

**PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL**

**SUBJECT:** **Proposed Location for Additional Dog Park in Greenbelt**

**DISCUSSION:** PRAB considered the referral regarding site selection for an additional dog park in Greenbelt. PRAB members conducted site visits to evaluate each site for parking, water sourcing, environmental impact, equity of services and accessibility to users. Of the possible sites suggested, PRAB narrowed the sites for consideration to three (3). They are: The Indian Creek site near Greenbelt Station off of Branchville Road, Northway Fields and the site next to the Aquatic and Fitness Center also known as "Candy Cane City".

There was a concern regarding adequate parking at the Indian Creek site, but it was thought that parking spaces could be provided on the site to support this location. Northway Fields was considered but ultimately ruled out because of proximity to the Forest Preserve and possible environmental impact. The "Candy Cane City" location was thought to be a suitable location for many reasons but there were concerns that selection of this location would overburden an area already heavily used for other purposes such as Labor Day Festival, Recreation Department sports activities and Summer Camps. Further, there was concern regarding equitable distribution of City amenities throughout all of Greenbelt.

**RECOMMENDATION:** PRAB voted 3-2 recommending City Council proceed with selection of the Indian Creek site near Greenbelt Station with a portion of the area being designated for parking to support use.

PRAB wishes to report the dissenting votes support location of a Dog Park at the "Candy Cane City" location.

Respectfully submitted by:

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