

Share Your Thoughts on the Draft Design for the Proposed Temporary Dog Park at Gateway Park (280 Submissions)

What is your relationship to the Rosslyn neighborhood?

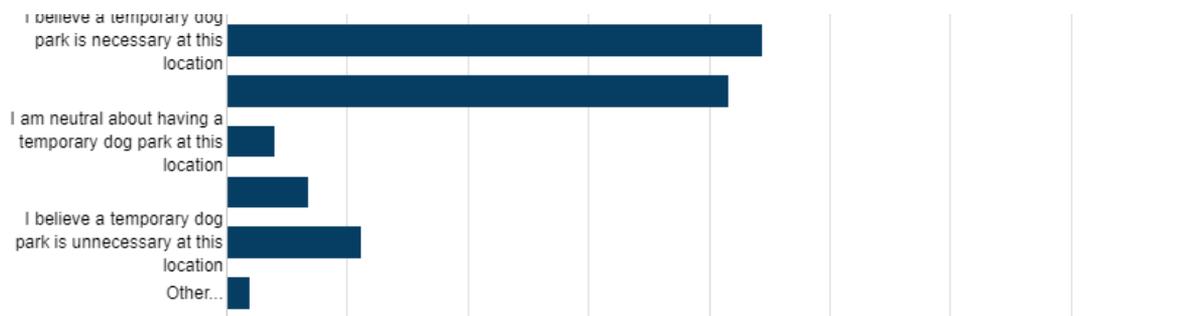
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| I live in Rosslyn | 200 |
| I work in Rosslyn | 48 |
| I own a business in Rosslyn | 3 |
| I host an event in Rosslyn | 5 |
| I attend events in Rosslyn | 68 |
| I live in Arlington County | 96 |
| Other... | 8 |
| I commute into Rosslyn | 1 |
| I enjoy walking through Rosslyn. | 1 |
| I live in Arlington and moved out of Rosslyn because the county is taking away all of the open space there. | 1 |
| I live within walking distance to Rosslyn (in Courthouse) and often walk to parks and businesses there | 1 |
| I lived in Rosslyn | 1 |
| I walk through Rosslyn quite frequently. | 1 |

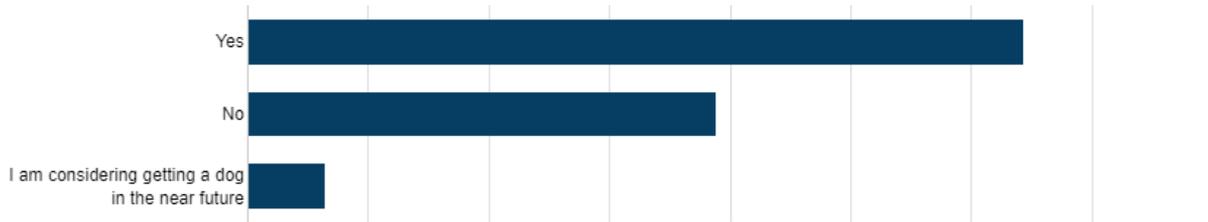
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| My child attends school in rosslyn | 1 |
| My friends and I train parkour at Gateway park and other parts of Rosslyn | 1 |

What statement most closely describes your thoughts on a temporary dog park at this location?



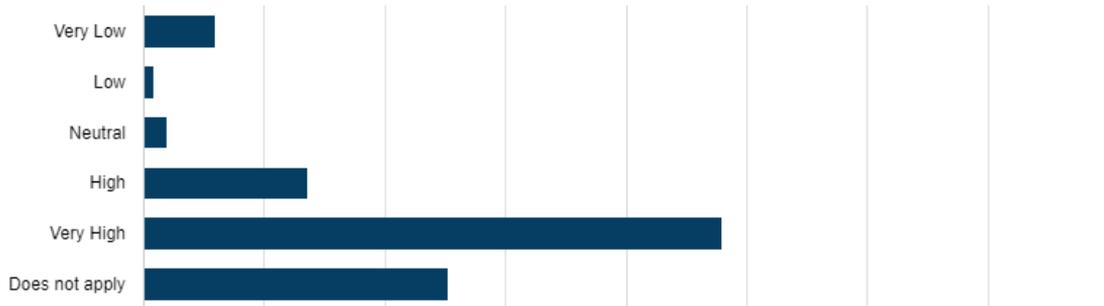
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| I believe a temporary dog park is necessary at this location | 111 |
| I believe a temporary dog park would be a value add for this location | 104 |
| I am neutral about having a temporary dog park at this location | 10 |
| I believe a temporary dog park would have some negative effects on this location | 17 |
| I believe a temporary dog park is unnecessary at this location | 28 |
| Other... | 5 |
| How about a people park in a location that is not so isolated? | 1 |
| I am afraid that a dog may escape the fence and easily hit on Lee Hyway | 1 |
| It is unsafe to cross Lee Highway even with the light. Spend the money to make a park for people in Rosslyn. | 1 |
| I'm in favor of creating a little dog park but it would be nice to have the larger area made into a play area for kids. We could especially use some | 1 |
| This is an awful idea. There is almost no open space in Arlington big enough to picnic or throw a ball around. There are plenty of places to walk a dog. | 1 |

Do you care for a dog in the Rosslyn neighborhood?



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| Yes | 161 |
| No | 97 |
| I am considering getting a dog in the near future | 16 |

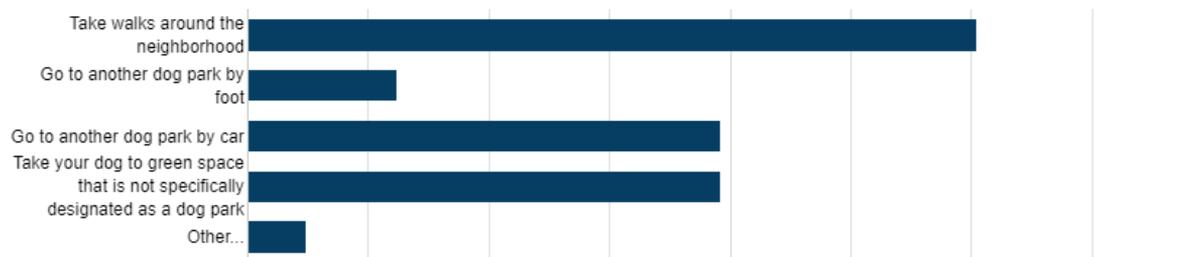
If you care for a dog in Rosslyn, how would you rate the need for a temporary dog park at this location?



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| Very Low | 15 |
| Low | 2 |
| Neutral | 5 |
| High | 34 |
| Very High | 120 |
| Does not apply | 63 |

If you care for a dog in Rosslyn, how do you currently meet your dog's exercise and relief needs?

Select all that apply



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| Take walks around the neighborhood | 151 |
| Go to another dog park by foot | 31 |
| Go to another dog park by car | 98 |
| Take your dog to green space that is not specifically designated as a dog park | 98 |
| Other... | 12 |
| Although I am not currently a dog owner I love dogs, I have owned dogs in the past and I support those neighbors who do own dogs. | 1 |
| don't live in rosslyn. | 1 |
| I do not have a dog | 1 |
| I don't have a dog but I see value in this project for the dogs in this community | 1 |
| my dog would not use it but there are many dog owners who would find it valuable | 1 |
| N/A | 2 |
| Na | 1 |
| Play dates | 1 |
| playdates in building lobby | 1 |
| Swimming at Roosevelt Island | 1 |
| The areas that are "green" are small, dirty, and often have drug and alcohol users nearby, and it makes for a less than desirable experience. | 1 |

What, in your opinion, are the main benefits of converting a portion of the west end of Gateway Park into a temporary dog park?

Then residents won't let their dogs "do their business" near residential areas because of the lack of place to take pets.

There is a limited amount of green space in Rosslyn, and even less which can be used for dogs (much of it is part of building property with no dog walking signs). Ensuring there is space to safely exercise your dogs is essential.

Having an outside venue for enjoyment for all Residents - more dog walking traffic will bring a safer and cleaner Greenspace

It activates an area of the park that is not very well used and offers the many residents an additional amenity.

By design, the residential population of the Rosslyn area is increasing - and County amenities to support these residents need to increase as well. The PSMP has shown there is a need for a dog park in Rosslyn (LOS) - and the residents have expressed a need as well. Most likely some type of dog park use will be a part of the larger re-do of Gateway Park that will happen some day - but for now, having this interim use is a great use of under-utilized space. I know residents were upset with their informal dog area at the edge of the Holiday Inn site would be gone with the new development - this interim park is a good way to give back some space.

Beneficial to activate this underutilized space and temporarily "pilot" a dog park in Rosslyn. Also, a wonderful opportunity for the community members (and their fur babies) to socialize and enjoy Gateway Park.

Access to public open space and parks is even more essential during COVID.

I think with ALL the construction in Rosslyn (personally I am surrounded) many have been forced into the same areas and there is a high congestion of dogs in the same area.

A local spot to exercise my high-energy dog! Walks alone do not wear her out so a dog park I could walk her to would be ideal.

Gateway Park is a very underused park and to set aside a section for dogs will bring a little activity to the park which it needs.

I worked for several years in Rosslyn and usually the only people I saw there at lunchtime were homeless. Rarely did any worker go there to lunch, read or relax. The park really needs a redesign to be more welcoming. Until there's a major redesign the dog park will be a welcome sight to the area.

