

# Off Leash Dog Park

March 21<sup>st</sup> Park Board Meeting

# Request



- December 13<sup>th</sup> 2018 Park Board Meeting
- Dog Park resident group advocated for Off Leash Dog Park
- Staff Directed to research options & opportunities
- Initial results indicate the following

# History

- February 1995: Dog Beach at Centennial Park Opened
- August 2006: Board Consideration of Dog Park (Off-Beach)
  - Centennial, Crow Island Woods & Lloyd
  - Meetings Reflected Non – Support from the Community
- 2014: LFMP Plan proposal for Maple Park as a potential Dog Park
  - Strongly opposed and was tabled at the time to be reviewed later
- December 2018: Staff are evaluating a similar request

# Communication & Research

| Stakeholder Group & Research       | Reviewed  |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Dog Owners                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Several Meetings, including this past week</b></li><li>• Reviewed the needs and amenities on locations and suggestions</li><li>• What makes a desirable dog park</li></ul> |
| Village of Winnetka                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Base concept, expectations and concerns</li><li>• Reviewed possible locations with in the Village Boundaries</li></ul>  |
| Cook County Forest Preserve        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussed possible locations (Erickson Woods, Skokie Lagoons, Etc.)</li></ul>   |
| Northfield & Glencoe Park District | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Possible Partnership or collaboration on a shared site</li><li>• Staff attendance at Glencoe Dog Park Open House</li></ul>  |
| Site Visits                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visited 10 North Suburban Dog Parks</li></ul>   |

# Local Dog Parks



## Northbrook

Coast Guard Dog Park  
4.39 acres

## Deerfield

Jaycee Dog Park  
0.9 acres

## Glenview

Community Bark West  
Dog Park  
6 acres

## Lake Forest

Prairie Wolf Dog Park  
44 acres

# Top Three Takeaways from Site Visits

**1**

**Double Entry Gates and Fencing**

**2**

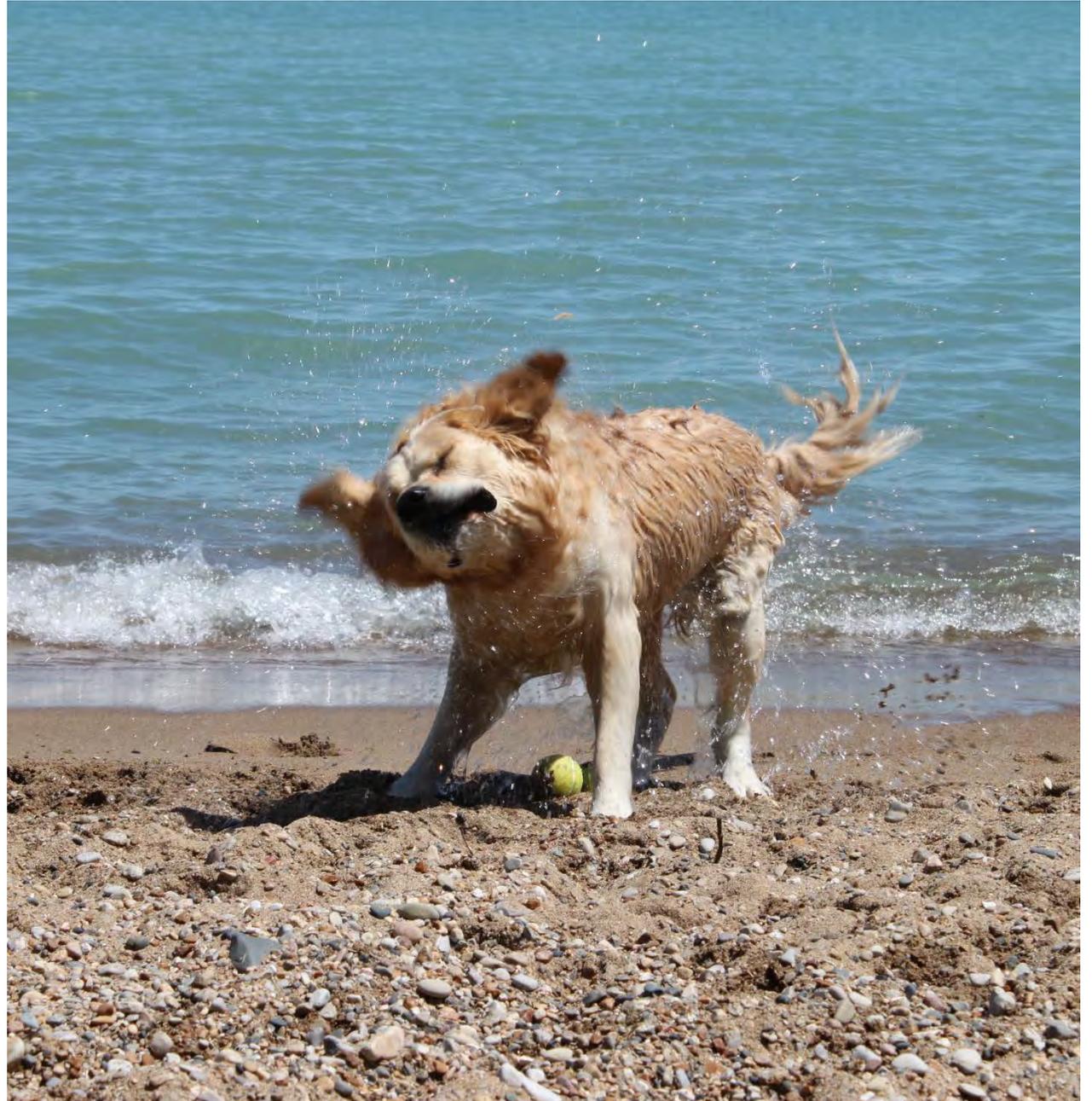
**Site Amenities (shade structures,  
benches/picnic tables, water features)**

