

A Dog Park in Auburn

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North Huron and ACW

What is a Dog Park?

- An off-leash, fenced area where dogs can run freely in a community setting
- It is NOT:
 - A kennel
 - Longer term housing where animals left unattended

Why a Dog Park?

Pros	Cons
Promotes responsible pet ownership	Should not be used as substitutes for regular walks for animals
Give dogs a place to exercise safely, reducing barking and other problem behaviours	People should know their dog's tolerance for other dogs when entering the park in groups
Provide seniors and other owners an accessible place to exercise companions	People must clean up after their pet
Provides opportunities to enhance use of the park facilities	People must ensure their pets are vaccinated to prevent transmission of illnesses: Spayed/neutered animals ideal

Statistics:

- **By our estimates, there are about 45 dogs within the village**
- Central Huron sells 13 dog tags in Auburn
- Estimates for ACW and North Huron roughly equal

Proposal

- Dog Park to be located at the site of the Auburn Hall, behind the ball diamond
- Fenced area of two runs with double gate
- Sized appropriately for easy maintenance (grass cutting)
- Posted sign with dog park rules
- Garbage can for waste
- Surrounded by native trees and shrubs for aesthetics

Recommendations of Animal Control

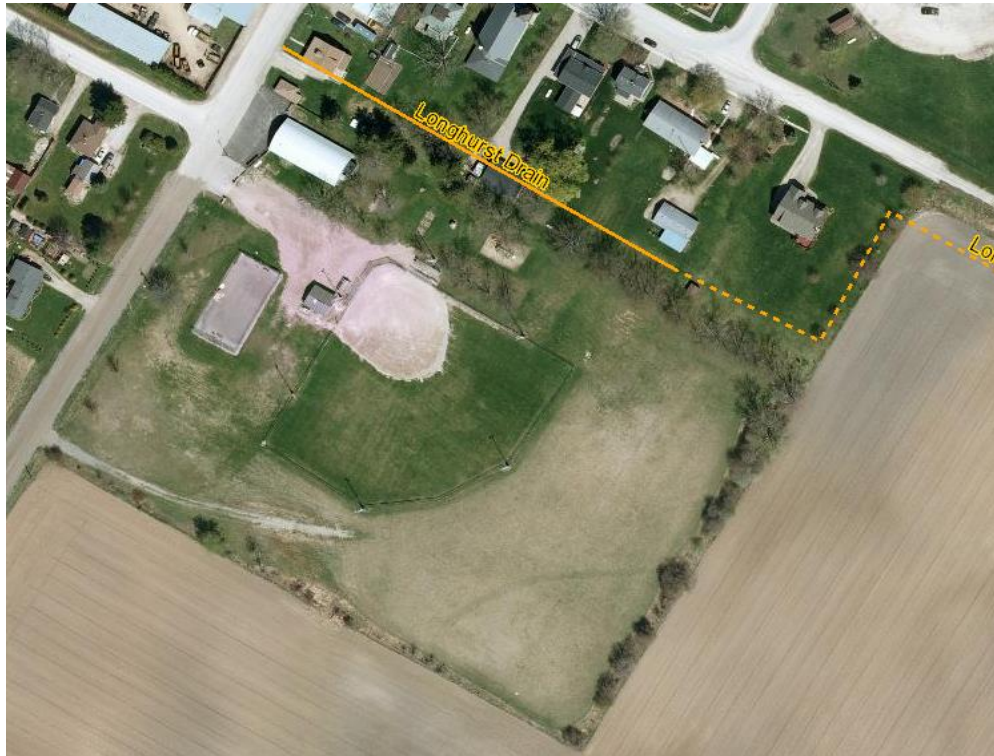
- Must have a double gate
 - So dogs in the park don't escape when new dogs enter
- Should have 2 runs with small and large dogs separated
- Must have a bag dispenser and garbage can
- Must have sign with rules of use
- Must use a fencing type so that dogs don't get their heads caught

Partner Funding and Resources

- Some financial donations already accounted for
 - Existing donations, fundraising + request to Auburn Lions Club for materials
 - Request to Central Huron, ACW and North Huron for in-kind labour to install the fence
- Request to Auburn Horticulture Society to donate native trees and shrubs from Maitland Valley
 - With regard for the drain and septic system
- In-kind resources include:
 - Labour to help install the fence or sign
 - Empty garbage can on regular basis
 - Plant trees and shrubs around the site