No benefits. A well maintained park for people would be preferable, as just like dogs, there is precious little outdoor space for people to enjoy. The only reason this area is underutilized by people is because it is maintained in such a state of disrepair and unsightly (but is well used by some folks to bath in water

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| <p>fountain, use electrical outlets, dry laundry, etc). Why not invest in making the park better for everyone in the community (and dogs that come with them)?</p> |
| <p>None</p> |
| <p>None. A waste of tax payers money.</p> |
| <p>Continued priority of green space for an underutilized park</p> |
| <p>No benefit.</p> |
| <p>Better usage of space. Sense of community</p> |
| <p>It would be a great use of the space, which is currently underutilized. There are very limited green spaces currently available in Rosslyn for dogs, so many owners encourage their animals to eliminate on sidewalks, which is not hygienic.</p> |
| <p>There are none.</p> |
| <p>Increasing facilities for dog owners to keep Arlington dog friendly.</p> |
| <p>The park is already being used by dog owners for play; but, being next to Lee Highway it's dangerous letting your dog off the leash. It's an underutilized space and a dog park would be a great addition to the area for all the dog owners needing somewhere to play and socialize their pets. There aren't any parks close that meet this need, so it would be a huge benefit</p> |
| <p>Provides good exercise and socialization for dogs in neighborhood</p> |
| <p>There will be a usable dog park within walking distance. I don't have a car so many other dog parks are inaccessible</p> |
| <p>Somewhere for local residents to take their dogs for fresh air and grass.</p> |
| <p>NONE</p> |
| <p>This appears to be a good idea. Given the challenges of having a park in this part of Arlington, perhaps a dog park or run is the best and highest use for this section of the park.</p> |

It give local dogs a place to be to run off leash safely. Also, Gateway Park is underutilized and really needs a renovation to make it more welcoming. (More amenities, trees, benches)

That space is pretty underutilized as far as I've seen and it would create a destination for dog owners in the area

I believe this will help draw more people to Gateway Park and be a catalyst for upgrading and cleaning up the park.

I can't see any benefits to having our gateway to DC full of barking dogs. Sadly, most dog owners in Arlington do not follow current dog laws. Dog parks are generally better tucked away, out of the main thoroughfares. I also believe the traffic level around that park would be tremendously dangerous for the dogs (again, who are often not well trained/well behaved). The risk of accidents at this site would be tremendous.

It is currently unused, there are tons of dogs in the area and the next closest dog park is in Clarendon which is a required drive

The space doesn't seem to get much use right now. There are many people with dogs in Rosslyn that would benefit from having a place for their dogs to run, play, and exercise.

Are you ----- kidding me....I pay taxes so you can waste my money like this....

This is a waste of my tax dollars.

Cleanliness of the neighborhoods (less dog waste). Serve large dog population in our area, providing exercise and socialization for the dogs. Encourages community engagement as dog owners and dog lovers congregate (I have personal experience from other cities where this in fact happens, even extending to Friday night get togethers!). Reduce transit on surface streets to travel to other dog parks.

Dogs are fun

better usage of green space and more of a community feel for the concrete jungle, Rosslyn

Gives dog owners a place to socialize and alleviates the damage dogs currently do to private property.

This would provide dog owners a place to exercise their dogs away from residential areas.

Provide Rosslyn dog owners and dog lovers with a neighborhood amenity dog park that we, and our pups, can walk to from our high-density, high-rise luxury condos.

Better use of space that currently serves no purpose and provides a benefit to Rosslyn residents by offering a safe place for dogs to play.

More green space in general, less waste, convenient for residents, less crime in park

The park is under used and would be a huge value add to the neighborhood. Especially as more high density housing is added.

Community building, ease of access for Roslyn residents

Having space for the dogs to run around In a safe area.

There are more small dogs than large ones. They enjoy running as well as the large dogs. The small dog area needs to be larger.

This portion of Gateway Park is underutilized and rarely occupied. Rosslyn events occur in the more east section of the park, and I rarely see anyone in the proposed dog park area. The closest dog parks are far from ideal, and are not within walking distance. For example, James Hunter Park in Clarendon gets huge mud puddles every time it rains, which means having to give the dog a bath if we go there, and the Shirlington Dog Park has poor sight-lines, making it difficult to monitor dogs who like to explore. If there were a dog park in Rosslyn, my dog and I would likely be there 4-5 times a week.

Would give the dog owners one place to meet / greet and much safer for everyone involved.

A great resource for the dogs but also to build community with others who live here, two and four-footed.

Currently there is no space for dogs and Arlington County has continues to reduce green space available in Rosslyn. This gives residents a space for their dogs and by effect more green space for people and kids free of potential conflicts.

Healthy dogs

Green space to socialize my dog safely.

Repurposing Gateway West into a more usable and community friendly setting instead of homeless habitat, would bring Rosslyn residents together in a park setting.

a safe place to exercise dogs. A safe place to socialize with other dog owners.

We need a space in the Rosslyn area for dogs to socialize off leash.

An opportunity to allow dogs to legally exercise and run off leash, especially for dogs living in apartments and condos. Increasing socialization for dogs and humans. Use of park land that is not highly utilized.

A safe, well maintained, well lit and attractive place for dog owners and non dog owners will be an asset to the whole community. At this time the area is not safe, well lit or attractive. Green space to walk pets is severely limited. We need more.

Off-leash play and socialization are important parts of dog care, ensuring they are well-adjusted and are calmer in the home environment.

Rosslyn is in desperate need of a dog park. We have lots of dogs in our height, but very limited green space for our dogs as most residents live in apartment and condo buildings

Green space useful to arlington residents who are animal lovers. No places to let pets run and play

The main beneficiaries are dogs and dog owners.

With the large and growing dog population in Rosslyn, a safe haven is necessary for both the dog and caretaker to enjoy. A dog park will add a positive vibrancy and community connection to a park that needs revitalization.

As Rosslyn loses more and more green space to development, I feel the lack of open space for our pets (and us) becomes harder and harder to come by. This is occurring just as --- ownership is wildly increasing. At some point, Arlington County has to consider the quality of life for its citizens and pets! I understand all the new developments, but it shouldn't come at the expense of our green space.

This would be a great, dedicated way to utilize the space. Currently, it appears as though the space doesn't have a true purpose which leaves it vulnerable as a dumping ground for garbage or nefarious purposes. A dog park would give it dedicated patronage and regular oversight.

We need a place where our dogs can run and play safely.

Allowing good psychological health for our pets and allowing social distanced connection with our neighbors.

There's so many homeless people in Rosslyn, I sometimes don't feel safe walking my dog by myself. It would be easier to exercise my dog at the park with neighbors. The dog park may also help deter homeless from loitering in the park.

It would be a great way to foster even more community in Rosslyn, which still feels largely like a corporate domain most of the time. Won't have to drive to Glencarlyn or Shirlington. And I think that dog parks are inherently socially distant spaces!

That space is not being used for anything else, and would be incredibly convenient for residents of Rosslyn with dogs. We've been hoping for this for a long time.

The dogs in Carendon have it better than the children in Rosslyn. Hopefully this will be changed when the the WRAPS project is finished and neighborhood children can use the new parks in the WRAPS area and use gym in Heights Building perhaps. . Now about the Gateway Park (between Lee Highway - terrible place for children: fumes, noise, traffic lanes to cross, limited use for groups (I've have seen ten adults and more than ten children at the "Old" Rosslyn Heights Park). The Gateway Park area is not a restful place to watch children and converse: its just the opposite. Now about the dog walkers in Rosslyn: not much green around Rosslyn; curb the dog perhaps; in Rosslyn. Please make the dog park with appropriate ground components. Give a chance for dogs to get exercise. Thank you

Every piece of land around Rosslyn says do not walk your dog here. There's very little green space, Let alone that allowed for a dog.

I think it would be very convenient for people because we need more space for dogs to get exercise and socialize in order to keep them good canine citizens. This would be my local dog park. Not being near a dog park has been a factor in why I have not gotten a dog yet.

Safe designated space for dogs to exercise.

The main benefits are tremendous. Given the large and growing demographic of dog owners in the Rosslyn neighborhood, the need for this dog park which will hopefully become permanent is long overdue. As a small breed dog owner, the closest dog park that I can take my pup to is in Shirlington which is a bit of a drive away. By having a local dog park to help dogs and owners socialize safely during current covid-19 times and helps everyone get exercise. The Gateway park is usually empty and it's such a waste of space if it underutilized as it is currently.

I don't live in Rosslyn, but I'm always looking for dog parks to take my dog to. There aren't enough dog park options in the area. So even though I don't live or work in Rosslyn, I would definitely consider using this dog park.

This will be a much better use of the area, which is currently not really being used. It will also prevent open area/non-fenced grassy areas in Rosslyn from being used for dogs to run around.

Green space for dogs

None.

Getting neighbors to meet each other and socialize and share information related to a common interest (owning a dog)

None

Giving people a place to bring they're frogs to play

Would provide a specialized space for dogs and dog owners.

I think the primary benefit is to have people make more consistent use of the park.

None except for dog owners which are only a portion of those who reside in Rosslyn and therefore this dog park would not benefit the entire community.

Builds and strengthens the community; makes Rosslyn even better.

There are no Public dog parks in rosslyn. Important for dog socialization and exercise needs.

It would be nice for a number of reasons. First and most obvious would be the ability for my --- (since moving from a home that had a dog park nearby) is to

play and run free and truly get the exercise she needs. Walks and runs are a part of the daily routine with me, but that is nowhere near the stimulation and pace that other dogs do provide.

I also have seen a growth of drug usage in that area in the past few months, and it's concerning that it may continue to grow. I think bringing more usage to the area, and small fences for dogs would help stop that unwanted growth and propole it to an area that is safer for all. Esp single women who may feel unsafe taking their --- to that area.