**3**

**Parking adjacent or close by**

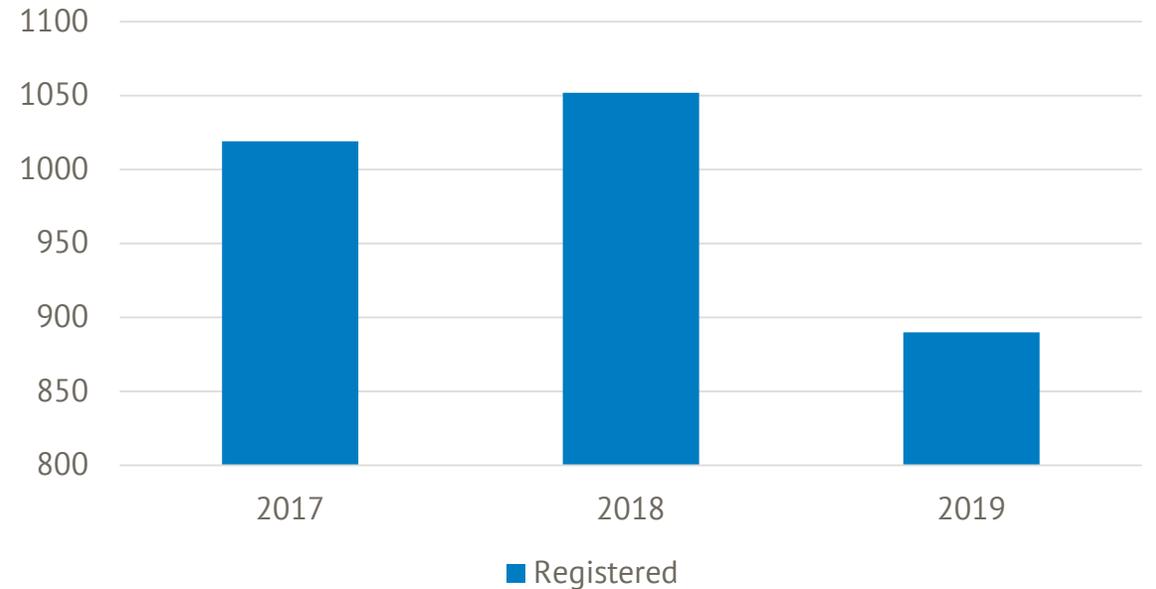
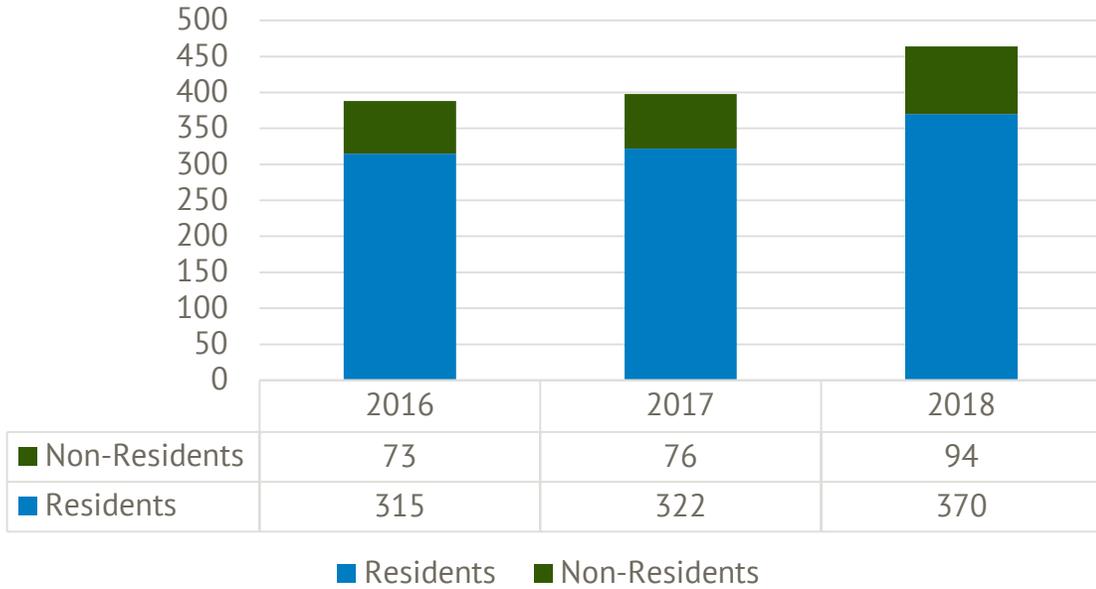
# Current Use

