

Beginning of the survey

In 2000, the City Council passed a resolution allowing off-leash areas in City Parks as a pilot. The pilot was extended in 2002 for an additional year due to its length to get the project off the ground. The pilot included the two fenced dog parks, Waterfront and Starr Farm, plus it had non-fenced areas in other parks.

In 2011, the City requested a task force be created to review the off-leash area rules, make amendments as needed, and formalize the off-leash area rules to no longer be a pilot. At the time, the Director formed a workgroup and worked extensively for two years researching best practices across the country and meeting with Burlington residents to determine what was best for Burlington.

In 2013, the workgroup created a final report, but due to other projects' timing, the recommendations did not make it to Council to be approved and formalized. Since the completion of the report has been seven years, we are surveying residents on the proposed actions to get input before formalizing through Council action.

For purposes of this survey, we will use the term "dog park" to define a space with a fence around it for dogs to be off-leash and "off-leash area" references all areas, including fenced where dogs are allowed to be off-leash.

To see the list of rules for off-leash areas, visit: [Appendix D](#)

Summer = April 2 to mid-Oct

Winter = mid-Oct to April 1

Demographics

Do you live in Burlington? [will use survey logic]

If yes, what Ward do you live in?

If you live outside Burlington, please list the name of your town/city

Age [use standard age brackets]

Do you currently own a dog?

Location preferences

Please indicate on the scale your preferences for the location of an off-leash area for each site.

[1 – not a good site 3 – neutral 5 – got to have it]

Starr Farm Dog Park (fenced)

Waterfront Dog Park (fenced)

Calahan Park open space (not athletic fields, courts or near playgrounds) – year-round (dawn – 10:00 a.m.) and winter (3:00 p.m. – dusk)

Leddy Park – year round (not athletic fields, courts or near playgrounds)

Leddy Beach – designated off-leash area (south beach entrance to south property line)

North Shore Natural Area – designated off leash area (south stairs to ramp access)

Oakledge Park open space – winter only

Roosevelt Park open space (not athletic fields, courts or in playground) – year-round (dawn – 10:00 a.m.) and winter (3:00 p.m. – dusk)

Schmanska Park open space (not athletic fields, courts or near playground) – year-round (dawn – 10:00 a.m.) and winter (3:00 p.m. – dusk)

Do you think it should be a priority to make available off leash areas for different areas in Burlington?

Open ended comments

Include comments here on the limited times and limited locations within a park that are specified for some parks.

Please use the box below to add in any additional comments regarding off-leash areas.