

You are invited to attend a meeting to discuss the proposed sites for ...

Future Dog Exercise Areas in Your Neighborhood!

Monday, December 13, 7-9 p.m.

Montgomery Regional Office building (MRO), Auditorium

8787 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Proposed sites include:

Cabin John Regional Park Area

- #1 – Former Noah's Ark Area
- #2 – Pee Wee Soccer Field Area

Leisure World Area

- #1 - Norbeck-Muncaster Local Park
- #2 - East Norbeck Local Park
- #3 and #4 - Olney Manor Recreational Park

Based on requests from citizens to the County Council, two specific areas were targeted for future Dog Exercise Areas; Cabin John Regional Park area and Leisure World area. Several park sites were analyzed within a 2-mile radius of each and recommendations were based on the size, location, environmental sensitivity, existence of adequate parking, and compatibility with existing uses. Two sites in the Cabin John Regional Park and four sites in the Leisure World area are proposed as most suitable by staff. We are now inviting comments from the public to determine the suitability of these sites for dog exercise areas.

Please review the full staff report for dog exercise areas and contribute your comments, opinions, and suggestions if you cannot attend the meeting. The full staff report can be found on our website at: http://www.mc-mncppc.org/parks/facilities/dog_park/dog_parks.shtm.

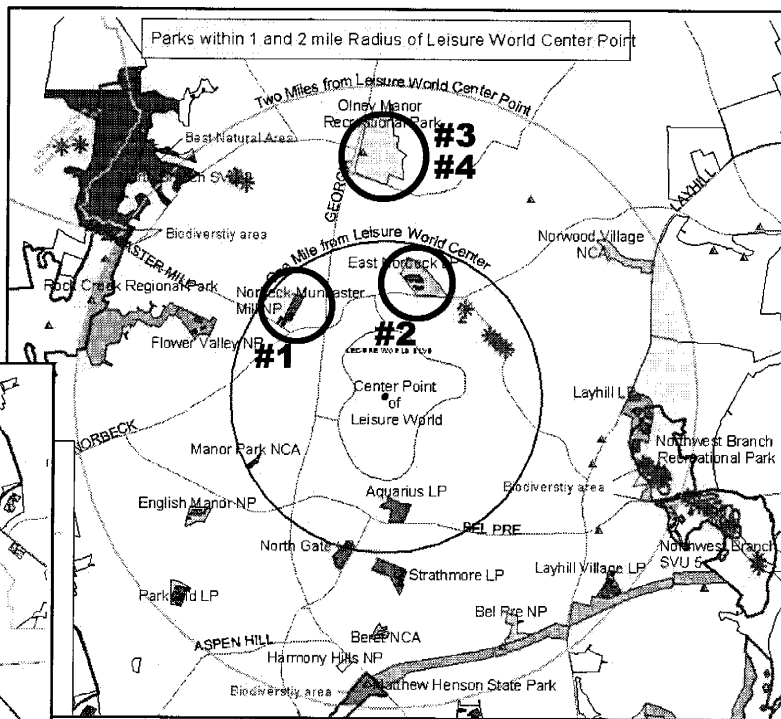
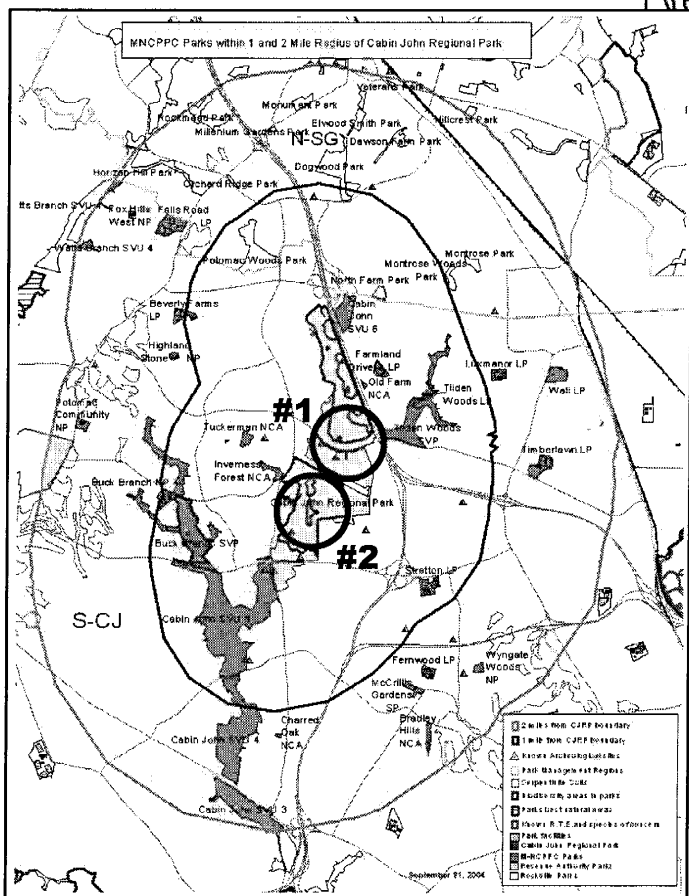
You may send written comments directly to Derick Berlage, Chairman of the Montgomery County Planning Board, 8787 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or by email from our website by clicking on the "Click here to send an email comment" link.

