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Dogs in the Parks



Community Meeting
Wednesday May 3, 2006
Dog Park Presentation to PDCC
Stevenson Center, Lake Street

"Shaping the Future for Man's Best Friend"

For regular plan updates, www.oakparkparks.com and select Future Plans

PARK DISTRICT OF OAK PARK

Bark in the Park









History of Dogs in the Parks

Dog Friendly Policies

Ongoing	**Park Rules allow dogs in the parks on leash**
Mid-1990's	**Don't Look, Don't See off leash activity**
July 2003	**Temporary Off-Leash Policy at Ridgeland Common and Lindberg Parks in effect**
Sept. 2003	**Dog Friendly Activities Introduced (Doggie Dip, Doggie Hunt, Bark in Oak Park)**
Jan. 2006	**Temporary Dog Park/Dog Park Plus established at Ridgeland Common**
Jan. 2006	**Planning begins to identify permanent dog park(s)**
Jan. 2006	**Friends of Oak Park Dogs (FOOPD) group est.**

Working with the Community

Comprehensive Planning Process 2003-2004

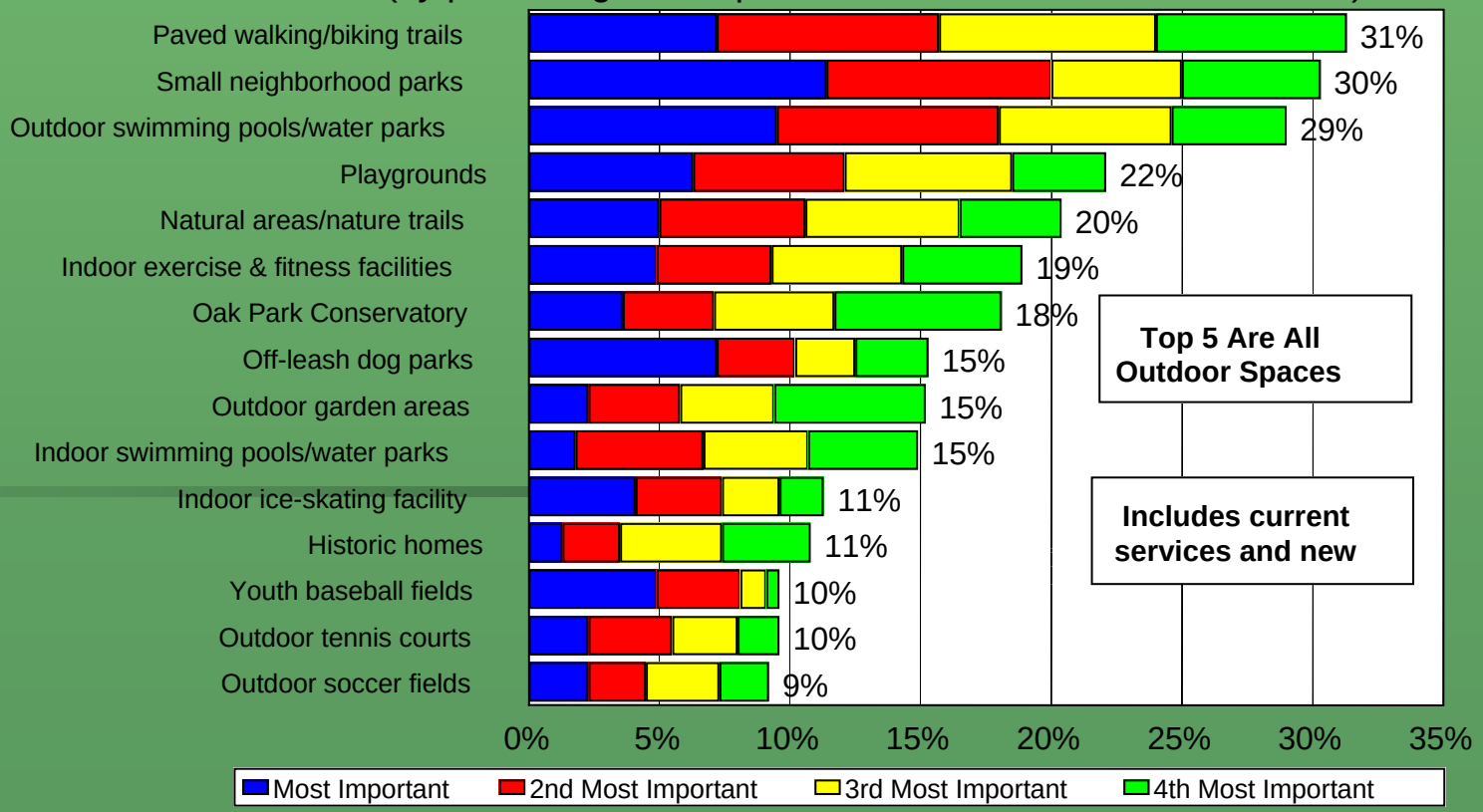


- ✓ With VOP, hired park and recreation planning consultant – Leisure Vision
- ✓ Jointly Appointed Park District Citizen Committee (PDCC) – 13 members
- ✓ Held Stakeholder interviews, focus groups & public input meetings with several hundred residents
- ✓ Mailed 3,367surveys/
  Received 829 completed responses
- ✓ Held Consensus Workshop with VOP

Understanding Community Needs, Priorities, etc.....

