



# Evanston Off-leash Area

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## Project overview

The City of Calgary, in partnership with the Evanston Community Association, is proposing an off-leash dog area to the east of Symons Valley Parkway N.W., in the green space between Evansford Circle N.W. and Evansford Grove N.W. The area being proposed is 1.5 hectares and would be intended to serve residents who live within walking distance (up to 800 metres away).

## Engagement overview

The City held a public open house on Monday, May 14th, 2018 to ask citizens what they thought about the proposal. For those who weren't able to attend the open house, an online feedback form was posted from May 14th to May 28th, 2018 to allow citizens to review the overall proposal and provide input and feedback.

## What we asked

- Respondents were asked what they thought about the proposal on a four-point scale:
  - I like it a lot,  I like it,  I don't like it,  I don't like it at all
- Respondents were then asked 'Please explain why' they selected their response.
- Respondents were asked 'What are your opportunities/ hopes for the proposed off-leash area?'
- Respondents were asked 'What are your issues/ concerns' for the proposed off-leash area?'
- Respondents were asked 'If you currently use the site, what activities do you use it for?'

Respondents were also asked two basic demographic questions:

- Where do you live?
  - I live or work right next to or across from the park
  - I live in the neighbourhood
  - I live downtown
  - I live outside of downtown
- Why are you interested in this project?
  - I live or work nearby
  - I currently use the park
  - I'm an off-leash park user
  - I'm an interested citizen



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## What we heard

The preference charts and themes presented on pages 2-6 summarize all of the input that was received at the public open house on May 14th and the online feedback between May 14th and May 28th.

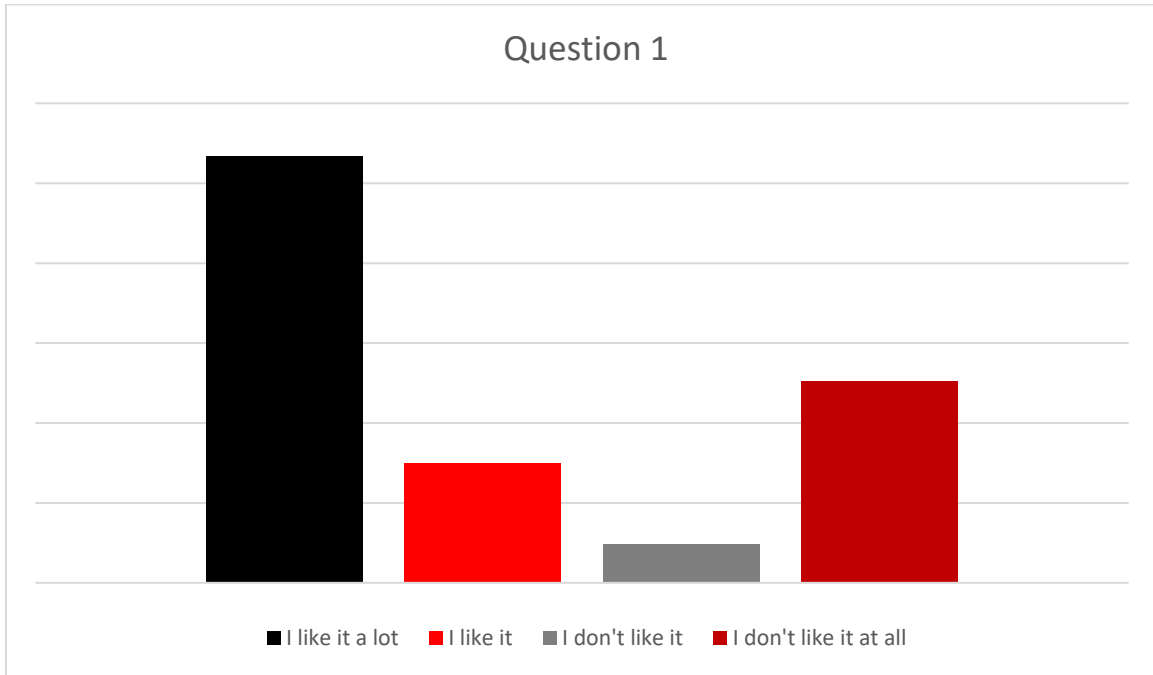
Charts are included to show the relative levels of support that the proposal received. The charts are a useful way to see overall trends and how strongly respondents felt about each question. Participants who felt very strongly about any given option may have placed more than one mark or submitted multiple surveys, but it is important not to view the chart as a strict “vote” but rather an illustration of general levels of support.

The general purpose of engagement as outlined in the Engage Administrative Framework is to ensure that all voices are heard and considered when making decisions that impact others. While our hope at the end of a project is that all stakeholders are happy with the outcome, that is generally not realistic. What we will do is listen to all stakeholders and make the most informed decision possible.

### Question 1

*Based on the proposed site map/location, how do you feel about the proposal?*

- Just under 500 responses were collected to the question in-person and online.
- The majority of responses indicated approval of the proposal.
- It appears that while there is strong support for the proposal, the proposal as presented is somewhat polarizing.



When respondents were asked 'Please explain why', the following themes were expressed. Themes are listed in order from most commonly mentioned to least commonly mentioned.

Themes for responses to 'I like it a lot/ I like it'	Themes for responses to 'I don't like it/ I don't like it at all'
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a community and City quadrant (NW) need</li> <li>• General desire for area to bring dogs without use of leash</li> <li>• Good location (proximity) that doesn't require driving</li> <li>• Good opportunity for community socializing (both for people and dogs)</li> <li>• May minimize number areas being used as off-leash that are not designated for this use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking concerns</li> <li>• Concerns of increased traffic in the area</li> <li>• Safety concerns</li> <li>• General lack of support for the proposal</li> <li>• Proximity to road (safety concern) and desire to have area fenced</li> <li>• Concerns about dog waste</li> <li>• Privacy concerns of adjacent residents</li> <li>• Noise concerns of adjacent residents</li> <li>• Concerns with close proximity of adjacent residents to proposed area</li> </ul>

\* For a full listing of all comments collected, please see the verbatim section beginning on page 7.



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Respondents were also asked:

*‘What are your opportunities/ hopes for the proposed off-leash area?’ and “What are your issues/concerns for the proposed off-leash area?”*

The following themes were expressed. Themes are listed in order from most commonly mentioned to least commonly mentioned.

Critical Themes	Neutral Themes	Supportive Themes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggest the area to be fenced</li> <li>• General lack of support for the proposal</li> <li>• Parking concerns</li> <li>• Concerns of increased traffic in the area</li> <li>• Suggestion of finding a different location</li> <li>• Safety concerns due to proximity to road (specifically if no fence is installed)</li> <li>• Concerns with close proximity of adjacent residents to proposed area</li> <li>• Concerns of dog waste</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for adequate amount of garbage cans for dog waste</li> <li>• Need to maintain cleanliness of area</li> <li>• Need to maintain safety in the area</li> <li>• Responsible pet ownership is of high value</li> <li>• Desire for watering system</li> <li>• May minimize number areas being used as off-leash that are not designated for this use</li> <li>• No concerns with proposal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a community and City quadrant (NW) need</li> <li>• General support for the proposal</li> <li>• Desire for enhancement in area (E.G. community garden, additional trees, benches, etc.)</li> <li>• Good opportunity for community socializing (both for people and dogs)</li> </ul>

Respondents were also asked:

*‘if you currently use the site, what activities do you use it for?’*

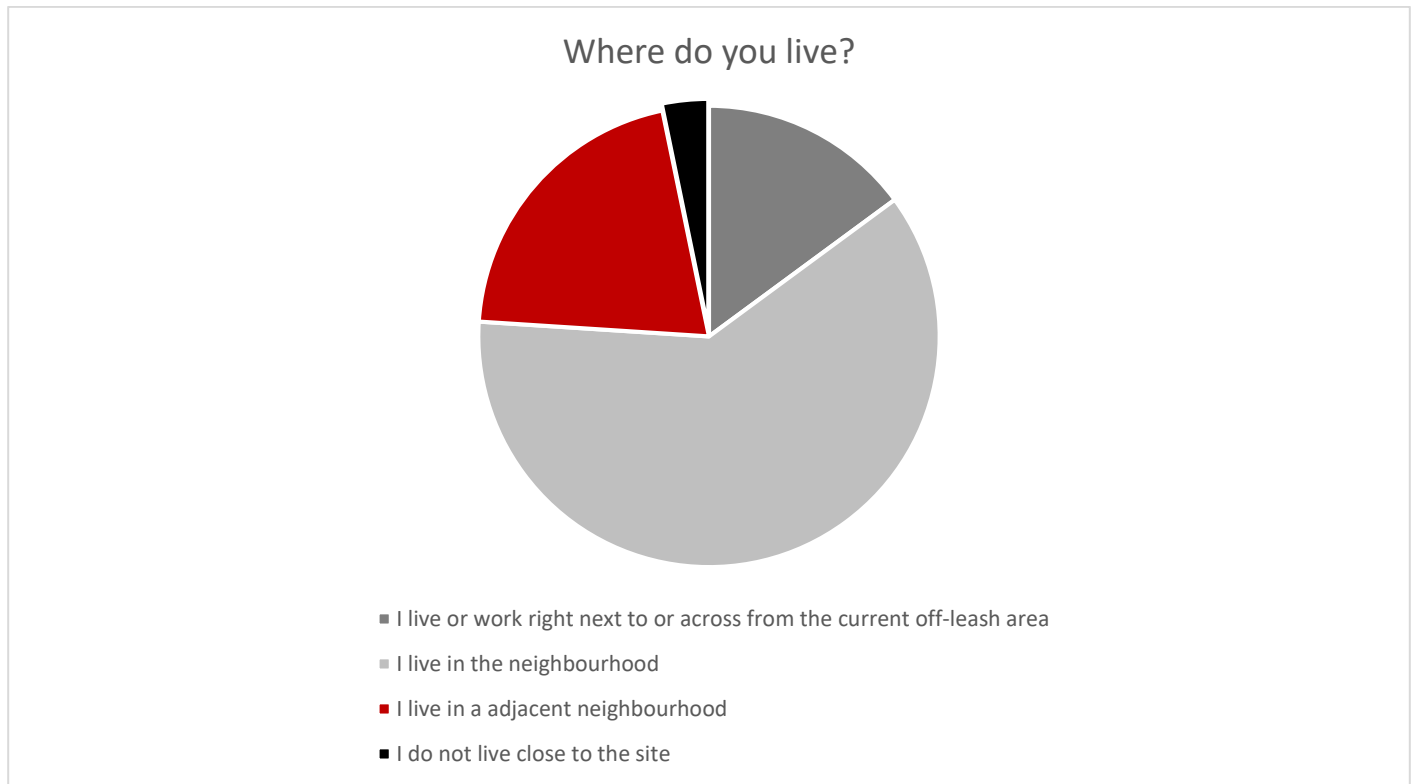
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Themes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently taking dogs to site</li> <li>• General recreation (examples include children playing, soccer, hockey, kite flying, Frisbee tossing, etc.)</li> <li>• Walking / hiking</li> <li>• Community transportation corridor</li> <li>• Do not currently use</li> <li>• General lack of support</li> <li>• Currently not using the space, but will if the off-leash proposal is approved</li> </ul>

