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We need a Dog Park in Colchester.



## Project Details

- Town Project
  - Sponsored by Parks and Recreation
  - Proposal plan and Site approved by Board Of Selectmen
  - Project oversight by Parks and Recreation, Planning and Zoning and Town Engineer
  - Site Plan developed by Craig and Sal
  - Non-funded
  - Planned and funded by volunteers and donations

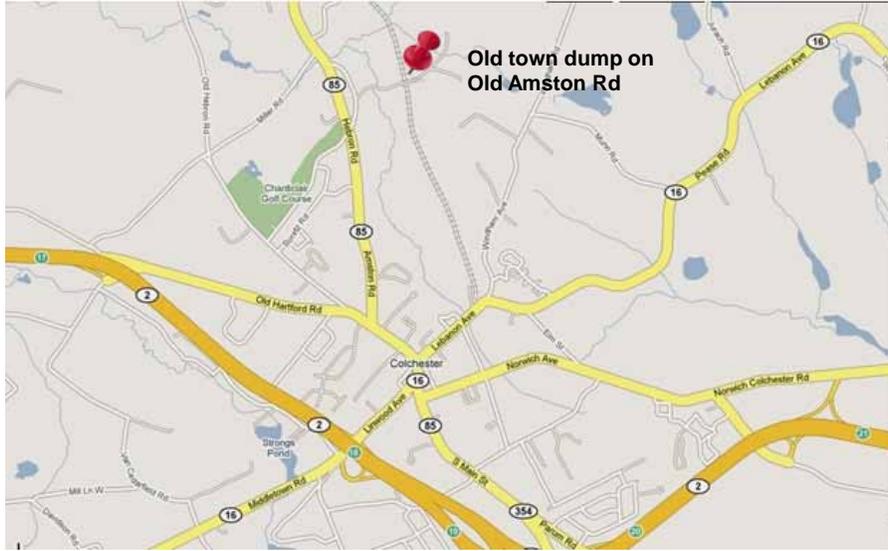
## Park Planning Steps

- ✓ Parks and Recreation Commission endorsement of
  - ✓ Location
  - ✓ Proposal
- ✓ Board of Selectmen general approval
  - ✓ Location
  - ✓ Proposal
  - ✓ Fundraising and creation of special fund account
- ✓ Start fund raising and development of final plan
  - ✓ Architectural plan
  - ✓ Estimated Budget
  - ✓ Planning & Zoning approval
- Board of Selectmen approval of final Dog Park Plan
- Implementation of Plan

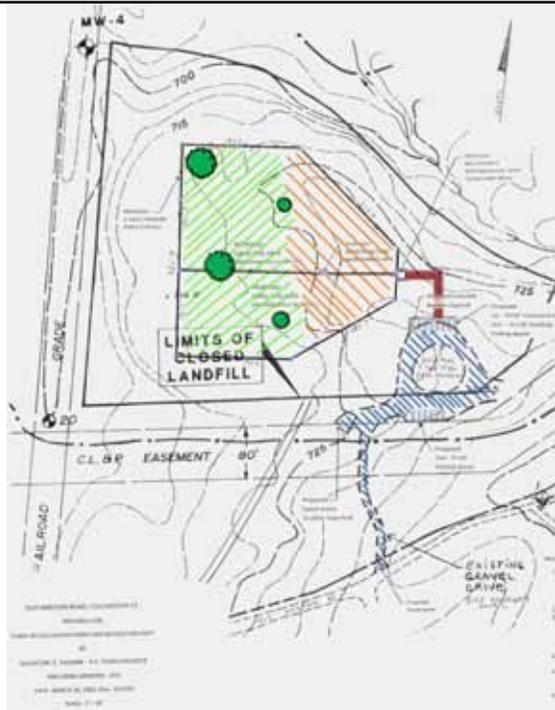
## Dog Park Committee Booth at Pumpkins and Pooches



# Park Location



# Site Plan



I love the location and would like a Dog Park there to play with my friends.