For additional information, please contact M-NCPPC staff Norma J. Kawecky at 301.650.4365, email: MCP-Dogs@mncppc-mc.org.

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PUBLIC MEETING: Future Dog Exercise Areas in Your Neighborhood! Monday, December 13, 7-9 pm

Below: **Recommended Sites in the Cabin John Regional Park Area**
#1 – Former Noah’s Ark Area
#2 – Pee Wee Soccer Field Area



Above: **Recommended Sites in the Leisure World Area**
#1 - Norbeck-Muncaster Local Park
#2 - East Norbeck Local Park
#3 and #4 - Olney Manor Recreational Park

Thank you.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Leisure World Area Dog Exercise Area Community Comments

<p>General Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It would be nice if the dog parks were grass or more natural setting. The one in Wheaton has gravel, and our dog Durango does not like to run on the gravel, so we do not really use it. - As a dog owner and long time resident of Montgomery County, I applaud the installation of the dog exercise areas. I support developing new exercise areas as proposed in the Leisure World area, especially the Olney Manor Recreational Park. - Jo Anne Ciperson, Olney, MD - I frequent the Ridge Road Park several times a week on a regular basis – both the park and the dog exercise area. People love the dog area. It contributes to bringing people together on a friendly basis, adding to sense of community and “spirit.” Also, the dog area is cleaner than the park area regarding litter. I am always picking up trash (near ball fields area) on my walks through the park. This is not the case in the dog area. People are conscientious and respectful. And with respect to increased traffic flow and accidents (Susan Haskins concern quoted in 12/8 Gazette), traffic flow is staggered. You do not get the volume of traffic as you do with soccer or other games, which can lead to accidents. Up to 50 people a day - throughout the day – coming to the dog park does not present a problem. And, judging from my direct experience, park attending dog owner drivers do drive safely within the park to the dog area. (They are not in a rush to get to any designated game on time!) If people have noise concerns, there is rarely any disturbing noise. A few barks occasionally, but nothing consistent – the dogs put their energy into running and chasing each other; and the owners are there to intervene to prevent potential problems. - One more thought: Please consider providing a small inexpensive sheltered area within the park (if there are no trees for shade) and, of course, a few more benches. Ridge road dog area has no shelter or shaded areas and the direct sun in the summer is scorching (not to mention dangerous to humans as well). Since the fence provides one side, an inexpensive design could be constructing two poles in the dog park with an awning over the poles attached overhead to the fence. It would sure help Ridge Road dog area - Sincerely, J. Barak. -
<p>Olney Manor Recreation Park</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This site is very well used already. Very few Leisure World residents would go there. Driving is always a problem - Good site. Parking is not a problem. Extra fences could solve softball issue. - Expand dog park area to 2 acres to include some wooded area - Good site. Also easy to have separate area for small dogs and puppies at one end. - Geese problem...area not sanitary for dogs/humans - Very active park...lots of special events and tournaments - New skate park will cause parking uncertainty - Access for disabled not good - Less likely to be used primarily by senior citizens - Not viable for senior citizens in the Leisure World area - Site #1 would have self-contained parking - I support a dog park at Olney Manor Park I’ve never had trouble finding a parking space. Could be built now rather than waiting to amend concept plan, etc. I like that the park is busy; means there are things for other members of my family to do while one of us takes dog to dog park. - Jan Carlson
<p>East Norbeck Local Park</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Smaller park than 1 acre possible split into 2 fenced areas one for smaller dogs and one for longer dogs - Speed up timetable. Handicapped accessibility is a must. Temporary DEA would be great