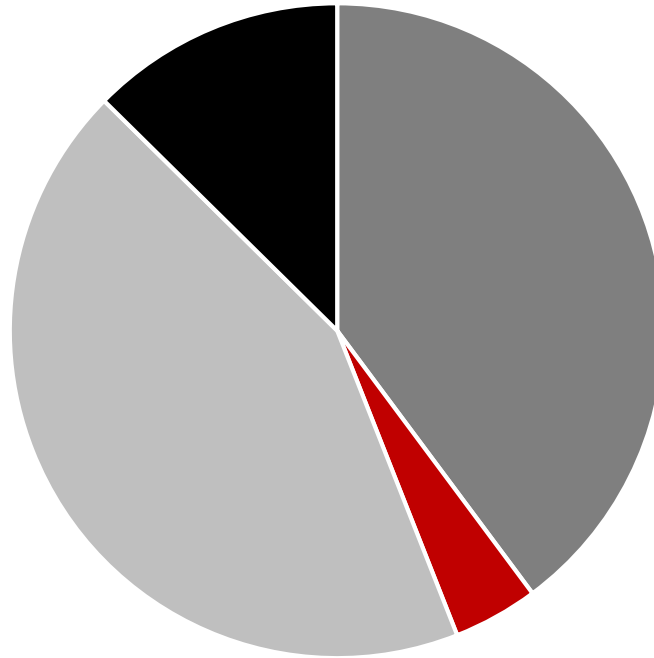
- Community gathering space

## Demographic Questions

In order to see if we were speaking to the residents who would be impacted by this proposed change, we asked respondents two demographic questions. The results are below.



Why are you interested in this project?



- I live or work nearby
- I currently use the site
- I'm an offleash park user
- I'm an interested citizen



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## What we did

The City of Calgary has decided to conduct a one-year pilot of the Evanston off-leash area. After one-year, Calgary Parks will review the operation with stakeholders including the community association, ward Councillor, Calgary Community Standards, and Parks operations. This review will inform a recommendation on whether a permanent off-leash area is implemented. The decision criteria used to evaluate the pilot will include the number of complaints to Community Standards, the nature of those complaints, parking issues, and site conditions.

Theme	City Response
There is a community and city quadrant (NW) need	In response to this identified need, The City is proposing a trial run of the Evanston off-leash area. This trial period will last one year and will be evaluated upon completion.
Need for adequate amount of garbage cans for dog waste	Garbage cans will be installed within the site. Calgary Parks contractors will service in accordance with Calgary Parks Standards. Service levels will be adjusted if required.
Need to maintain cleanliness of area	Garbage cans will be provided. Dog walkers / owners will be expected to adhere to the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw. Calgary Community Standards will be visiting the site throughout its operation.  The conditions of the lands will be monitored by Calgary Parks.
Need to maintain safety in the area	Calgary Police Service (CPS) will be advised of the pilot and residents with safety concerns should advise CPS directly.
Suggest the area to be fenced	The area is not suitable to be a fully fenced off-leash opportunity.
Parking concerns	Parking will adhere to Calgary Parking Authority guidelines. Vehicles that park in contravention of the parking bylaw can be ticketed and or towed. The Calgary Parking



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	Authority is aware of the site being used as a pilot off-leash area.
Concerns of increased traffic in the area	The site proposed is intended for residents to walk to; parking issues can be addressed by Calgary Parking Authority.
Concerns with close proximity of adjacent residents to proposed area	The City of Calgary has many off-leash areas that have private properties adjacent. Dog owners / walkers are expected to keep their animals under control at all times.
Suggestion of finding a different location	Other locations have been investigated in the surrounding area, however they are not suitable.





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### Verbatim Comments

The following is a record of the feedback received through in person and online engagement.

Please note: Personally identifying information, as well as any portions of comments not in compliance with the City's Respectful Workplace policy are removed from participant submissions, the intent of the submissions remains

### Based on the proposed site map/location, how do you feel about the proposal? Please explain why...

- I would like a place to bring my dog to in my neighbourhood where she is free to run around
- There is too much dog poop in the field nearest to our house. Gross for kids playing soccer. Maybe at least some of these owners will take their dogs to offleash park instead.
- Poor location, no parking, too close to houses. Please find a better location.
- Don't have to drive as far for offleash
- It's nice to have a dedicated place for off leash that is close to home.
- I'm not a dog owner - but an animal lover and I think it's a great opportunity to socialize dogs and meet your neighbours.
- there is a need for an off leash area
- It's a good proposal, however being so close to a busy road and 2 residential roads I feel fencing is needed.
- I live on Evansford Circle and this would significantly increase traffic along an otherwise quiet circle. Although the intention is for people to walk, you know they will drive.
- It's unsafe for kids and animals. No fence and who will be in charge of cleaning up the crap left behind.
- Too close to homes. Not fenced I'm concerned that a dog could get run over if the owner doesn't have control over it. Don't want my kids to witness this. concerned of feces not picked up as my kids walk across for the bus
- The area/city needs more off leash friendly places.
- My backyard is along this path and that is why we paid extra for the greenspace and the privacy. Secondly, you were supposed to get approval from those of us affected and we were never included in any decision making. See 3rd question for remainder
- LOTS of kids on this road NO designated parking means INCREASE in traffic for these little guys and more parked cars font them
- The form keeps submitting without request but many concerns, danger for kids on our block with increased traffic and parking, no kid zone for people to actually slow down, was a quiet street bought for this reason and for the privacy of the greenspace
- We live in Nolan Hill and we need to drive about 15 minutes be able to walk our dog off-leash



- It is right in my backyard. There are other areas further up that should be considered. No fencing is a real issue. Not all dog owners are responsible owners.
- People can see into my house because the land is elevated. Dogs are noisy. I am worried about more crime and security because more people will come that are not from our community. No parking and traffic.
- I am not a dog owner but I live in this area. This space is not being used right now so creating a purpose for it is great. Having this dog park will ensure that my children are safe on the soccer fields, and that no dogs will be off leash there!
- I would like to see a fence though. My dog would run onto the road and cause accidents, that's not good for either party.
- It will cause trouble with parking on the street.
- There is a definite lack of off leash areas in the further NW communities. However, we really need a designated off leash area closer to Sage Hill, Nolan Hill and Sherwood.
- Something this great community is lacking as we have a lot of pet owners.
- It is needed.
- The location isn't ideal but it's better than nothing. The city/developer should always include fenced off-leash park in ALL new communities. Lots of dogs live in this area. WAY OVERDUE. Hope to see additional parks in Livingston and Carrington.
- Nolan Hill residents will use this
- Looks like the perfect spot
- I have an energetic dog who needs space to run. The yards in new communities are not sufficient and driving to nose hill everyday isn't always an option.
- I live on Evansford Circle and do not welcome the traffic, noise, or smell.
- Great location and it is needed very much.
- There is currently no off-leash areas in Evanston that I am aware of
- Great idea, we need more off leash areas
- While not in my area directly, would be something to quickly commute to.
- There is not another off leash area close by. The nearest is off beddington. It's silly to drive to the dog park. With this one we can walk!
- There is a severe lack of off leash parks in the NW communities. Something closer to home would be beneficial.
- There is a serious lack of off-leash areas for all the communities in and around Evanston. The closest ones are in Hidden Valley which is a 5-10 minute drive.
- Me and my dog would love this!
- I'm in sage hill and there is nothing anywhere near me that is off leash
- We have a dog, but there's no fenced-in off-leashed areas
- It would be a nice place to have dogs run off leash
- I have a dog and live in kincora and it would be great to have a closer option. There is a lack of off leash parks in our area



- I think having a designated place would help reduce the number of people who use other places that are not off leash inappropriately.
- I have two dogs and there are no offleash areas easily accessible for me
- Because the closest off leash area is nose hill park
- As a newcomer to this area I would love to have a dog park in the area. I have a brand new puppy who needs a lot of exercise and socialization, but due to living in a townhouse with no yard, it would be awesome to have this space.
- We do not have a single off leash area anywhere nearby.
- No parking. I live close by and our street is already too congested.
- The newer NW communities are in desperate need of off leash parks
- This NEEDS to be a fully-fenced dog safe area. To ensure the safety of the dogs but to also community members. This would allow for dogs to safely get social and to be active, especially during those long winter months.
- This would be the closest off leash park to me from Nolan Hill.
- We have 2 dogs and we would like to have a close off-leash that would be safe for everyone
- We don't have enough off leash areas in the NW
- People can't seem to pick up their dog poop in the neighbourhood - this would only add to the issue.
- This would bring more traffic to the community.
- This would bring more traffic to the neighborhood. This park would be to service the north. There's not enough infrastructure to support the community as it is. Plus people in this community do not pick up the dog poop as it is
- I think it's important to have an off leash area in communities.
- We need an off leash park!
- I have dogs, my dogs like running
- I strongly welcome an off-leash dog park in the area, but I was hoping for more infrastructure.
- Close to home, I can walk to the location with my dog.
- I live in the Nolan hill community and this off leash park will so convenient for us. hopefully in the future we will have an off leash park in Nolan hill
- This area of the NW of Calgary desperately needs a dogs off leash park, I live in Sage Hill and this will be great once it is completed.
- With the proximity to roads I feel the area would be better if fencing were added.
- No fencing, and no parking
- This is next to the busiest road in Evanston, and next to a cul-de-sac where my children play, if this goes through they will not be playing there any longer. Why are we risking dogs running out onto this road.
- Gives a place for people who want to have their dogs Offleash do so safely. Takes Offleash dogs off sidewalks.



