustrating that my kids don't have a safe way to get to school on their own.

387337 I absolutely support this as a designated off leash area. We lost the off leash area that Woodbine had with the new road and retaining wall. I walk my dogs at this proposed site almost daily and would love it designated off leash.

390265 I do not agree and will have to sell my home.

387613 Although this is a step in the right direction, and I am in favor of this park, it would be nice to have a larger, fully enclosed space for a dog park.





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- 387638 I worries agree with using this space as an off leash dog area, however is there a plan to add additional fencing?
- 387561 I would suggest limited on street parking to encourage local people within walking distance to make use of the proposed area. For example, install no parking signs along the road below the ridge before and after the immediate area. Allowing 8-10 vehicles
- 388095 This area is used in large part by dog walkers already - many of which have their dogs off leash. Making it official would be beneficial for all.
- 387404 Easier way to report people who don't pick up their dog crap.
- 389595 I believe this to be a very positive initiative
- 389596 The community association is very active and a great group to assist with the messaging in our community. In addition we will no longer have to drive to an off leash park which is great for the environment. Thanks for making this happen. Awesome idea.
- 388781 The area should be dog free
- 387464 Not a dog owner but love animals of all kinds. I do however live a few houses down from the berm so even though I responded "no impact" on question 2 I do believe more thought should be considered in this proposal. Sorry, no more characters left to finis
- 388233 Should be extended all the way to 130 Ave. Why is it stopping where it is.
- 387538 I think more garbage cans is a great idea. There is currently a lot of garbage and dog poop left on the ground. People are already using this area as off leash.
- 387360 Keep it fenced and clearly away from the bike path. I am glad i live far enough away that my street and house will not be used as a parking lot for this park. Typical Calgary to plan areas that abuse residential parking.
- 388102 I already have to pick dog poo from the irresponsible dog owners who currently run their dogs off leash. If you think for one minute that placing garbage cans will help you just don't get it. We have asked for this land to be mowed several times, no ans.
- 387496 Must be fully fenced all sides!
- 389602 I walk from that little hill to the work and need dog free fences around
- 389801 Everyone must be responsible for their own dog and clean up.
- 387351 This is a great use of space! Hopefully it becomes a reality!





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- 388969 Find some qualified and dedicated professionals who are interested to know what really matters for the community.
- 387495 Hoping this will be fenced for the safety of the dogs right beside Anderson.
- 388231 I believe there is a school bus that picks up children on Woodglen Way. I don't believe that an unfenced dog park in this area is wise for obvious reasons
- 388288 Unleashed dogs would have unhindered access to school bus pickup, residents picking up their mail, and potential harm to dogs from traffic on Woodglen Way. If it was fenced then residents would not have access to the walk area on berm
- 390321 A lot of people use it to go to work and kids use it to go to school. It is risky it should build in a non residential areas not like this. The city has no right to risk public safety. It should prevent and enforce the bylaw in residential areas.
- 388725 Add garbage cans that would be maintained by the City and relevant signage stating dogs must be leashed for the safety of the residents and kids live there. Do not encourage or reward a few law breakers because you did not implement by law properly.
- 388330 Build the sound walls, clean the area, do not encourage spying or fight between people. Do what you supposed to do and build that areas away from the residential areas.
- 389072 Clean the area, put security cameras and make sure by law is implemented for all. Do not reward a few by law breakers and encourage people to break the law that they can change for the future. Leave the area safe that kids can play or exercise too.
- 388416 Do not do it. You will put safety of families at risk. What is wrong with keeping dogs leashed in residential areas? Why do you take the risk? It is not a park and surrounded with houses along the side.
- 388226 Dog unleash areas should not be near residential areas. Have a heart for the kids not only for the dogs.
- 389333 Dogs should be leashed in residential areas close by like this.
- 387448 Fix the noise you guys caused.
- 388927 Have a heart. There are houses close by.
- 389679 How are you going to accommodate disabled, kids, and pedestrians use the top of the hill?
- 387427 I am really feared off the dogs off leased and I do not want it in my place. My house is exactly close by the area you are proposing. I will take a legal action against it if it occurs.



