

# Off Leash Dog Park

May 16, 2019 Park Board Meeting

# 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

# Request



- December 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

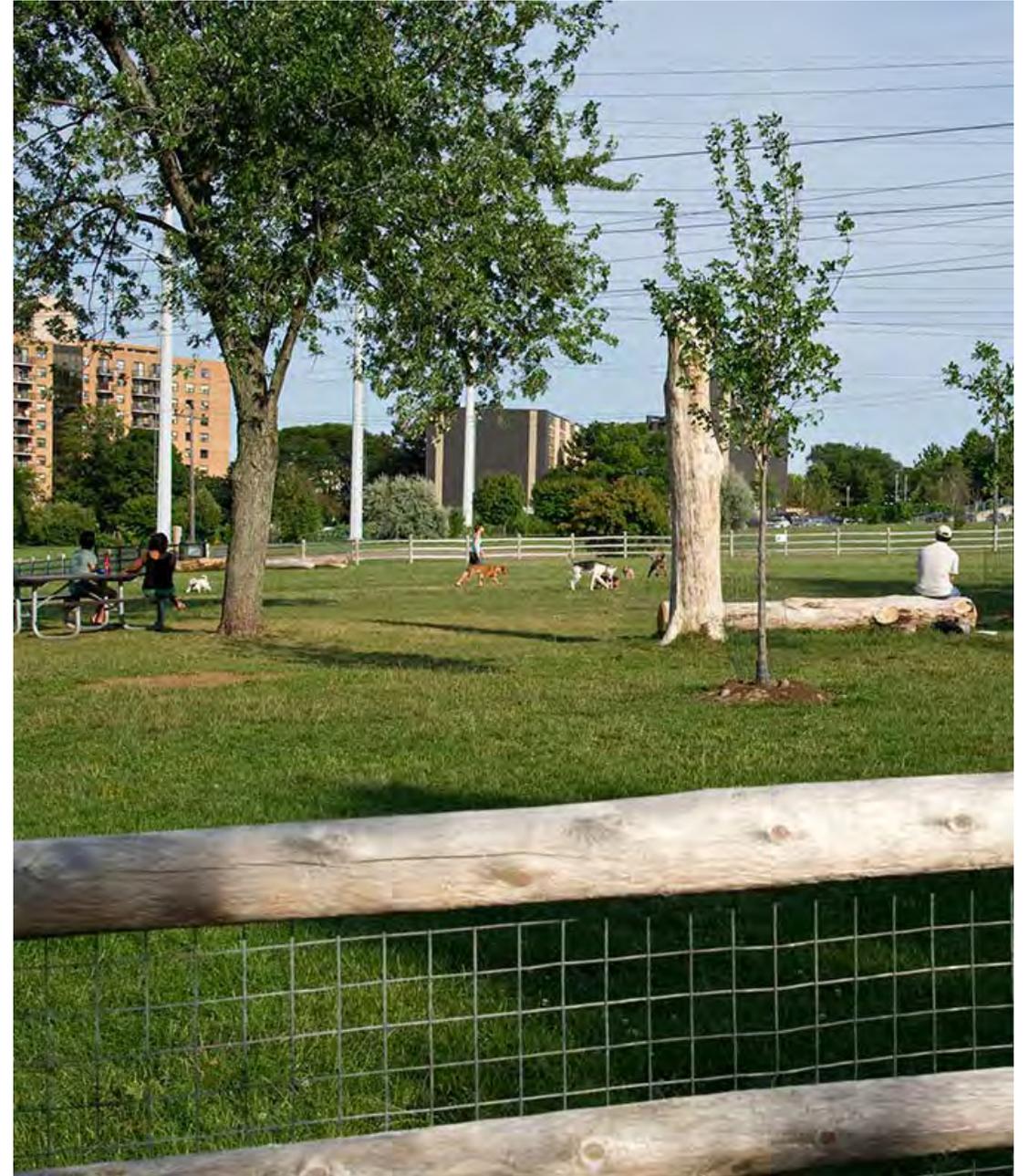
# Communication & Research

Stakeholder Group & Research	Reviewed
Dog Owners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Several Meetings over the past few months</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 &amp; Board Meetings</li></ul>
Site Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visited 10 North Suburban Dog Parks</li></ul>