- This is otherwise unused greenspace. It doesn't contain other amenities (playgrounds), and people (non-dog owners) are not required to walk through this area to travel to /from key destinations in the community. Please get the dogs out of Creekside paths
- Great, close to a lot of communities!
- It looks like a nice long space for the dogs to run.
- Would love to see my dogs have a safer area to run around.
- I am very excited about the potential for an off leash area but this space is small and close to a busy road.
- Fences would be optimal.
- More off leash opportunities are always welcome
- We would definitely use it for our pup
- There are no off leash parks in the new NW communities.
- Bad location
- No fence being that close the road... all it will take is one bunny or one squirrel to run out onto the road... what happens wh
- With no addition of parking the streets near here will get very congested and blocked.
- I live in Nolan Hill and the closet offleash dog park is in beddington. Every second home on my street is a dog owner! This would be an awesome idea.
- I live in Nolan Hill and this would be really close!
- I was so excited to hear about an off leash park in a Evanston. But where it is I'm afraid of drivers as if a dog ran out cars wouldn't see it coming.
- Close to where I live.
- There's already a huge off leash area way bigger right beside the proposed area..... this would be an off leash area beside an off-leash area... not sure it would be used very well.
- Waste of space otherwise
- Not being used for anything else. Not a field that could be used for families. may as well make it useful
- We need a off leash park in the area
- Good location
- There are a lot of young children in this neighborhood, unless you can guarantee that no ones dog will pose any danger to any of those children playing outside, then I think it would be negligent to have it in that area without fencing.
- Prefer safer location, fenced, more secluded from roadways, pedestrians, more trees. Definite need for off leash in this area so 110% support an off leash area.
- Dog owners need a place to go in this area
- I have little kids and it is to dangerous
- looks like a nice long run, with clear views to see where the mutts are
- We need a off leash park
- There is no off leash area in this area



- There aren't a lot of off leash areas in the newer communities
- Too much traffic and no parking on my street.
- There are not off leash areas in the area and so there are more dogs that go unleashed in other areas. It will promote community development among neighbors and is a good, most suitable location. There are many dog families in Evanston who would love this
- The location is difficult to get to as there is no parking. The issue will become cars parking in residential increasing traffic in the neighborhood. Also with the park not fenced so close to Symons Valley Parkway, it could pose a safety issue as well.
- We need an off leash park in the deep north
- We have no parks in the area for off-leash dogs. This is greatly needed on this side of the city. This will reduce off leash dogs in non-designated areas.
- This is a slapped together, cheap version of the dog park needed in this area. One that's enclosed, that has parking is the only acceptable alternative. Otherwise, the impact to the community will be pretty significant.
- An off leash area is desperately needed in the community and surrounding area
- Offleash park that is close to home so we don't have to drive to Nose Hill Park every time
- Definitely needed
- I am a teacher at Kenneth D. Taylor school. We take the children on nature walks in that area. I was able to show my class some animal habitats ie. prairie dog burrows
- This area is behind my house. I would never buy a house if I knew that there would be a off leash dog area.
- NOT safe for people and dogs. To close to the main road& the houses, where kids play outside. Where is the guarantee that a dog will not take after a child playing with a ball on the drive way. School bus stop is right here too.
- The worst area for the off leash. I have two dogs, and would never go there. Main road, bus stop, school bus stop, lots of kids, and growing thistle! What a bad choice! I'd rather walk my dogs on the leash than there or drive to the normal safe park!
- I like it a lot because there isn't much off leash dog park to take your dog to and it would be awesome if there going to a off leash dog park in evan
- This is very close to residential housing, could be unsafe for children. Most off leash areas in the city are not in proximity to where children play
- School bud zone, kids playground is nearby
- Too close to houses and kids
- I live a couple houses down from this. I have a dog which I walk On LEASH! Some points are
- I live a couple houses down. I have dog which I run on leash. Some points, will increase traffic on street of cars leaving unsafe for my son to play out front. Dogs are not enclosed. The Main Street is right there. Dog poop! Irresponsible dog owners!
- I love letting my dog off leash after a structured leash walk. So being able to walk to the off leash area would allow for that!



- The space is not big enough to have an off leash dog area. There will be increased traffic and probably increased crime in the area. Area is too close to homes.
- It's needed for the NW
- My kids play in that area.
- Already so much traffic in that area. Not safe for children.
- Dog owners do not pick up after themselves now. It will get worse. No parking. Lots of traffic. Street is quiet now. It won't be quiet once this passes.
- This park is in my back yard space. My son has special needs he has huge safety concerns without any proposed parking there will be lots of cars in our area and he will run into them .Because of the raised land there is privacy issue as well.
- Need a place for dogs to roam off leash
- In Evanston, there are many different green space areas provided for families and children, and it would be great to have a place where residents of Evanston can go with their dogs. Those of us with dogs in Evanston have formed a really lovely community.
- The location is easy to get to and a good sized space. Its safer for the community to have a designated space to bring their dog off leash.
- The residents of this community feel they are entitled to do whatever they want when they want weather it breaks s law or not. Or thoughts of fellow neighbours. Driving walking anything
- Live in the area and speeding is a huge problem on this road. We don't need more traffic in our community
- I live right in the area and loved the idea of having an off-leash area but this is far too easy for the dogs to run right onto the street.
- Dogs need a safe place to play and exercise
- Currently dog owners are allowing their dogs to run free on sports fields even though kids are present. Kids love dogs but doesn't necessarily translates in being safe around off-leash dogs or even on-leash.
- It is already being used as an offleash area and a great place for residents in the community to go to.
- I walk my dog along the green space anyway but would be nice to have it designated with garbage cans further in.
- No fence and it's in a residential area. There are plenty of spaces further out that are still close enough to go to.
- Evanston needs an off leash area for dogs to play as every other green space is sports fields. Poor planning on developers part. So happy that the City went the extra mile to propose this.
- Would love to take my dog.
- There isn't anywhere to let your dogs off leash currently
- An off leash area is desperately needed in this area! The area proposed is a large enough area and accessible to many residents.
- I love the idea of an off leash area! I just wish it would be fenced.
- The neighbour needs an off leash area. Big neighbourhood with lots of dogs in it.

- I like it a lot because it close to where we live
- Any proposed designated off leash park is needed for Simon valley areas.
- The area is perfect for an off leash park.
- I am not a dog owner, but There are so many people with dogs in my community. This space is needed.
- This community does not clean up after their dogs; off leash dogs in an undefined area can pose a hazard to children in the neighborhood; I think all dogs should be leashes at all times; lots of rabbits in the area dogs chase them;
- People don't clean up after
- There are not enough dog parks nearby.
- Not enough dog parks in the area
- People already park blocking my driveway. I've had to phone a peace officer several times to ticket vehicles blocking my driveway in that area.
- Only if there is fencing
- There is definitely a need for an off leash area in Evanston.
- Will bring value to the community of Evanston and provide a great place for dogs to play.
- Unsafe for my kids
- Evanston needs an off leash area for people let their dogs socialize and have some fun. There are great green spaces in Evanston but the developer unfortunately choose to designate as all sports fields that only get used a few weeks a year
- Evanston is in desperate need of an off leash area for dogs. There is nowhere close. There is increased usage of the parks/green spaces in Evanston by dogs which there are a fair number of residents complaining about and the dogs need to have an area too
- Because I have a dog and the proposed site is near my house
- Safer coming community, more local foot traffic.
- Too many roads, it would be a nuisance to neighbours. Too far away for a lot of people. They wouldn't use it anyway. A disturbance to the people that live there. Why not an area without houses surrounding it. There's a whole ride that's full of space!
- The house value is going to go down, does that mean our taxes are going to get cut. No one is going to want to buy a house buy a dog park with tons of traffic and feces everywhere, those parks are notorious for that.
- My parents live and my niece and nephew live adjacent to that area. My kids play there with them.
- We need to keep the community quiet and clean
- I reside in the area but am more than walking distance away. Without dedicated parking I will have to continue to drive to existing parks
- I have 3 dogs and a small house... They need to run more
- Because there needs to be a local off leash area for dogs in Evanston
- It's great to not have to drive out of Evanston for an off leash
- it is too close to the Neighborhood and houses bordering the proposed area



- It's not safe for the dogs. Angry people may poison them
- Property values will go down. Not safe for children. Children use that area to play
- I live down the way and I'm extremely concerned about the added traffic to our streets. Not just Evanston will use this space
- People will park across Symons Valley Parkway, we will see jaywalking, more speeders
- The area is raised. You can see into backyards
- People are not responsible. There is no parking
- People are not respectful of picking up dogs poop. I have done a community clean up through the Puppy Program with GGC. The amount of poop that was collected was 20 lbs. How will this be any different
- Not fenced dogs can run into street. People will not always pick up dog mess. Risk for kids to be bitten. If it was fenced it might be different. Barking is a disturbance
- The land will get trampled. Already muddy. Plantation dying
- Not fenced off. Too close to residential areas
- The land is raised. No privacy
- My backyard faces the area. It's not safe. Kids play right there. Where is a guarantee that a dog will take off and run for kids? No parking. Dog poo all over
- No parking! Only one entrance to access area
- Kids come off bus and cross field to get across home
- Kids learn how to ride a bike down the street Evansford Rd NW
- Our autistic children play out in the area. Safety concerns for kids riding bikes in area
- My kids have been bitten by off leash dogs that have greenspace
- Where are people going to park? In front of my house?
- There is already dog waste all over that area, who is cleaning up?
- Didn't buy a house next to a dog park
- Who is going to police noise, parking, dog waste speeding cars
- What about everyone's privacy that lives on this block?
- I work at 3 am. Need to sleep. Can't have dog barking making noise
- The safety of our kids. Car speeding. Dogs. Dog waste
- Stress it will cause on my 12 year old dog
- When bought house didn't hope or think would be dog park nearby
- No privacy for kids in our yard. Irresponsible pet owners (already shouting for people to clean up). Property value. Smell
- Parking issues. Kids already been bitten. Pet safety for main road if they run off. Barking being constant
- Frustrated with dog without leash when children playing. Can't control all dog behaviours. They are dogs. Had children bit by a dog, still an animal. Grandchild
- There is no proper parking. People will park their cars in the neighbourhood and area will be more congested. Accidents could happen due to increase in traffic