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- 390318 I have allergies to dogs. If the dogs unleashed, I cannot walk to school anymore with my friends.
- 389579 I use the top of the beam for my daughter who is disabled and on a wheelchair. I cannot take her any more if the dogs unleashed. Will you accommodate disabled people use the area too?
- 388610 If the city wants it in this residential area, it must be all safely fenced around all the unleashed area. It should not do it without fence or else lots of conflict and problems.
- 388424 If you do it. Take the responsibility for it yourself or else there will be fights.
- 389627 In a residential areas like this dogs must be leashed and the city must enforce the by law not to give up a few law breakers.
- 389667 Is it worth to take all of the risks in a residential area like this just for the people to unleash instead of leash their dogs?
- 388898 It is a great idea unless it is attached to the residential area. I love the idea even though I do not live close by and it would benefit me but as an ethical person I would not find it fair for the people live close by.
- 390194 It is a highly used pedestrian area
- 389807 It is a pathway to school or work not an isolated area.
- 390529 It is a public walkway to work not a park
- 388332 It is a shame to see our tax money is wasted to staff that come up with that idea instead of taking care of the area and reducing noise. Hire real professionals and fire that project team.
- 389660 It is a walkway to work
- 390678 It is great to have my dogs unleashed away from my area. I hope you make us bigger parking lot that me and my friends can park there.
- 390195 It is my exercise place to run
- 389808 It is my walking way to work
- 389015 It is not a jungle. There are houses near by
- 388275 It is not safe to do it there
- 388262 It seems that decision is rewarding a few by law breakers.
- 390531 It will become scary for me to go to school



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- 388703 Keep the area clean and safe for everyone. We use it for tobaganning for our kids in winter.
- 388562 Leave the residents live there alone.
- 389687 Make it a dog free area, clean and make kid play area.
- 389639 Must be away from residential area
- 388229 My kids play and bike around there and they scared of the dogs why do you want to take away their childhood?
- 389973 Need a separate dog free walk way on top of the hill so that people can still walk to work.
- 388613 Need to be fenced all over
- 389634 Need to divide the area for dog free too
- 389620 Need to separate the beam pedestrian only for safety with no dogs access.
- 388903 No logic to build it in residential areas. There are houses there hallo?
- 388666 No person with a little bit logic would allow dogs unleashed around or along the residential areas unless he/she wants to create problems in the area. It should be either away or very well fenced all around.
- 390527 Not safe too close to houses
- 388667 Our kids play there and we walk there for a fresh air. Why are you taking it away? What is wrong with having dogs leashed in residential areas?
- 390213 Public health and safety would be at risk in an unleashed area close by houses like that
- 389982 Should be no dog area build on the berm to be able to walk to work.
- 390320 So close by houses around the proposed area and puts the public safety and health at a great risk.
- 389576 The area must be clearly divided with two fences for the pedestrian and dog area. Our kids use top of the beam to go to school and cannot let them mixed with unleashed dogs.
- 389550 The area should be divided pedestrian only where the berm is and fenced securely between and no dog or pets zone to accommodate and make it multi user friendly to be fear
- 389943 The berm is mainly used for my family to go to work and school. We cannot use it anymore if the dogs are unleashed



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- 388554 The city already did not take care of the area. No need to make a bigger mess. Implement the by-law and make sure dogs are leashed for the use of everyone not only dog owners.
- 388223 The city could not help with enforcement and encouraging criminal activity between residents and by walkers with their dogs
- 388561 The city did not enforce the law and there was some fights. The city seems to see more fights and reward a few law breakers.
- 388276 The city is trying to encourage the criminal activity in the area. There will be fights after that for sure.
- 390533 The city needs to enforce the law of leashed dog or no dogs for the public walkway like this for safety reasons
- 388261 The city should not only help with enforcement rather take the main responsibility for the safety problems and prevent conflicts that will arise. Dogs unleashed area should not be within residential houses.
- 389332 The project team need to focus on by law is implemented and dogs are leashed by every one
- 388930 The project team should have some degrees with qualified people who are able to make risk analysis and able to consider all pro's and con's without discrimination. Made of multicultural people and natives so that they do not propose the area in a residen
- 388224 The proposal will put resident kids safety along the proposal at risk
- 389577 The top of the hill is used for school access for kids regularly and not safe to let dogs unleashed.
- 389877 There will be a lot of trouble and fights thanks to the project team for prospering it.
- 388419 This was the area we use for our kids with the people leash their dogs except a few by law breakers that would be manageable. ..
- 389659 Too close to the residents.
- 390319 We need a kids play area that is dog free in there first.
- 390645 We pay taxes to be used effectively. Clean the area and make it nice, safe and healthy for the residents
- 387928 What is the purpose of spending our tax money on a dog leash?
- 387447 Why do you bother with a dog leash area? Fix the noise created by the ring road. We want a quite and a clean area.



