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# 2022 Landfall COA Dog Park Survey

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## Executive Summary

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## SURVEY OVERVIEW

From time to time, the Landfall Council of Associations (COA) Board of Directors consider the addition of amenities to the Landfall shared common areas. Recently, the Buildings & Grounds Ad-hoc Committee presented the Board with the concept of adding a Dog Park to our community. This has been discussed in great detail and has now been reviewed from the perspective of insurance and legal requirements. The Dog Park survey was the next step in this review process to discover how our Landfall property owners feel about this possible new amenity. At this time these results will be considered by the Board of Directors so that they may determine how and if they will move forward with this project.

We thank those of you that took the time to complete our 2022 Landfall Council of Associations Dog Park Survey. In total, 721 surveys were completed, representing approximately 38% of the 1,879 properties that received the survey.

From the survey, the following information was obtained:

When the 716 respondents were asked how they utilized the Recreation Site at Drysdale Drive, the most popular use, at 40.78% of the total respondents, was for Community Events; 35.06% use the site for Walking; 34.08% use the site for the Playground; 28.91% do not use the site at all, and 21.65% use the site for dog play/exercise. Nearly 50% of the respondents utilize the Recreation Site less than 3 times per year.

Of the 716 respondents, 53.63% reported owning a dog or dogs, while 46.37% do not own a dog. Of the 521 who responded, 86.18% do not take their dog(s) to use an off-site enclosed dog park facility.

Of the total 721 respondents we had 412 respond to the question, *“If you currently use the Recreation Site to exercise your dog(s), would you be in favor of the proposed enclosed area, as this would prohibit off leash play outside of the enclosed facility?”* 49.51% of those respondents answered Yes, while 50.49% answered No.

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Over 70% of the respondents had not visited to the Recreation Site to review the proposed Dog Park location.

When asked if they consider a Dog Park at the Recreation Site to be an important addition to the community, of the 694 who answered this question, 44.52% answered Yes, while 55.48% answered No.

Of the 682 that responded as to whether the preliminary cost of \$40,000 was a reasonable expenditure, 40.91% answered Yes, while 59.09% answered No.

## **SURVEY Comments/Quotes**

A total of 373 comments were received as a part of the survey with 82% of the comments either For or Against the Dog Park. The other 18% were general comments on this topic, as well as about the Landfall community overall. Of the total comments received, 29.22% were in favor of the Dog Park project, while 52.82% were against the Dog Park project.

Based on the information gathered through this survey, we would like to share some of our owners' positive and negative comments about the addition of the Dog Park. A sampling of these comments are as follows:

### **Quotes/Comments received in favor of the Dog Park**

- *"This would be a valuable amenity!"*
- *"Landfall has many home owners with pets. It has a lot of commodities except a dog park. It would be awesome to take my dogs to play without having to go off somewhere. Wonderful idea, plus it will give the dog owners the chance to meet more of their fellow neighbors. I am 100% for it! Thank you for bringing this up as I have inquired about it before. Please, please pass this recommendation. Thank you."*
- *"My dog is older and wouldn't use the facility, but if we ever got another dog, I would use it. So many people have dogs here in Landfall, I think it would be used by many."*

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- *“Dogs, like children and adults, need a safe place to run / exercise. Walking with a Human is not exercise. Virtually every gated community now has one. Thanks.”*
  - *“Great idea. I would use the dog park.”*
  - *“A dog park is a good idea but in some other area. I do not favor reducing the current recreation area”*

#### **Quotes/Comments received not in favor of the Dog Park**

- *“There is no need for a dog park. There are plenty of places within Landfall to walk a pet, and plenty of places very close by if one prefers to transport their pet to a destination.”*
- *“Please do not add a dog park. Owners of dogs do that as a choice and Landfall has no obligation to them. When they bought a dog they did so with the understanding that they were responsible in every aspect of the dog’s life. They had no expectations of Landfall. Landfall does not need and I do not want, even as a previous dog owner, a dog park.”*
- *“I am concerned it will detract from the beauty of the area.”*
- *“Never had a problem with dogs off leashes at the park and hate to enclose walking/exercise space.”*
- *“Ridiculous to even think this is needed..... Have someone donate the money if they want it, keep my funds out of this project.”*
- *“I do not believe the rec area has sufficient space to accommodate a dog park along with other activities. Also, other dog parks I have seen have two sections; one for small dogs and another for larger dogs.”*
- *“A dog park will take away space that residents currently use. Reducing space from its current area would be a mistake.”*

At its’ May 24, 2022, Board meeting the Landfall Council of Associations Board of Directors reviewed and thoroughly discussed all of the pertinent information and issues related to project funding, location and size, as well as the results of the survey provided by the community. The decision was made not to move forward with establishing a dog park facility at this time. Please know that the Board is in a tough position of juggling the required expenditures, maintaining our existing infrastructure, remaining cognizant of the known and unknown future financial demands, as well as the desires of our

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individual owners; all of which they work diligently to manage for the good of the entire community.

We appreciate those of you that shared your thoughts and opinions by answering the Dog Park survey with the hope of providing helpful information to continue to improve our community, together.