



TO: Parks Commission  
FROM: Cindi Wight, Director  
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RE: Beach off leash areas and Permitted Beach fires

**Background:**

Burlington loves dogs and beaches! Currently dogs are allowed at what is known as “Texaco Beach” and are not allowed but frequently are at Oakledge, Leddy and Northshore Natural Area.

Beach fires are a regular occurrence at Leddy Park and have been for generations.

What if we embraced some of this as there is obviously interest and created sanctioned areas?

**DOGS**

1) Leddy

- From the southernmost ramp to the south end of the public beach allow for dogs.
- Add signage between sections – one to indicate no dogs allowed and another identifying private property line

2) Oakledge

- Allows dogs at Oakledge Cove keeping Blanchard Beach as no dogs allowed. This was recommended as part of the Appendix D change with the 2011-2013 Task Force.

3) Northshore Natural Area

- Allow dogs in the section between the southernmost set of stairs and the ramp leading down to the natural area and keep the section between the ramp and the northernmost set of stairs as no dogs allowed.

**BEACH FIRES**

Consider creating designated areas at City beaches for permitted beach fires. A permit would have an associated fee and designated hours.

**NEXT STEPS**

Continue the discussion at the next Parks Commission meeting with the potential of a vote.