- Are you going to put up a fence for residents adjacent? A wall
- Kids play in the streets and in the area where the offleash park has been proposed. Increased traffic could cause issues for neighbourhood and is a safety concern
- Just bought house. One of the reasons why we chose the house was because it was on a quiet street. If this goes through, will be a lot more traffic in the area
- Lots of groundhogs in that area. Will go into our backyard when their home is an off leash dog area
- Irresponsible proposal. Various safety concerns for; dogs (traffic), kids, neighbors, on leash dogs
- Traffic will increase. Damage our property. Moving dogs with land may affect our grass when they pee
- No fence surrounding area. Parking is already at a minimum in the area. Small kids use the area or surrounding paved roundabout. Irresponsible pet owners who don't clean up after their pets
- My child has autism and huge safety concerns. There is no proposed parking. He runs into the car
- My husband has frequent migraine attacks and having dogs in the backyard green zone will trigger it
- This is also a utility corridor. Have enough issues with substation put in backyard, now dog park! Property value. Also not keen on listening to barking all day. I work nights
- Already being used by folks neighbouring the open area. No issues. Concern that it won't remain neighbourhood dog area. Already today I saw van parked to allow dog to run. It went on lawn!
- Great opportunity for people to meet and dogs to socialize
- Only issue w/ location is packing
- We would love a local place for our put! I would love it more if it was fenced in. I would encourage garbage cans placed in the area so people are more likely to clean up after their dogs
- Would absolutely love to be able to walk to a dog park from home, but it needs a fence
- We have a dog and walk him in the area anyway. We are responsible, always pick up after him, no barking etc. We love the idea
- Need an off leash park. Would be better if parking was available next to it, or safe way to cross road
- I'd like an off leash, though I'd like a larger area and if it's close to a main road I'd prefer it fenced
- I would like an offleash park in Evanston. I would have preferred it to be located across the other side along the ridge
- In my opinion the park is currently used off leash and will continue to be regardless of this outcome. Why not add city resources?
- There are no off leash parks within walking distance. This is greatly needed
- Great use of unused space
- Nice area that is already being used as an off leash area
- It will keep down owners from using non-off-leash spaces like they do now
- It would be great to have a place to take dogs off-leash within walking distance. Currently I have to drive to Beddington or Nose Hill
- Time for us to realize we are no better than animals. We had to co-exist and we had this space
- No current area for pets to run. People are responsible pet owners. Land already a utility zone, makes sense to use it for off-leash area



- With a large dog (70 lb puppy) having a legal place where he can run will save me from violating bylaws which I do today
- We need more off-leash space in Evanston and the NW
- We desperately need a safe place in Evanston to let our animals play and interact w/ other dogs not on a leash. Off leash is crucial for proper dog development. 100% support!
- 2 dogs and we always pick up after them. We need this area which is close to home
- For any dogs who are not quite familiar with other dogs or people, it's a good way for the dog to start getting more familiar
- This is a great site - decent size, lots of room to run, some plants already in place, public parking already right across the street
- Will encourage people to use the area. Adding dog bags will solve any issues people may have. Need offleash area in Evanston. Easy to get to space
- People clean up when there are garbage cans
- We have a great community that interact and communicate. This would add to the neighborly culture we already have. We need a space to have dogs off leash that is supposed to be for this purpose
- Any area that allows dogs to get out and run is good, it socializes the humans and dogs. Much needed in Calgary.
- Seems to be relatively unused by cyclists and pedestrians, has good access but isn't in the way of anything.
- It is a good area that is otherwise underutilized.
- This area is very close to the main road, and residential street. It is not safe for dogs or people, especially kids. Bus stop and school bus stop is on the main road and this area, off leash should not be allowed.
- This area is too small and narrow, too close to the houses, residential area, where kids run around. Can you guarantee that the dog won't take after a child playing a ball? No one can guarantee it, even a dog owner, dogs are animals.
- Too small for area and close to residents. Dog owners already abuse the site. No other users were considered when establishing the site.
- The city is not following the off leash management plan. They said that the area is only for 800m radius walking distance. Why is it on 660 News radio for the whole city to put in their two cents?
- Just heard on 660 news that city wide residents can vote on this. LOAD OF CRAP. What happened to 800m radius this park is to serve. I don't what every jerk parking in my street
- I think there is house nearby where kids could be around and can be dangerous for them
- I have a dog and I know there are lots of dogs in this community. Having a place where they can run and play would be beneficial.
- Because my house backs onto this, having cars on my street, the smell of dog waste, and the value of my home going down. I work early mornings so loud and noisy dog park would affect my sleep



- My home backs into it. No one came and asked me prior to this. I don't need my yard and home smelling like dog poop all the time. I work early mornings and the noise would affect my sleep schedule
- There are kids playing in and around these areas. Have these dogs off-leash can be troublesome and sometimes frightening depending on the dog species.
- It's important to support all residents and it's my experience that dog owners who utilize these spaces are responsible owners and gives dogs the opportunity to become more social.
- I live in Sherwood and off leash areas are limited
- At the engagement session, you said that criteria according to off leash management plan were not met because it would only service those 800m away. Why is this survey advertised for all of Calgary?
- The more off-leash park we have the better it is for the community
- It is too close to our property and who wants an off-leash right in their backyard. The smell and people coming from different parts of the city. It won't be just Evanston who will be using this park.
- Just don't want it. Terrible idea.
- I did not buy a house to back on to off-leash dog park. The other issue I have is if it's for people within 800 m radius, why is the city taking votes from all over the city.
- It is easily accessible, and the East end connects with the utility corridor for longer walks.
- My dog will love this and it's close by !
- We live right next to the proposed site and if this is put in place, we lose all of our privacy. Plus the increased traffic in the area will be a danger to all of the kids on the street. Parking is also going to become a major issue
- I live bordering the area and I'm concerned about uncontrolled dogs in a non-fenced area. I'm concerned about increased vehicle traffic on our street. City won't provide parking however people already drive here and park to use this space.
- My front yard is connected to the dog park so dogs can enter my property no problem, my children playing in front yard could be attacked, dog poop and pee, traffic in front of my house unsafe, no fence being built very unsafe, not a good spot for dog park
- Unfenced area should not even be an option - unleashed dogs pose a danger to pedestrians/cyclists on SV Parkway and TUC ends of this park. Also, off-leash areas in this city are disgusting, as owners do not clean up after dogs and City does not maintain.
- Fencing must be put in because often off-leash areas are prone to owners abusing the privilege and not picking up feces after their dogs or staying within controlling distance of their animals.
- The area is too small and crowded with hip
- Noise, safety of the children around off-leash dogs. Parking nightmare!
- I don't want it on my street
- There are many dog owners in Evanston this is needed.
- Wrong spot completely.
- Nobody wants this.
- Terrible choice.



- We have 100+hectares of man made parks and this is the one you choose?
- I'm worried about the dogs.
- In community
- Residential area is a poor location: small space, close to residences, mailbox, busy road. I live 2 houses away from the proposed area. I chose the location because of the quiet, safe street. I am a dog owner that walks on leash in residential areas.
- Dog When the areas are great for .the neighbourhood
- It's far away from my house. The area is already used for off-leash. It is used to travel to the Stoney Trail area.
- Nobody uses this space
- Great idea. Would love to see this in my community. Lots of dogs around the area. Would be a great communication/community engagement tool.
- People use parks as off leash areas already, defined space may reduce this.
- Not in my backyard
- Evanston is a dog loving neighbourhood and this would be a great addition
- would be great to have a greenspace with added garbage bins, benches, and off-leash option
- Its an unused space that could become useful and will hopefully into effect people to walk here as opposed to the school fields and parks where they currently go.
- Offleash park that is so close to home! we love it!
- This will bring more opportunity for the community to get to know each other. As well provide more pet friendly areas for pet owners.
- I have 2 dogs and sometimes there isn't enough time to drive super far for them to run. Evanston is a large community and it's filled with dogs! Great way to meet people
- More options for pets to socialize.
- I am a dog owner, it would be wonderful to have a space in the community to go for off leash walks.
- Great space for them. I'm not even a dog owner
- It's not an appropriate location
- Having a designated of leash area is a great idea because it's a controlled environment. I see many walking their dogs off leash yes they may have great recall and are friendly but there are people that have dog issues.
- I don't trust pet owners will be picking up after their pets.
- The land is currently not used very much, and a dog park would be a great feature for the neighborhood.
- I have a dog who I take off leash regularly
- I would like it on the ridge instead.
- I feel there is an opportunity to make the ridge along the west edge of Evanston an off leash park. Yards are fenced, and the pathway system could be developed in a way along the ridge to allow for more routes keeping dog owners out of the way of cyclists
- Busy road and people will park even if they are not supposed too



- We have small kids in the area and concerned on their safety. Also, some owner are not picking up after their dogs what's more if it's unleashed.
- Beddington area is good enough at the moment
- Great use of the space that would just be a useless field otherwise
- There is nowhere near by to walk dogs off leash
- I just talk to the realtor today, and because of this very UNSAFE project for people and dogs, also property value of my house will go down.
- My realtor told us today that our property value will go down if this Area will be open here. So will The City
- It is stupid and unsafe for all. I will go to court if I have to fight it off. All the people on the street are against it. You can't control 800 m radius! People from Sherwood came to the meeting and was fighting with us about it!!!
- We need more off leash areas

## What are your opportunities/ hopes for the proposed off-leash area?

- I hope that the community works together to maintain the cleanliness and safety of the space
- To find a better area
- I would like to see it fenced.
- Hope that it will stay clean and maintained. Landscaping , poop bags , garbage cans
- fencing all around
- Plenty of trash cans around the park for disposal of dog feces. If there is only one set at one end people won't be encouraged to pick up after their pets.
- That they choose an alternative site
- Leave it as green space. People and kids us it every day
- community garden, benches, a nice area for kids to play with friends without having dog poop around
- That eventually it will be fenced off. We have small dogs and can't have them at a park without a fence so it doesn't serve a purpose for us right now.
- Leave it as the greenspace we paid for and get owners to actually pick Up their dogs waste such a bad rep this community has for that so definitely don't want that in my backyard. What about the area around the corner on the other side of culdesac in pic
- It would be nice to have some interesting areas, such as an area with trees, or other things that dogs can explore like an obstacle/parkour area.
- Not so close to my home. I don't like it.
- No to off leash dog area. Maybe have a community garden.
- I hope it opens as soon as possible. That way dog owners will be happy to let their dogs run (which is something every community should be able to offer).