Many dog owners including myself use Iwo Jima which is technically not allowed. Arlington is very walkable and an enjoyable place to live but there're so many dogs in the area, I am baffled why we don't have a dog park. James Hunter dog park is close enough to walk to but it's all large dogs and no grass. When I walk my dog in Rosslyn I see more small dogs than large ones so I am hoping this proposal would be a great alternative to Hunter. I see only small dogs at Iwo Jima where my dog plays

Exercise

Meet community members

Safe area for dogs to play off leash

It's needed as a convenient location for my dog to run off leash.

Making a few dog owners happy by allowing them unleash their dogs in Rosslyn.

Create foot traffic in underutilized space and make the park safer for everyone.

good use of the space; serves needs of the immediate community

Safe space for my dog and me.

I regularly walk past this space - no one uses it. A dog park would not only provide support for dog owners in the area who need it, but it would put to use valuable space that is otherwise often vacant.

The area does not get significant foot traffic, so this will enliven this section of the park. There is no where within easy walking distance for --- owners to allow their dogs to socialize and exercise off leash. This area is also removed from

residential buildings and will not disturb residents with the noises associated with dogs playing. I

As a non dog owner, I enjoy seeing other people's dogs.

It benefits really very few people. Why not make the park useful and attractive to all

Other than it's about the only open space with enough room for one? With Clarendon being the closest dog park, there's considerable need. & frankly, the Clarendon dog park is most useful as an example of how NOT to design such a park.

Rosslyn is increasingly a super-urban area with multifamily properties and lots of dogs. There is currently no space designated for dogs and I miss that level of socialization in my own neighborhood.

Keep dogs in one area.

Place for people to take dogs and decompress congestion from local trails

Would be a great use of that space, we currently walk over there and let our dog run around on a lead

The area is generally unused so activating the space would bring people to the area and provide a space for dog owners.

The park is currently very underused green space. Although I walk my dogs around the neighborhood, I have to get in my car and drive to another dog park so that they can run off leash and socialize with other dogs

The country or whoever is responsible doesn't take care of that area and hopefully the dog park will reverse that.

More foot traffic at this location, opportunities for small nearby businesses to have evening and weekend customers, benefit to the local population, happier dogs.

More dogs would be off the streets so I could walk my tiny 5# dog on the sidewalks/curbs. I'm a dog lover but doubt I would use the space just out of caution for owning such a small dog who could not compete with other small dogs.

None.

It's very badly needed. There is hardly any green space in our city!

None

Currently my dog uses the restroom on the sidewalks in Rosslyn or in the front (east) section of Gateway Park. While I clean up after my dog, I am very very frustrated about the amount of urine and feces covering sidewalks. I went to East Gateway Park last weekend and struggled to find a spot that did not have remnants of dog feces to put down my picnic blanket. This would be a tremendous benefit to our community.

Great idea! Very excited to finally have a designed dog park and relief area.

Local residences need this park. There are very limited options in Rosslyn.

There is simply no green space where dogs can go - nothing. If the Arlington County Board wants Rosslyn to be mixed use - residential and commercial then the Board has FAILED by not providing an area where dogs can be walked for residents who live here and PAY TAXES. Clearly residents are a group the Arlington Board does not feel have any rights.

Limited space. Dog walking takes no longer than 15-minutes. Space can be better utilized for other higher priority needs.

It would create another nearby designated dog park space within the development corridor. The only other one is at James Hunter Park in Clarendon. It will also provide needed activation of the park space and interest in the space.

Increase the surrounding real estate values

My dog died 1 year ago, but while she was alive, I would have greatly appreciated bringing her to a dog park to socialize and get exercised.

designated place for dogs to get exercise without disturbing other pedestrians

Puts the area to greater use

There are a large number of dog owners in Rosslyn. The dog park would provide a safe place for the dogs to get exercise.

While we do not currently have a dog, many friends here have one or more. We are dog-friendly and find Rosslyn itself a friendly place (having moved here 7+ yrs. ago after 40+ yrs. in McLean), enriched by the dogs & their owners, adding life and "texture" to our urban, mostly high rise milieu. We find dog owners we see incidentally walking (& cleaning up after) their pets adding life to the neighborhood. This temporary dog park adds a dimension for the animals & owners as well.

Serve the residents who own pets in Rosslyn. There are new high density high rise buildings which added hundreds of new residents. A dog park provides a safe place for dogs to exercise off leash.

The space isn't used much during the day, so this could be a good way to utilize the grassy areas more effectively.

There is not enough green space for dogs in Rosslyn. Much needed!

bad idea

place for some dog owners.

I think it's completely insane there isn't a more accessible dog park already. Many people have adopted dogs during quarantine and need a safe place to exercise their pets.

Benefits to a few people; denial of benefits to many others.

Better access to running areas for dogs, and a place where Rosslyn neighbors can convene and meet each other, making it feel more like a neighborhood.

There aren't any. You would be taking some of the only open space in Rosslyn and giving it to dogs. There is a dogpark in Clarendon. Why can't the dogs go there?

It is a good use of the space.

I genuinely do not understand how this would improve that neighborhood.

lots of dog would get to enjoy it, a lot of the park isn't really used

I am not in favor of a dog park in this location

We need a dog park in the neighborhood

Currently, Gateway Park's West side is highly underutilized, therefore, this project will provide the necessary space for residents of Rosslyn who have K-9 companions to enjoy the same park amenities that many other parts of Arlington currently have.

There are no benefits. There is no reason to have a temporary or permanent dog park in Rosslyn.

There is a need for more areas for dogs. Dog parks build community among neighbors.

Proximity

* Will help fulfill an enormous need for such a facility. I have seen statistics indicating there are hundreds of dogs living in households within just a few blocks from the proposed dog park. Those statistics are out of date. Since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, there has been an enormous increase in the number of puppies in the neighborhood. There are puppies everywhere! I wouldn't be surprised if the number of dogs in the immediate area has increased 25% to 50%! Also, the number of dogs in the immediate area will increase significantly as the planned and proposed new residential development in the immediate neighborhood comes on line. There could be well over 100+ more dogs living just across the street when the approximate 1,000 planned new residential units at the Marriott and Holiday Inn are completed. Add to that all the new dogs there will be in the neighborhood when the approximately 1,200 residential units under construction as part of the The Pierce Condominium and Queens Court Apartments projects are completed. THERE IS A DOG POPULATION EXPLOSION OCCURRING IN ROSSLYN!!! THE DEMAND FOR THE PARK IS ENORMOUS AND RAPIDLY GROWING!

* Dogs need a place they can run and dogs need to socialize. The proposed dog park helps address those needs for large and growing population of dogs in the immediate area.

* The area for the proposed dog park is rarely utilized by anyone except for dog walkers. The park would not be displacing any use.

* My understanding is that the cost to build the park will not cost taxpayers anything since it is being funded by private sources. As they say, "don't look a gift horse in the mouth"!

* Since the park will be built on an "island" on land between the Lee Highway eastbound lanes and westbound lanes, it is separated from other land uses in the area and therefore should be of little, if any, annoyance to the

neighborhood. A suitable site for a dog park in an dense urban area is indeed, very hard to come by!

THE PARK WILL BE A GODSEND TO THE COMMUNITY!!!!

Will fulfill

Not many people are ever there, so it would be a welcome change to have people out with their dogs! The park is very creepy at night.

There are no dog parks in the area and as a result, my dog does not get the necessary socialization in needs.

There are multiple benefits of building a dog park at Gateway Park. First and foremost is that there is currently no designated dog area in Rosslyn. I walk my dog around the neighborhood but I know he would love some off-leash time to socialize with other dogs. In addition, Gateway Park is currently underutilized. There are often very few people there, and there isn't much directly around the park to encourage people to visit the park (it is between two hotels that are currently being renovated). I believe a dog park would be a welcome amenity that would bring some life into Gateway Park.

So that I don't have to crowd another dog park by driving there.

i's better than the nothing that we currently have!

Accessability.

We need more green areas for humans and children, not dogs.

Generally speaking I am not a fan of dog parks.

Currently there are many dog owners in a small area without a designated area

1. With all the new residential development the need continues to grow

2. It will use existing public space that currently gets little use

3. It's between heavily trafficked lanes of Lee Hwy so there is already an abundance of noise and dogs should not add considerably

4. There are more dogs in Rosslyn all the time and they need to exercise

Arlington is hemorrhaging money and our schools are inexcusably overcrowded. Spending money on dogs right now is offensive.

Creating a dedicated area for dogs to exist. Rosslyn isn't known for having a lot of green space.

Accessibility given that the nearest dog park is otherwise in Clarendon. Aside from special events, Gateway Park is otherwise underutilized.

Allows off leash play dates for neighbor dogs.

I don't see any benefits of the dog park. I think it would detract from the Gateway Park

people will be happier and so will dogs

Added value into the neighborhood and will be a great resource for dog owners if managed properly

1. Many people have gotten dogs during the pandemic. I've seen countless puppies in my walks around the neighborhood. Rosslyn is very dog friendly

2. Dog parks are a good way for people and pups to socialize outdoors in a safe and healthy way.

more usage

The park isn't being used right now so a dog park is a great addition. People in Rosslyn have no within walking distance dog park. Plus a dog park will help reduce congestion on sidewalks

A great place for people to exercise their dogs rather than walking on sidewalks along busy streets.

The park is completely under utilized. It is very rare to find people in the park. It looks like a vacant lot.

Keep dogs and their owners healthy and happy.

It's currently a really underutilized space, surrounded by roads. I've only once trekked across the maze of roads to get to the west part of the park. Having a dog park here would provide a real reason to go there.

Many people own dogs and when looking for housing, they consider the proximity of a dog park as an important need. It would draw more people to the area and give our community a connection point.

nicer environment. happier people.

