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1.0 Introduction

In preparation for the draft dog policy, we have performed extensive research and compilations of policies and data of dog parks throughout the country and world. The following draft policy reflects the Recreation & Park Dept. (RPD) Strategic Plan, input from community stakeholder groups, SF Municipal Codes, the 1998 Dog Task Force recommendations, as well as the best and most relevant efforts of established dog park designs and policies.

The San Francisco Recreation & Park Department (RPD) welcomes dogs on leash in most of its parks; dogs are currently allowed off-leash in 19 designated areas. (see reference material for existing sites) Existing & proposed sites will need to be evaluated in the context of this policy. Dogs are not allowed in some areas as noted in 3.1 of this policy. This policy does support on-going use of parks by dogs and their guardians.

The following policy supports continued and increased education about how to be a responsible park user with your pet. RPD believes the off-leash dog issue is not entirely about dogs but a debate about appropriate uses for, and stewardship of scarce urban parkland and open space, which are stretched to accommodate all the uses San Franciscans propose for them. This policy outlines rules and guidelines to allow all citizens to share urban parks and open spaces without endangering one another or adversely affecting these spaces. The intention of this policy is to assure San Francisco citizens and park visitors a quality and safe experience in our parks.

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2.0 Definitions

To provide consistency in this document, the following terms will apply throughout:

RPD: San Francisco Recreation and Park Department

DPA: Dog Play Area defined by RPD, a designated park space for off-leash dog use
Owner: shall mean any person who possesses, has title to or an interest in, harbors or has control, custody or possession of an animal, and the verb forms of "to own" shall include all those shades of meaning. (SF Health Code, section 41.g)

Partner(s): An active volunteer or partner group to assist with monitoring and maintenance of DPA. Dog Advisory Committee: As defined in section 4.3 of this policy, an advisory committee will be formed to help RPD create, monitor, and mediate the community process surrounding DPA's.

MOU: Memorandum of Understanding

Athletic Fields: Any field for which the RPD accepts permit reservations (see reference materials)
Children's Play Area: Any area that is in immediate proximity to children's play structure or apparatus and sandbox.

Significant Natural Resource Area: The Significant Natural Resources Management Plan (SNRAMP), adopted by the Recreation and Park Commission in 1995, lists over 30 open spaces throughout the city as Significant Natural Resource Areas (SNRAs). Significant Natural Resource Areas are generally remnants of San Francisco's original landscape and support important plant and animal populations and habitats. RPD's Natural Areas program is currently conducting a scientific study in order to more clearly designate and define these areas.

Sensitive Habitat Areas: These areas support or are likely to support locally important, rare threatened or endangered species (examples include red-tailed hawk nesting sites, heron rookeries, cormorant nesting colonies, red-legged frog habitat, western pond turtle habitat, wetlands, quail habitat areas). Sensitive Habitat Areas are areas within designated Natural Areas (see list in Appendix) that would be off-limits to dogs. Of approximately 500 acres of Natural Areas available for recreational use, approximately 20% would be considered Sensitive Habitat Areas. The remainder of the Natural Areas (approximately 400 acres) would be potentially available for off-leash, on-lease or on-trail DPAs. Sensitive Habitat Areas include:

- Sensitive wildlife areas such as breeding habitat for birds
- Sensitive remnant native plant communities such as wetlands
- Sensitive plant populations such as locally rare wildflower species
- High erosion prone areas

- Active restoration areas (temporary exclusion only)

RPD is currently conducting a scientific study in order to more clearly designate and define these areas. This scientific study will be reviewed and revised through a public process beginning in June 2002. While the attached list of Significant Natural Resource Areas provides a good framework for identifying SNRAs it is general and is not necessarily reflective of on the ground resources. Therefore, each park and open space must be evaluated on a case by case basis in order to determine the exact boundaries of Sensitive Habitat Areas.

3.0 DPA Site Criteria

RPD will use the following criteria as defined below to appropriately evaluate existing and potential new DPAs.

3.1 Location

The density of the dog population varies from community to community. The size and nature of each DPA will be determined by several factors including, but not limited to, available park land, proximity to significant natural areas, dog population, proximity to other DPAs and other existing park uses. It is RPD's desire to provide DPA opportunities in all neighborhoods. However, not unlike pools or athletic fields, some neighborhoods do not have adequate park space to meet this goal. Therefore, RPD will work closely with the Dog Advisory Committee and community partners to identify suitable spaces for additional DPAs.

