

# Why is There No Off Leash Area Option?

The project is funded by the King County Parks Levy which stipulates that impervious surfacing shall be limited to 15% or less.

- An Off Leash Area would exceed the 15% maximum impervious surface that is allowed.
- Impervious surface includes concrete, asphalt, and crushed rock gravel.
- The park would have gravel or wood chip surfacing and would not bring the “green quality” that the funding requires.

**City Council Resolution 29628 was adopted in 1997 and sets forth principles for developing and managing specific sites that will be dedicated as Off Leash Areas. The Resolution states that:**

- Off Leash Areas should be avoided near a children’s play area (the project site at Greenwood Park is directly adjacent to multiple play areas including the playgrounds and sport court).
- Off Leash Areas should be established in locations where there is dedicated parking available (Greenwood Park has no parking lot and therefore an Off Leash Area may increase traffic or be burdensome to the adjacent neighbors’ access to street parking).
- Off Leash Areas should avoid interference with other established uses or department sponsored activities (the existing P-Patch is located directly to the north and there is potential for a health concern from dog waste runoff and dust).
- Off Leash Areas should be established in locations where there is low potential for spillover into areas not designated for Off Leash use (Greenwood Park has lots of different uses in a small space and an Off Leash Area would potentially spill over into those areas).