Community socialization

Improving community space

Decreasing homeless population in community space

It is currently a wasted space that could be turned into a huge value add for the community

It is a designated spot for our pups to play freely. Often times, we are limited to just walking in the neighborhood and have a dog park will positively impact the well being of our dog as well as others. This is also a huge value add to Rosslyn, since most folks that I know with dogs take into consideration if there is a dog park nearby when renting.

Having a designated space for our furry family to be able to play off lease.

By creating a temporary dog park, you're promoting a sense of community as people gather with their dogs, dog parks are a way for others to socialize and get to know their neighbors. It also created a safe space to let dogs run unleashed in such an urban area.

Many dog owners need a space to let their dogs off the leash in a confined/fenced in space.

Providing a more accessible location for dog owners to take their dogs to exercise and socialize! The opportunities to let my dog off leash are limited, and it's annoying to have to drive to another location!

I don't know go to that park normally do it would be nice to have a space for the dog's to get some exercise. I have a smaller dog so my big push is mostly for a small dog space within the park.

It brings community members together in a place that is safe, maintained and encourages friendly conversations, networking opportunities, laughter and relaxation.

I can take my dogs to a place that is designated for them to run & play instead of trying to find a space that's empty enough for me to let them loose. I also remarked with my partner that it's near our favorite bar (continental beer garden) so we would likely also become even more regular patrons on our way to/from the park.

It would be great to have more, convenient outdoor options with COVID. A dog park walking distance would be amazing.

This is an unused space. Rosslyn would greatly benefit from more efforts to build a community feeling and show itself as a good place to live - not just to work and commute. A dog park is a great way to do this, bringing a much needed amenity to an unused space, creating a space where citizens and their dogs can gather.

Nice to have a place where dogs can run free and play. Good place to meet other residents of Roslyn.

Roslyn's density requires more areas for people with pets so that those who can't do a mile long trail walk with they're dogs can still let the pups run. We have one of the best dog friendly counties, let's stay consistent.

1) I like the private funding by R-DOGS and hope this continues.

2) I like the fact that unused space is being repurposed for community need.

3) I hope this will benefit local business, esp. in North Rosslyn, with additional foot and "paw" traffic.

4) the seaparate large and small dog park split is smart

I think it would add tremendous value. This would offer a better sense of community vs downtown business only - it will bring in more residents.

A dog park is a good part of a complete community. Provides opportunities to get outside, connect, exercise your dog and yourself by walking to the park, meet people. Any improvement to Gateway Park is welcome.

Lots of folks live in apartments nearby...and a designated park for dogs just makes sense

People who live close by could use it as a dog park?

It offers more use for the park, which appears to be largely under-utilized unless there is an event going on.

none

Lot of dogs in the neighborhood due to people adopting them because of the pandemic. Dog parks are not only beneficial to the dogs themselves but to people wanting to get out and meet/socialize in an outdoor (safe) environment.

I have been a dog mom in Rosslyn for the the past 17 years, and I know first hand from my countless long walks around every nook and crany of our neighborhood how many dog owners and dog lovers, who also live here, have expressed a need for a place to take our pets where they can play fetch - and socialize! There are many many many dog owners who live here and we all have been talking about the need for a dog park for as long as I have lived here since 2003

The park is not being used and this would allow dogs the space to run around in a controlled space

Provides families a place to meet and allow their pets to have a space to run and play. It will also "clean up" this part of Gateway Park.

This space will finally be used daily rather than sitting vacant.

I live in Shirlington and frequent the Shirlington dog park. We have a huge population of dog owners here, and more dog owners from elsewhere who visit the park. Given that many of us live in condos and apartments without backyards, I can't imagine all of us NOT having access to the nearby dog park.

The dog park is the one place where our dogs can relieve excess energy off-leash, whether that means sprinting with other dogs or simply exploring new and interesting smells in their favorite places. I also appreciate having an area that is designated for dog socialization. I choose not to socialize my dog with other dogs when we are taking walks on-leash because I do not want to initiate an unwanted interaction with other dogs and their owners; and for the most part, other dog owners seem to like going about their own business as well. With the dog park nearby, she is not deprived of healthy dog socialization despite our on-leash practices.

If Rosslyn is anything like Shirlington, I strongly believe it would be a huge boon to Rosslyn dog owners if they had access to a nearby dog park. Rosslyn dog owners would have a place to let their dogs relieve excess energy where they might not have before, and they would have a designated area for dog socialization that might ease up on unwanted interactions when going for on-leash walks with their dogs.

I would advocate for dog park etiquette education if a dog park opens in Rosslyn. While the Shirlington dog park is usually free of incidents and has signage to help curb bad habits, I still see some behaviors that could lead to a dangerous situation: for example, some people neglect to check that gates are properly shut behind them when entering/exiting the park, and I also see children get in the faces of other owners' dogs and their parents don't discourage that. I also think it would be helpful to have signage or education around what to do in the event that a dog fight breaks out, or how to handle a dog mounting another dog. Ultimately it's the dog owners' responsibility to ensure their dogs are safely interacting with others (and for the most part, they do!), but if the community at large had a baseline knowledge of dog safety, that would be even greater.

Easy access, convenient.

Bringing dogs and neighbors together. Rosslyn can use more social opportunities.

Having a dog park in walking distance for Rosslyn/Radnor Heights neighborhoods--which have a large number of dogs but no dog park in a reasonable walking distance.

There is clearly a need for dog owners in the Rosalyn area, particularly those who live in "downtown" Rosalyn.

Such a park will increase interest for more people to live in "downtown" Rosslyn, which is a goal of the Rosalyn Sector Plan Update.

We have no dog parks nearby and we lament this fact all the time. This will give our dog an opportunity to socialize with other dogs and get some exercise

The park is currently underutilized. Responsible dog owners will keep it clean. It will make Rosslyn an even better place to live and hope it is a permanent addition.

None to those of us who feel overrun by the number of dogs we must negotiate around on our walks and see nonresidents with dogs tramping through our vegetation--never mind the signs.

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| A great way to offer a place for dogs to run around and and stay healthy, and for dog owners to get to know one another. Very good use of a relatively unused space. |
| None |
| Dogs and dog owners can socialize |
| There are tons of dogs in the Rosslyn area. A well-maintained dog park would be a great way for dogs and neighbors to get some COVID-safe social interaction! |
| Keep dogs off bike paths and reduce unnecessary driving to dog parks |
| Gateway park is often empty and underutilized. This would be a great place to get residents out and socializing. Much needed since all other dog parks are a driving distance away. |
| A sense of community among neighbors who typically would not have an opportunity to interact. |
| Convenience of a walking distance dog park would be fantastic. |
| Activating unused space. Bringing dog owners together in community |
| More use on that site/more foot traffic. |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Having a dog park in the Rosslyn area as there currently aren't any available 2. Being able to sufficiently exercise my dog so that she is not destructive, leads a healthy life, and socializes with neighborhood dogs that she otherwise would not meet 3. Good use of very under used space. The location currently, in my opinion, is a woefully underused location. Inserting a dog park in that spot would generate good community building for dog owners in Rosslyn and would increase the value of the space . |

What are your concerns, if any, about converting a portion of the west end of Gateway Park into a temporary dog park?

No concerns, if you have concerns then you are afraid of dogs or you just hate animals in general. If it is well maintained, there should be no concerns.

Ensuring fencing and security measures are in place to keep the dogs safe. Also, mitigate crime concerns.

None-

none

As with anything interim in a place that's still awaiting holistic planning I worry we won't be able to have a good comprehensive discussion about the entire site because users will be trying to protect the interim dog park. I suspect any planning would provide a dog area but ultimately it could be re-located, etc given what other uses are finally decided upon. But this concern is not large enough to stop an interim dog park. It should go forward.

No concerns. Appreciate this is a temporary installation, which will allow Arlington County to test this concept and collect community feedback.

Longer-term as the County moves towards Gateway Park Master Planning activates the community may decide there are alternative public needs and desires for this space. Future flexibility at Gateway Park will be important for the neighborhood's diverse stakeholders.

Just to make sure it is secure as it is a highly busy area with cars, bicycles and pedestrians. Double gates are great - just need to assure that all adhere to the.

None I can think of.

The "portion" set aside for dog park would basically disrupt the entire park for other enjoyment as it takes up a huge area right in the middle of the space.

Question how many dog owners would go as it is pretty removed from most residences.

If dogs escape fence they'll be dead dogs with so much heavy traffic on all sides.

Oh I see... dogs are more important than kids having a proper park. This is complete BS. You couldn't have done a temporary kids playground Since that was taken away...

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| <p>Wasted money. Gateway Park is pretty but it is a terrible location for people. Lee Highway at the Nash intersection is very dangerous.</p> |
| <p>A lady was killed by a driver years ago. It is unsafe for children . There is a sandbox full of cat feces. There are offer drug needles left in the park.</p> |
| <p>None</p> |
| <p>Loss of space for children to play next to sand box area. Increased dog waste and smell, wear and tear on the grass.</p> |
| <p>none</p> |
| <p>None</p> |
| <p>I'm sick to death of people and their dogs. I hate the constant barking echoing up the building canyons. I hate the bags of ---- the lazy owners can't be bothered to dispose of properly. I hate the stink.</p> |
| <p>Pedestrian crossing to get to the park.</p> |
| <p>n/a</p> |
| <p>Proximity to the highway. The fence is important</p> |
| <p>There are limited green spaces in the Rosslyn area. These should be devoted to people including small children who have no other space to play in outdoors. In my opinion, the County should not be encouraging dog ownership in such a densely populated area.</p> |
| <p>No concerns. Just that I think it should be permanent - not temporary.</p> |
| <p>Inhibit children and adults enjoying the park</p> |
| <p>I get concerned that the proposed location and size will end up being permanently established when the park is fully renovated. The square footage should have a certain limitation to it. Whatever square footage is established will take away from other uses, permanently. So we have to think of the future uses for this and other parts of the future park.</p> |
| <p>None</p> |

Making sure the dog park is well cared for and safe (the clarendon dog park turns into a cesspool after any amount of rain)

I also think it would be awful for visiting tourists to have a dog park be the view (and soundscape) outside their hotel. Dog parks are not known for staying attractive, for very obvious reasons. Dogs do not care about aesthetics (nor should they), but county leaders should know better than to put an unsightly, loud, smelly dog park in our "welcome to arlington" space in Arlington. So many large roads traverse this area, as well. Inviting large numbers of dogs and pedestrians to this area would snarl traffic too. (I'm all for improving Rosslyn and the waterfront there, but a dog park is not part of that vision. People who have chosen to live in the apartments of rosslyn made that decision knowing full well that it was a fully urban area and that they would need to travel for their dogs' health. I'd rather rosslyn space be used more effectively, to create beauty instead of ugliness (which is what all dog parks become).