DPAs should be neighborhood friendly and, at a minimum, will be located where they will not adversely impact the surrounding neighborhood and open space by:

- Causing ongoing conflicts due to overcrowding
- Causing detriment to the surrounding environment such as digging or trampling
- Causing displacement of established recreational activities including passive recreation
- Compromising the intent of the DPA to allow dogs and owners to exercise and socialize in a safe area.

Siting shall also take into account the following:

- DPAs shall be sufficiently distant from residences so that noise and activity levels are no more disruptive to neighbors than typical park uses. Some noise is expected and will not be used as a reason to disallow the establishment of a DPA
- Ability to place DPA on well drained area of any given park or financial resources to install appropriate infrastructure
- DPAs shall comply with all codes and regulations as they apply to the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and California Building Code Title 24.

While dogs are allowed in most park areas, dogs are not allowed in the following areas:

- Athletic fields
- Tennis/Basketball/Volleyball Courts
- Children's Play Areas
- Sensitive Habitat Areas (feeding/nesting grounds for significant animal species)
- Areas prohibited in Park Code Sec.5.02

3.2 Size

The size of a DPA will reflect the amount of available land, dog populations, park size

and other considerations (see Section 3.6 DPA Opportunities). Wherever possible, DPAs should be at least 30,000 square feet (equal to approximately 4 tennis courts). The minimum size of a DPA shall be 10,000 square feet, approximately 2,800 square feet larger than a standard tennis court (60' X 120').

3.3 Boundaries/Barriers

DPAs require adequate delineation, natural or man-made, to protect dogs from vehicles, steep cliffs, and other hazards as well as to prevent conflicts with other park users.

Some fencing will be required to separate adjacent land uses. Where fencing is required it will be 4 feet high. However, to the extent possible RPD will advocate for non-fence alternatives. The boundaries of DPAs will be identified with physical enclosures. . All barriers will strive to be aesthetically pleasing using landscape features such as shrubs and vines. Type of barrier, size and location will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Barriers shall be evaluated based upon the following criteria: adjacent site use; size of DPA; active park uses, proximity to SNRA, ; and historic use patterns.

3.4 DPA Surfacing

In accordance with RPDs turf management practices, DPAs with turf surfaces will be subject to closure during inclement weather and to perform routine maintenance. In these circumstances RPD will post signs directing users to the nearest DPA. If RPD and the DPA partners can't maintain a reasonable turf planting RPD will evaluate with the community alternate materials for these specific sites. RPD favors the use of alternate materials such as sand, gravel, decomposed granite, synthetic turf and other surface materials in smaller DPAs so as to allow for regular and appropriate maintenance. Combinations of materials may be used.

3.5 DPA Amenities

- RPD will provide at a minimum the following amenities:
- Bag dispensers
- Signs
- Bench(s)
- Surface material
- Barriers
- Trash cans (RPD to service)
- Lighting (where financially and physically possible & will not adversely affect surrounding areas)

RPD will work closely with partners and the dog advisory committee to identify funding sources for additional amenities such as lighting, water fountain, or informational kiosk.

3.6 DPA Opportunities

RPD welcomes the opportunity to provide several different outdoor experiences with your pet. If the general screening criteria in section 3.1 Location are met, RPD will initiate off leash use areas under the following circumstances, with support from the

Advisory Committee:

Regional Parks - Parks larger than 35 acres (see attached list for consideration)

Boundaries:

- Soft barriers such as language posts, or field markers delineating approved areas

When in close proximity to conflicting uses limited hard barriers may be used (i.e. stream or sensitive habitat areas)

Size:

Overall park size and topography will drive size constraints. Surface Materials:

Surface materials will be governed by existing conditions, i.e. turf in meadows and dirt trails Other Criteria:

- All park users must be able to access the facility without encountering off leash dogs
- Signage that designates "Dogs allowed off leash on this trail (or meadow)", and "Dogs must be on leash"
- Dogs must not be able to directly access prohibited areas such as Sensitive Habitat Area (SHA)
- Off leash use does not preclude other uses in these areas. The public can use at their discretion
- Some parts of dog accessible Natural Areas may have additional restrictions such as on-trail, voice control, and/or on-leash requirements. Some areas may require seasonal restrictions. These restrictions will be considered along with other park criteria and determined on a case by case basis.