Preferred Location

- Behind left field of the ball diamond

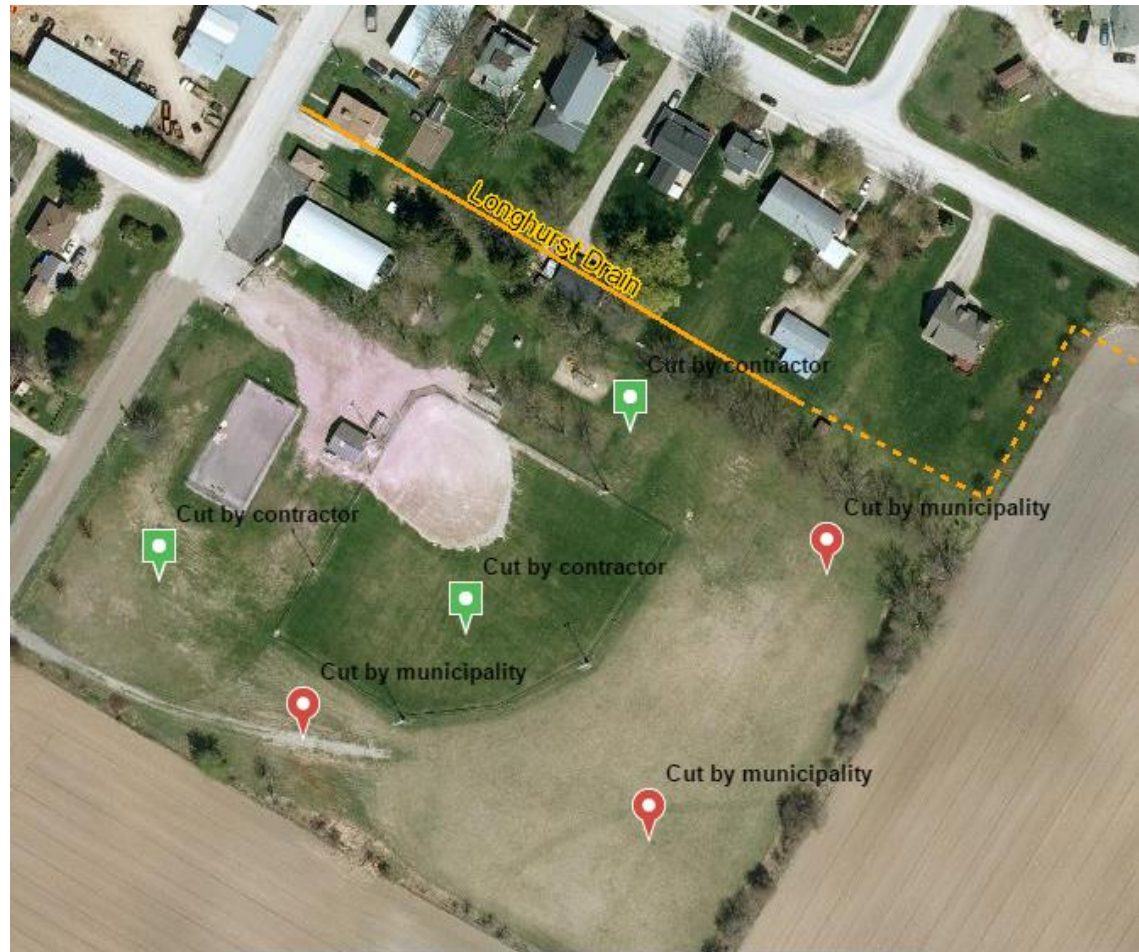


Second option might be beside the basketball court – but this area is historically very wet and use would be limited

Grass Cutting

Ideally the size, shape and location of the dog park would have regard for whoever was responsible for cutting the grass in the field

Currently, grass is cut by municipal staff and a contractor



Option 1 - Sizing

Could use the left field baseball diamond fence as one of the sides (reducing costs)

Area large enough to warrant maintenance by municipal staff

Area is seasonally wet, but large enough to allow use for majority of the year



Option 2 - Sizing

Area would be closer to the playground – more accessible, allowing families to watch dogs and kids at same time

Grass cut by both municipal staff, landowners and contractor

Seasonally wet close to the drain



Options – Fencing Types

- Chain link
 - Matches baseball diamond fencing
 - Expensive
- **Recommended Option - Livestock fencing**
 - 2" x 4" wire fencing \$440 per 330 ft, \$145 per 100 ft
 - Used with cedar posts or T rails
 - Available from local supplier
 - Plant trees along edge to naturalize and provide shade

Options - Signage



Estimated Materials Cost (Not Labour)

Using Preferred Options for location and sizing:

Item	Option 1	Option 2
Livestock Fencing	712' = \$1025 **	805' = \$1170
Cedar posts	119 @ \$11 = \$1310	133 @ \$11 = \$1465
Gates ***	3 @ \$50 = \$150	3 @ \$50 = \$150
Sign ****	\$200	\$200
TOTAL*	\$2685	\$2985

* Not including taxes, hardware, cement or labour

** Assumes large bundles of fencing at \$440 (330') or small bundles of fencing at \$145 (100')

*** Gate made to match fence or purchased gate

**** Sign is estimate – actual price based on design + materials