## Requirements

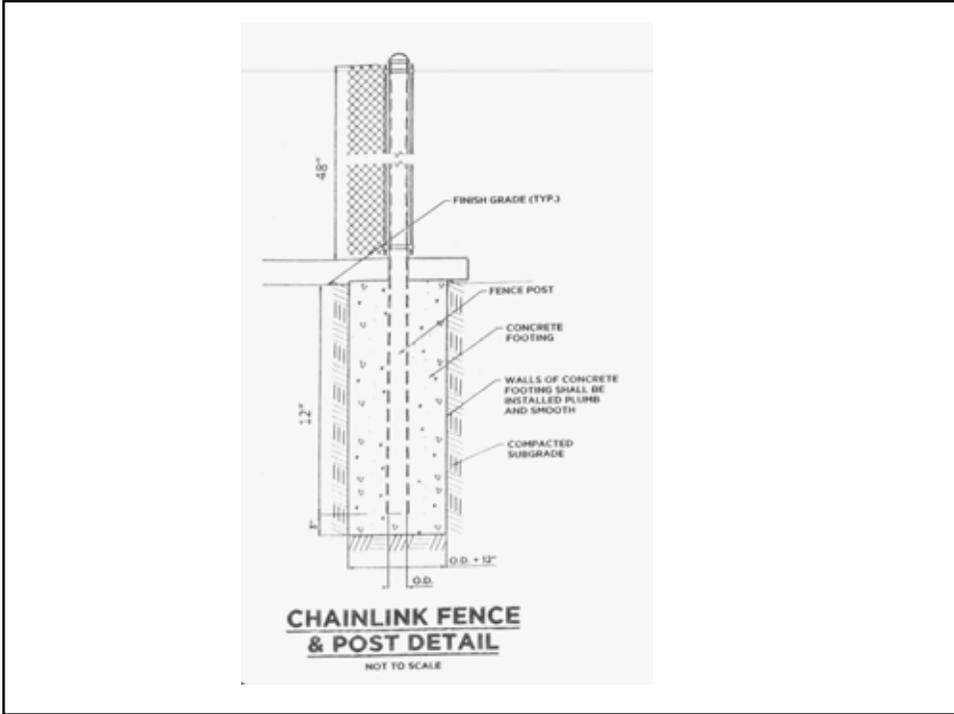
- **Minimum Requirements**
  - Fence – 4ft high, Large and Small Dog areas
  - Signs – Posting Park Rules, Times and Contact information
  - Parking lot – gravel
  - Driveway - gravel
  - Waste disposal – trash cans and bags
- **Desired Additional Requirements**
  - Trail – trail to rail trail
  - Benches
  - Shade (trees, gazebo)
  - Agility equipment
  - Bulletin board
- **Future Enhancements**
  - Fence – additional fenced in area
  - Trail – additional trails
  - Pavilion – in small and large dog area

## Site details

- Driveway
  - Width – 14ft
  - Grade -  $\leq 9\%$
  - Surface - Gravel
- Parking
  - Surface – Gravel, with concrete bump stops
- Fence
  - 4 ft high
- Signage

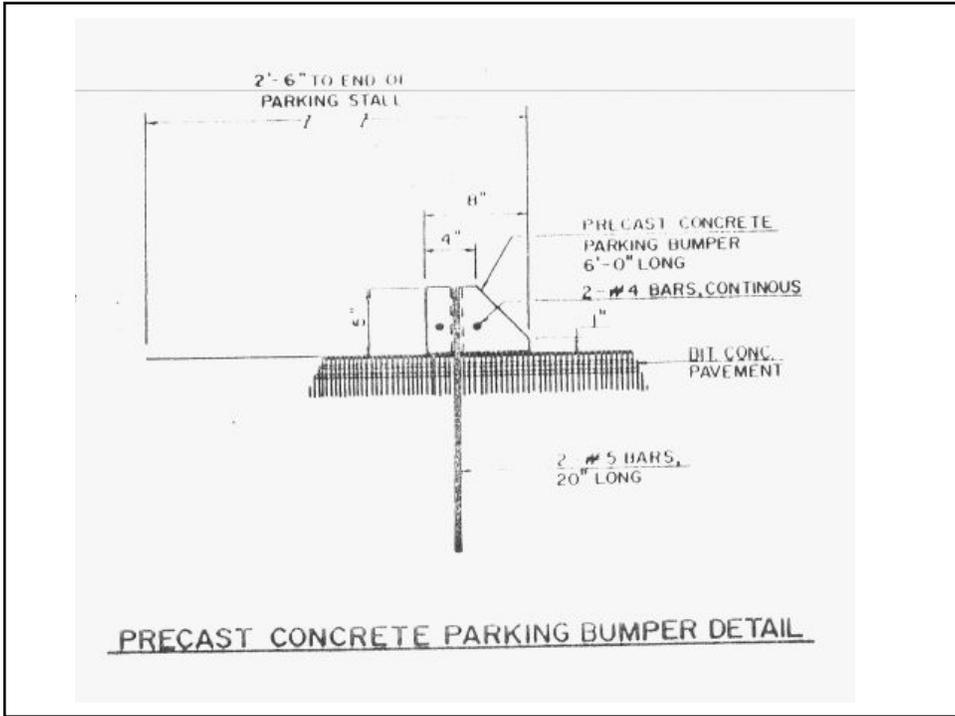
We need a Dog Park to run free.





# Driveway Grade





We'd like a Dog Park to play with other dogs.