- I would like to see a fence around it.
- Find a location more off to the edge of the community.
- That there will be another designated off leash area near Sage Hill, Nolan Hill and Sherwood
- That it is embraced by the community and successful.
- It is the first of many.
- Lots of garbage cans. A water feature. A fence. Reduce the risk of having dogs in non-off leash areas. A great place for dogs to run without issues.
- Needs a fence!!!!
- For my dogs to run around and play with other dogs
- Just that it be a legal space for dogs to be off leash, maybe an added garbage can would be nice.
- That it is located elsewhere
- Space for my dog to run without a leash and interact with other dogs.
- To be able to take my high energy dogs somewhere where they are able to run, but also not break the law.
- Adequate garbage cans (ideally, there would be one for compost since it would cut down on unnecessary landfill garbage) and a reasonable number of benches and even picnic tables. Seating is rarely adequate at parks.
- Have a garbage can or two. And grass! And have it fenced off so its safe for the dogs.
- That people don't abuse the space, are responsible pet owners.
- Just simply that there is at least 1 available within reasonable distance to the communities in and around Evanston.
- My hope would be that its fenced!
- Asap
- The Red Deer dog park on the old landfill site is great model -- exterior fence, "airlock" gate, 2 x interior fenced area for training, agility park, and some park benches.
- Fences to keep the dogs in the designated area, garbage for the poop bags to be disposed of.
- A fence to keep the dogs in, lots of garbage cans, lots of place to run
- Fenced
- That people in the area stop complaining about off leash well trained dogs.
- That it will be well kept, and well used.
- I hope to walk my dogs here
- I don't want it.
- I an hopeful it will demonstrate the need for other new NW communities as there are so few in the new areas
- My hopes is for this to be a fully-fenced area to ensure the safety of our pets as Symons Valley Parkway is a very busy road.
- I hope that it can be fenced.



- I would love to see an off-leash area that would be safe for everyone and where we could engage with other dogs closer to our communities. We live in Sage Hills and we would love to have something close to enjoy with our little ones
- The south has some really great looking areas that have small hills in them.
- I hope that the fencing around the area would be reconsidered. Being close to a road and sidewalk it seems unsafe to have dogs running around. It seems foolish and unsafe to not have a fence at an off leash park.
- That the proposal will be approved
- I would like a fenced-area that is for smaller dogs, so that I can have off-leash time with my dog without worrying about big dogs.
- Fully fenced dog park with baggies and bins. It would be great if there were benches for people to sit on and a water tap to fill empty water bowls on hot days.
- I would love to see one in sage hill also.
- I would like to see lots of grass and lots of trees and if there is a model to follow, it looks like the off leash in Red Deer is a good model
- Safe and clean play zone for dogs, not interfere with nearby residence
- Is it not possible to use the area immediately south of the proposed location, this way its further from the residents and further from the main road
- large space, completely fenced, double fenced entrance gate
- People won't release dogs off-leash in paths behind creekside. Dogs running wild on asphalt pathway, up and down the (natural) slopes and in the creek. Creekside is uncomfortable for non-dog owners. Please make (force) owners use this proposed space.
- Fenced sides would be great just for safety and protection of the dogs.
- Over the ridge. Open space, hills and lots of dog walkers out there anyways
- That there be enough garbage cans spread throughout, so that people actually pick up and throw it away.
- I really hope to see a fenced area that would help a lot with the coyote issue up here
- Safe, fenced area for dogs
- We hope that it will be fenced in
- That dogs can have a space to run and play with other dogs and there are lots of garbage cans to help ensure owners clean up after pets
- Bigger space
- I'd rather see it somewhere else
- I would love a fenced in area for sure. I think it gives us dog owners a bit more security.
- Safe, fenced place for my dog to mingle with other dogs.
- A fenced area.
- We already have a huge area where everyone takes their dog off leash right behind that area... don't waste the city's money for something that isn't needed or won't be used.
- That it will deter owners to have dogs off leash in parks with children



- I think it should be fenced in.
- not sure
- To have one
- Lots of use
- My hopes are that it does not happen
- Fenced in, trees, many pathways so walkers who want to walk without group party of other dogs can do so.
- It will provide a. Safe place for ow Wes to take their pet. I hope they can be progressive like Red Deer off leash and provide poopie bags
- Needs to be fenced with lots of poo bins that are changed frequently
- Run my dog in a safe close area
- Eventually a fenced off area and parking even if it was dirt parking
- Having a place close by to take my dog off leash
- No
- None
- Having a place to take our furry friend to run around close to home as the other parks get quite busy. Also a good opportunity to meet our neighbors.
- If this is the only site available than it must be a fenced area for safety. If there is another location away from main roads than no fence is okay.
- It needs a fence and garbage cans. Fence is key. I wouldn't go to the off-leash area unless there was a fence.
- That it actually be an off leash area. Not just designated. But planned and executed appropriately
- That it becomes a reality, fully fenced, poop bag receptacles, benches it sit on, small parking area
- No off leash dog area
- Look for a different spot in the community, further away from the houses and the main road. Check out close by communities for off leash area, Sage hill seems have lots of good areas. This space can be used as a community garden, or simply the way it is.
- I like this area as it is. Green and pretty. Why can't we simply have green space. Evanston dog owners are the worst. Dog poop is everywhere, you give this area to them and it will become a public dog toilet! Look for a better spot! Check out another areas
- Then I can take the opportunity to take my dog to the off leash park to let him get some exercise
- To be fenced would be safer
- No opportunities, except to anger & concern neighbors around park. It will not decrease people having there dogs off leash in other areas. I guarantee people will still allow there dogs to be off leash. Please listen to houses surrounding park!!!
- To be able to walk to an off leash area rather than having to drive to one outside the community
- Community garden
- Status quo





- I don't want an off leash area in my backyard green zone. It has been observed that people do not pick up dog poop. If this green space becomes dog park there will be lots of smell and insects and I won't be able to enjoy my backyard.
- Prefer an area not near a busy road
- That it actually happens. This community needs one
- Just a nice community walkway that all can use. Pick up after their dog and let kids play
- We have one in Beddington
- The off-leash area should be in the huge green space behind this one that backs onto Stoney Trail.
- That the community gets one
- I hope dog owners will use this designated area rather than sports fields
- Somewhere to socialize my dog
- To be moved out of residential area.
- Help to educate dogs owners about good manners and responsibility of owning a dog. Need access to city programs to help with this. Dog owners will remind other dog owners to pick up the poop
- To bring my doggo out to stretch her legs :)
- Garbage Cans to be accessible.
- I know a lot of residents in that immediate area are concerned about the 'waste' issue but the trash cans and perhaps a hutch? to hold baggies (for area users to refill to at their discretion) would help alleviate some of that concern. Ease to offset lazy
- I do wish they'd fence at least the side at Symons valley parkway just for safety. Otherwise its good place
- I would like to see it fenced if it's possible
- That the area be fenced.
- Garbage for owners to pick up after themselves.
- An off leash area would be nice. Alternatively, a splash park for the many young kids in this community might be welcome as well.
- Leave it as s greenspace
- Would like to see it sooner rather than later.
- Community garden
- Hopeful it would be used appropriately by responsible dog owners. Have had encounters with aggressive dogs in the area that have been off leash when it was not zoned.
- More garbage and feces receptacles
- That we have the opportunity to have City of Calgary programs come in to educate dog owners that are not being responsible. This is the worst neighbourhood that I have lived in for owners NOT picking up poop....and I am a dog owner tired of picking up
- I would hope that the off leash area is closed off by chain link fence as Symons Valley Parkway is an incredibly busy road and I hope for safety for everyone. We personally have two dogs that would enjoy this space



- Why will it not be fenced? If it isn't fenced I likely would not use it as it is too close to residential roads. Would also like to see another garbage can on Symons Valley parkway at the pathway to the school (south side of the pkway at Evanspark Blvd)
- Get to know more neighbours.
- Somewhere convenient that I would actually use. That going to be less of a nuisance to neighbours. How about on the ridge? A space that's not developed?
- I hope it doesn't happen, in this area! Maybe the people voting yes, can have it in their backyard, not in mine. My son is allergic to dogs/cats, so should I keep him in the house because who knows of a dog decides to run his way when he's playing outside
- Status quo
- A safe environment for my dog the socialize and explore
- Evenly spaced out garbage cans to prevent smells for neighbors
- No mud... Actual grass for whole thing. Helps with raining weather.
- Good to have an offleash area so people don't go offleash in parks that are used for soccer, etc.
- Fencing once side for a park and having a pathway for other users keeps both sides happy
- Having a legal safe place to run our dogs would keep us from unapproved offleash area (school yards, etc.)
- More community spaces to encourage people to get active and get outside is always a good thing!
- If we have more small legal (fenced) dog parks there would be less volume (and negative encounters) at the larger fenced parks
- I have a child with special needs. He has to go to the park for exercise. I can't stand the off-leash area
- A dog water fountain would be nice
- Safe responsible owners deserve something positive. A small neighbourhood fenced park with a fountain is common in other areas and fosters a positive dog community
- More larger trees would provide shade and shelter from the elements. Waste receptacles are obviously needed. Fencing off the area would make it safe for everyone - dogs, kids nearby, etc. Pedestrian crossing with lights from the parking lot across the street would be nice
- If this becomes an official off-leash park we can better educate people and enforce The City rules
- Responsible dog owners would like / deserve an area that they can legally let their dog off leash. I pay taxes towards things like playgrounds and schools. I'd like money to go towards things I'd use as well
- Evanston is such a multicultural community. Many people born in other countries have had negative experiences with dogs (stray / wild dogs, police dogs, etc.). Designated dog areas provide a place where everyone can see positive, responsible dog ownership and this can help to overcome fears about dogs
- Fenced area ideally to prevent any accidents waiting to happen
- The responsible dog owners are looking for a place within the community and I hope this will improve people's behaviour
- I want it to be a place to go walk with my dog not just an area for a dog "play" area