Survey Q. 7. Recreational Facilities that are Most Important to Respondent Households

(by percentage of respondents/four choices could be made)



Source: Leisure Vision/ETC Institute (June 2004)

Limited Open Space in Oak Park

- NRPA standard: 10 acres of park space per 1,000 residents
- With 82.29 acres of park space, Oak Park has about 1.6 acres per 1,000 residents

Dogs in Oak Park Planning Process

Jan '06	Established Working Group
	Toured Dog Parks in the Area
	Nationwide research for examples, including design criteria and public process
Feb 8	Community Meeting #1 to collect information
Feb/March	Gathering info on Oak Park Potential Sites
March 8	Community Meeting #2 to present 5 sites for consideration
March 14	Focus Group with reps from VOP and Community Organizations
April 3-14	Specific Site Meetings (Talking to neighbors)
May 3	Community Meeting #3 to present final recommendation
May 4	Presentation to Park Board at Committee of the Whole
May 18	Park Board will consider action on final plan at Regular Park Board Meeting

Dogs in Oak Park Planning Process

Purpose of Planning Study

To gather information, facilitate community meetings and complete an analysis of sites with the intent of identifying and recommending potential sites within Oak Park where dog parks could be located in the future.

Neighborhood Meetings

- Open a dialogue with community and neighborhoods
- Collect valuable input regarding ideas, concerns, site preferences and neighborhood impact
- Ensure we are meeting the recreation needs of our residents

Reaching Out to the Community

A Multi-Layered Process

- Park District web site
- Newspaper coverage
- Door to door flyers to all neighborhoods of parks under consideration
- Flyers to schools & Kids Report
- Park District E-News
- Flyers and Posters at all Park District facilities
- Posters on fences at all sites under consideration
- Information in FYI and on Channel 6

Park/Site Master Planning Process

2005
- Andersen
- Carroll

2006
- Dogs in Oak Park
- Field
- Fox
- Gymnastics Center
- Longfellow

2007
- Maple
- Ridgeland Common
- Taylor

2008
- Euclid Square
- Mills
- Conservatory
- Rehm

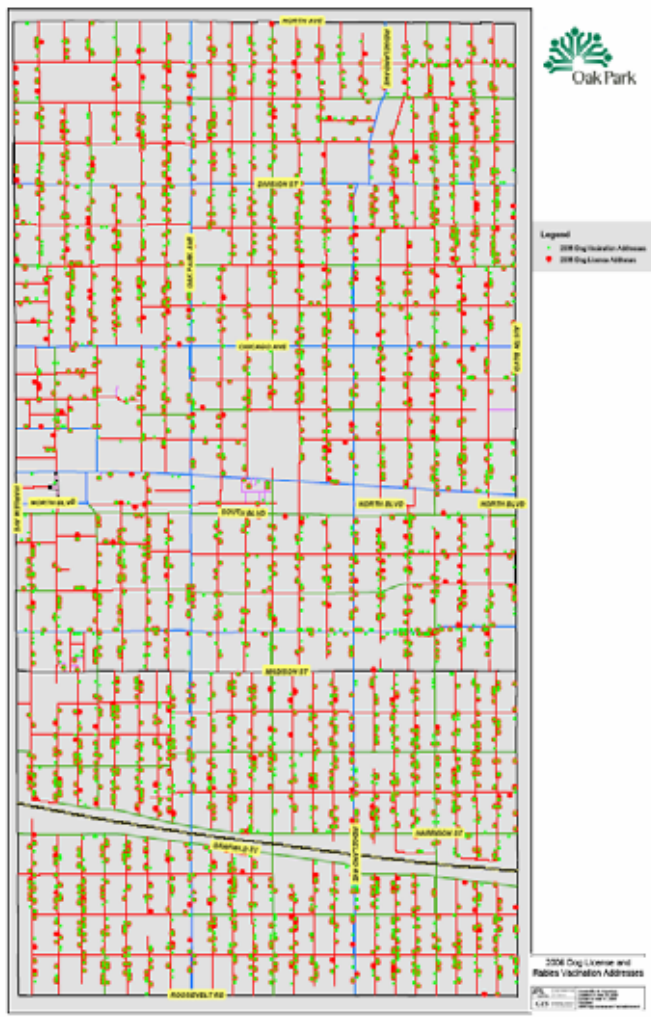
2009
- Cheney
- Randolph
- Wenonah

2010
- Lindberg
- Scoville

Distribution of 2006 Dog Licenses and Rabies vaccinations







Dog Parks in Urban Areas Nationwide

- **“The skyrocketing support for creating places to let dogs run free … is the hottest new city park issue to hit America”.**

  Peter Harnik Program Director, Center for City Park Excellence, DC

- **Dog owners are a substantial group of park users. Other groups, i.e. skateboarders, have been given special consideration**. Santa Barbara Position Paper

- **Dog owners are as legitimate as any other group that uses our parks.** IBID

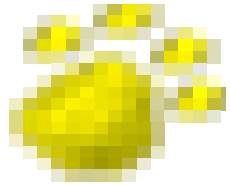
- **In an age when people are becoming more isolated and where we talk more with our keyboards than our vocal cords, it has become more important to create a sense of community.** IBID

Dog Parks in Oak Park

- Dog Owners became used to off-leash hours at Lindberg and at Ridgeland
- Very difficult for these dog owners to then use only a small Dog Park
- Residents of Oak Park are very protective of our limited open space
- Difficulty fencing-off an area for a single use



What is a Dog Park?