Large Parks & Squares - Parks 10-35 acres

Boundaries:

Unfenced DPAs are possible as long as paths, boundaries, signs, topographic features, landscaping and/or other use separation features can reasonably define areas.

Partial physical barriers may be required to delineate various uses. This will be decided on a case by case basis.

Size:

These areas will be a minimum of 30,000 square feet (equal to approximately 4 tennis courts) Surfaces:

- The majority of these DPAs will be have turf surfaces. RPD will consider use of mixed surface materials as required to meet optimum maintenance levels (i.e. sand, turf, DG & synthetic turf) Other Criteria
- DPA may not be adjacent to playground without limited hard barriers.

- DPA may not be directly adjacent to SHA without limited hard barriers
- It is strongly recommended that DPA include direct access to at least one edge of the park to help facilitate access. A major access path/trail may qualify, but pets must be leashed.
- Off leash use does not preclude other uses in these areas. The public can use at their discretion.
- Some parts of dog accessible Natural Areas may have additional restrictions such as on-trail, voice control, and/or on-leash requirements. Some areas may require seasonal restrictions. These restrictions will be considered along with other park criteria and determined on a case by case basis.

C Smaller Parks & Playgrounds - Parks 0-10 acres Boundaries:

- DPA's will have physical enclosures. Landscaping and other measures will be used to the extent possible to screen the effects of fencing enclosures Size:
- These areas will be a minimum of 10,000 square feet (equal to 1.4 tennis courts) Surfaces:
- Alternate surfaces (other than turf) or combinations of turf and more sustainable surfaces will be explored Other Criteria
- DPA will include double gates in at least two locations for safety precautions
- Some parts of dog accessible Natural Areas may have additional restrictions such as on-trail, voice control, and/or on-leash requirements. Some areas may require seasonal restrictions. These restrictions will be considered along with other park criteria and determined on a case by case basis.

If a reasonable compromise cannot be reached in the community, RPD staff will make recommendations to the Recreation and Park Commission for final approval.

3.7 Partnerships

DPAs require an active volunteer or partner program to assist with monitoring and maintenance. Partners must demonstrate their commitment, organizational skills and willingness to support and promote the DPA standards. An identifiable responsible partner is required for new and existing DPAs. A current "Friends of..." group is sufficient. An acceptable partner would be a smaller subset or committee of a larger park advocacy group. Refer to Section 4.2 for volunteer/partner program responsibilities

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4.0 Maintenance and Management Responsibilities

While RPD has jurisdiction over DPAs on RPD property and will contribute to both the capital start-up and operating expenses, the success of any DPA is based on the ability of its users to help establish, fund, operate, maintain and monitor each DPA site. In our research of DPAs around the country, most off leash areas require direct support by site users, local residents, and/or organized groups or volunteers. The RPD encourages and welcomes partnerships in many forms. RPD is moving toward MOU's for all park partners.

4.1 DPA Rules

Advisory Committee and RPD will develop adequate standard signage. It will follow the general guidelines listed below.

Your neighbors and the Recreation and Park Department appreciate responsible dog ownership.

- All dogs must be licensed and vaccinated before entering the DPA
- No dog less than 4 months old shall be permitted in the DPA
- Female dogs in heat are not allowed
- No more than (3) dogs per owner are allowed in the DPA at any one time
- Professional dog trainers may not use a DPA for the conduct of their business, unless sponsored by RPD or by obtaining a permit from RPD
- Animals must be leashed when entering and exiting the DPA
- Owners shall be in possession of a leash for each dog at all times
- Dogs must be under control of their owners at all times (i.e. dog must immediately respond to commands)
- Control excessive barking and noise
- Pick up and dispose of dog waste in a proper manner
- Aggressive dogs must be leashed immediately (snarling, unwanted jumping)
- Owners are to fill holes dug by their dogs prior to leaving the DPA

4.2 RPD/Partner Responsibilities

Partners and RPD shall share the responsibility for maintaining and monitoring DPAs. The following are general guidelines for each group.