<p>East Norbeck cont'd.</p>	<p>Temporary DEA would be great.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I want a dog park now and am concerned about waiting to amend a concept plan and/or waiting for this park to be redeveloped. - I support East Norbeck – it is the most feasible in the quickest amount of time. - Norma has L.W. new fun list of signatures requesting E. Norbeck apartments 275 signers - This would help so very much, because it is close. We need this for the people and the dogs of Leisure World. - Is it possible to exchange the wild flower area with the basketball and tennis court. It would be much more beautiful for the park, for people to enter and see the wild flowers, and easier accessible for us seniors. - Temp park – tennis courts basketball court one planed small park instead of long park. - A temporary dog area here is the best idea presented. Changes to the existing concept plan could then be addressed with time. This has the most potential, especially for Leisure World residents. - 20 parking areas - Very convenient to primary user group - Requires re-thinking the conceptual design - Keep tennis courts for seniors - Redesign the park to serve seniors - Within walking distance of Leisure World - Would be primarily used by seniors - Temporary pet-park on lowest right area. 200 x 1000 ft. would be very economical and we could get the unit cited in a reasonable time. - We are requesting a temporary dog park at E. Norbeck. - 2 dog parks - 1 for small/ medium dogs - 1 for medium/large dogs - small dogs 75 x 5- ft./ large dogs 200 x 50 ft - We need a dog run. We would take a temporary field until construction. - I support E. Norbeck. I live in Longmead & can walk there with my dog. Speed up the process please. - Much prefer the E. Norbeck. But can't wait 5 years.. my dog is 12 !!! - Amend Concept Plan to put DEA where Basketball and Tennis Courts are.
<p>Norbeck-Muncaster Neighborhood Park</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Geographically undesirable - Parking not sufficient - Safety problem needs letter crossing areas and out of Muncaster - Leisure World residents would not use this site. The access from Muncaster Mill would be too dangerous because of traffic! - Too far for seniors, too isolated, and not handicapped accessible. - Not viable for senior citizens in the Leisure World area - Dangerous location conflicted with historically black church and cemetery. - I don't like this site because I want to go to the dog park on Sunday mornings.

Cabin John Regional Park Dog Exercise Area Community Comments

General Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intersection at Seven Locks Road & Tuckerman Lane - Provide far side walks on Seven Locks Road (2) - We are in favor of locating a dog exercise area in Cabin John Regional Park. It would be fun for the dogs and a good way to build a sense of community in the area. - It would be nice if the dog parks were grass or more natural setting. The one in Wheaton has gravel, and our dog Durango does not like to run on the gravel, so we do not really use it. - As a dog owner and long time resident of Montgomery County, I applaud the installation of the dog exercise areas. I support developing new exercise areas as proposed in the Leisure World area, especially the Olney Manor Recreational Park. - I am anxious to have the exercise areas at both Cabin John and near Leisure World, where I expect to move in the future. I would like to volunteer to help at the Cabin John area in any way. My phone # is 301-299-4895. Irma Spencer - I have lived in Bethesda for over 21 years and have been a dog owner for that long, and I am absolutely thrilled that steps are finally being taken to get a dog park in this neighborhood. I would happily pay an annual fee for each of my dogs to cover the cost of constructing and maintaining this enclosed area. Thank you so much! Sincerely, Mireille Key
Pee Wee Soccer Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not a good site - Too close to residences - Parking inadequate - 1/3 – 2/3 ratio is not being adhered to in parks - Bad site due to housing
Noah’s Ark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Traffic at Tuckerman La. & Seven Locks Road does not meet CLV LATN - Need sidewalks on Tuckerman La. to permit people to walk to park from - We would like to see inspection of dog licenses ---- 25,000 dogs - Expand to over 1 acre - Need well-marked railroad crossing or use/refurbish existing railroad bridge - Sidewalk should be provided along West—Drive on west side. - We desperately need a safe place to exercise dogs in the Bethesda Potomac area. This site is the best available one. Please build this as soon as possible. - A one acre site with a fence and parking is all we need - Location is ideal – away from residences, ample parking, easy access for all – Joyce Winston - Will serve Bethesda, Potomac, and Rockville areas. - Traffic will be minimally impacted. Average peak dog park time is weekends. Max average is approx. 12-15 cars per hour at Wheaton Regional Dog Park. - Good site location is ideal. No conflicts whatsoever, large need. - Drainage of waste can cause problems for Cabin John stream.