## 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



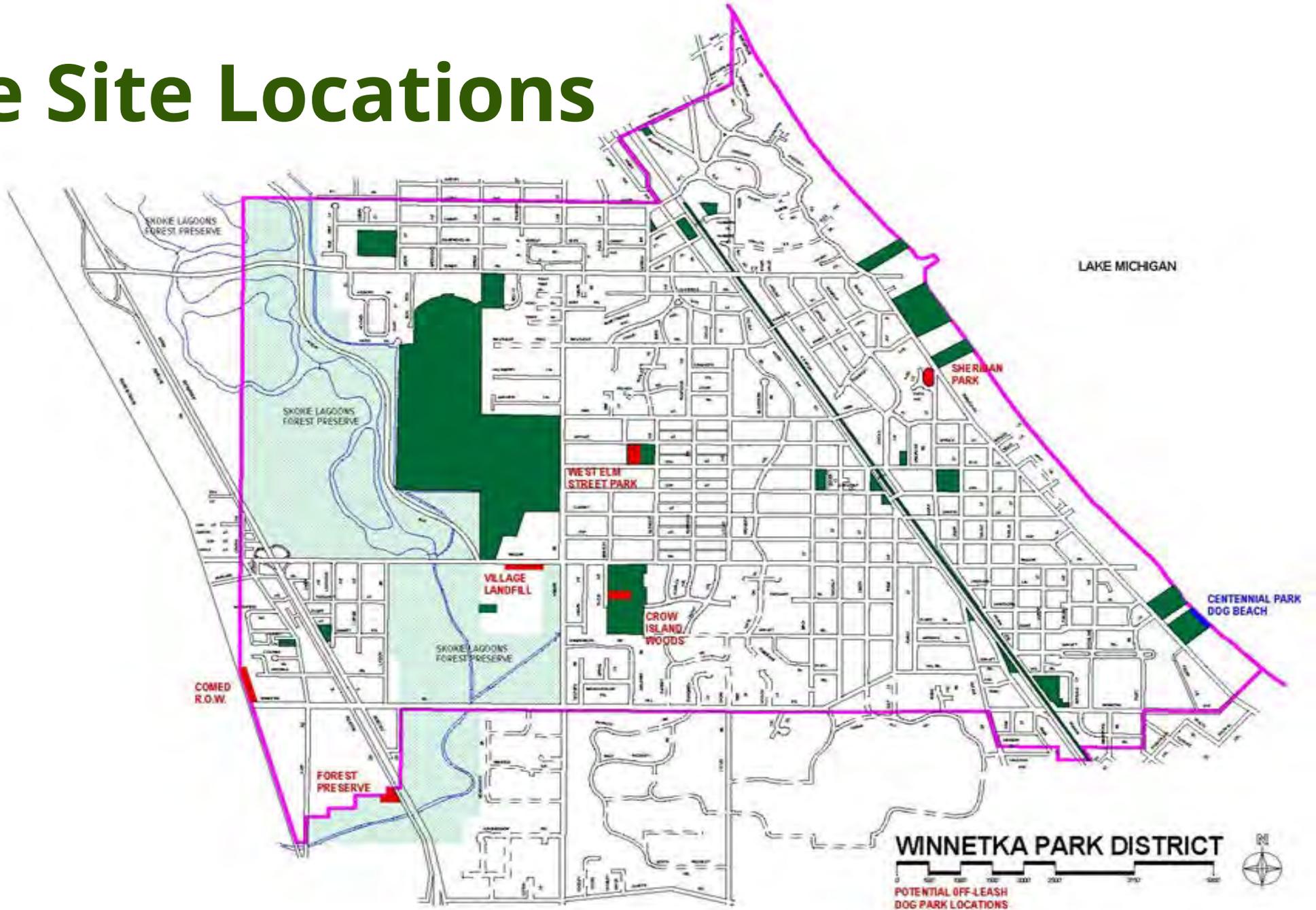
# Potential Amenities

## Future Phasing

- 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

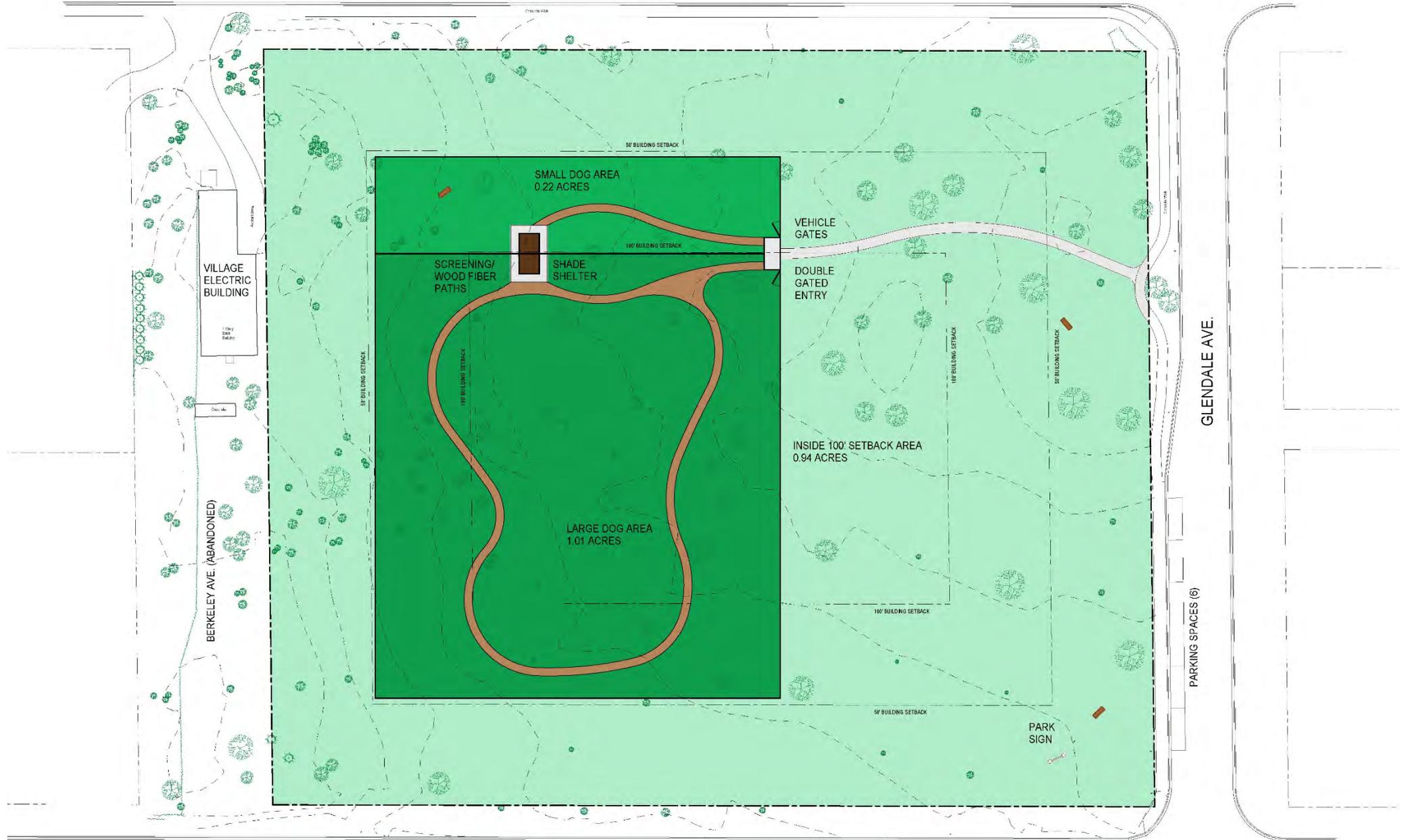


# West Elm Street Park



- Property size 3.74 acres
- Proposed Dog Park 1.23 Acres
- Potential Concerns
  - Proximity to neighbors
  - Topography (some drainage issues)
  - Mature tree canopy
  - Limited to On-Street Parking (currently)
- Estimated Budget
  - \$100,000 - \$125,000

SPRUCE STREET



VILLAGE ELECTRIC BUILDING

BERKELEY AVE. (ABANDONED)

SMALL DOG AREA  
0.22 ACRES

SCREENING/  
WOOD FIBER  
PATHS

SHADE  
SHELTER

VEHICLE  
GATES

DOUBLE  
GATED  
ENTRY

INSIDE 100' SETBACK AREA  
0.94 ACRES