- Add garbages and bags. Great way to meet neighbours. I would prefer a fenced in location
- Making the site official will allow for actual by law enforcement
- Find a better space. Safe for people
- We chose to have dogs instead of kids. Kids get playgrounds every few blocks why can't my dog
- It's important site could be developed as walk way or cycling area for kids
- It has been observed that people don't pick dogs, poop that can create hygiene issues and we can't relax in our backyard because of smell and insects
- I would like to see fencing, at least along the major road. This would be safer for dogs. If the entire area was fenced it would be even better
- Add garbages and bags to encourage waste pick up. It will be cleaner than it is now
- Area could be developed as community center or community garden to help increase social activities among kids and neighbours
- We need a safe space for dogs to play, run and interact w/ other dogs. I 100% support this off-leash area and sincerely hope for it
- Needs a fence to keep the dogs safe from cars and pedestrians from unwanted, interactions with dogs
- No dog park. Leave it as is
- If this goes through, will need proper fencing for the area
- A nice fenced in park would attract responsible owners to the community, not repel them
- Echo more comments already listed, i.e. security and fences. Also, secondly, community and connections
- Build stronger community and connections
- Great for property values. More things in neighbourhood
- Great way to meet our neighbours
- Great for socializing building the community
- Should have all long strips of road fenced. Safety concern for dogs playing - chasing each other / rabbits
- Leave as is. Area should be used for all neighbors. Green area for playing
- Fences / pretty high. Security "dog park lifeguard". Gate that is strong
- I think fencing the area would be a good idea
- Better security. More foot traffic. More eyes the better
- Proper garbage (poo) disposal. Regulated area. Rules in place
- Garbage cans and responsible pet owners, which we all are. Build community culture
- Water tap for the dogs, fencing that would keep dogs from busy traffic, good parking.
- It is very narrow green space between the houses, it is simply can stay green and pretty, people walk dogs there on leash, kids play ball, or ride kids quads.
- Leave it green and pretty to be used by everyone, walk dog ON leash, so it is safe for everyone and dogs as well. Safe for people who walks there to the bus stop, and kids who was there every day to the school bus stop.



- Status quo or community garden.
- Community garden
- Nothing. Leave as us. Kids play. Use the area to get to transit
- I think that it brings people together as a community. I hope that it is easily accessible and large enough for the Evanston dog community. I hope for the dog park to have a garbage can for throwing out dog poop bags and garbage etc.
- That is doesn't get built and that this idea gets thrown out
- That it doesn't happen, and that this idea gets thrown out
- Great idea. Would be nice to have a loop walk or path of some sort to encourage movement in the people as well as the dogs
- This space would help keep unleashed dogs in a defined area.
- Decent grass, garbage bins, and parking options
- No off leash area
- Opportunities for dog/dog socialization, stimulation and exercise
- I hope it does not pass.
- Park or leave alone.
- None
- I hope some sort of basic fencing or barrier is put in place on the West end of the park, as Simon's Valley Parkway is quite a busy road.
- I hope it gets fenced so my puppy is safe
- That it is moved to one of the newer areas so that people who buy, know what they are getting into. Placing it here where most houses are at least 10 years old, no one expected this to happen.
- I'd like it to be left as is. I purchased my house with this space being a utility corridor and I'd like to see it left that way. I feel like there was a bait and switch. I can't say I would have made the purchase if it was beside to a dog park.
- leave it as is, a dog park should not directly in a neighborhood
- None at all, but if it must be done then shorten (as described below) and fence it for safety.
- Just off beddington trail and deerfoot
- Anything but an off leash area!!
- that it goes away
- I would personally use it.
- Status quo.
- Anything but dog park.
- Keep it as it is.
- I don't want this at all. Not interested at all.
- Nothing at all.
- Fence

- The current space in Evanston should be continued to be used as a multi-purpose area; safe for people to walk dogs on leash or families to walk without dogs and kids to play. I would propose an offleash in the newer areas being developed i.e. Carrington.
- Closer knit community
- Keeps off-leash dogs away from playgrounds and the ridge.
- A safe area dogs can run off leash
- Obviously just hoping for a wide-open, designated area that possesses appropriate fencing.
- It would be great to incorporate the area behind this space between here and Stoney
- Keep it a greenspace so kids can play there.
- Fully fenced so it's safe
- I hope the space will look better and be of use to those who want it. I also hope it will get more off leash dogs off our school fields and community playgrounds
- socialize our dog
- I hope this proposal is approved as we need more out door facilities in the community.
- I think it would be good to add a water feature for the dogs to have access to water on a hot day. Like a water fountain where humans and drink and a lower ones for dogs. And plenty garbage cans.
- Would hope that all users clean up after their dog. If everyone focuses on keeping the park clean and tidy I think it is a great idea!
- Let the dogs have their fun
- It's put somewhere else. Lots of development in Evanston so a off leash park could be properly built in the community
- Community garden
- I would like to take my dog there regularly for exercise and fun. It would also be a good opportunity for me to meet and socialize with more of my neighbours.
- I hope the off leash area will be fenced in.
- I would prefer the off leash on the ridge.
- I hope the city rethinks the location picked for the off leash park. The obvious answer for me is to have it on the ridge. No large roads, it's already fenced in and a much larger space in general. Lots of residents use it this way as is with no issues.
- People pick up after their dogs, that poop bags are available
- It would be wonderful to have a larger area instead of a small area
- More trees and. Cleaner area
- green space/playground/biking track/etc
- Community engagement through meeting neighbors and their dogs. Less poop in all other areas
- Seating, garbage, trees
- It is a narrow small area, just leave it the way it is. People use it with dog on leash, walk and kids use to play
- So people with dogs will go there instead of walking around the community with no leashes



## Evanston Off-leash Area

Stakeholder Report Back: What we Heard, What we Did

October 4, 2018

### What are your issues/concerns for the proposed off-leash area?

- No parking, houses too close
- None
- I have no concerns
- No issues
- If left unfenced I feel it will be unsafe for my dog, being next to a very busy road. If it is unfenced I won't be using it.
- See above. Also there is a significant amount of dog crap back there already and you are aware that people do not pick it up
- Kids are in the area and people aren't always watching their animals. Someone could get hurt
- if dogs are not trained they could run on the road and get hit/killed. extra traffic on street concerned for the kids who ride bikes
- Thirdly, we have a lot of young children on this road and between the increase in traffic and no designated parking it is a
- Which we paid more for in price of home, no designated parking means increased traffic to a street filled with little kids at any given time of day and we were not included in proposal and are the most affected as it's our backyard. Shame on you!
- It might get really busy for the neighbours, especially since all other off-leash areas are far away and many families have dogs. I don't know if they would appreciate so many cars parked nearby all the time.
- No fencing and owners allowing their dogs to run in an area is so close to our homes and where our kids are playing. Parking will be an issue especially with those of us who live in an area with a back lane way. There is enough issue as is .
- Privacy and more crime. More traffic and nowhere to park. Many small children in the neighbourhood.
- I have no concerns. Although I hope the dog owners will be respectful and pick up after their animals.
- I would like to see a fence around it.
- Parking impeding traffic flow and pedestrian crossing volume.
- That it will only service the community of Evanston when there is such a need in adjacent communities.
- None.
- We need an off leash area for the Sherwood/Nolan/ Sage Hill area.
- No fence, seems a bit odd there wouldn't be a fence. To many dogs in a small area. Residents who live on the perimeter being concerned about proximity.
- No fence. There needs to be a fence
- No concerns



- Dog poop is always a concern. I recommend the ECCA put together a committee of residents to help mitigate the problem (i.e. quarterly dog poop clean ups by resident volunteers)
- Our street is already very busy, we do not need any more traffic. This areas dog owners already leave dog poop everywhere, I don't want to smell a stinky dog park. The location will be unfenced, off of a road that has a 60 limit. This would be dangerous.
- None
- Health concerns due to the high voltage power lines, and dealing with disgruntled neighbors that don't want an off-leash area.
- Having the area fenced in facing at least Symons Valley Parkway would make me feel better about my dog's safety.
- As long as its fenced off, I have no concerns.
- It not being fenced, seems to run along a high traffic area on one end. Potential for hit by cars to occur.
- None
- That it is not fenced!
- Hopefully it is fenced in
- Irresponsible owners letting dogs that SHOULDN'T be off leash run free there.
- Nothing
- None
- None
- None
- None.
- Major issue will be parking. People in neighboring communities are in the same situation, no one has off leash areas so many people will drive to this one.
- No fencing. How is that helpful?
- No parking. Congestion on residential streets. I fear it will soon look like the Beddington dog park, which is a disgusting mess.
- To have the space that is closest to the road fenced would be preferable.
- My concern is the lake of fencing. This can cause dogs to run-off and become lost, leads to a greater chance of biting because of them being in an unfamiliar area and might be afraid, and also a dog getting hit by a car. Please have a full-fenced in area
- I wonder if we could have more off-leash parks in more communities
- That it won't be completely contained
- The fact that this would bring more traffic to the community... This is to service the north in general... This community does not have the proper infrastructure to her was any additional traffic... There are not enough entrances and exits as it is
- Some people are afraid of dogs and if they are walking on the sidewalk next to a dog park, they could be terrified. Some dogs sense fear and react by biting. Not to mention dogs could cause accidents on the road or become injured or even die.