Olney Recreation Park Dog Exercise Area Cost Estimate

(Size Approx. 1.3 Acre)

January 13, 2005

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
1	6 Ft. High Chain Link Fencing With Vinyl Coating	765	Linear Feet	\$11 Per Linear Foot	\$8,415
2	4 Ft X 6 Ft. Pedestrian Gate	4	Each	\$365 Per Each	\$1,460
3	12 Ft. X 6 Ft. Equipment Gate	3	Each	\$610 Per Each	\$1,830
4	Park Benches	5	Each	\$700 Per Each	\$3,500
5	Trash Cans	5	Each	\$15 Per Each	\$75
6	Standard Park Rule Sign (By Central Maintenance)	1	Each	\$200 Per Each	\$200
7	Mutt Mitt Dispensers (Park Green Color)	3	Each	\$70 Per Each	\$210
8	Mutt Mitts (800 Mitts Per Carton)	3	Each	\$50 Per Each	\$150
10	KIOSK For Park Rule Sign (By Central Maintenance)	1	Lump Sum	\$2000 Lump Sum	\$2000
11	Poly Pave Surface In 15 Ftx15 Ft. Holding Area	225	Square Foot	\$4 Per Sq.'	\$900
12	Mulch Just Outside The Holding Area	1	Lump Sum	\$300	\$300
13	30 Ft. High Fencing	400	Feet	\$15,000 Per 100 Ft.	\$60,000
CONSTRUCTION COST =					\$79,040
DESIGN COST =					\$ 7,000
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT COST =					\$ 7,000
TOTAL COST FOR DOG EXERCISE AREA=					\$93,040

Cabin John Regional Park Dog Exercise Area Cost Estimate

(Size Approx. 1 Acre)

January 13, 2005

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
1	6 ft. high chain link fencing with vinyl coating	850	Linear Feet	\$11 Per Linear Foot	\$9,350
2	4 ft x 6 ft. pedestrian gate	4	Each	\$365 Per Each	\$1,460
3	12 ft. x 6 ft. equipment gate	3	Each	\$610 Per Each	\$1,830
4	Park Benches	5	Each	\$700 Per Each	\$3,500
5	Trash Cans	5	Each	\$15 Per Each	\$75
6	Standard Park Rule sign (by Central Maintenance)	1	Each	\$200 Per Each	\$200
7	Mutt Mitt dispensers (Park Green color)	3	Each	\$70 Per Each	\$210
8	Mutt Mitts (800 mitts per carton)	3	Each	\$50 Per Each	\$150
9	Site clearing (to be done by park manager)	1	Lump Sum	\$600 Lump Sum	\$600
10	KIOSK for Park Rule Sign (by central Maintenance)	1	Lump Sum	\$2000 Lump Sum	\$2000
11	Poly Pave Surface in 15 ft x 15 ft. holding area	225	Square Foot	\$4 per Sq. Ft.	\$900
12	Mulch just outside the holding area	1	Lump Sum	\$500	\$500
CONSTRUCTION COST =					\$20,775
DESIGN COST =					\$ 7,000
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT COST =					\$ 7,000
TOTAL COST FOR DOG EXERCISE AREA=					\$34,775

Appendix

Public Correspondences and Leisure World Community Petition

1/2/13/04

Comfaut/Kayhill (also known as Northwest Branch) was one of the original dog park sites from the winter of 2002 when Parks + Planning first had hearings about dog parks. This site was supported by MC-DOG, and it was in line to be the next park when we met with Derrick Berlag last December. All of a sudden this site has dropped out of consideration. Why? Please send me a letter - I have been very active in MC-DOG in opening ~~the~~ Wheaton + the other two; I'm one of your partners! What happened? Thanks for your response!

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