- **A fenced area where dogs can run off-leash under the supervision of their owners**
- **It is securely double-gated**
- **Designed to be as integrated into the park as much as possible**
- **Located more than 100 ft from homes and away from schools**
- **For use only by Oak Park citizens who own licensed, healthy, properly inoculated dogs**
- **Limited to those who have registered, paid an annual fee and committed to abide by the park rules (including picking up after their pets.)**
- **Limited to dog owners and their dogs—there must be a responsible adult present for each dog to use the park. Dogs may not be dropped-off and left unsupervised;**
- **Controlled by the Park District, which will limit the number of registered users**
- **Monitored periodically by Park Staff, Animal Control Officers, FOOPD members and other registered users. Sanctions include loss of privileges for registered users and possible substantial fines for any serious infractions by anyone.**



Example:

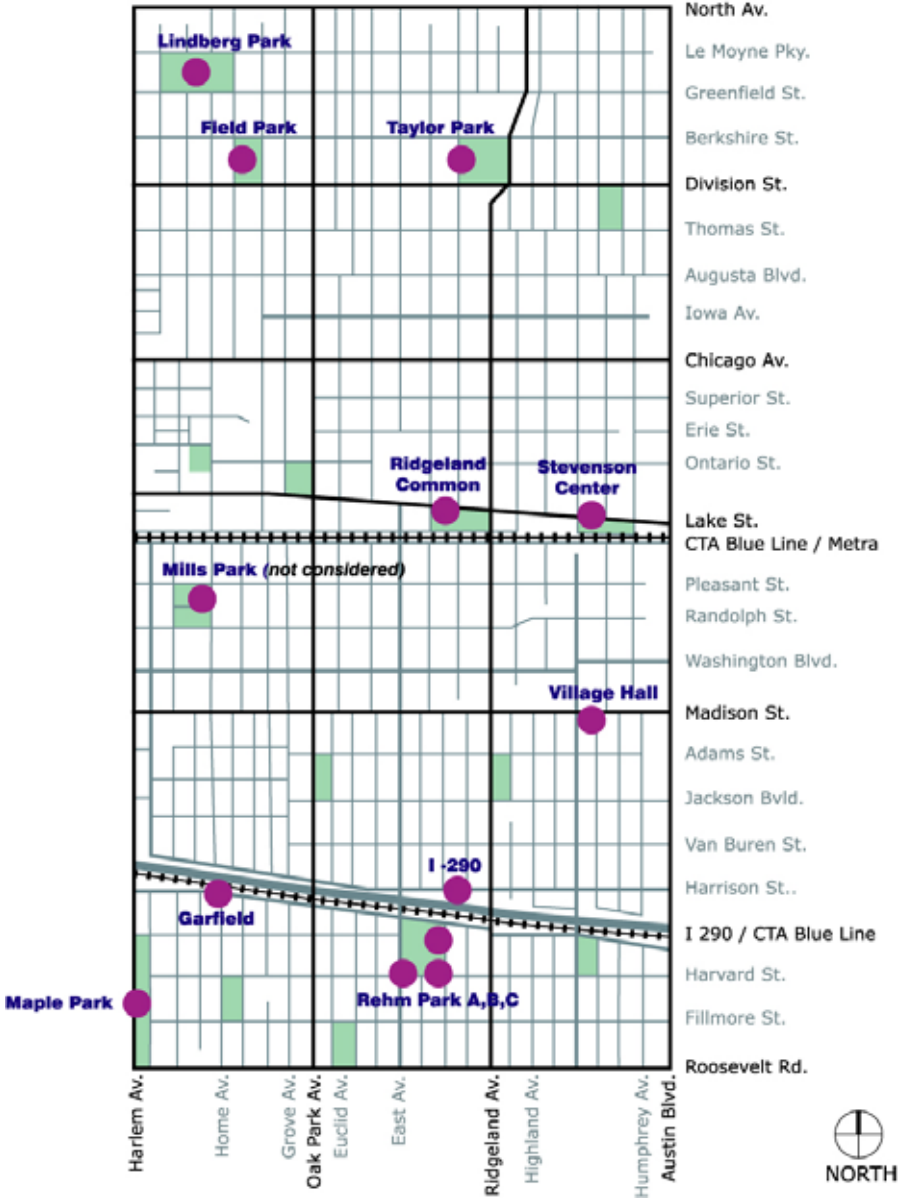
Dog Friendly Area in Lincoln Park











Lindberg Park

Taylor Park

Field Park

Ridgeland Common

Stevenson Center

Mills Park

Marion Street Mall

Village Hall

Madison Street

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Garfield

Rehm Park

Maple Park

PARK DISTRICT OF OAK PARK

DOGS IN THE PARKS

A MASTER PLAN: POTENTIAL SITES

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NEED FOR A REGIONAL FACILITY

The Park District should establish a Task Force

Comprised of Residents

Representatives of FOOPD

An elected official from Park District Board

An elected official from Village Board of Trustees

An elected official from each neighboring community

To work with Cook County Forest Preserve to find a positive solution to this need



RIDGELAND COMMON – First Choice

By far the most popular site in Emails, surveys, letters and at the neighborhood and community meetings

Positive Attributes for A Dog Park

- **DOG PARK PLUS**
- **CENTRAL LOCATION**
- **EXISTING FACILITY**
- **DISTANCE FROM RESIDENCES**

However

- **MASTER PLAN IN 2007 – WILL EXAMINE MULTIPLE SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PARK AND THIS SITE**

POTENTIAL SITE: **Ridgeland Common**



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POTENTIAL SITE: **Ridgeland Common**



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POTENTIAL SITE: Ridgeland Common


View From Northwest


View From West


View From Earth-Berm on West Side

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POTENTIAL SITE: **Ridgeland Common**

PARK DISTRICT OF OAK PARK: CRITERIA FOR SITE SELECTION

Proximity to a school or pre-school:	**No**
Is site within 100 ft of a residence:	**No**
Drainage:	**Adequate could be improved**
Incompatibility with existing public use patterns:	**Area was not used by the public but directly adjacent to baseball back stop and seating**
Incompatibility with existing Park District programs:	**As above**
Sustainability:	**Yes, DFA can be maintained here**
Cost: **and**	**Low. Property owned by PD. DFA already installed. Need to extend water supply from adjacent building provide for sewer.**
Location:	**Good, central.**
Shade:	**There is shade from retaining wall and berm but a landscape buffer is needed**
Water supply:	**Yes, close by.**

RIDGELAND COMMON:
Potential Impact of Dog Park on future Master Plan of Park

Existing Park

- The park is heavily used
- Site is visible to public from North Side only.