RPD

- Maintain and repair surface (subject to available resources)
- Maintain surrounding landscape
- Repair or replace barriers/boundaries and other basic amenities
- Maintain informational signs
- Empty waste receptacles
- Liaison with Animal Care & Control
- Post hours of operation for DPA

- Regulate hours to best serve maintenance needs
- Provide cost estimates for new or renovated DPAs
- Process necessary regulatory permits such as CEQA.
- Provide and manage permits for Professional Dog-Walkers
- Monitor DPA to determine general compliance and effectiveness
- Report monitoring findings to the Advisory Committee and community
- Work with partners and Advisory Committee to remedy any flaws in DPA design, location, or infrastructure

Partners

- Stewardship of DPA to uphold policy standards
- Distribute DPA rules and other educational materials to park users
- Serve as good role models
- Ensure DPA is kept free of animal feces
- Alert RPD/Advisory Committee to maintenance needs
- Help establish priorities for repair and renovation
- Schedule routine cleanup/workdays as necessary
- Fundraising activities to support additional amenities based on DPA needs

Partners will enter into a MOU/permit agreement with RPD under the auspices of the Advisory Committee. Failure to meet standards and responsibilities set forth in the MOU agreement will subject DPA to review by RPD. RPD retains the right to discontinue activities with any given partnership group.

4.3 Advisory Committee

RPD will form an official Dog Advisory Committee with balanced representation from the DPA community, children's groups, environmental groups, other park users, and invested government agencies. The Dog Advisory Committee will be moderated by RPD and the RPD General Manager will appoint members. The RPD General Manager will also appoint the chairperson for the Advisory Committee. The committee will consist of 11 members eight (8) selected from citywide organizations promoting park advocacy and three (3) representing citywide government institutions. A partial list includes, but not limited to:

SFSPCA

Neighborhood Parks Council

PAWS

SFDOG

SF Animal Care & Control

Fund for Animals

Coleman Advocates

SF Police Department Friends of ACC

Native Plant Society

Audubon Society Sierra Club

Environmental Quality for Urban Parks

Department of the Environment

Responsibilities of the Advisory Committee shall include, but are not limited to making recommendations on the following items:

- Establish term limits and bylaws
- Identify partnership opportunities
- Organize educational events (i.e. obedience classes, canine good citizen tests)
- Assist in developing and distributing education information
- Organize collaborative events throughout the City (i.e. vaccination and licensing days)
- Assist in the mediation of neighborhood park issues related to DPAs
- Recommend community guidelines
- Promote community relations
- Solicit and identify funding for amenities and improvements not provided by RPD
- Assist in review and evaluation of DPAs & Partnerships
- Establish a formal complaint evaluation system and DPA evaluation instrument.
- Act as liaison between users, local residents, and relevant citizen associations
- Meet bi-monthly unless deemed otherwise
- Meetings shall adhere to all City and State public meeting regulations
- Identify 3 (three) DPA trail/meadow experiences (in regional parks) in the first year of forming
- Draft language for DPA signs
- Report to the RPD Commission 2-3 times per year with updates/issues
- Report to RPD with a recommendation on timed use for parks. The Department, with input from the Advisory Committee will prepare and deliver a report to the Recreation and Park Commission no later than October 2002 on timed use.

4.4 Hours of Operation

DPAs shall be open 7 days per week, within the posted and/or legal hours for any RPD park. Hours of lighted facilities shall be worked out with effected residents/neighborhood and civic associations. RPD reserves the right to restrict any DPA operating hours as needed in accordance with neighborhood input as well as maintenance requirements.

4.5 DPA Evaluation

DPA evaluations shall be carried out one (1) year after a DPA is first sited, established, and/or significant renovation has been completed. After that, DPAs should be evaluated every three (3) years. An evaluation should be held in the interim if RPD determines that conditions warrant it. Existing DPAs shall be evaluated within one (1) year of this policy's inception.

DPA evaluations will be conducted by a committee comprised of representatives from RPD, the Advisory Committee, the neighborhood, Animal Care & Control and relevant local citizen associations. The Advisory Committee and RPD will develop the evaluation instrument. The evaluations should include utilization, compliance, effectiveness of barriers, community and fiscal impacts. The evaluation should also include a satisfaction

survey of users and neighbors and consider the number, severity, and resolution of complaints and issues raised during the evaluation period. To clarify the issue of complaints further, RPD will attempt to resolve any complaints within 30 days. RPD will report to the Advisory Committee on the status of all complaints. Any complaints that are not resolved will be considered by the Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee will work with the complainant and RPD to determine an appropriate action within 60 days.

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5.0 Signs/Rules of DPA

The intent of providing signs is to identify, educate and provide a clear and consistent understanding of the expectations of dog owners and non-dog owners within DPA's and other parks throughout the city.