- Centennial Park Dog Beach
  - 2018: Resident 370, Non-Resident 94
  - 2017: Resident 322, Non-Resident 76
  - 2016: Resident 315, Non-Resident 73
- Dogs Registered in the Village
  - 2019: To date 890+
  - 2018: 1052
  - 2017: 1019
  - Typically average between 980-1100



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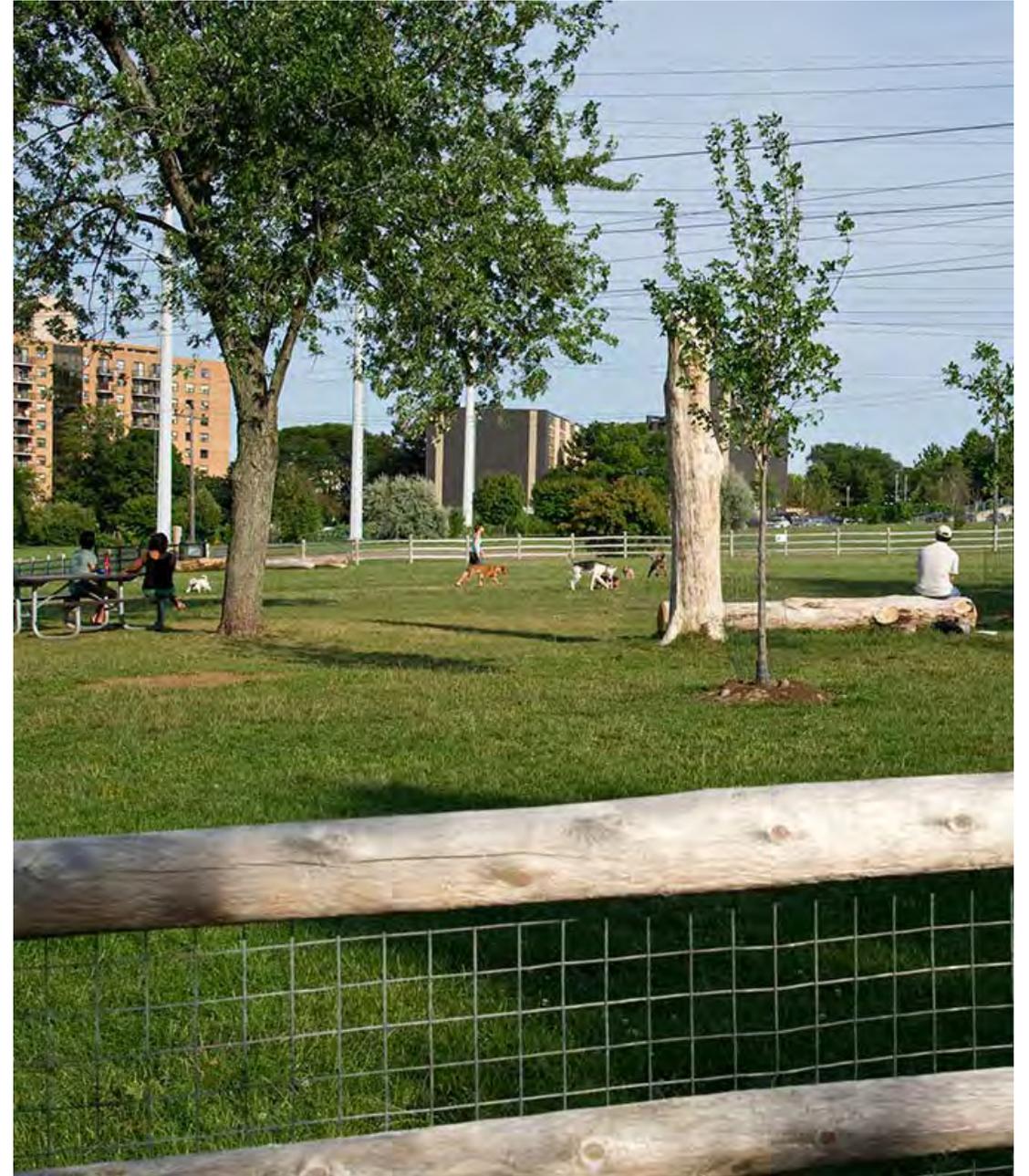
**WPD Dog Passes Cent.**

**Registered Dogs Winnetka**

## Off Leash Dog Park

# Base Criteria

- Size between 1 and 2 acres (less space can be used)
- 4' high fencing with double entry gates
- Signage (rules and regulations)
- Key card access system
- Pathways (crushed stone or wood fiber)
- Shade Trees
- Site Furnishings (benches, picnic tables, waste receptacles, dog bag dispensers, etc.)
- No playground on project site (adjacent would need to be reviewed)
- No school on project site (adjacent would need to be reviewed)
- Maintained natural grass areas
- Minimal impact to adjacent residents
- 10 parking spaces (minimum; off-street preferred)
- ADA Accessibility