None. It is a great idea.

None.

There is very little parkland or green breathing space in Rosslyn. A dog park will make one of the very rare fairly quiet green space in Rosslyn into a noisy dog space. Humans need some place to go to be in nature. I do not see why my tax money should be used for dogs rather than for people.

That if the county has employees who can waste their time on ---- like this, the county needs to layoff workers.

Waste of tax dollars. Add more tennis courts and repair the existing parks and fix and clean bathrooms. Tennis courts all need to be repaved in Arlington and fences fixed -cracks fixed.

None. I believe it should be permanent.

Too many people congregating with covid

that it won't be part of the long term plans

No concerns, I think it is a great idea.

Gateway Park is the only County owned, large, open area that we have in Rosslyn. We need this space for community events such as the annual jazz festival. I am concerned that the dog park would take up too much of the public

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| space. With other development projects planned for streets adjacent to the park, the open space will be even more prized in the future. |
| Concerned about unauthorized overnight use of park |
| No concerns |
| None |
| None |
| Please don't change the grass to sand like Clarendon dog park. That sand stuff is really gross. |
| I don't have any at this moment |
| I have no concerns! |
| None. |
| none |
| All the homeless people around the park. |
| No concerns. |
| My only concern is assisting with the homeless population that tends to camp out at Gateway West to find another location to live. |
| It will be an improvement to that neglected park area and attract other dogs and owners who can safely use the park. |
| Pedestrians in a high traffic area |
| No concerns. |
| None |
| My main concern is not having enough space to include a playground. Rosslyn is lacking in family/children amenities. We have many families in condo |

buildings and no toddler parks within walking distance, like there are in other neighborhoods in Arlington.

None

The proposed park will take up all of the grassy area that is (may be) currently used as open space by non-dog owners. Anyone who currently uses this area for quiet contemplation will now be relegated to the perimeter of the target area and may have their enjoyment of the space negatively affected by the sounds and smells of a dog park. Moreover, by forgoing the regular planning process here and at Virginia Highlands to install a "temporary" amenity, DPR is essentially dictating that a dog park will be included in any future master planning efforts. While it sounds good to say that DPR will monitor the use of the temporary dog park and its impact on the neighborhood and retains the option of removing these dog parks in the future, the reality is that once these dog owner groups have put their own funding into these temporary features, they will likely never be removed so the word "temporary" is just window dressing.

None

I think it's a wonderful idea.

It is close to busy streets, so I believe it would be crucial to install secure fencing and a double-gate entrance to reduce the risk of dogs escaping to the street.

None

I want a small dog portion. The Clarendon dog park is overrun by large and sometimes out of control dogs.

I am concerned about the loss of green living plants and plantings. I do not know about K-9 grass and how it reacts to frequent dog urination. I do not like the sound of aggregate surfaces. New buildings along Lee Highway will eliminate all the current planting by the Rosslyn BID. In this increasingly concrete environment green is essential for mental and physical health.

None

People leaving their dogs' waste and ruining it for the rest of us.

Special events currently need traffic calming measures. This will continue no matter what.

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| None |
| Users not policing their dogs barking (incessant barking) leading to disruptions for office and neighbors (especially early in the morning). This is currently a massive problem at the Clarendon dog park. |
| No concerns, all benefits. I appreciate the small and large dog fencing to ensure both sizes can be accommodated. |
| Because there is such high demand, it might end up extremely crowded and full of dog pee/---- and end up muddy after rain. If the park isn't maintained it may not end up being useful. However, I highly support this park being converted to a dog park as long as it is maintained and monitored to some extent. |
| Protect any trees on the property from urine and trampling of roots/soil around roots |
| Do more than simply "encourage" people to pick up waste -- require it -- It is unpleasant to look at but also bacteria, etc., get into groundwater |
| Get rid of the common water source for dogs -- spreads diseases like giardia (sp?), etc. |
| Wear and tear, cost to taxpayers, lack of or reduced play area for kids. |
| Keeping it clean and safe |
| Dogs off leash bear the park. Parking spaces filling bc people drive their dogs to the park. |
| I feel that if there's a dog park at gateway it may interfere with the fitness activities that take place there, my friends and I train parkour just about every week at the park, many others also run through the park and do other group fitness activities there. |
| I am concerned about diminished play spaces. If a group of friends wanted to go out and play a game of soccer or frisbee, the dog park would all but end the possibility for those uses. The East side is not suitable for field games with many players. The dog park, being as large as proposed, would also mean no green space for children to play, forcing families to choose between a grassy |

area and the sand pit. Not to mention, some future events could make good use of both sides, and I am concerned that the dog park might preclude that.

I would want to ensure that others who currently use the park, including the homeless, are able to meet their needs in other areas of the park and would not be displaced.

1. are virtually no other park options for Rosslyn residents especially since the miniaturization of Rosslyn Highlands Park. Any remaining pittance of space should prioritize people not animals. Furthermore dog owners have other options for their dogs in Arlington.

2. Since I live on N Nash St very close to Gateway Park I am concerned about the noise from the dogs in the dog park. This happened in Chevy Chase where they were forced to close the dog park for this reason. I note that the dog park would be open until 10 pm. This is way too late.

3. The reason I have deprived myself of a dog is because I now live in an apartment and I don't want to impose that kind of restricted space on a ---. Others living in Rosslyn condo's and apartments want to have their cake and eat it too, i.e. take public space as their back yard space so to speak.

4. The advocates of the dog park have been passionate, dedicated and very well organized. They have been able to get this on the County's agenda and to raise money. The rest of us (silent majority?) are not organized and so all the convincing has so far come from one side. I hope this consultation process will be taken seriously by the silent majority but this might not fully get their views across. In addition to these comments I suggest that the county consider the numbers: how many residents have dogs and how many don't, or otherwise ascertain how many people actually want this dog park (some non-dog owners may be in favor).

It may be too small and an impractical space for a viable dog park.

Fencing the perimeter appropriately so dogs cannot run into the surrounding roads/highways

Concern is still the unwanted usage of drugs and alcohol, but again I think there would be a positive impact by having a dog park there.

I think you have to force people to walk their dogs there and create no parking. Congestion would be my concern if parking spaces were made

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| <p>None - my concern is that my dog , at 32 pounds, is too big for the small dog section and too small for the large dog area.</p> |
| <p>Children use the adjacent sand play area, and many are afraid of or unsettled by the presence of large dogs. This can be alleviated somewhat by keeping the entrance of the temporary dog park away from the sand play area and managing the flow of users of the dog park to direct them away from the sand.</p> |
| <p>None, I'm glad to see the entrance on the opposite side from the sandbox. Mixing kids and dogs in a small area was my only safety concern but that is mitigated by the entrance on the opposite side.</p> |
| <p>No concerns.</p> |
| <p>My only concern is the county will take too long to build this dog park. Let's get it done!</p> |
| <p>It must meet all safety standards so pets do not have an opportunity to escape into the high traffic areas surrounding gateway park.</p> |
| <p>The high fencing with visual screening is unnecessary, especially the latter. The park is already fairly well isolated from the neighborhood, and I want to see the dogs!</p> |
| <p>Smell, unsightly</p> |
| <p>I can't think of any, other than the proximity to high traffic Lee Hwy. I think I heard a 5' fence? Will that be high enough?</p> |
| <p>I have no concerns</p> |
| <p>Just need one park to avoid spill over in other areas including children's sandbox.</p> |
| <p>Would like to see something for kids in that area too not just dogs. There's not a whole lot for kids in Rosslyn</p> |
| <p>None</p> |
| <p>Road noise, homeless population</p> |

Short term, the project is great. Long term, I would like to make sure this is the best use of this valuable space. The interim use should not grant any higher priority long term.

Every dog park I have gone to has been well maintained by people cleaning up after their pets. I think it would be important for the grass to be maintained both for the dogs and the appearance of the park

Spruce up the entire area, not just the dog park.

None

Is there a rabies/parvo/distemper vaccination requirement to enter the dog park or is it at your own risk?

I lived 1 block from the Old Glebe Road/ Ft. Ethan Allen dog park & witnessed multiple trees dying from male dog urine. Will important trees be protected from male dog urine so they survive? How?

There should be no temporary or permanent dog park in Gateway Park. Only a small (but vocal) group of people in Rosslyn want this. Most will never use it. Even worse, a temporary dog park will most likely become permanent. Further, dog parks are not biophilic.

There is a urgent need for trees and natural spaces in Rosslyn. The Rosslyn Sector Plan and the Public Spaces Master Plan call for more trees and more natural areas within Rosslyn and the County. The County Board adopted a "Monarch Pledge" in 2016 that supports the creation of spaces for monarch butterfly and pollinator habitats to save bees, butterflies and birds that the County's urban development has displaced, Rosslyn still contains no such area.

