



# Hudson Dog Park Proposal

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# Need for Dog Park

# Facility Needs and Priorities

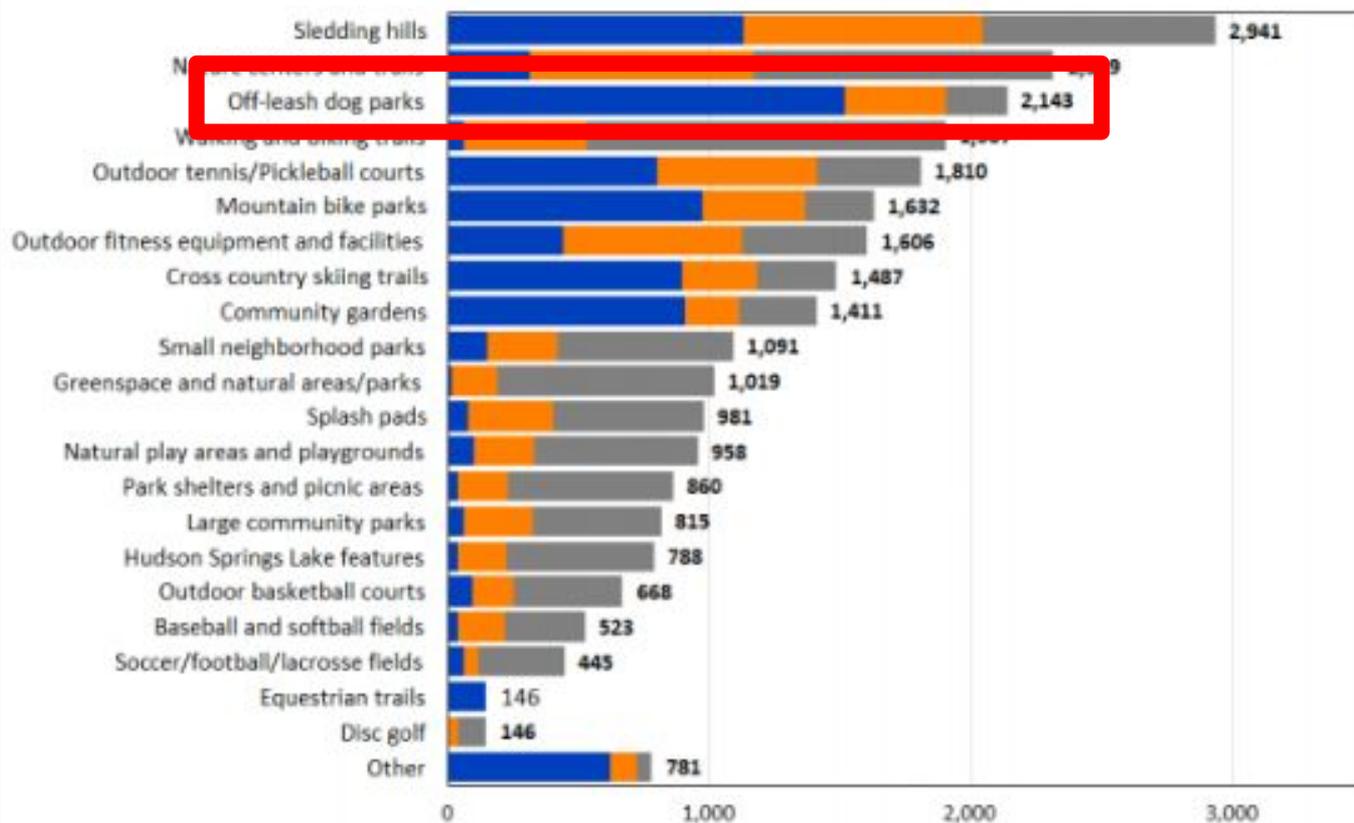
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The types of parks/facilities with the highest number of households with an unmet need were:

1. Sledding hills – 2,941 households
2. Nature centers and trails – 2,319 households
- 3. Off-leash dog parks – 2,143 households**
4. Walking and biking trails – 1,907 households
5. Outdoor tennis/Pickelball courts – 1,810 households

### Q8-3. Estimated Number of Households Whose Needs for Facilities Are Being Met 50% or Less

by number of households based on 8,212 households in the city of Hudson



Source: ETC Institute (2020)

0% Met 25% Met 50% Met

# Priority Investment Rating

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Based the priority investment rating (PIR), the following four facilities were rated as “high priorities” for investment:

- Walking and biking trails (PIR=165)
- Nature centers and trails (PIR=130)
- Sledding hills (PIR=118)
- **Off-leash dog parks (PIR=103)**

# Dog Park Features

# Typical Dog Park Features

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- Space (minimum one acre)
- Separate areas for small/large dogs
- Four-to-six foot fencing
- Double-gate entry system
- Hydration station (for dogs and owners)
- Water station to hose off dogs
- Waste station (waste bags, trash can, scoopers)
- Appropriate ground cover
- Shaded Area (for dogs and owners)
- Benches/tables (for owners)
- Fun features (agility, exercise, tunnels, play area)
- Signage (instructions, warnings, sponsors)
- Water features (splash pad, fountain, lake)



Bow Wow Beach Dog Park, Stow, Ohio



Tails 'n Trails Dog Park, Aurora, Ohio



BARC Akron Dog Park, Akron, Ohio



Keyser Dog Park, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio



Hugh Rogers Wag Park, Whitefish, Montana



Newtown Dream Dog Park, Johns Creek, Georgia



NOLA City Bark, New Orleans, Louisiana



Jackson Bark, Chicago, Illinois

# Additional Information

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- [Establishing a Dog Park in Your Community](#) (American Kennel Club)
- [Designing and Managing Innovative Dog Parks](#) (NRPA)
- [The Anatomy of a Great Dog Park](#) (Citylab)
- [The 50 Best Dog Parks in the U.S.](#) (The Active Times)
- [Best Dog Parks in Northeast Ohio](#) (NE Ohio Family Fun)
- [Grants: Help Make Your Dog Park Dreams Come True](#) (Dog On It Parks)

Recommendation

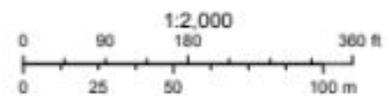
# Proposed Site: Colony Park Field Area

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- Up to 2.65 acres of land
- Rarely used for organized activities (four-five reservations per year)
- Walking distance of neighborhoods, including access from pedestrian bridge for neighborhoods north of the railroad tracks
- Not as active as other parks (39% according to study)
- Access to water supply
- Ample parking
- Restrooms on site



June 12, 2020



# Next Steps

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- Discuss at Park Board meeting
- Make proposal to City Council
- Invite community feedback (Park Board Meeting, FOHP, etc.)
- Engage staff and/or dog park designer for ideas on use of space
- Determine potential budget
- Apply for grants
- Look for potential sponsors
- Solicit donations from groups, individuals, businesses, etc.