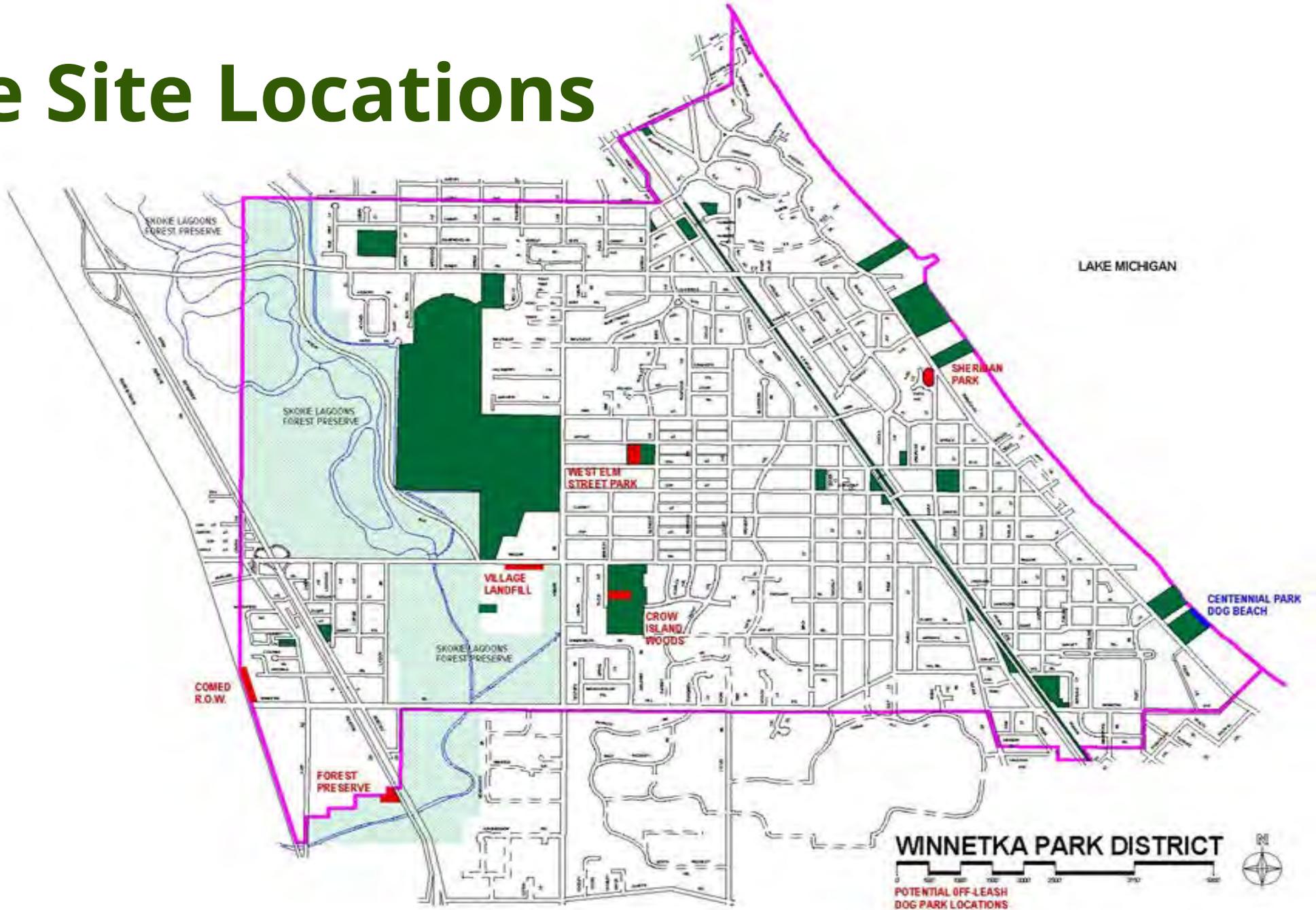


# Potential Amenities

- Drinking fountain (with dog dishes)
- Shade structure/shelter (fabric, metal, wood, TBD)
- Separate small dog area (separate entry gate)
- Dog shower area (to rinse paws)
- Exercise or agility equipment
- Donation Recognition