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- 389681 Would you guarantee the safety of the people live along the way?
- 387430 You already destroyed the area by building the ring road and noise. Leave our neighborhood alone and build walls to reduce noise there instead.
- 389754 Enforcement is non existent. Dog feces and dogs off leash are a regular occurrence in multiple green spaces in Woodbine. No one is addressing the dog owners who don't pick up their dogs poop and allow their dogs to come and jump up on you now.
- 387520 Unless there is active enforcement many people do not pick up their dogs poo. Especially when they think no one's watching. The green path that runs up Anderson rd has lots of dog poop. We see because we face this green area all my the walking path.
- 387513 I just hope everyone picks up after their dogs.
- 388232 It needs to be fenced. Otherwise it's useless for off leash.
- 387459 Only concern is increase in traffic from other communities.
- 387439 Suggest a garbage in the middle as well as ends to minimize waste.
- 387804 All the answers I am seeing are avoiding the question of safety. Yes people use the top of the berm, but that doesn't stop dogs running into the road without a barrier. I doubt you want constant bylaw calls about people not controlling their pets here?
- 387799 Many dogs are already offleash in this area and run into the road which is a safety hazard. Yes this park is for the community, but making it officially offleash will bring more people in and more dogs will run into the road. A fence should be put up.
- 389746 Accessible garbage bins, a communal container of some sort where we can donate dog poop bags
- 388137 We need this dog park . Too many off leash dogs in the school field. Dog poop everywhere in the field. This is perfect. Thank you
- 387532 I think there will be a lot of parking in the area as there is no parking lot. I think people will come from other than woodbine/woodlands.
- 388345 To help notify people who are using Woodbine School and St. Jude School fields as off-leash areas that there is now an official off-leash area.
- 387665 We are happy to see some advancements for this area along Anderson Road. What we are most concerned about is the green space to the WEST of this proposed area, which has NO barriers/fencing - keeping dogs, children from the very busy Anderson Road!



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- 387407 Great idea! I know we have access to Fish Creek Park a short drive away but it would be fantastic to have something like this in walking distance within our community.
- 387393 Having the dog park might encourage people not to exercise their dogs on the elementary school grounds, which would be wonderful!
- 387612 I own two dogs and use the Braeside dog park on a regular basis. I so badly want a dog park in my neighbourhood but this is not an appropriate spot. It is noisy — one dog already trembles at the Braeside park — and the ground is uneven and in poor shape.
- 387569 It isn't a true dog park unless it is fully fenced. This is basically a stretch of grass that the city would be allowing off leash dogs on. Try harder to make a real dog park.
- 387414 Happy about this being structured as many already use this as an of leash area. We frequent this spot nearly every day with our dog. Only complaint is that people don't pick up after their dogs, thus more amenities to encourage /enforce would be fantastic
- 390416 I live in Woodlands and consider Woodbine to be part of my Woodcreek community. I support this zoning proposal whole heartedly. The garbage smell is a non issue as many houses already have their bins in lanes just meters away from the park.
- 390607 It is not a good place for this
- 390609 Stop abusing the area and make something nice
- 390157 I am not in favour of this area becoming an off-leash area. I live on the street this borders and have had multiple issues with off leash dogs.
- 387578 I live right next to this proposed area and I can tell you I have seen two dogs attack other dogs in our cul-de-sac while they are in their own property we also allow our children to play outside so how is this going to help if it is not fenced off.
- 390459 Annual community spring cleanup of park (poop)
- 390453 We could place a small 'bag box' near one (or both) of the garbage cans to ensure owners pick up after their dogs
- 389748 Ideally the entire dog park would be fenced off, even with a half height chain link. If the existing post and cable fence is the only barrier along the street side I think there will be dog/ vehicle interactions. Otherwise love the location and the idea
- 387480 This park would be less than a block from our home. It would create traffic and noise. Currently it is acceptable as is



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- 387454 Area is not wide enough to allow for proper use. It is often used already as off leash though not legally allowed and dogs frequently are on street. As a fellow dog owner I do not think this space will allow safety of dogs.
- 390557 No barrier to prevent dogs from coming into Woodglen Way. Bring such a tiny proposed area in a less than ideal location, nothing currently stops dogs running at people walking their dogs along the sidewalk on Woodglen way. Kids use this hill for sledding
- 387489 What would happen to the community mailboxes as they back onto this area and many people are not comfortable with dogs. Would there be a fence around the area preventing dogs from accessing the street as the space is very narrow for a dog park.
- 387388 As the area is not fenced in both sides and off leash dogs already tend to run down the hill towards the houses, creating an official off leash area will further increase the risk to people walking across the street and motorists driving.
- 387460 The mailboxes for our street are located in the proposed off leash area. It is unfair to expect all residents to feel safe entering an off leash area to get their mail.
- 387383 What is the question here? Poorly worded phrase
- 389998 Better enforcement or not making it an off leash area
- 389800 There are already issues with dogs running off leash in this area when it is an area that lots of children and families use, I don't want to make this problem worse with the proposed off leash area.
- 387476 Long way to go for a dog park anyone along the 22x corridor. There used to be one by Spruce Meadows. There needs to be something south of fish creek park! And more than one.
- 389841 Organize seasonal dog poop picking up days.
- 387428 Enforce poop pickup! People up along there now do not pick up their dogs poop. It's awful along that path! I'd love enforcement!
- 387471 I live in Woodlands and used to use the park prior to construction. Will there be an off leash dog park in Woodlands? Thank you.
- 389827 I think the best way to have park users adhere to the bylaws is to invest in the area with garbages, nice clear paths, and not let the area away from the paths get over run with trees and grass, so people will have less reason to not pick up dog poop.
- 387684 Understanding that this will be a dog area and they must be ok with dogs to be in that area