Further, Rosslyn in general and Gateway Park in particular lacks biophilic features and design, even though biophilia is currently a high priority for the County. The west end of Gateway Park therefore needs to be converted to a natural area containing trees and pollinator habitat on both a temporary and permanent basis.

The County should not devote this valuable open space for a special interest group, such as dog owners. Most residents of Rosslyn don't own dogs. In contrast, nearly everyone who lives in urbanized areas, such as Rosslyn, want to enjoy nature near their residences.

None

Green space would be removed and the park would not longer be peaceful.

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| My only concern is that this won't be done fast enough. |
| None |
| None. |
| See above |
| Not an efficient use of resources or space. |
| The only concern is how this space will be maintained over time and how that will be covered through public/private partnerships. |
| None |
| I am concerned that the Gateway Park may not be an ideal location for the greatly needed dog park, because of the major construction project that is going to be going on directly across the street. Getting to the dog park will be difficult because the sidewalks will be blocked by construction equipment and trucks. Already the traffic light at the corner of Nash and Lee Hwy has been covered up. The noise and construction dust will also make the location unpleasant. I know my dog hated loud noises. I personally think there are better locations within the area for the dog park. |
| n/a |
| Lack of open space for locals without a dog |
| None. |
| No concerns. Have not once noticed a dog owner failing to clean up after their ---. |
| Loss of the firepit area. |
| I'm fine with the dog park but want to see a swing set for little kids in the larger area. Like what is in the park near fort Bennett. There's no good playground for kids in this part of rosslyn. |
| I do enjoy the public events at Gateway Park, so it would be sad to lose part of that space. |

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Dog Parks are dead spaces that cannot be used by anyone else. Why do we need more dead space, when we the goal of RBD should be to make downtown more lively

The busy intersection might be dangerous.

This County initiative is premature. The initiative is based on pressures from a small special interest group (organized dog owners who wish to use public property for their own purposes).

Before even considering any type of interim use for any part of Gateway Park, the County must conduct a public engagement process to determine the interim use. The process must consider a number of alternative uses, including passive recreational uses, the conversion of the area to a natural area. These alternative include the development of a pollinator/meadow habitat to help restore populations of monarch butterflies, honeybees and native birds that Rosslyn's development has displayed help implement the County Board's 2016 Monarch Pledge and recommendations in the Public Spaces Master Plan. It also includes the planting of trees, which the Rosslyn Sector Plan recommends to replace Rosslyn's lost tree canopy.

Any of these alternatives would benefit far more County and neighborhood resident than would a dog park. Most County and neighbor residents do not own dogs. Further, dog owners can enjoy their dogs singly and in groups in many public open spaces that are designated for casual uses in general, rather than for dog parks.

Most importantly, dog parks are not biophilic. Conversion of this area to a dog park would defeat the County's new Biophilia initiative. County staff must not make efforts to convert public parks to non-biophilic uses. That would defeat the County Board's recent initiative and will lead to many complaints about the Department of Parks and Recreation's present planning processes.

All of this is important in regard to this project, as any interim use will certainly become a permanent use after the County funds it.

I love the events held there (Jazz fest, outdoor movies) and during COVID we are going to need even more outdoor space to hang out.

This would not be temporary.

Gateway Park was designed as and remains a work of art. People have begun to notice that again, and with the development of Key Bridge Marriott it would be sad to see it become something as limited in function as a dog park.

I am a homeowner in the Palisades Park neighborhood which is within walking distance of Gateway Park in Rosslyn. While I support dog owners and dog parks in general, I do not believe this location is well suited for this purpose. This location is highly visible to the general public and while dog parks serve a purpose they are unsightly to the general public. In addition, this location is not within easy walking distance of neighbors who own dogs. Finally, this location offers no parking for those dog owners who wish to transport their dogs by vehicles.

I do agree that Gateway Park needs to be re-purposed. I believe all of the concrete walkways need to be removed. I believe this location would be much better served as an open park for the general public. Open spaces, gardens, walkways and benches would be much better use of this property.

None

No concerns. This project needs to move forward ASAP!

I'm concerned with the smell especially in the summer months, aesthetics, excessive barking, and dogs off leash. There are already too many owners currently that allow their dogs off leash and I've witnessed too many owners not picking up after their dogs. Installing a dog park will encourage and increase this existing owner behavior.

I don't think grass is the correct medium to use. I would consider something that requires less maintenance like sand. I also think keeping the dog park open until 10:00pm is too late and would move it to 9:00pm, to limit noise and in line with other dog parks in the area. I share the similar concerns about the jazz festival, the exercise events, etc. I also think it is worth considering people experiencing homelessness who reside on the benches in this area.

Traffic

My only concern is how long it is taking to get this park built, particularly given it will be paid for with private donations. To me, its a "no brainer". I do not understand why it is taking so long to get it built.

The crosswalks are still pretty dangerous in that area (very confusing for drivers and walkers), so I'd hope the signage would be better if there's increased foot/paw traffic.

No concerns.

My primary concern is with safety, especially after dark. The park is creepy after dark, and the park is in an area of Rosslyn that is separated from both

commercial and residential areas. Further, the two hotels that are next to the park are under renovation so there are even fewer people around.

Cleanliness and the commitment of Rdogs to enforce regulations.

No concerns at all. I think it would be great.

It's a little far for those of us who live on the other side of route 50, near Iwo Jima

Temporary means permanent

I am concerned that this will be an area that people cannot use, like the Clarendon dog park that is blocking off valuable potential green space to people.

Cold weather comes in and dogs spent less time outside anyway. In addition, having dog park will increase social gathering risks among dog owners. Dogs can be infected by covid19. Having dogs close to each other will not help us to flatten the curve.

Against dog parks, not good for dogs or neighborhood. Too far from any neighborhood

None

I can only think of a few events, over the last several years, that spanned both sides of the park. Better use of the East side space could accommodate more usage. The 2 sides are physically and visually cut off from each other by a mass of concrete. Future removal of concrete walls and skywalks could make more space in East so West can go to the dogs.

Arlington is hemorrhaging money and our schools are inexcusably overcrowded. Spending money on dogs right now is offensive.

Safety of dogs coming in and out of the park in regards to the traffic of the area.

Facilities for water and regular cleaning of dog waste.

Congestion

I think the park would be a major detraction to Roslyn: It would take away from a space people and children use, it would increase the congestion in the park area with the construction going on with the surrounding properties and it would cause a obvious odor in the area, no grass would grow with all the dogs in the area.

none

Please no! My two toddlers love running around the grass in this park every weekend. This is the only safe grass within walking distance for them, and I'm shocked and saddened to hear of this plan to take it away for some dogs. What about Rosslyn's kids? Once fenced in and denoted as an acceptable dog defecation area per the plan, the entire grassy area of this park will be unusable for humans. At a bare minimum, at least leave half of the grass unfenced for Rosslyn's kids. Or, fence in the large triangle of grass at the south end of Key Bridge; with a fence, that area would be safe for kids or dogs... it's currently unusable because it's so exposed to high speed traffic on all sides.

None

Please consider that dog parks are loud and not good for the surrounding neighborhood. Dog barks echo as early as 6:30 am and all day. I live a few homes down from the Clarendon park and I hate it. It's noisy. We can't get parking places in front of our own house (which we pay for), I am a dog person. I have a dog. I never take her there. She's small and there are often fights. Not a fan.

Even if temporary that is a busy intersection and so the dog park would require high quality high fences to keep the dogs safe.

We should ensure runoff from excrement is properly handled.

none

None. The dog park is away from residential apartments and houses so I don't see the harm

N/A

None

None.

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| <p>Cars and dogs. Some careful design will be needed to calm traffic and prevent pups from being run over. This is not bad -- traffic needs to be controlled around there anyway, especially given all the pedestrians and cyclists using the trail nearby.</p> |
| <p>Just making sure that the entry and exit is very safe for dogs as it's a high traffic area.</p> |
| <p>none</p> |
| <p>I want this to be a beautiful addition to the area that is cosmetically nice and also functional.</p> |
| <p>None</p> |
| <p>NA</p> |
| <p>None</p> |
| <p>No concerns. I think side walks and green spaces will be cleaner if a dog park is added.</p> |
| <p>Why is it temporary? How long will it be there?</p> |
| <p>My main concern is for the safety of the dogs. I am not a fan of dog parks ever since my 18 lb Lhasa was attacked from behind by a large dog at a park. His throat was ripped open and required many stitches.</p> |
| <p>A lot of homeless people use this park. Because dog owners are often wealthy, there is a high chance they will try to have them removed. The needs of these homeless people outweigh the demand for a dog park.</p> |
| <p>It may be too small for the number of dogs.</p> |
| <p>My only concern is about who will maintain the property; poorly cared for dog parks are not fun. I also am concerned about environmental impact (how can the ground be cared for in a way that is most environmentally friendly?) Trees to provide shade is a MUST.</p> |
| <p>None</p> |

Aesthetics. Will a fence be an eyesore. Will the ground turn into an expanse of ugly, either dusty or muddy, dirt, depending on the weather?

None

Concerned that it will become permanent and community will lose that space which was useful and attractive during non-covid times.

Also, R-DOGS should ensure that there are clear rules about safety and maintenance for the sake of the users.

Zero.

None...though "temporary" likely to extend to permanent. (Could later become a community garden...well fertilized !)(

I worry about displacing those who use the park (including unhoused individuals).