Potential Recommendations of Master Plan

- Add decorative boundary fence
- Add continuous path system

Impact of Master Plan Recommendations on Dog Park Design

- Add decorative boundary fence
- Add continuous path system

POTENTIAL SITE: **Ridgeland Common**

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

SIZE:	9,200 sq ft. / 0.21acres
OWNERSHIP:	Park District
HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE:	Low
ACCESS - PARKING:	Yes, along Lake Street
ACCESS - PEDESTRIAN:	Yes
VISABILTY FROM NEIGHBORS:	Low, at back of site
IMPACT ON NEIGHBORHOOD:	Low
CURRENT USE:	Existing yard with concrete pavement
ADJACENT FENCED OFF AREAS:	Berm on west side, retaining wall for elevated train on South, building on East only North side facing park.
IMPACT ON EXISTING LANDSCAPE:	Low, berm would hide most of the site from view
IMPACT ON ADJACENT USES:	Low
IMPACT ON OVERALL PARK DESIGN:	Low
GENERAL:	This site is limited in size but seems to be functioning well at present.



STEVENSON PARK

In the event that Ridgeland Common can not be used in the future as a dog park site, the site at Stevenson Park should be considered as an alternate site for the North Central section of Oak Park

Positive Attributes for A Dog Park

- **CENTRAL LOCATION**
- **EASY TO ESTABLISH A FACILITY**
- **DISTANCE FROM RESIDENCES**

However

- **Not as preferred as Ridgeland, no ability to have Dog Park Plus, some dog owners concerned about the location and adjacent uses**

POTENTIAL SITE: **Stevenson Center**



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POTENTIAL SITE: Stevenson Center



View Looking East from Stevenson Park



View Looking West from Humphrey Ave.



View Looking East from Lombard Ave.



View Looking Northeast from Stevenson Park

STEVENSON CENTER:
Potential Impact of Dog Park on Future Master Plan of Park

Existing Park

- Not high quality landscape in this areas of park
- Low historic significance
- Has fenced off areas and walls adjacent

Potential Recommendations of Master Plan that may effect Dog Park Design

- Create formal entry at the corner on East side.
- Reinforce existing plantings and create entryway planting area
- Add continuous path system

Impact of Master Plan Recommendations on Dog Park Design

- This site is long and narrow. It does not lend itself to formal recreation. It is not the most used entry point and is hidden from Lake Street by the Skate Park. The site could be used as a Dog Park without undue impact on the park. The PD would still require truck access through the site but this could be accommodated.

POTENTIAL SITE: **Stevenson Center**

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

SIZE:	**8,000 sq ft / 0.18 acres**
OWNERSHIP:	Park District **(99 YEAR LEASE)**
HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE:	Low
ACCESS - PARKING:	Yes, parking on 3 of the adjacent streets
ACCESS - PEDESTRIAN:	Yes, 3 sides but access my be from one side only
VISABILTY FROM NEIGHBORS:	Low
IMPACT ON NEIGHBORHOOD:	Low the site is only visible from East
CURRENT USE:	Existing open space, low quality. Area is used by PD trucks to access site
ADJACENT FENCED OFF AREAS:	Yes skate Park to the North and retaining wall of elevated train to South
IMPACT ON EXISTING LANDSCAPE:	Low as long as site is kept back from play grounds to the West
IMPACT ON ADJACENT USES:	Low
IMPACT ON OVERALL PARK DESIGN:	Low
GENERAL:	This site is has great potential for a Dog Park. It is not very visible and is underutilized.

POTENTIAL SITE: **Stevenson Center**

PARK DISTRICT OF OAK PARK:	CRITERIA FOR SITE SELECTION
Proximity to a school or pre-school:	**NA**
Is site within 100 ft of a residence:	**NA**
Drainage:	**Needs drain along reservoir side**
Incompatibility with existing public use patterns:	**Space not heavily used**
Incompatibility with existing Park District programs:	**Bounds existing Skate Park and Basket Ball court**
Sustainability:	**Yes, DFA can be maintained here**
Cost: **provide**	**Low to Moderate. Property owned by PD. Need to extend water supply from adjacent building and for sewer and drainage. Cost of fencing reduced. Only need fence at north and south of DFA**
Location:	**Good central location**
Shade:	**Yes, some from retaining wall and young trees**
Water supply:	**Yes, but distant from building**

TAYLOR PARK

Establish a Dog Park in Taylor Park

- Many supporters for a Dog Park in Taylor
- Many dog owners stated that Taylor would be their first choice
  If Dog Park Plus was not at Ridgeland Common

This site is a "compromise site" and also a "consensus site" for the following reasons:

- Dog Owners were concerned it was not large enough
- Some residents were against a dog park under any conditions
  (residents, mostly Emails)
- Some residents were concerned with the proximity of the Dog Park to an existing play ground
  (Emails and residents at Public Meeting)

However, there was overwhelming support for this site at Community and Neighborhood meetings and Emails received

PLEASE NOTE - The site should be reevaluated during the master plan at which time it may be expanded or relocated

JENS JENSEN TAYLOR PARK



SHOULD THERE BE A DOG PARK IN TAYLOR?

WHAT ABOUT THE JENS JENSEN LEGACY?