The RPD shall provide and install signs at all DPA's that outline the rules and regulations for those spaces. When appropriate, directional signs to the park DPA will also be installed. In addition, RPD will install informational signs, which will accompany bag dispensers at on-leash sites.

The signs will outline several current San Francisco laws and ordinances in addition to information that has proven effective in managing off-leash facilities in other cities.

5.1 Sign for On-Leash Park Spaces - As Required

(These signs will accompany bag dispenser)

Your neighbors and the Recreation and Park Department appreciate responsible dog ownership Please:

- Pick up and remove dog waste
- Leash your dog(s)
- Don't leave your dog unattended
- Control excessive barking and noise
- Prevent digging and destructive behavior
- Keep your dog's vaccinations and license current

Thank you,

For information regarding dogs in parks, please contact the RPD @ (415) 831-2700 or Animal Care & Control @ (415) 554-6364 Health Code 40 A&B; 41.12 A-D, 41.15 Park Code 3.02

5.2 Sign for Off-Leash Park Spaces (DPA'S)

Language for DPA signs will be developed with advisory committee. Language will reflect simplified rules and regulations. See section 4.1 for general guidelines.

5.3 Enforcement

Although previous enforcement has been inconsistent, RPD intends to pursue enforcement of all related state and municipal laws. Enforcement will necessitate a multi-agency effort to include SFPD, ACC, and RPD. RPD strongly believes the greatest voice for following established rules and policies will be from DPA partners and users.

Upon adoption of this policy, a period of ninety (90) days for extensive public education and notice will precede strict and consistent enforcement. During this ninety (90) day

period, it is expected that the RPD will install informational signs, appoint Advisory Committee, as well as provide educational materials to be distributed that generally support a "soft" or warning, enforcement period. The RPD is eager to designate additional DPA's prior to hard enforcement.

The Recreation and Park Department shall recommend a joint enforcement policy to the Commission within 90 days of the adoption of this Policy.

6.0 Miscellaneous

6.1 How to Propose a New DPA

In general, users and neighbors, and/or a park partner can submit a written request regarding the establishment of new DPAs, or adding/repairing amenities at existing DPAs to RPD (submit to General Manager). The RPD will evaluate the request and make a recommendation to the Advisory Committee within 60 days of receiving the request. The Advisory Committee will begin public process/negotiations. Siting a DPA shall follow the accepted community-wide planning process, which includes public notification and opportunities for input from users and neighbors, RPD and relevant civic association (s).

6.2 How to Modify or Eliminate a DPA

If, after evaluation by the Advisory Committee, relevant park groups and RPD, a DPA is determined to be flawed in nature, potential solutions will be developed and implemented. i.e. if an unfenced DPA fails to confine uses, hard barriers may be implemented. If adequate alternatives cannot be identified, or are deemed ineffective, RPD reserves the right to discontinue the DPA in question.

6.3 Funding

Prior to establishing a DPA adequate funding must be identified by RPD, Advisory Committee and/or community partners. RPD has the primary responsibility for providing the resources necessary for the establishment, maintenance and management of basic DPAs. RPD will work with DPA Partners, The Dog Advisory Committee and other government agencies to identify support through additional city monies, grants, private and corporate funding, and agency partnerships.

6.4 Complaints

Complaints and concerns arising inside the boundaries of the DPA should be brought to the attention of the RPD. All complaints will be reported to the Advisory Committee in a staff report. If after 60 days the complaint has not been resolved satisfactorily, the Advisory Committee and the complainant will meet with the appropriate RPD personnel to mediate the situation to resolution with final resolution the responsibility of RPD.

6.5 Professional Dog Walkers

RPD requires an RPD Permit and Animal Care & Control agreement form. Dog Walkers are required to have a maximum 8-foot leash in their possession for each dog. Animal Care and Control recommends that professional dog walkers not have more than six (6) dogs in their control at any one time. RPD requires no more than six (6) dogs per person be off leash at any one time in a DPA. Professional Dog Walkers will use DPA's between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. RPD will institute a sliding scale fee schedule for Professional Dog Walkers so as not to unduly impact their livelihood.