There is no close parking, so those bringing dogs to the dog park will need to walk to the area. This area is already dangerous for pedestrians with several busy thoroughfares surrounding the park. Drivers are often distracted and run the red lights there at the east end of the park. (I personally have been nearly hit on several occasions, including once with my dog when traveling to an event at Gateway Park.) This area is notorious for unsafe conditions for those on bikes and foot; I no longer walk my dog in this area because I am worried about her and my safety. In addition, there is current and planned construction on both sides of the park that often impedes sidewalk use (sidewalks closed with no signage or warning, construction vehicles parked on sidewalks with no cones or warning signs, etc.), which causes unsafe conditions for pedestrians. These issues will be compounded by those who are caring for and transporting animals in the area.

I don't think it's a good idea to close off part of the park that is used for outdoor events in the time of COVID. Already there is a lack of open green space in our area; further minimizing it for a group of dog owners is a poor choice.

There needs to a secure fence so that dogs don't escape.

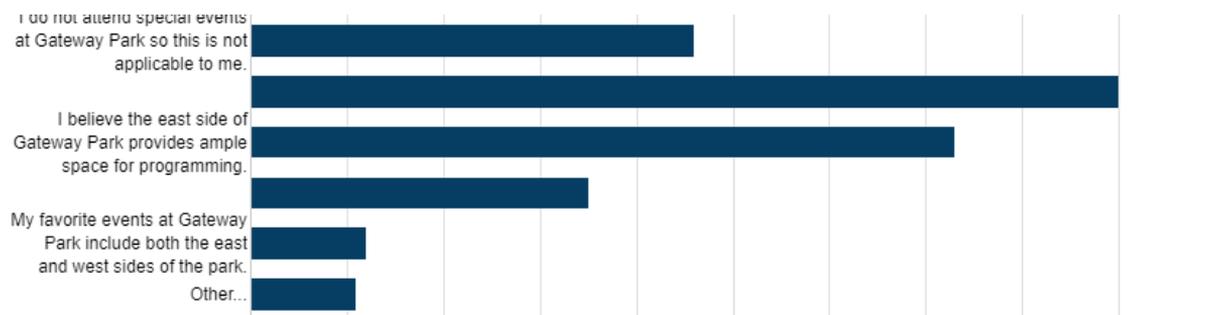
A dog will get out of the dog park and then run in front of a car and get killed and cause a major car accident.

None at all! We actually respect the park and clean up after ourselves and our pets! unlike the campers and the skateboarders

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| Safety of older people and children walking in the Gateway Park area. Esp if dog owners become careless and leave dogs without leash outside of the converted portion. |
| parking for those visiting the area. |
| Not sure why this has to be temporary. |
| None. |
| The are is too isolated and people will not take the time to walk to it to relieve their pets. |
| N/A |
| None |
| None. |
| Wish it want temporary. Why can't it be permanent? |
| The humans should follow rules such as cleaning up after pets and supervising their behavior. |
| We enjoy Gateway! We see children playing in the sandpit (do miss the fountain). |
| Will be very unhappy with County governance if this occurs. |
| As a resident of Rosslyn, I am concerned about cleanliness of the dog park area. I trust and hope the area will be kept clean for dogs and people. |
| Dog parks are frequently places where dog owners go and pay not attention to their dog. They end up being a loud mess and the neighborhood is no better for it. I have lived try several and this has always been the case. |
| None |
| Absolutely none at all |
| None |

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| none. Hopefully it's made permanent. |
| None. |
| It's close to the highway which can be a little nerve-wracking for some dogs. |
| None |
| The crossings of Lee Highway from Rosslyn can be dangerous, with cars on Lee Hwy speeding/running red lights (and during non-COVID, rush hour is brutal and those lights can get backed up), and making left turns from N Nash southbound onto Lee Hwy without much regard for people walking. There doesn't seem to be any money for improving those intersections, but the dog park would be a huge trip attractor and DES should be consulted. |
| My only concern is that the dog park would be temporary. I would prefer that a dog park be permanently placed at that location. |

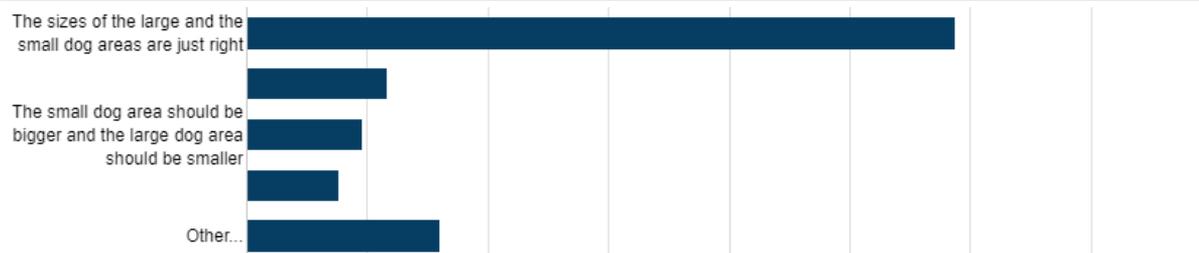
If the temporary dog park is built on a portion of the west end of Gateway Park, the east side will still be usable for annual events. Which of the following statements best describes how you feel about partial use of the park for special events?



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| I do not attend special events at Gateway Park so this is not applicable to me. | 46 |
| I believe that most of the events at Gateway Park are normally localized to the east side of the park already, so building a temporary dog park on the west end would have limited impact. | 90 |
| I believe the east side of Gateway Park provides ample space for programming. | 73 |
| I believe it is critical for special events to be able to use the entirety of Gateway Park—including the west end. | 35 |

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| My favorite events at Gateway Park include both the east and west sides of the park. | 12 |
| Other... | 11 |
| A dog park will have heavy use daily, not just for special events. It's a NEED of the community. | 1 |
| Do not create a dog park! | 1 |
| Don't build the dog park until the County has conducted a public engagement process that evaluates all potential uses for parks that the Public Spaces Master Plan recommends. | 1 |
| Events aren't the problem here. You're taking away the only nearby human park and giving it to dogs | 1 |
| I believe the east side of Gateway Park provides adequate space for CURRENT events during the public health emergency, but not for permanent use. | 1 |
| I do not support a temporary or permanent dog park at this location. | 1 |
| I do not think they should hold events. Put the money into a park, playground and basketball court. Rosslyn use to have a playground and ball court behind Wilson School which was taken away for Woodlawn School. | 1 |
| I think 99% of the people who go to the events do not live in Rosslyn. I think a fee should be charged. I do not think the Rosslyn tax payers should have to pay for these events thru their taxes. | 1 |
| I think having a dog park would make it far more difficult to have events anywhere in gateway park. Again, dog owners of arlington are not known for their manners or for their graciousness. They are known for their devotion to their dogs. This is not a community wide function that benefits all residents . Instead it would create barriers for those who are afraid of dogs and also probably lead to more dog/bike incidents, which are not good for anyone. Dogs do nothing for a community. They provide joy to their owners and that's it. (Kids grow up to be tax paying, productive members of the community so that's why I will always believe kid's parks should always be more prevalent than dog parks. Arlington will die if it's future becomes all about dogs. | 1 |
| I've only attended a few events at Gateway Park. If they were localized to the east side of the park, this explains why they felt so crowded. Perhaps the site's design does not facilitate effective use of both ends of the park. If this plan goes forward, it would seem that events will only be able to use the east end. Therefore, bearing in mind the current pandemic and how it may alter many things moving forward, perhaps DPR will have to place attendance restrictions on future events at this location. | 1 |
| None of the above | 1 |

What statement best describes your overall thoughts on the proposed draft design layout?



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| The sizes of the large and the small dog areas are just right | 147 |
| The large dog area should be bigger and the small dog area should be smaller | 29 |
| The small dog area should be bigger and the large dog area should be smaller | 24 |
| There shouldn't be a separate small dog area | 19 |
| Other... | 40 |
| Against any dog park at this location | 1 |
| Do not create a dog park. If there is one, make it small. Create a natural area in the remaining space. | 1 |
| Hate it all. | 1 |
| i am against a dog park in the gateway park | 1 |
| I am concerned that both spaces will be inadequate in regards to size | 1 |
| I am not in favor of a dog park or this layout.. | 1 |
| I do not support a temporary or permanent dog park at this location. | 1 |
| I do not think a dog park is a good idea | 1 |
| I do not think a dog park should be installed. | 1 |
| I don't know. The small dog area seems small. Given the number of apartments and small dog dwellings I'd assume that they outnumber big dogs and it should be proportional as possible to the population.. | 1 |
| I don't really know, but I think they're fine | 1 |
| I don't want either | 1 |

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| I think the small dog area should be a little bigger to include medium small dogs. Large dog area a little smaller to allow for this. Big dogs need more room to run - but small dog area should encompass medium small dogs too perhaps. | 1 |
| I think the western corner of the proposed small dog area could be combined with a portion of the southern peninsula of the large dog area for a separated agility course zone. | 1 |
| I would prefer that another location be found for the dog areas. | 1 |
| If there will be a dog park, I think it would be better for there just to be one small area. | 1 |
| I'm against a dog park in this area. | 1 |
| Make the small dog area a little larger. With so many apts in the area a lot of small dogs will use the park. | 1 |
| NA | 1 |
| No dog park is necessary | 1 |
| No opinion | 3 |
| No preference | 1 |
| None of the above. | 1 |
| Not needed | 1 |
| Not sure about the sizes see dog owners comments | 1 |
| Perhaps starting out with an overall smaller size is best. We can see how it performs. Establishing the larger size temporarily will establish that size permanently. | 1 |
| Rosslyn use to have basketball courts behind Wilson School. These courts were the most used courts of Arlington. Now there are no courts unless you cross Lee Highway and go to Dawson Court. It seems as though this is the only large area between highway 50 and Lee highway and maybe some creative person could make it a park for people. Again it is dangerous to cross the streets and is an area of drug usage. | 1 |
| Shouldn't be a park at all. | 1 |
| The park isnt big enough for one let alone 2 seperate dog areas. | 1 |
| There should be no dog park at all. | 1 |
| There should be no dog park in Gateway Park. There are many better uses for the western portion of the park. | 1 |
| There should be no dog park in this location for the reasons previously stated. | 1 |

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| There shouldn't be a dog park there. | 1 |
| this land should be made into park for the people. Make it a playground, basketball court and place for old people to meet. Now it is unsafe with drug selling. Make it safe. | 1 |
| What a waster of time an money. | 1 |
| What about human space? You're taking away all of it and giving it to dogs. | 1 |
| Why are you doing this? It is such a bad idea. | 1 |
| Why aren't we proposing a playground or keeping the field? | 1 |

Considering that this is a temporary project with limited donor funding, are there any additional thoughts that could help improve the proposed draft design concept?