Jensen creates a new Landscape Ethos

1865 Lincoln Park opens – All plants imported

The Mid-West called the "Barrens"

Jensen, who worked in Oak Park from 1911 -1913, brought a new sensibility and pride to our Landscape Design.

Jensen sought to interpret the

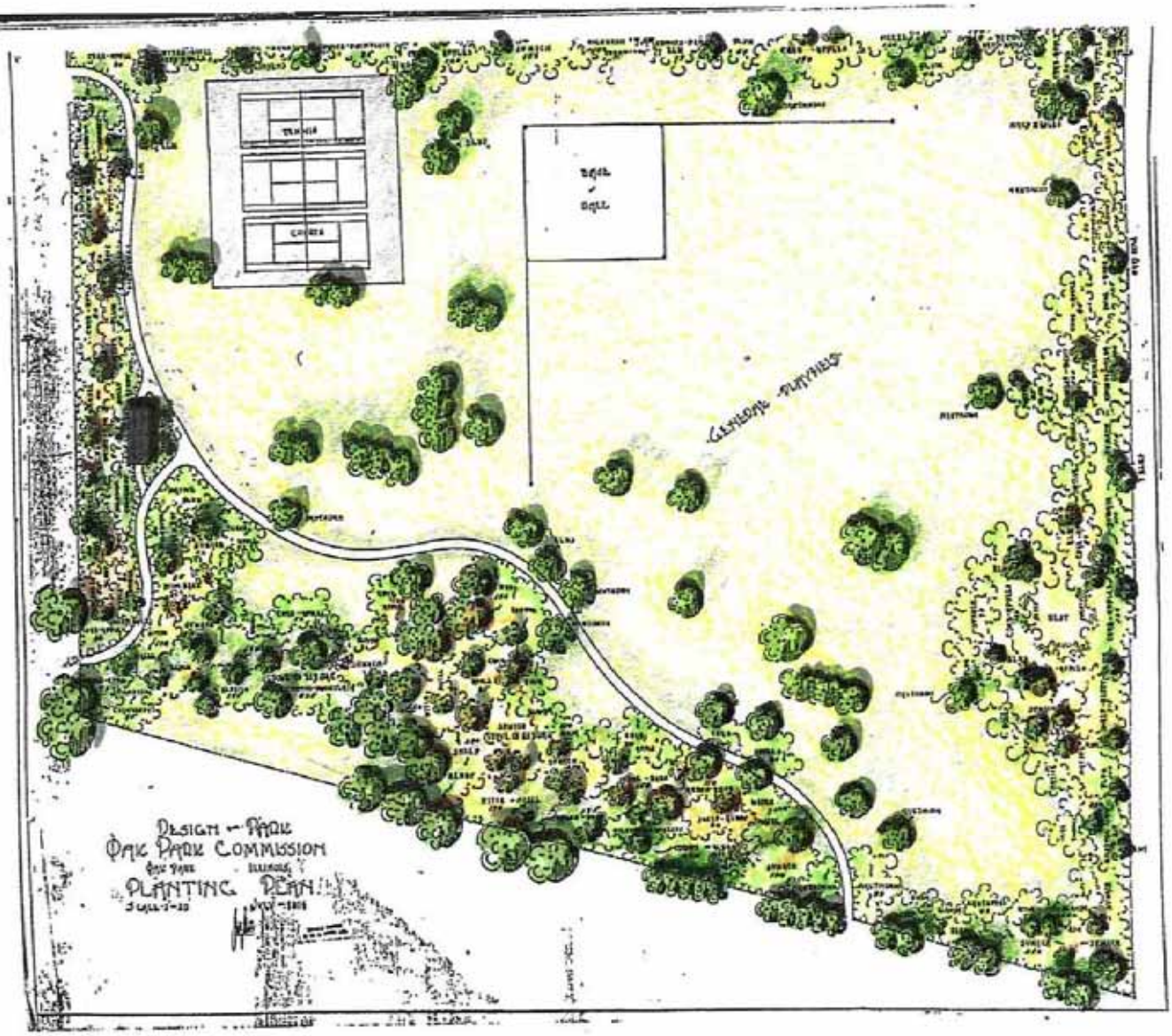
"Spirit of the Prairie"

and created a movement dedicated to preserving our native landscapes.

