

Comparison of Processes for Development or Enhancement of Off-leash Dog Parks

The table below presents a comparison of the processes used or potentially available for developing or enhancing dog off-leash areas.

Table 1: Comparison of Processes for Off-leash Dog Parks

| | Current Off-Leash Area Establishment & Enhancement Processes | | Alternative (Existing) Processes for Creating Off-Leash Dog Parks | |
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| | Capital Projects | Developer Projects | Community Group Led Construction (CGL) | Temporary Off-Leash (Rink) Pilot Program |
| Project Proponent & Funding Source | City | Developer, or partnership with the City | Community groups, community league licenced land | Community groups, community league licenced land |
| Landbase | City | Developer initially, then City once inventory is transferred | Community league licenced land | Community league licenced land |
| Project Timelines | Completion 1-3 years following capital approval | Around 2-3 years | Variable, resource-dependent | About 2 weeks from application submission to approval |
| Alignment to Dogs in Open Spaces Strategy | Strong alignment for infrastructure, ensured through City planning, management and operation Lack of alignment for operating impacts | Strong alignment, ensured through development approvals and Shared Park Development Process | Process changes required to ensure alignment | Process changes required to ensure alignment |
| Alignment to Community Parks Framework (pending) | Process changes required to ensure alignment | Process changes required to ensure alignment | Process changes required to ensure alignment | Process changes required to ensure alignment |
| Maintenance & Operation | City | City, once inventory is transferred | Maintenance and Operation: Community group/league | Maintenance and Operation: Community group/league |
| Insurance Responsibility | City | Developer initially, then City once inventory is transferred | Community groups, insurance costs may rise with increased liability | Community groups |
| Program Support | City | City, once inventory is transferred | City (Park and Facility Development Team and Dogs Off-Leash Coordinators) | City (Dogs Off-Leash Coordinator) |
| Special Risks or Issues | Ensuring operational funding is available for operating impacts of capital for ongoing maintenance and enforcement of off-leash areas. | Ensuring operational funding is available for developer contributed assets for ongoing maintenance and enforcement of off-leash areas. | City would not operate, maintain, or assume responsibility or liability for off-leash areas. | City would not operate, maintain, or assume responsibility or liability for off-leash areas. |