LARGE DOG AREA  
1.01 ACRES

PARK  
SIGN

GLENDALE AVE.

PARKING SPACES (6)

ELM STREET

# West Elm Street Park



Looking Northwest



Looking Southwest



Looking Northeast



Looking Southeast

# Crow Island Woods



- Property size 17.91 acres
- Proposed Dog Park 1.1 Acres
- Potential Concerns
  - Proximity to neighbors/School
  - Amount of Rentals and mixed usage
  - Topography (some drainage issues)
  - Mature tree canopy
  - Limited to On-Street Parking (currently)
  - Redirection of our current Restoration Plan
- Estimated Budget
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Chain Link Fence

Wire Fence

Wood Fence

Asphalt Drive

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15' SETBACK

EUCLID AVENUE

PARK SIGN

BERKELEY AVENUE

WILLOW ROAD

MIT PLEASANT STREET

GLENDALE AVENUE (FORMERLY ELVORSON STREET)

CROW ISLAND SCHOOL

SWINGSET

PLAYGROUND

PLAYGROUND AREA

PLAYSTRUCTURE

BENCH

SWINGSET

BENCH

BARS

SCHMIDT-BURNHAM LOG HOUSE

SHELTER

STONE PATIO

PICNIC TABLES (4)

FIRE PIT

BENCH

INTERPRETATIVE SIGN

EXISTING PARKING (7)

FUTURE PARKING (14)

BENCHES (2)

GRAVEL PATH

VILLAGE DRAINAGE 30' EASEMENT

ELECTRIC BOXES

GRAVEL ROAD

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BIRDHOUSE

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BENCH

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GRAVEL ROAD

GRAVEL PATH

VEHICLE GATES

SHADE SHELTER

DOUBLE GATED ENTRY

SMALL DOG AREA (0.17 ACRES)

SCREENING/ WOOD FIBER PATH

LARGE DOGS (0.93 ACRES)