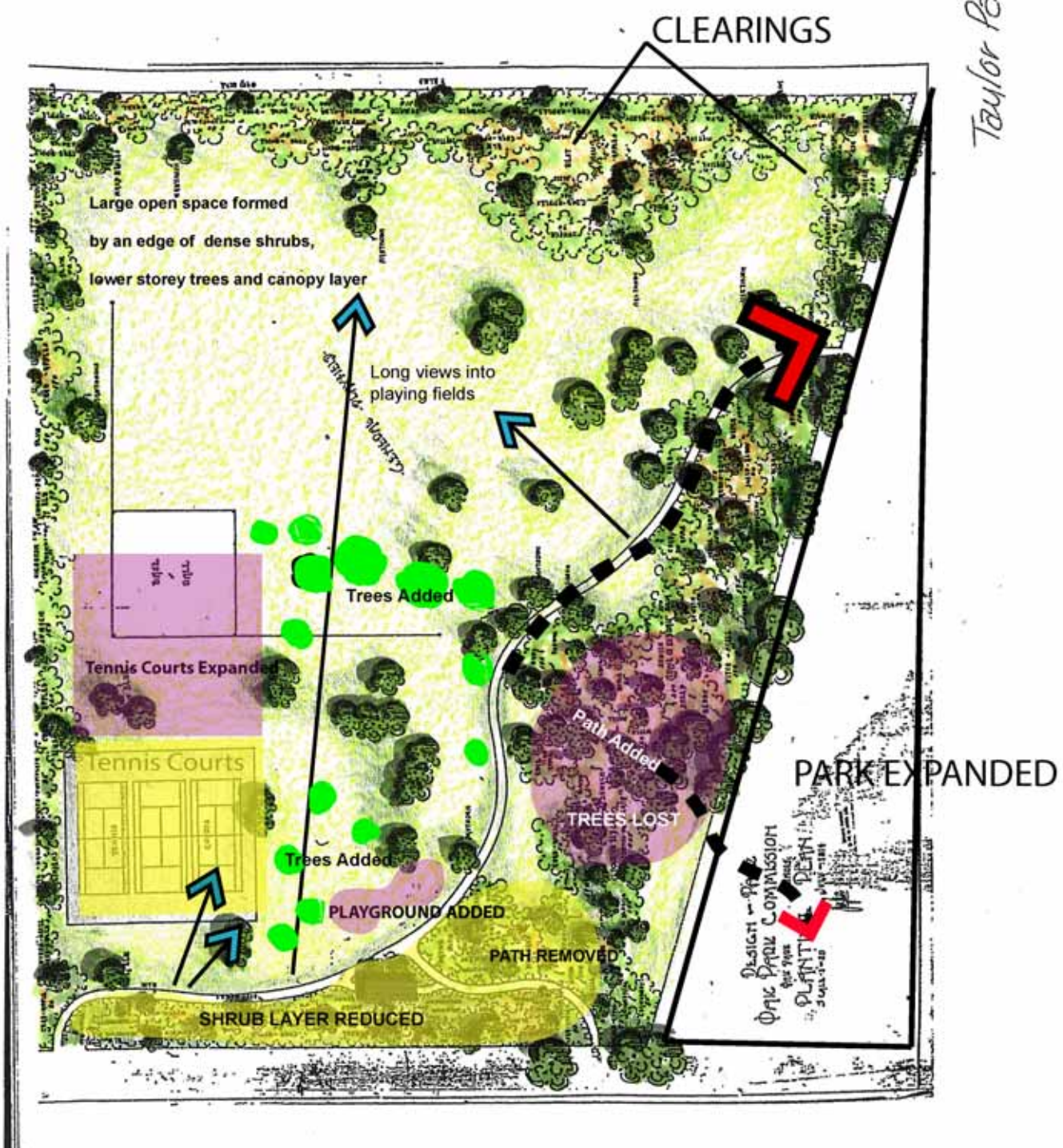


These gardens show some of the Jensen motifs, interpretation of mid western landscapes, use of native plantings, views into “clearings”, attention to spatial sequence


Aerial View of Taylor Park



Taylor


CLEARINGS
Large open space formed
by an edge of dense shrubs,
lower storey trees and canopy layer
Long views into
playing fields
Trees Added
Tennis Courts Expanded
Tennis Courts
Path Added
TREES LOST
PARK EXPANDED
Trees Added
PLAYGROUND ADDED
PATH REMOVED
SHRUB LAYER REDUCED