## Signage

- Dog Park Entrance
- Rules
- Donor recognition
- Standard park signage

## Park Entrance Sign

- CNC and Painted Sign
- Located on Old Amston Road to right (facing park entrance) of driveway to Dog park
- 2 ft tall x 6 ft wide
- 6in x 6in posts, bottom of sign is 1.5 ft above ground



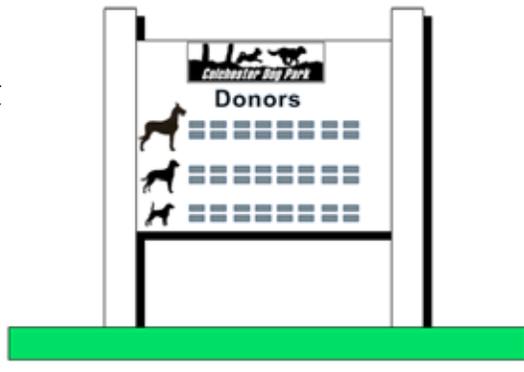
## Dog Park Rules Sign

- CNC and Painted Sign
- Located to Right of park bullpen
- 3ft tall x 4ft wide
- 6in x 6in posts
- bottom of sign is 1.5 ft above ground



## Dog Park Donor Sign

- CNC and Painted Sign
- Metal Name Plate
- Located to left of park bullpen
- 3ft tall x 4ft wide
- 6in x 6in posts
- bottom of sign is 1.5 ft above ground



## Standard park signage



**Note: All Dogs MUST NOT Be Leashed in Park**

I have a great yard to play in but I really want a dog park so I can play with my friends.



## Project Execution

- Project to be completed under Town employee supervision
  - CS 8-24
- Major work completed by Contractors
  - Fence
  - Driveway
- Minor Work completed by Volunteers
  - In accordance with Town Volunteer plan

We'd like a Dog Park to run in.



## Cost to Town

- **Negligible cost to tax payers!!!**
- All expenses will be paid for through funds raised by the Dog Park Committee
- The Parks and Recreation Department will be responsible for trash disposal and parking lot maintenance (Snow removal).

## Planned Budget

Line	Description	Price	Periodicity
1	Fencing	\$25,000	One time
2	Waste Cans	\$100	One time
3	Poly Dogipot Single Roll Dispenser (6)	\$120	One time
4	Driveway and parking lot grading, driveway apron	\$15,000	One time
5	Gravel	\$1000	One time
6	Signs	\$3020	One time
<b>Total Phase 1 Construction</b>		<b>\$44,240</b>	<b>One time</b>
7	Trash Disposal (To Parks and Recreation Maintenance Crew	\$300	Annually
8	Snow Removal	\$500	Annually
9	Oxo-Biodegradable Dogipot Litter Pick up Bags (30 roll cases, 6000 bags)	\$220	Annually
10	Annual Park Maintenance	\$1000	Annually
<b>Total Annual Cost</b>		<b>\$2,020</b>	<b>Annually</b>

I can't wait to play with my friends  
at the Dog Park.



## Maintenance

- General maintenance
  - Dog Park Committee planned and managed
  - Volunteers
  - Contracted work when necessary
- Trash
  - Parks and Recreation maintenance Crew
    - Paid for by the Dog Park Committee funds
- Snow
  - Parks and Recreation maintenance Crew
    - Paid for by the Dog Park Committee funds

## Safety

- Fence
- Bullpen
- Posted Rule and Guidance
  - Dogs must be supervised
  - No unsupervised children
  - No aggressive dogs allowed
- Sanitation
  - Handlers responsible for cleaning up after their dogs

## Questions?

For additional information please contact:

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Additional Documentation can be found on the Dog Park Website:

<http://www.colchesterct.gov/Dogpark>

## **Background Information**

### **Who We Are**

A group volunteers of Colchester dog owners and dog lovers of all ages.

We are gathered develop a dog park in the town of Colchester.

Our work will consist of funding, building and maintaining a Dog Park.

## Our Mission

To establish, support and assist in the ongoing maintenance of a fenced-in, off leash dog park where well behaved canine citizens can exercise in a clean, safe environment without endangering property, wildlife or fellow citizens, and dog lovers can socialize with other dog lovers.

## Benefits

- **Benefits of a Dog Park to the community**
  - Building community center for residents with like interests
  - Increase safety for all
  - Provide a safe secure area for residents without property to exercise their dogs
  - Exercised dogs make better neighbors
- **Benefits of a Dog Park to the dog owners**
  - Fitness for handler
  - Wellness activity
  - Place to exercise dog
- **Benefits of a Dog Park for the dogs**
  - Safe, controlled environment
  - Exercise
  - Socialization

## **Liability**

CT Law states that liability and responsibility for injuries or damage caused by a dog is the responsibility of the dog owner regardless of on whose property the damage occurs.

### **CT Statute – Title 22, Chapter 435**

**Sec 22-356** Damage by two or more dogs.

**Sec 22-357** Damage to person or property

## **How many Dogs are there?**

1,500 dogs registered in Colchester

15,495 people live in Colchester

There are an estimated 1,800 unregistered dogs in Colchester (This is an estimate from the Dog Warden)

It is our hope that this park may encourage residents to register their dogs in order to be able to utilize the park.

## Location Map



## Other Towns with Dog Parks

- Towns that have established dog parks:
  - Hamden
  - Norwich
  - South Windsor
  - Wethersfield
  - Granby
  - Groton
- Towns that are in the processes of developing a dog park:
  - Enfield
  - Glastonbury
  - Rocky Hill
  - Bristol
  - East Windsor
  - Manchester