# Possible Site Locations

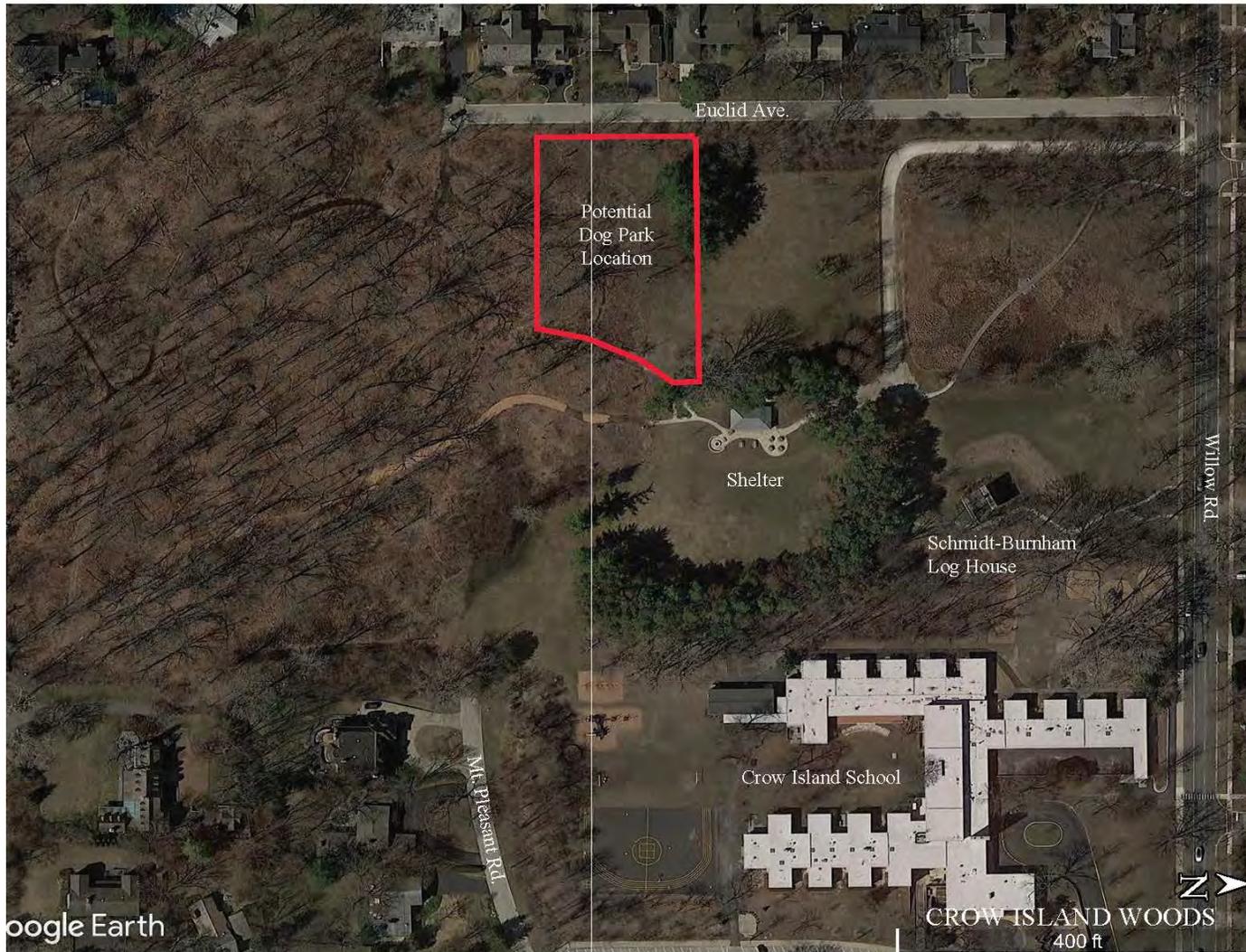


# West Elm Street Park



- Property size 3.74 acres
- Has potential to meet base criteria
  - Consideration- close to neighbors and Skokie School
  - Topography
  - Mature tree canopy
- Parking is limited to on-street (currently)

# Crow Island Woods



- Property size 17.91 acres
- Has potential to meet base criteria
  - Proximity to neighbors playground/school
- Parking considerations
- Multi-use park site (conflicts: rentals, natural areas, council tree circle)

# Sheridan Park



- Property size 1.2 acres
- Has potential to meet base criteria
  - Proximity to neighbors
- Parking considerations
- Owned by Village of Winnetka

# Village Landfill



- North Location size 1 acre (possibly available)
- Has the potential to meet the base criteria
  - Best community use of this space?
- Parking considerations
- Owned by Village of Winnetka