NATIVE AMERICAN COUNCIL CIRCLE OF TREES

WOOD FENCE

3 PARALLEL SPACES

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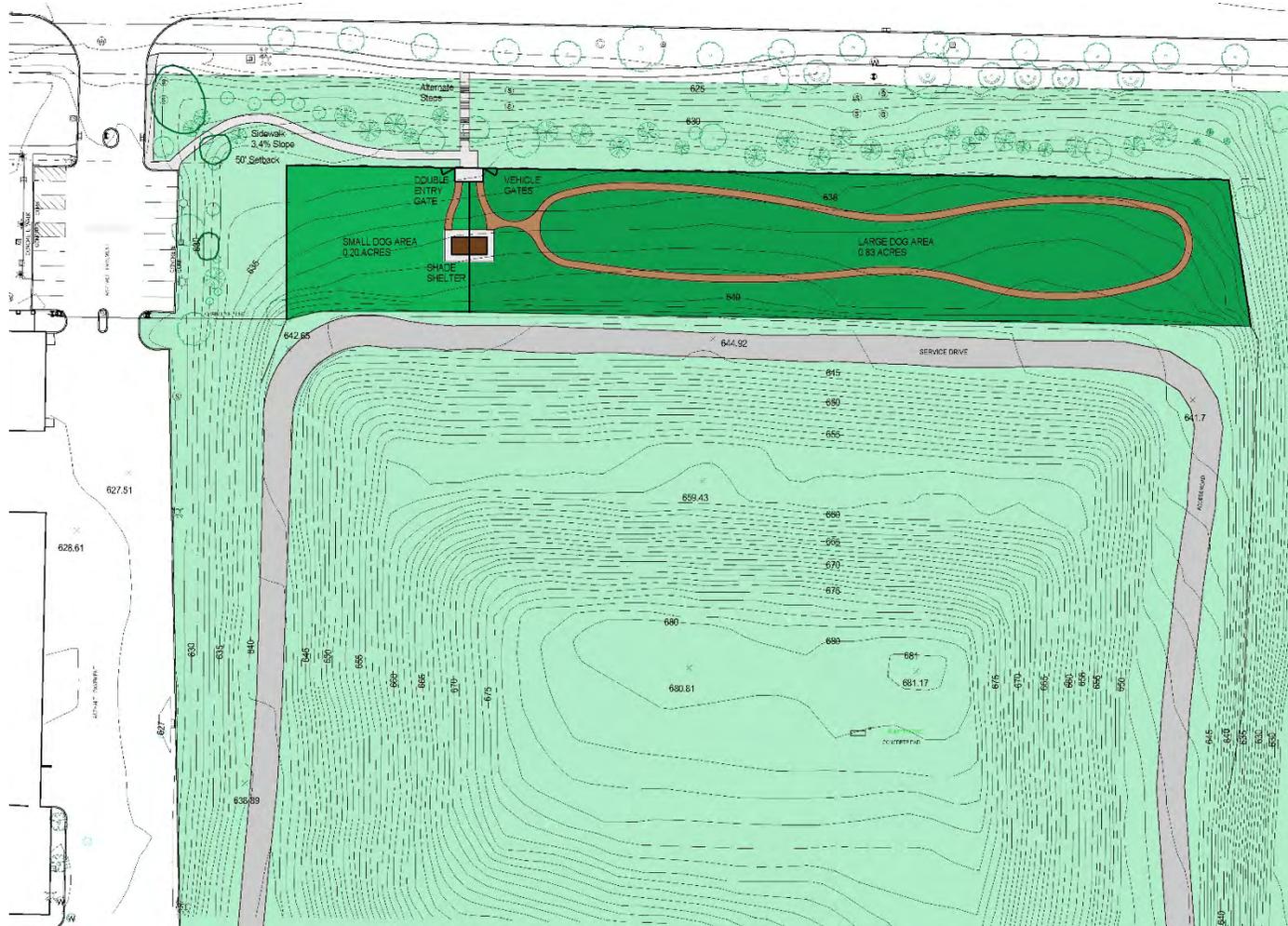