6.6 Public Information

RPD will provide outreach information by producing signage and brochures that shall be distributed through a number of means including veterinary offices, SFSPCA, pet stores

and RPD facilities, as well as the RPD WEB page which links to other support organizations. All RPD staffed facilities will provide information on the closest available

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7.0 Appendix

7.1 Park Code

Sec. 3.01 Obey posted rules & regulations

Sec. 3.02 Signs to be obeyed

Sec. 4.08 Interference with Recreation & Park Employees.

No person, with malice may interfere or hinder an employee performing park duties.
(Construction repairs or care of)

Sec. 4.12 Persons may be excluded under certain circumstances. Recreation & Park employees and Park Patrol are authorized to order any person to leave who disobeys any rule or regulation.

Sec. 4.13 Refusal to obey the lawful order of a police officer, park patrol or Recreation & Park employee is prohibited.

Sec. 4.14 Fighting, disturbing peace offensive words. Prohibited in a public place when likely to provoke an immediate violent reaction.

Sec. 5.01 Dogs, cats, horses only allowed.

Sec. 5.02 Animals prohibited from certain areas (except for guide dogs, Police Mounted Detail) Any building, the Zoo, Arboretum, Japanese Tea Garden, Conservatory Valley, playgrounds, sandboxes or other areas reserved for children, or to enter or drink the water of any drinking fountain, lake or pond, except at designated places.

Sec. 5.05 Vicious animals prohibited.

Sec. 5.08 Disturbing animals, birds, fish prohibited.

7.2 Health Code

Sec. 40 Dog to be controlled so as not to commit nuisances All dog feces must be removed and people walking dogs must carry materials to remove feces.

Sec. 41.12 Duties of owners. All dogs must be leashed or tethered except in designated exercise areas under the jurisdiction of Recreation & Park. Person with dog(s) must be physically present at all times when dog is in exercise areas. Describes circumstances under which dog barking becomes an offense.

Sec. 41.15 Dog License Requirement. Every person owning, keeping or having control of any dog over age of 4 months must obtain a current license for each dog.

Sec. 41.18 Vaccination required for license. Dogs over age of four months required to

have current rabies vaccination.

Sec. 41.21 Removal of dog tag prohibited.

Sec. 41.5.1 Biting dogs. Definition, declaring dangerous dogs, fines and penalties.

Sec. 42.1 Fight Training prohibited.

Facility	Location	Acreage
Alamo square	Hayes & Steiner	12.695
Alta Plaza Park	Jackson & Steiner	11.89
Balboa Park	Ocean & San Jose	27.537
Bayview Park & Extension	LeConte Ave	41.998
Bernal Heights	Bernal Hts. Blvd	24.213
Buena Vista Park	Buena Vista & Haight	36
Corona Heights	16th & Roosevelt	16.557
Crocker Amazon	Geneva & Moscow	54.95
Douglass	26th & Douglass	10.48
Glen Park/Canyon	Chenery & Elk	101.113
Golden Gate Park		1017
Lafayette Square	Washington & Laguna	11.487
Lake Merced	368 acres lake, 170 acres golf	700
Lincoln Park Golf Course	34th Ave & Clement	204.068
Louis Sutter	University & Wayland	17
Marina Green	Marina Blvd	74
McLaren Park	Visitacion Valley	297.5
Midtown Terrace	Clarendon & Olympic	13.37
Mission Dolores	18th & Dolores	13.37
Moscone	Chestnut & Buchanan	12.05
Mountain Lake	12th Ave & Lake`	15
Mt. Davidson	Myra Way	39.42
Ocean View	Capitol & Montana	10.25
Palace of Fine Arts	Lyon Street	15.72
Park Presidio	Presidio Blvd	23
St. Mary's	Justin & Murray	13.53
Stern Grove	19th Ave & Sloat	33.149
Three Com	Jamestown Ave	77.36

Twin Peaks Blvd	Twin Peaks	13.58
West Sunset	39th Ave & Ortega	16.81
Zoo Zoo Drive		77.74