# Next Steps



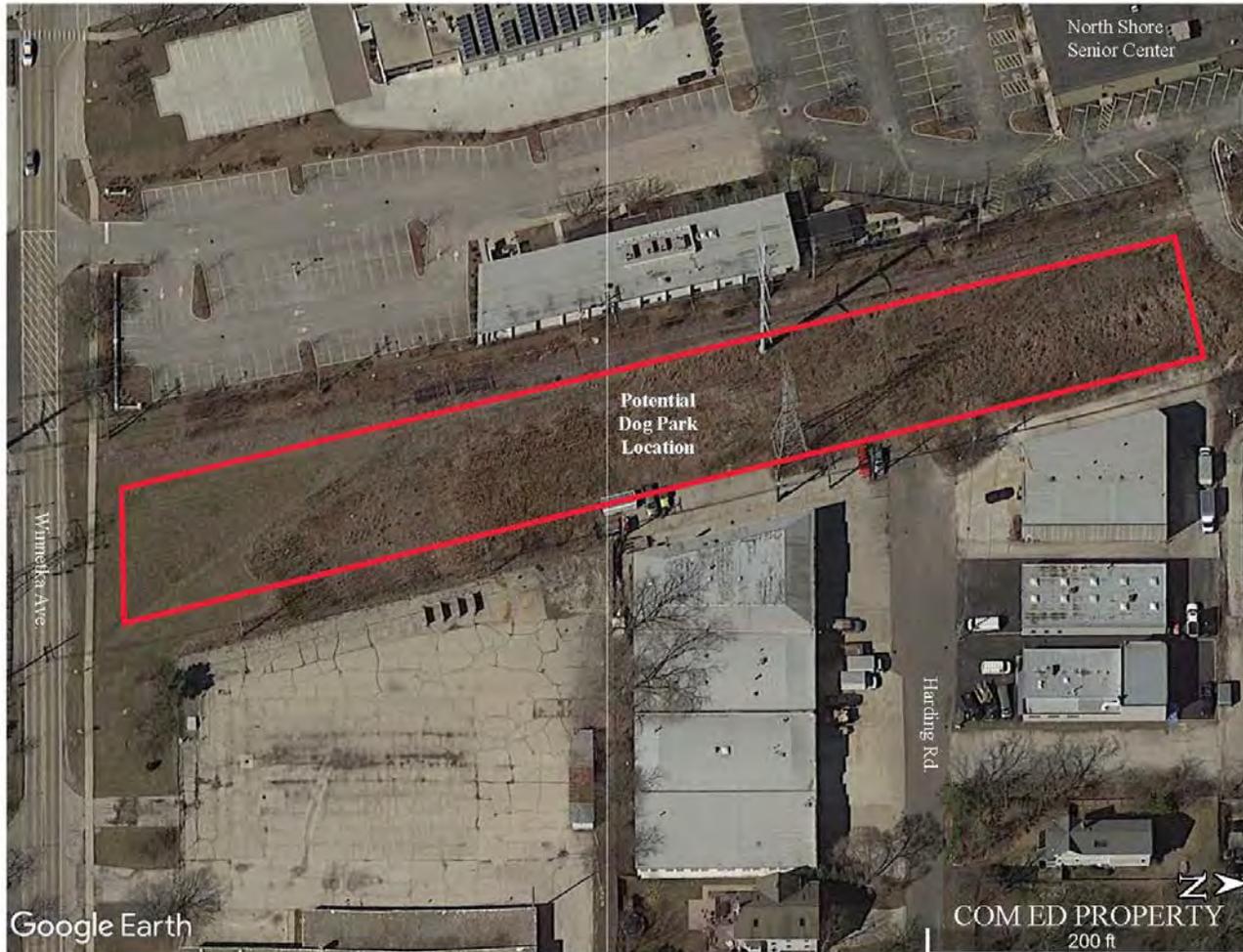
- Identify Top Locations.....
  - Conceptual Designs
  - Stakeholder Engagement
  - Operations Planning
    - Maintenance Plan
    - Budget (Cost Estimate)
    - Fee Structure
- Revisit with the Park Board
- Village Permit Process
- Timeline

**Questions**



# Northfield Utility Easement

- Property size 1.7 acres
- Has the potential to meet the base criteria
  - neighbors and business in close proximity
- Parking considerations
- Owned by UP & ComEd



# Cook County FPD



- Property size TBD acres
- Has the potential to meet the base criteria
  - New Trier West Campus is in close proximity
- Parking considerations
- Owned by CCFPD