View of Site looking West up the Hill

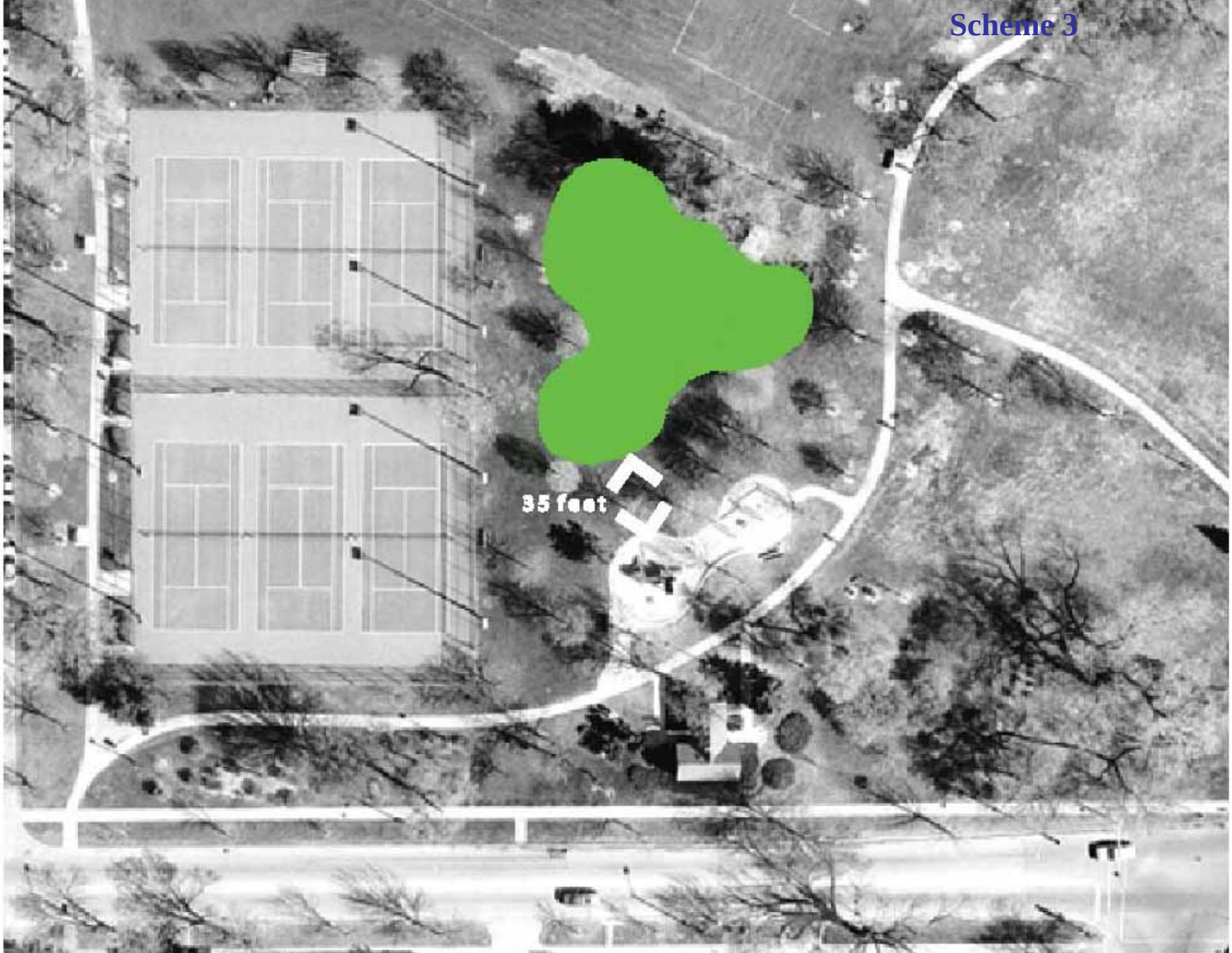


View of Site from SE corner of Tennis Courts




EXISTING TENNIS COURT ENTRIES
EXISTING FENCE
ADD PLANTING
MINIMUM 20FT FROM PLAYGROUND
Division St.


EXISTING TENNIS COURT ENTRIES
EXISTING FENCE
ADD PLANTING
MINIMUM 35 FT FROM PLAYGROUND
Division St.


Scheme 3
35 feet


Scheme 4



- View of Site from SE corner of Tennis Courts



Site with Decorative Fence set 35 ft. from Playground



Site with Decorative Fence set 35 ft. from Playground with some Planting Added











POTENTIAL SITE: **Taylor Park**

PARK DISTRICT OF OAK PARK:	CRITERIA FOR SITE SELECTION
Proximity to a school or pre-school:	**No**
Is site within 100 ft of a residence:	**No**
Drainage:	**Adequate could be improved**
Incompatibility with existing public use patterns:	**Close to playground, provide bluffer zone**
Incompatibility with existing Park District programs:	**As above**
Sustainability:	**Yes, DFA can be maintained here**
Cost:	**Moderate. Property owned by PD. Cost of fencing, and planting. Need to extend water supply from adjacent building and provide for sewer.**
Location:	**Good, only site in North Oak Park**
Shade:	**Yes, many trees on site**
Water supply:	**Yes**

TAYLOR PARK:
Potential Impact of Dog Park on future Master Plan of Park

Existing Park

- The park has very high quality landscape sections
- The park has historic significance
- There are existing fenced tennis courts with adjacent open space
- There is a playground close to the potential site for the dog park

Potential Recommendations of Master Plan that may effect Dog Park Design

- Recreate Jensen "clearings" & long views into playing fields
- Create "Meadow" space or "Outside Room" at the top of the hill with views over the park and space for people to congregate before using the hill for tobogganing.
- Remove of reshape any barriers in the park to create contiguous park space
- Safe access to all elements of the park

Impact of Master Plan Recommendations on Dog Park Design

- Make sure that the DFA is integrated into the landscape i.e. Use Jensen planting palette, sequence of spaces, and landscape buffer
- Make sure that the DFA is a minimum of 35 ft from the playground and from the entryways into the tennis courts
- The fence line should vary with the landscape, in this case a curved layout could make the most of existing plantings and minimize visual the impact
- The Dog Park fence line should be far enough away from the hill top to allow for a "Meadow" and not to impact the views over the park.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

SIZE:	10,500 sq ft. / 0.25 acres
OWNERSHIP:	Park District
HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE:	High
ACCESS - PARKING:	Yes, parking on 3 of the adjacent streets
ACCESS - PEDESTRIAN:	Yes, all sides
VISABILTY FROM NEIGHBORS:	Low
IMPACT ON NEIGHBORHOOD:	Low, some parking
CURRENT USE:	Existing open space
ADJACENT FENCED OFF AREAS:	Yes
IMPACT ON EXISTING LANDSCAPE:	Potentially high
IMPACT ON ADJACENT USES:	Should be separated from playground and tennis courts
IMPACT ON OVERALL PARK DESIGN:	Moderate. Location has high quality landscape but area is small relative to the overall park. Impact on Jensen design must be evaluated in detail.



SITE ON GARFIELD

Privately owned site

Investigate the possibility of Purchase

Work with The Trust for Public Land

Evaluate cost benefit of purchase

POTENTIAL SITE: **Garfield**



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POTENTIAL SITE: **Garfield**



POTENTIAL SITE: Garfield



View Looking East



View Looking Southeast

POTENTIAL SITE: Garfield

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

SIZE:	**10,500 sq ft / 0.24 acres** usable space, an expensive retaining wall would be necessary to use the full site
OWNERSHIP:	Private - Cost to purchase - site is for sale
HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE:	Not significant
ACCESS - PARKING:	Yes. There is parking on Garfield but it would be shared with local businesses and residents. There is parking on residential streets near by.
ACCESS - PEDESTRIAN:	Yes
VISABILTY FROM NEIGHBORS:	Low, if landscape buffer provided
IMPACT ON NEIGHBORHOOD:	Low, some parking on local streets
CURRENT USE:	Existing Open Space
ADJACENT FENCED OFF AREAS:	Yes
IMPACT ON EXISTING LANDSCAPE:	Low, not a high quality landscape
IMPACT ON ADJACENT USES:	Low, the site is bounded by I-290, a pedestrian bridge across I-290 and a drop-off/turnaround for the Post Office
IMPACT ON OVERALL PARK DESIGN:	N/A Not a public park. The site is not very visible.
GENERAL:	This site is in a good location for public access; it can be masked by planting from the neighborhood; it is adjacent to the Animal Care League. The drawbacks are the cost of purchase and the need for a retaining wall if the full site is to be used.