7.4 Dog Policy Stakeholders

EQUUP Environmental Quality for Urban Parks

SPCA Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

NPC Neighborhood Parks Council

FRIENDS Friends of Recreation & Parks

GGAS Golden Gate Audubon Society

COLEMAN Coleman Advocates for Youth

SFACC San Francisco Animal Care & Control

SFDOG San Francisco Dog Owners Group

GREEN FRIENDS

PAWS Parks are Worth Saving

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NPS Native Plant Society

PRO DOG

7.5 Current RPD Off Leash Sites

Dog Park Sites	Zip Code	Acreage	tennis cts	ball fields	soccer field	clubhouse	play area	Restroom*
Alta Plaza	15	11.9	3				x	x
Bernal Hts	10	24.2						
Buena Vista	17	36	2				x	x
Corona Hts	14	16.7						
Dolores	10	13.4	6		x	x	x	x
Douglas	14	10.5	 1			x	x	x
GG Park Dog Training								
GG Park NE								
GG Park SE								
GG Park So Central								
Lafayette	15	11.4	2	basketball			x	x
Lake Merced	32	162						
McLaren Park (2 sites)	34	317	6				x	

McKinley	7	2.48					x	
Mountain Lake	18	15	4			x	x	
Potrero Hill	27	9.5	2	1		x	x	
St. Mary's	12	13.5	3	1		x	x	
Stern Grove	32	33	2			x	x	
Eureka Valley (trial)	14	1.9	1	1		x	x	
Upper Noe (trial)	31	2.5	1	1		x	x	

7.6 Recreation & Park Permitted Athletic Fields

Diamonds	Ground-Sport	Fields
Alice Chalmers	670 Brunswick St.	1
Aptos	Aptos St. & Ocean Ave.	1
Balboa	San Jose & Ocean Aves.	2
Bayview	Third & Armstrong Sts.	1
Big Rec	Near 7th. Ave. & Lincoln Way	2
Christopher	5210 Diamond Heights Blvd.	1
Crocker Amazon	Geneva & Moscow	5
Douglass	26th. & Douglass Sts.	1
Eureka Valley	100 Collingwood St.	1
Excelsior	Russia & Madrid Sts.	1
Gilman	Gilman Ave. & Griffith St.	1
Glen Park	Bosworth St. & O'shaughnessy Blvd.	2
Holly Park	Holly Circle & Highland Ave.	1
Jackson	Mariposa & Arkansas Sts.	2
Julius Kahn	West Pacific Ave. & Spruce St.	1
Junipero Serra	300 Stonecrest Drive	1
Kimbell	Geary Blvd. & Steiner St.	2
Lang	Turk & Octavia Sts.	2
Larsen	19th Ave. & Ulloa St.	1
Laurel Hill	Euclid & Collin Sts.	1
Little Rec	Kezar Dr. & Waller St.	1
Louis Sutter #1	University & Wayland Sts.	2

McCoppin Square	22nd. & Santiago St.	1
Miraloma	Omar & Sequoia Way	1
Moscone	Chestnut & Laguna Sts.	4
Ocean View	Capitol Ave. & Lobos St.	5
Parkside	28th Ave. & Vicente St.	1
Portola	Somerset & Felton St.	2
Rolph	Potrero Ave. & Army St.	2
Rossi	Arguello Btw. Edward & Anza Sts.	2
Silver Terrace	Silver Ave. & Bayshore Blvd.	2
South Sunset	40th Ave. & Vicente St.	2
Sunset	28th Ave. & Moraga St.	1
Upper Noe	Day & Sanchez Sts.	1
Visitacion Valley	Cora St. & Leland Ave.	1
West Sunset 1	39th Ave. & Ortega St.	3
Youngblood Coleman	Galvez & Mendell Sts.	1
Franklin Square	16th & Bryant Sts.	
Grattan	Stanyan & Alma Sts.	
Louis Sutter	University & Wayland Sts.	
Polo Fields	36th Ave. Fulton Ave. & Lincoln Way (Ggp)	7

- Outfield Of Athletic Fields Also Permitted For Football And Soccer

7.7 San Francisco Recreation & Park Department Significant Natural Resource Areas

Bayview Hill

Bernal Hill

Billy Goat Hill

Brooks Park

Buena Vista Park (Oak Woodlands)

Corona Heights

Dorothy Erskine Park

Duncan Castro Open Space

Edgehill Mountain

Fairmont Park

Glen Canyon/O'Shaughnessy Hollow

Golden Gate Heights (West Side)

Golden Gate Park Oak Woodlands

Grandview Park

Hawk Hill

India Basin

Interior Greenbelt

Kite Hill
Laguna Honda (PUC property)
Lake Merced
Lakeview/Ashton Mini Park
McLaren Park
Mount Davidson
Mountain Lake Park
Palou Phelps Open Space
Parcel Four/Sutro Baths
Pine Lake
Rock Outcrop
Rolph Nicol Park
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