- Zero
- The lack of parking and lack of fencing.
- Pedestrian crossing lights would be great for those who will be using the parking lot across the street.
- The time it will take to complete as this is park that is badly needed in the area.
- The lack of fencing.
- No fencing around, direct access to the main road
- The busy road and not being fenced in, and the danger to kids playing in front of the immediate adjacent residents
- Too small. not fully fenced (6 feet) all the way to the ground
- Ignorant people that will continue to disregard rules about off-leash areas and will continue to use Creekside paths for off-leash rather than proposed site. C'mon - get some enforcement out and make the creekside path system safe & fun for everyone.
- Fencing!
- Having no fence along Symons valley parkway which is a busy road.
- There is always the chance people bring aggressive dogs but with a good community I think this shouldn't be a large issue
- No fencing when it's close to a busy road
- People not picking up after their dogs, dogs hit by cars.
- I'm concerned that the main road, and one side adjacent to the long residential road should be fenced. It doesn't need to be closed in on all sides with a gate, but there should be some sort of barrier to stop dogs from racing accidentally into the street
- There's no direct access to the area from the main road
- It will be used by people who don't live within walking distance and there is no parking
- No parking and no fence
- As above, extra traffic and vehicles parked in the area.
- As mentioned would highly recommend a gated area and also some parking so we don't take up street parking from the neighbourhood. It'll also be more safe for family and dogs to have parking at the off leash area!
- None
- Not fenced and location.
- Fencing would be best long-term
- Waste of money
- None
- Parking and fencing due to the wide issues with coyote in the area.
- none
- None
- None



- Concerns: child safety! Also there are numerous articles written by Calgary journalists that read how the dog feces is rarely picked up, numerous dog fights (some deadly), and increased traffic. Again let's think of the children's safety first.
- Location near major roads, no separation of pedestrians in the area vs dog park.
- No concerns
- Not kids friendly
- Parking, neighboring homes complaining of barking dogs
- None
- Too much traffic. People park in front of my house.
- None
- There should be fencing, some dogs could run into the street.
- Parking will cause traffic issues within residential area. No fenced next to main roadway poses a safety concern.
- It must be fenced or I wouldn't use it.
- No fencing enclosure, no dedicated parking.
- Safety for dogs with the busier road nearby
- None
- My concern is that it is not fenced and dogs may run on the roads
- Many children from the school live too close to the area. It is a safety concern some of our CSSI program children live very close to the area.
- Take a walk there, there is dog waste everywhere, bags with waste on the ground. How can you control radius 800 meters? No additional parking-means parking on the street which is already super busy. This is the worst area to be chosen for this purpose.
- Again! Who wants running dogs with running kids? There are lots of kids on the street and on the area playing. Dogs also what to play or can get aggressive if they want to chase a ball. Would you be responsible for a child who may get attacked by the dog?
- People won't pick up their dogs poop and leaving it on the ground and they don't li
- Not a good area/location
- Dangerous for kids
- Increases traffic, my son & other kids are unsafe riding bikes, rollerblading on our nice quiet street. I won't be able to run my dog that way anymore (be careful when I leave my house) the main road is too close (safety for dogs & cars driving)
- Residents being so angry that my dogs get poisoned. Dogs running into the street and getting hit by vehicles. Kids getting hit by cars because of increased traffic or getting bit by dogs.
- I would like to see this park to be readily available to surrounding communities and safer for the dogs. This means parking so others could use this and fencing to keep the dogs out of unwanted areas like roads or yards etc.
- More traffic in the neighbourhood. Kids getting hit by cars.
- Not enough parking. Unsafe for kids. Too close to homes.



- Lots of kids in neighbourhood. Too close to homes. Kids being bitten by dogs or getting hit by cars.
- My husband frequently suffers from migraine attacks. He won't be able to rest because of the noise it will worsen his condition even more. I have child with special needs who takes a nap in the afternoon too he is extremely sensitive to noise.
- Please have it completely fenced
- Some degree of fencing would be good, to match other off-leash areas in newer communities. This would also ensure safety for our dogs, and keep out Evanston'
- Having some degree of fencing would be good, and would remain consistent with other off-leash areas in Calgary. It would also ensure safety for our dogs, and keep out the coyotes that plague the Evanston neighborhood.
- None.
- Dog bites. My own son was bit in this area and the people took off when I was attending to him. Cowards live around here. They rather post on social media then talk to each other
- No issue, just don't want it on this road
- Don't Fence the dogs will run onto the street.
- None
- No concern as this is an isolated area, far from playgrounds and sports fields
- None just provide adequate garbage pick up and you will be able to keep the complaints from neighbors.
- There's no fence and symons valley pkwy is a busy road! Pet owners aren't held liable for cleaning up after their dogs, dog owners from neighbouring communities using the park, there's no place to park!
- Hostile neighbours are number one concern. Bad
- Ppl not pick up their poop.
- No issues. I think it is wonderful
- Trash cans and benches are wonderful! A fence around the area would also perhaps alleviate any safety concerns though not sure how practical that is. Thanks for all your hard work City of Calgary and for the opportunity to provide impute
- No issues. Good location. Would suggest thinking about some sort of fence or rope at symons valley
- People abusing it by not picking up after there dogs
- N/A
- Garbage
- None.
- No concerns.
- I am afraid that security will be an issue. Too many people coming into the area blocking driveways. Not enough parking. I am also afraid of increased crime.
- Fencing
- Would prefer if it was fenced, especially given the heavy traffic flow on Symons Valley Parkway.



- The lack of flashing lights at the crosswalk to the proposed area - I use this area a lot and have been almost hit so many times. Do not need controlled lights but does need flashing pedestrian lights at the crosswalk
- None
- Not safe for kids as I have 4 kids play outside all the time
- Hostile neighbours that I do not trust.....definite concerns that they would put poison out for dogs if they do not get their way
- It is by a busy road so I hope that it's fenced in. I would hope others clean up after their pets as it would not be nice to have a house back on to this space if the dogs are not cleaned up after.
- If it is not fenced I likely would not use it as it is too close to residential roads and houses.
- Too much traffic, too many houses. Too small. Too many roads. Definitely not big enough for all the dogs in this neighbourhood!
- Child safety, or the lack off. Increased traffic with a heavy child populated area. Cleanliness or the lack off. Lowered property value. Not being able to enjoy the area with kids. It's a horrible idea in that area.
- Safety of dogs is my concern. My sister told me all the adjacent residents are against it. She also told me that they all signed a petition against having it. I am scared that some of the residents might poison the dogs like at the Airdrie one.
- Traffic, smell, people not cleaning up
- There are a lot of roads nearby, and that's worrisome. A fence would be a safer bet
- No parking & major concern of no fencing in a residential area. Even the best behaved dogs with reasonable recall can get spooked or distracted. Fencing is a must and should be a no brainer
- I would definitely want it to be fenced in due to the busy road.
- Secure fencing from busy roadways
- No parking...
- Too unsafe for the Neighborhood. Once there is an off leash park we notice owners aren't diligent about leashing their dogs home
- Parking
- Limited parking. No fences
- Not safe for dogs. Dogs may run into street and get hit
- Poor location; close to homes, traffic and children
- I would be concerned about dogs running into the busy road. Move location and add a fence
- Noise is a big concern. I go to bed early and when dogs play they make noise
- If there is no fence there, what will stop people from straying beyond the designated area?
- None! We need an off-leash area
- Will stress out my 12 yr old dog. She will bark non stop at other dogs
- Irresponsible dog owners in the area, lack of fence will lead to too many dogs being hit on the busy road



- Increased traffic and speeding through area. Lots of kids use this area. Too small an area for lots of dogs and others to use the site
- If zoned for 800m will there be a space in Kincora, Sage Hill, Nolan, etc. for people with dogs there? Or will this become NW dog park
- How are you going to prevent dogs from running off leash into the larger green space when there is no fence?
- People already drive and park to walk their dogs. There is already waste from dogs that is not being picked up by owners
- Increased traffic will cause parking issues, security concerns, children play on street, kids cut through area to go to school, less privacy
- I would have never bought this house if I knew there was a dog park here
- There is a playground zone on the street now and people don't slow down. This will make it worse
- Is it large enough? Edgemont is the perfect example of beautiful off leash walk. I went to talk my dog on an offleash trail walk
- What are you going to do to prevent people from parking in the area to walk their dogs? What are you going to do to prevent more waste from being left by owners not picking up?
- My autistic child is half naked most of the time. No privacy! Can see right into our house from this site
- Issue: huge crowds
- Privacy (for the houses behind) is a big issue
- It smells already from dog poo, this will make it so much worse
- When it's close to a main road, I'd prefer it to be fenced. I'd also prefer it to be larger, but I'll take what I can get
- Kids ride bikes, play hockey etc. in that cul-de-sac. Now everyone will drive and park there
- Where will people park? Parking is a huge concern
- Huge safety concern for my 4 year old autistic son as there is no fence and lot of traffic is expected for parking near to my house
- Use a leash or drive to nearby park. This is a lazy solution
- There are a ton of groundhogs / holes in that field. I'm concerned they will stray from the field and dogs may even chase them
- Without a fence my dog may get hit by a car
- Dog walking companies bring large groups of dogs and I've never seen them leave with poo
- Would hope people clean up after their animals
- People from KDT and OLG do community walks there. Not safe!
- My child / neighbor's children plan on this hill. My child is autistic and this space is important to him / us
- Not having a fence will result in dogs running loose
- I'm very concerned about parking. There is only one way in to our street and its already busy
- Fencing along Symons Valley Parkway should be included as this road is quite busy.



- Would like the city to ensure that there is good parking for the expected level of demand so that no one troubles residents.
- Proper parking being provided so that people do not resort to blocking a lane on the Symons Valley parkway.
- NOT SAFE. it is the worst place for the off leash area. Look into different areas, further away from the houses and main road, with more green space.
- I have a dog, and I never let it off leash on this area, it is not safe for my dog, close to the main road, too much distraction. I like this green space, and don't want people come there from all over with dogs, it will be full of dog poop!
- Dog attacks, privacy, 1/50 dog owners cleans up after themselves in the area.
- Servicing all of northwest. You didn't follow the off leash plan and no mitigation of anything raised elevation, area is not big enough
- It's supposed to be for the area. Now we find out it's for all of NW Calgary. City is a joke. Going against their own park plan. Alderman is a LIAR.
- dangerous for kids
- Enter and exit spots that would be easily And if it will be a fenced in area.
- That there will be people parking in front of my home to access it and damages will be done to my property.
- There is already a huge off-leash area near deefoot and beddington trail.
- Parking
- I would prefer a completely fenced in area, but am happy that a designed area is being proposed.
- Diseases because not every dog owner vaccines their dog. Lots of traffic. Collisions with dogs and children. Children getting bit. Lack of privacy. Increased crime. Nowhere to park and people blocking driveways.
- Needs to be fenced. Needs to be a stimulating environment for dogs (hills, balance boards, weave poles etc.) not just a big open space
- It is not a fenced area, too close to our property and not all dog owners are responsible dog owners. Someone needs to take a look in that area now and they would see how much dog poop and poop bags have been left there.
- Dog poop, dog bites, and proximity to neighbors
- Not one person that lives on Evansford Grove wants this park. Tired of cleaning dog waste up all the time. When the kids play their. Ok
- Without a fence or some sort of barrier at the West end of the park, I have concerns for the dogs safety (and children chasing them?). A marked crosswalk at or near the site would also be necessary (flashing pillars identical to further down the road)
- Just that it won't have a fence
- Privacy, increased traffic, no parking. I have a dog but now will have to be very careful every time I walk out the door as without any fences, dogs could be running loose. Also next to Symons Valley road leads to concerns about other dog's safety.