POTENTIAL SITE: Garfield

PARK DISTRICT OF OAK PARK: CRITERIA FOR SITE SELECTION

Proximity to a school or pre-school:	**NA**
Is site within 100 ft of a residence:	**Yes, one residence. However, the site has an existing landscape buffer that could be improved.**
Drainage:	**Adequate**
Incompatibility with existing public use patterns:	**Private site**
Incompatibility with existing Park District programs:	**Private Site**
Sustainability:	**Yes, DFA can be maintained here**
Cost:	**High. Property would have to be purchased. However, the PD long term plan is to expand the acreage of open space in Oak Park. Water supply and sewer are adjacent**
Location:	**Good, central-south close to Home pedestrian bridge and close to Harlem**
Shade:	**Yes**
Water supply:	**Yes**



MAPLE PARK

Evaluate the potential of a Dog Park at Maple Park as part of the master plan

The proposed site at Maple Park is considered the best site, by Altamanu Inc. from a purely physical standpoint. However, though there was some support for a dog park at this site at the neighborhood meeting and more support expressed later through Emails and phone calls there was not overwhelming public support

POTENTIAL SITE: **Maple Park**



POTENTIAL SITE: **Maple Park**



-Reconfigure
Tennis Courts

-Add Paths

-Add Berms
+Planting



POTENTIAL SITE: Maple Park



View From Maple Ave. Looking West



View Looking South

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View of Existing Site looking to the West



View of Site with Potential Improvements

MAPLE PARK: Potential Impact of Dog Park on future Master Plan of Park

Existing Park

- The park has very high quality landscape areas but it is divided into two sections by fences
- There is no continuous path system
- The edge along Harlem is uninviting due to traffic

Potential Recommendations of Master Plan that may effect Dog Park Design

- Join all sections of the park together
- Create a continuous path system through the park
- Reinforce the "Local Edge" with plantings and path system
- Safe access to all elements of the park including public restrooms

Impact of Master Plan Recommendations on Dog Park Design

- Make more use of the "Harlem Edge" rather than "Local Edge" to minimize impact on neighbors
- Make sure that the Dog Park is integrated into the landscape i.e.
  - Use mounding and evergreen plantings
  - The fence line should vary with the landscape
- Provide safe well lit access to restrooms

POTENTIAL SITE: **Maple Park**

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

SIZE:	13,800 sq ft. / 0.31 acres
OWNERSHIP:	Park District
HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE:	Not highly significant as basketball and tennis courts added
ACCESS - PARKING:	Yes. No parking on Harlem or Roosevelt but parking on Maple
ACCESS - PEDESTRIAN:	Yes
VISABILTY FROM NEIGHBORS:	Low, if landscape buffer provided
IMPACT ON NEIGHBORHOOD:	Low, some parking on Maple
CURRENT USE:	Existing Basket Ball courts not used
ADJACENT FENCED OFF AREAS:	Yes
IMPACT ON EXISTING LANDSCAPE:	Low if landscape buffer provided
IMPACT ON ADJACENT USES:	Low as long as safe access is provided to restrooms
IMPACT ON OVERALL PARK DESIGN:	Low, as long as other improvements are carried out: Removal of one tennis court, completing the path system and adding plantings would probably be recommended in the master plan

POTENTIAL SITE: **Maple Park**

PARK DISTRICT OF OAK PARK: CRITERIA FOR SITE SELECTION

Proximity to a school or pre-school:	**NA**
Is site within 100 ft of a residence:	**No. DFA could be hidden from view by a landscape buffer and site enhanced by landscape improvements**
Drainage:	**Adequate**
Incompatibility with existing public use patterns:	**Site is underutilized**
Incompatibility with existing Park District programs:	**NA**
Sustainability:	**Yes, DFA can be maintained here**
Cost:	**Low. Property owned by PD. Water supply from adjacent building. Cost of fencing reduced as fence to tennis court can be shared**
Location:	**Good on main public route**
Shade:	**Yes**
Water supply:	**Yes**

	Taylor Park	Ridgeland Commons	Stevenson Park	Site on Garfield	Maple Park
Ownership	Park District	Park District	Park District	Private	Park District
Size	10,500 sq ft 0.24acres	9,200 sqft 0.21acres	8,000 sqft 0.18acres	10,500 sqft 0.24acres	13,800 sqft 0.3acres
Cost of site	NA	NA	NA	High	NA
Cost of installation	Moderate	Low	Moderate to Low	Low	Low
Historic Significance of Park	Historic	No	No	No	No site altered
100' from residence	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Visible from neighbors	No	No	No	Depends on planting	Depends on planting
Neighborhood Impact	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Impact on overall park design	Moderate to Low	Moderate to Low	Moderate to Low	Improvement	Improvement
Compatibility w/ existing uses patterns	Site is open space	Site not used	Low use	NA	Low Use
Compatibility w/ PD programs	No-Separate & Plant	No- beside BB	OK - Skate Park	OK	OK
Sustainability at this location	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Location in Village	Good, Northern site	Good, Central/North	Good, Central/North	Good, Central/South	South
Shade on site	Yes	Some, retaining wall	Some, retaining wall	Yes	Yes
Water Supply/Sewer	Some Distance	Some Distance	Some Distance	Close by	Close by
Access - Parking	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Access - Pedestrian	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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