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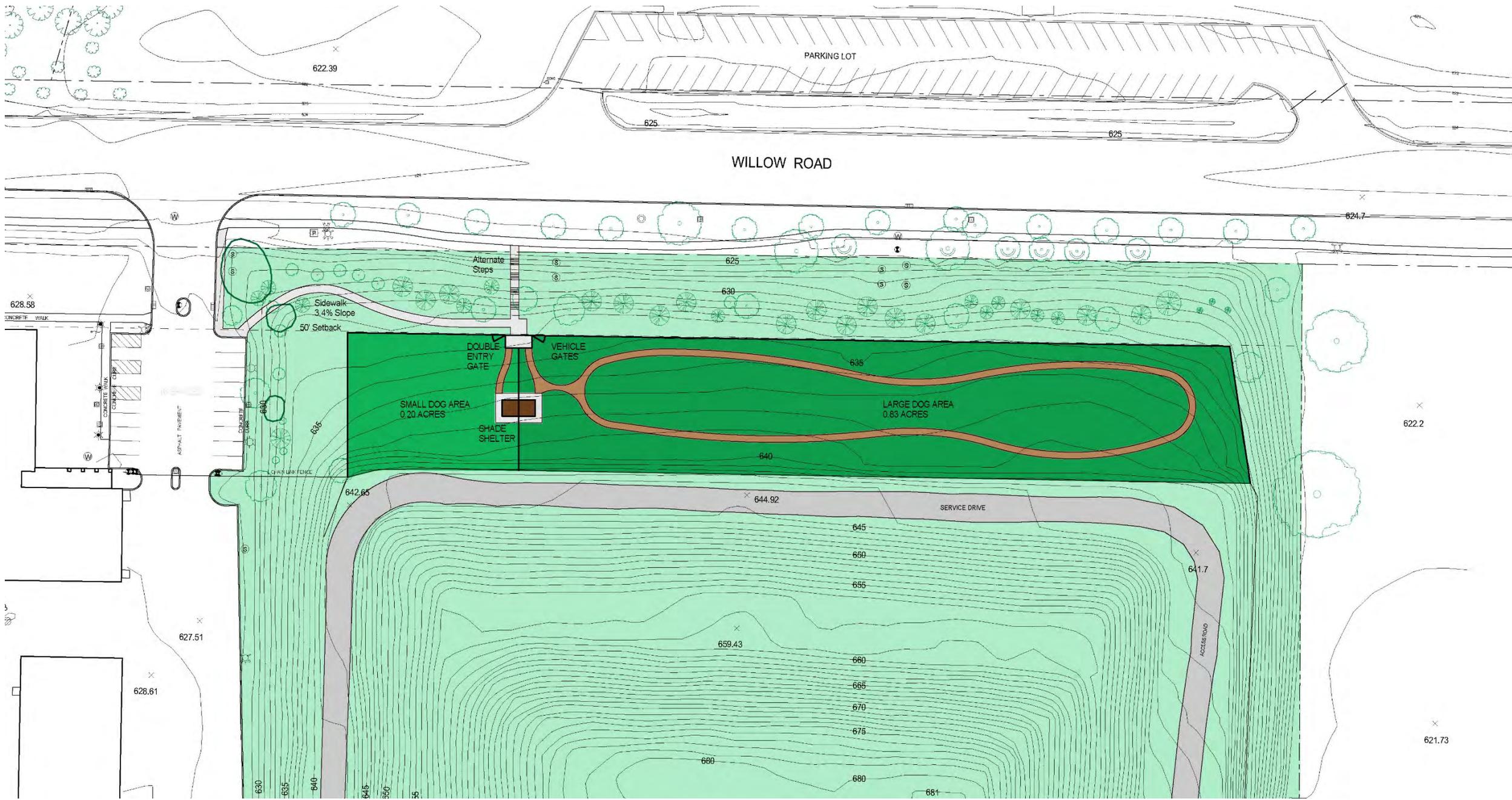


Looking Northeast

# Village Landfill



- Proposed Dog Park 1.03 Acres
- Potential Concerns
  - Topography (Clearing needed)
  - Limited Parking (currently shared use of Village Visitor Parking)
- Owned by Village of Winnetka
- Estimated Budget
  - \$100,000 - \$125,000



# Village Landfill



Looking Southeast



Looking Northeast



Looking Southwest



Looking Northwest

# Next Steps



- Identify Top Locations.....
  - Park District Board Review/Workshop
  - Stakeholder Engagement (top sites)
  - Operations Planning
    - Maintenance Plan
    - Budget (Cost Estimate)
    - Fee Structure
- Revisit with the Park Board
- Village Permit Process
- Timeline

# Questions