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- 390363 Why do not finish the pathway from the pedestrian bridge on anderson. to 24th and anderson rd since the is no way to get there. We Do Not another dog park, there is one 1/2 mile away south on anderson and 14th st
- 390469 an off leash dog park is a great idea. The proposed area is already used as such however without it being fenced in the traffic is a concern on the crescent as well as Anderson Rd. without self closing gates I would never use it for my dogs.
- 387367 One more garbage in the middle of the park. Parking (at least a few stalls) is needed.
- 388166 This isn't really a question I care about - please ask more about the off leash area itself. Please make it completely fenced.
- 387371 This area has been used for a while as an off leash - the dog feces is disgusting. No one cleans up after their pet.
- 387484 We have lots of dogs in our woodbine community it will be amazing to have anoth
- 387397 If this area is also used by cyclists, it will not be a safe place for dogs off leash or walkers.
- 389704 It is invitation to increase criminal activities j
- 389705 There will be fights with the residents and dog owners and the project team is creating it.
- 389698 Will you build a dog free crosswalk so that we can go to w
- 388339 People are already walking their dogs up there and off leash. I don't expect to see large increases as the park will remain I fenced on one side, deterring many would be users.
- 389871 This will decimate property values of houses directly across the street from it. Put it back on 37th behind houses where it was before.
- 389461 This will impede freedom of movement for people who like to walk up there and will significantly negatively affect my property value.
- 387421 Will this connect to the previous off leash park along 37th street? Will the pathway be paved so cyclists can use it as well?
- 387838 I am not sure what you are asking here
- 387426 Placement of a fence along woodglen way would be appreciated to keep dogs safe from traffic, and residents safe from loose dogs
- 387417 I live right by the proposed area, and frequently walk our dog there. I wholeheartedly encourage this proposal, with the addition of garbage cans. There is one section of fence that does not properly reach the ground.



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- 387369 Please include signage that the area is off leash and speed limit signs for bicycle users.
- 387436 It would be nice to see a fence between woodbine and Anderson/Stoney trail the entire area to prevent dogs or children from potentially ending up
- 388087 Enforcement on dog droppings, and also be there to help the community.
- 390008 I support the principle of an off-leash area. The proposed narrow location with no fencing on the south will result in dogs running on the street. Move the off-leash further south again by the sound barrier wall. street
- 387452 Please do not fence the area off at the east and west ends. This stretch is already part of a pathway used by hikers, joggers and cyclists.
- 387406 During the winter - accessing the berm is difficult when the City's snow-clearing piles up snow at the edge of the paved section and also at the entrance to the pathway from the street. Ensure they clear so that the rest of the berm is accessible!
- 390598 Ensure the area is fenced off along the house street side.
- 387518 I live near the berm where this is being proposed and there is already a ton of dog poop on the berm! We don't need anymore disrespectful dog owners! It won't make the berm fun in the winter for little kids to toboggan down. I am totally opposed to this!
- 387686 That path is often used by runners and cyclists, if it is going to be fenced off it could cause some detours.
- 387534 Right now people use the space as a dog park. As a responsible dog owner the follows the rules I would very much like the space to be an official off leash area. Would a fence be added to close it off?
- 390348 This area is too close to residences. Trees and naturalization of this area has already been done therefore if these trees were removed it would be a waste of money and resources. An off lease area need to wide and open free of residence and roadways.
- 390553 Too close to residence and roadway. a
- 387405 Educate owners to use the offleash park and advertise new offleash area rather than people allowing their dogs offleash where it is not allowed and not having control of them. Also, protect people and dogs crossing the bridge from being approached.
- 387408 I just want to say that if we so put a dog park here it should be a closed off one to avoid having animals get free.