- Increased traffic on our street. Safety of my children with traffic and not controlled dogs. Loss of privacy with the area being used more. Dog owners not picking up after their dogs. We already have ppl letting their dog use our front lawn.
- kids safety with no fence, smell of pee and dog poop, traffic will increase greatly so big safety concern, dogs entering my front yard cause its attached to the green space, noise from dogs and traffic
- When cycling/walking on this side of SV Parkway, east end of that space used to "cut" between Evansford Rd and Evansford Ci. Already a problem - why they aren't connected, no one understands! Area is already in use - adding unleashed dogs is a bad idea.
- Fencing must be put in because often offleash areas are prone to owners abusing the priviledge and not picking up feces after their dogs or staying within controlling distance of their animals.
- Parking, barking/noise, dog waste, stress to my dog, Safety of the children in the neighbourhood
- concerned that it will go there
- People not cleaning up after their dogs.
- So much opposition I'm worried about poisonings.
- Dog's attacks are already common here. Bylaws do nothing.
- I want a better area. This place is terrible.
- Pick a new site.
- No fence
- Currently the area is low maintenance and nicely landscaped. I fear it will turn into dangerous area eyesore. I won't feel comfortable walking my dog on leash on my own sidewalk. I feel we would be rewarding those that are currently breaking leash laws.
- Irresponsible dog owners, increased incidents of harassment from off-leash dogs towards on-leash dogs and children walking on the adjacent side walk or cutting thru the area to Stoney Trail. Dog excrement.
- The busy street. Might need a fence across there
- None
- Inconsiderate dog owners, traffic and parking to use the area.
- Parking in the area. It's a busy street
- No parking, potential for increased parking traffic on bordering roads
- none
- The park is close to the main road way ( Symons valley parkway). Would there be any potential to fence this stretch specifically to keep dogs from the roadway?
- No issues
- No fence, between residential homes, children walk through there for school, no parking
- Pet owners - seen them, argued with them.
- The lack of fencing is a bit worrisome, especially with a 4-Lane road adjacent. Ideally I'd like to see it fully enclosed by a chain-link fence for maximum safety.
- There is no parking specifically designated for the area



- The lack of fencing.
- The area will not be fenced and is very close to a double laned road with fairly high speed. Dogs, pedestrians and commuters will be at risk of collisions if the area is not fenced.
- None
- Owners not picking up poop or controlling their dogs, dogs running onto the road and being harmed, parking in the area despite not meant for people to park to
- Safety for our kids and cleanliness
- None
- The part along symons valley parkway isn't fenced
- Property value will go down, I was just told my the realtor. So, will the City pay me a difference? Should I sue the City for it? I did not buy a house and lived here for 10 years and now have an off leash area behind my back yard. Barking and dog waste!

## If you currently use the site, what activities do you use it for?

- We don't, have walked the dog
- I take my dogs to that area now.
- My kids cross that space in the week to walk to school
- kids play soccer with friends or ride bikes. cross to get to buss/school
- Kids play and ride bikes
- Walking.
- Walk through it to get to the other part of community
- I just drive by it to get home.
- Can the city expand to the Emma service road which is on the back part of this area. It's a much larger space. I'm sure Enmax doesn't need all that space.
- Letting my dog run off leash - would rather do this is a way that is permitted by bylaws rather than always having anxiety over being caught red handed.
- Walking h with kids, or walking thru to access nearby parks.
- Walking the dogs
- I do not use this site for anything.
- N/a
- N/a
- I run on this greenspace and the space along Stony Trail
- I walk my dog at the very small and short pathways nearby. This community lacks a great pathway system with ample garbage cans. Offering a fully-fenced dog park would increase activity to our beloved pets, especially in those long winter months.
- N/A
- I do not currently use the site but would if it was fenced.



- I do not currently use it
- I have an adorable fur baby and I know that she would love to socialize there with other doggies
- I do not use this area at the present time, I go to the Bowness off leash park, but the is super crowded and a far drive
- N/A
- I like to play ball with my nephew in this area, I won't even let him out front now if this goes through and he will be too afraid to go out too
- I don't use this site. I also don't use the creekside path systems but I would if off-leash dogs weren't present. Off leash dogs keep approaching me on the creekside (asphalt) paths and owners don't respect that I don't want off-leash dogs near me.
- Walking my dog
- Walking
- For my family socialize and get to know our neighbours and community!
- Walk dog on leash
- Off leash dog walking.....
- Walking alone or with my dog.
- Taking walks with my children.
- Socializing the dogs
- Walk across to bring kids to playground.
- Nature walks with the children
- My child rides her bike there, plays ball, badminton. Walk in the nature ( and a dog waste) By-laws should pay a visit to Evanston, it is turning into "dog waste planet". Thistle grow there, a good dog owner would not take a dog there - find a better area
- There is no parking, you can control and stop people from other communities to come here and use it. Means parking on the street! Noo way! There will be lots of complaints every single day to 311!! Also, people are mad-not safe for dogs!!
- Walking my dog
- Viewing
- I cut through with my dog ON Leash for our runs. I walk through here with my son, to go to park, baseball, walk. My son cried when he heard of this, he's scared of dogs. I too am so upset by this. Living right beside. Do NOT let this happen!!!!
- My kids play in that area with kids from their school.
- My kids play with kids in that area.
- Walk through greenspace.
- Walk through that area. I have friends that live adjacent to that area.
- My son has autism we use this site for his walking activities. He needs 10 minutes of walk daily for regulation and then he is able to focus better on his sessions with developmental aid .The up and downhill activity for him is recommended by therapist.
- Nothing





- Just to walk my dog through.
- We use the site to walk to city transit. Walk thru with our dogs. My sons plays with friends their.
- I walk through there but my dogs are always on their leash.
- Going to for a walk or taking my friends dog for a walk there who also lives fairly close to the site
- Walking my dog
- None atm
- Walking my dog.
- My husband runs our dog by the area on leash. Sadly without a fence we couldn't trust our girl to be offleash as she's a runner so a fence would be amazing! But again logistically I understand may not be possible.
- I run on it with a dog leash
- I don't use it now but when I get a off I will absolutely use it.
- Walking my dog
- My elderly parents walk across it to get to the bus stop.
- Walking dog on leash currently and/or family walks.
- Walking the dog and it being off leash would be even better
- walk thru to get to stoney trail to run off leash.....illegally as we have no where close to walk to that is legal
- I have not used this space for any reason.
- To walk my dog through to walk along Stoney Trail
- Playing with the kids
- My kids play with their cousins in that area.
- Picnics, bocce ball , hangouts , kite flying, frisbee tossing
- 2 dogs - 1 child. We are responsible dogs owners. Always pick up after ourselves and our daughter loves dog parks. This is very important to us
- Yes my children ride their bike in the area and we walk thru on our way to the grocery store
- Already use it as an off-leash area
- Cross the area to get to the playground. Children play in the area
- I use it to play and walk my dog
- 2 dogs that require a lot of exercise. 1 of the dogs is a therapy dog and I use the area with him
- 2 dogs, and I'd like an area that is legally off leash. I currently use the utility corridor to get around off leash laws
- Really excited to have a designated area for off leash
- Cross the area to get to school
- 2 dogs. Responsible dog owner. Great for neighbourhood!
- 2 large dogs. Nice for a place in the community to let them run
- No current off-leash parks. We need one
- Great project. Can't wait to use this space!
- We walk our dog through the area regularly



- My son needs regulation before his in-home session with FSCF person and we use this area for walking
- I enjoy walking through this area without my dog. I also walk right by here to check my mail daily
- For walk
- For walking
- There are lots of dog lovers in Evanston. We need something like this! We are one of the biggest divisions in all of Calgary and growing. I am also a responsible dog owner who cleans up after my dog!
- Use area to take hikes. Watch the rabbits and coyotes
- Playing and accessing
- I already use this site as an off-lease area as there is a large undeveloped area along Stoney Trail.
- walk with kids, walk with my dogs ON leash
- I use it for walks with my kids and my dog ON leash. Keep it the way it is, you can't guarantee it will be used only by people 800m radius. People from other communities will use it and we don't want it! Again, dog poop, traffic, not safe!
- Picnics, badminton, kids hide and seek, tag.
- Kids play in the area.
- Peace and quiet.
- walking and biking with the kids
- I am not a dog owner but often walk past this area and would love to see families with their fur babies utilizing this space.
- Kids play back there. The kids walk back there to get to friends' houses or bus stop for school.
- I walk that area every day. It is not a good spot for off leash. Kids and adults use this area. Parking is bad in our area now, so imagine what it will be like if this passes.
- Frisby, picnic, x-country skiing, snow shoeing
- Giving the kids rides on sled in the winter. Playing catch and frisbee in the summer.
- I walk through this site with my dog to get to the utility corridor (and let her off leash at the far East end of the site)
- I do not
- Walking
- I use this site to walk through on our way to school. I will not feel comfortable walking my children through an off leash area full of dog poop and unleashed dogs.
- walking and kids riding bikes
- Cycling/walking.
- Leash walking my dog. Often people are not in control of their animals when not on leash or aren't close to their animals to see where they need to pick up after their dogs and leaves the area like a mine field of feces.
- Playing, neighbourhood bbq and block parties, kids playing,



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- Street hockey and soccer in the field
- Recreation. Put a children's park there.
- Not at present.
- Walking my kid to the bus stop.
- I'd rather offleash my dogs anywhere but here...even if it is against bylaws.
- I enjoy walking through this area alone and with my dog on leash. My husband and I plan to have children and we bought our home close to the green space for our children to play. There are currently many uses for this area and offleash would limit to 1.
- Cutting thru to Stoney Trail, Walking past it to the grocery store, bus stop, etc.
- Walking my dog
- I walk my dog through this area to walk by the Power Lines.
- Paths for walking
- Walking with my dogs and children on leash
- Occasionally I will walk my dog there on the leash.
- I do not use this site currently.
- Dog walking
- This area is close to the road and narrow and small, used by kids going to the bus stop, people walking with dog on the leash -wish is smart, kids riding bikes and playing, people walking. Hope it is not happening, as we will fight back and won't stop.