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387795 1) This area is already amicably shared by dog folks, cyclists, walkers I'm a walker. The area is too narrow for increased dog traffic. A more spacious (fenced) area would a true dog park. Area is not signed 4 even minimal increased parking.

388250 There is already an issue with dog walkers not picking up after their dogs and currently there are children that use the area for playing on that is being considered for use. There are sufficient areas already designated for such use in the area.

388440 Sad excuse for a park. Traffic noise/speed is stressful to dogs/people. Community already using this area as off leash. Policy modernization needed - value of dogs considered. Dogs have become modern day "indigenous people" policy expects assimilation.

388244 Not sure what to do, but I always feel uneasy having my kids come by on foot or bike around a bunch of leash-less dogs; I'm worried about them getting bit. I'd just ask to be mindful of how this space might intersect with the biking and walking paths.

390554 I see no capacity to contain the off leash dogs on the berm streetside . There is of course a fence stopping running out onto Anderson road but no fencing containing free running dogs on street side. Unacceptable hazards to people walking and to cars.

387889 Leave it as is, too much traffic in the area as it is from the pedestrian bridge, thefts and break-I s increased after the bridge. We don't need anymore people accessing the community.

388783 As a resident of the 100 block of Woodfern place we already have a large problem with dogs running around off leash and unattended as is. It would only exacerbate the problem as there are many young children in the area. This is not a good idea.

389825 The area should be larger, like it was before the construction so it is in everyone's backyard, not just a small handful. Then more will feel responsible for keeping it clean cause it's in everyone's backyard

387424 Gates at both ends self closing , totally fenced in, have hills , logs and fenced off tree islands, water fountain for dogs, gravel pathway. Sound wall on Anderson rd side of park, lost and found board , drop box for people to donate clear poop bags ,

387374 Garbage bins

387805 Whatever you do, do not connect it to the rotary Greenway or put any sort of bike/path trail on the proposed site. Cyclists in this city do not know how to share the pathways, and can be particularly rude to dog walkers.

387779 I live across from the proposed park it is already being used for all these reasons why change it it doesn't bother me I love dogs it's the people's garbage I worry about..



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388162 Not sure community association need to be involved other than telling residents of problems and encouraging good practices .

387709 If the off leash park is not completely fenced in, I do not want it in my neighborhood. I walk my dog on a leash always and have been attacked twice. Bylaw should be here handing out tickets regularly.

387451 Ensure dogs are friendly and owners are responsible for their pet maintaining all shots/inoculations.

390656 My only concern is for the wildlife (e.g. deer, coyotes) that regularly use this area to cross to other grassy areas. If the southern fence line comes right down to street level, they may resort to walking down our street.

389783 Post the by laws but have pet ambassadors as well. I would also suggest signage that if your dog is not friendly please keep on a leash

390657 This will block me from accessing the overpass to the walkway. Dogs scare me and my family and we will never enter an off leash area. This will destroy my 36 years living in Woodbine. Do not make this.

390361 We live on Woodford Dr. We go down the alley and up to the hill to walk to the overpass over Anderson that connects to the walking path. This is the only way for us to get to the overpass without winding through the hood. We HATE dogs! Terrible idea!

387468 Reminders in the Woodcreek newsletter to pick up after your dog.

387336

387378 Please provide garbage bins, and access to bags in the park. Also, is there fencing along Anderson? There should be fencing to prevent dogs from getting onto Anderson Rd.

387330 I live in Evergreen and we would appreciate considering a dog park for under 20 pound dogs. there is not such thing anywhere and there are plenty of dog areas for larger dogs. Smaller breeds struggle to be on safe environment. gated are perhaps for them?

387646 I would like to see a dog park for small dogs.

387333 small breed dogs need attention. enough areas for big dogs already!

387332 we need parks for smaller breeds. At least an area for just small dogs PLEASE!!

387334 will there be room for small dogs to use the space safely? they cant use the spaces designated around the city because of larger breeds. Thanks for your consideration.



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389874        The area is only fenced on one side, unless that would be changed I don't see it being practical. Because it is on the berm I'm not understanding what other use the area would have. Is it possible to get further information?

387620        This is a popular walking/cycling trail. Off-leash dogs are dangerous and should only be allowed in a fully-fenced-in enclosed area. This space is not conducive to full-fence due to the gradient/slope. Find a different spot!

387936        should have a fenced small dog area too

389727        In making your final decision, I urge you to put safety first. Woodfern cul de sac is home to 15 children under the age of 13. This is not a safe or appropriate place for an off leash. Please consider our concern as parents. Please revisit the safety.