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| Do not install water features. |
| If successful, partner with neighborhood corporations for an enhanced dog park with sitting areas for dog owners and non dog owners to enjoy |
| The proposed space is well designed and appropriate in scale/funding for a temporary dog park. |
| Thank you for making this user-friendly online engagement, instead of hosting an evening meeting. Hope Arlington County continues to offer more online engagement opportunities post-COVID. Much easier and more convenient to share our feedback online! |
| Due to the size restrictions in the buildings in Rosslyn there are a lot of many smaller dogs, therefore, they would be many there. |
| I'm not sure I'd waste money on new grass. In a small space the grass will quickly die with the amount of dog traffic I'd expect. If gravel is an option that would be better - artificial turf ideal! |
| No opinion. I don't have a dog and don't know what is appropriate for a dog park. I think though it could be a little less fancy like in Clarendon. Keep the costs down with simpler amenities. |
| No - not much could be done to keep it from being unsightly. |
| Don't do it. Plain and simple |

Give the limited donor funding to a program for the street people. The Rosslyn Temple is a good start which is a focus for the street people.

Donors and RDOGS should fund the entire cost of the proposed dog park. Taxpayers should not fund any portion of this project. I think neighborhood children deserve a playground in gateway park, not dogs.

more shading

It seems this already decided, so what is the point of this survey?

Not the draft design but I think the community would contribute for sustainability of the park. I would

Why can't this project be permanent? Unless you are calling it temporary to see how things go.

Keeping the design simple and inexpensive is the best idea.

I live near an elementary school which has clear "No Dogs on School Property" signs at every entrance. Every day there are dogs there (with their rude owners). Of course you would argue that we should build more dog parks to prevent that...but, of course, our neighborhood also has a dog park. But the dog owners prefer the school playground with its lovely grass which has not (yet) been ruined by the dogs. I have had many rude dog owners get very angry at me for pointing out the "no dogs" sign. One girl even called the police on me, lying to them and saying I had told her kids aren't allowed on school property. I share this experience to show you that arlington does not yet have a good handle on the exploding dog population and the non compliant dog owners. Adding a dog park in the center of a huge intersection, right near the bridge to Georgetown, is a terrible idea in

my opinion. Thanks for hearing my thoughts.

How about stop wasting my tax money on this bullshit.

Don't waste money and cancel this project

Please ensure that the park is well maintained to preserve a nice look and good sanitation. Additionally, the park should be well lit.

more shade if possible

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| Don't know |
| I approve of the design concept and hope construction can begin soon! |
| Shaded or covered area for hot days. |
| None at the moment |
| Ensure ample seating areas inside and outside fenced areas. |
| It would be nice to have some kind of shade cover for hot days. |
| I think the group behind this are doing a great job! |
| Hopefully this will be permanent and not temporary |
| Make it permanent |
| I would like to see several can that are placed around the space to encourage waste pickup and disposal. |
| N/A |
| I like the idea of the project but I'm concerned about it being a neighborhood eyesore if not designed right |
| We need to save green space for permanent dog park solutions |
| Arlington County should step up and be more proactive with this project. |
| This is a great beginning. Right now, the space is ugly and useless. |
| It is well worth the investment. |
| Have a big opening day party with "donations welcome" to drive up interest? Social media campaign like crazy? Volunteer food trucks? Plenty of dog lovers around here. |
| It'd be ideal if there was a hose in addition to the dog water source, but I realize that might be difficult to set up. Our favorite dog parks have them though because it allows us to remove dirt from our dog after playing. |

It is a necessary first step.

Paul Mulligan

Rosslyn Resident

Add a programable timed lock to the entrance so that people can not use the park during hours they should not be using it.

I would propose getting funding to make this a permanent feature. Even if it means less amenities, I do think this is a much needed and long overdue project. It would be sad to have it be temporary and not serve the community to the fullest based on the ongoing and evolving needs with their furry companions.

During this time of scarce resources, donors should fund the entire project, not taxpayers. I do not think Arlington County should entertain ideas like this unless donors can entirely fund them.

Why do this temporarily? Fill the space in full in a way that helps everyone

I think an agility course accessible to dogs *and* families would be a welcome addition that could allow agility training for dogs as well as a play space for parents and their kids when/ if dogs are not using it.

The County should not assume the expenses for the dog park after the funds which have been raised are depleted. I suppose that might be the strategy: Start with "temporary" and then just make it become permanent at taxpayer's expense. If this is not the strategy the dog people should present a plan for longer term funding which must be approved by the county. Maybe users could pay a yearly fee to be able to use the park?

In any case I hope that the County will act in the interest of all of the residents and not just those who are (good for them!) passionate about their dogs and in search of a place to exercise them while still living in a dense urban environment. That is what I call having your cake and eating it too!

Dog owners need to know that the ultimate success of this pilot project is dependent upon their active willingness to keep the park clean, well maintained and busy

Waste disposal area

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| Nothing fancy needs to be in place- fence, open field and trash cans is all that is necessary. |
| Have more funding and support provided by the county. |
| Somewhat reduce the size of the dog areas to allow for a larger buffer space between the fencing and the sand play area. |
| Would be good to have places for people and dogs to have shade. Avoid the material used at the Clarendon dog park because it makes the whole area smell like a cat litter box. |
| Do not make the ground material the same as the dog park in Clarendon. That sandy material is disgusting, smells awful, and stays lodged in dog fur. It's unsanitary. Normal grass or mulch are more user-friendly. |
| Make it visually attractive |
| Only that you use the Clarendon park as an example of what NOT to do. |
| No |
| Keep it simple OR better yet, include areas for families/kids so that you can get more funding. There are a lot of young families who have dogs but also need space for the young children (not just a sandbox). |
| None |
| Looks good on a temp basis, would like to see other features added later if made permanent |
| I think this looks good for a limited time project - if it becomes permanent I am sure some upgrades could happen. I would just really love to see this happen! |
| Secure private sector funding and obtain funding from users. |
| Protect any important trees. Requirement for vaccination proof if dogs are off leash to protect other dogs, owners, children from bites, nips, scratches? |
| Don't implement it. |

No. It seems well planned

Strongly support a small dog only area as the design currently indicates. I would not bring my dog if it had big dogs there too.

A space to sit inside the dog park. A few plants or flowers around the dog park so it looks nice. Thank you! Great work!

Where can I donate!

Cancel the temporary project, money can be better spent on other essential projects.

Providing for seating opportunities for dog owners/caregivers is important and landscaping around the site would be an attractive feature.

n/a

Maybe, if within budget, add a few more plants in the scenery

As a non-owner at this time, do not feel qualified to comment on the above considerations of large & small dog areas.

I like the solar power features at the Clarendon dog park.

Please squash the idea

N/a

Don't pursue the concept. Design something else.

Again, this entire public engagement process is premature. The County government has the responsibility to consider all alternative users for the each of its park that the 2019 Public Spaces Master Plan recommends for parks before it begins a public engagement period for a specific use (such as for an interim dog park). In addition, the County needs to place a high priority on developing a meadow/pollinator area in the western portion of Gateway Park to help implement the County's 2016 Monarch Pledge.

Looks great.

Keep it as open space. The county keeps talking about having casual use spaces and about creating multi use amenities. A dog park is neither. Paying

this through during a pandemic, when families with kids are struggling to keep up with school and don't have time to look through county proposals that benefit a small segment of the overall population is simply an awful idea.

Don't do it. It's a "---" project of rich people who want everything their way. Gateway Park was designed for humans. The county should value it, improve it, and count on it to be a highlight of the neighborhood as the remainder of the area is redeveloped.

I do not support a temporary or permanent dog park at this location.

Listen to the R-Dogs organization. They know best for what is needed to carry out this mission successfully. Arlington County should make sure that although this particular arrangement is temporary, there should be a permanent component of equal size or greater built into the plans when Gateway Park is actually re-designed. Having an easily accessible dog park for residents of Rossly is vital for the future.

I understand that this is an effort by dog owners but I believe Arlington county should hear from all residents particularly non-dog owners to ensure their is parity and equal representation. I believe the overwhelming assumption is that residents want this dog park when that's not the case.

Solar panel lights and water features.

Would it be regularly serviced for cleaning and ---- removal?

I'd love to see a pop up food truck or bar at the dog park for owners!

Not to be disrespectful but the plan is fine....please Just get it built! The community really needs it !

I think it's great! There will need to be enough waste bins though with doggie bags and increased coffee/food containers if folks eat nearby. The park should be tidy since it's the first part of Arlington that many folks see when they walk/drive over from DC.

It is important to make sure there are enough ---- bag dispensers and trash cans. I think a bench or sitting area inside the dog area would be nice, so that owners can sit down while their dogs play.

I heard about this project through my condo association. Do you need more support or funding? If you're open to using online marketing ads so that there

is more awareness of this project, I would be happy to give advice. Please e-mail me = adswithex@gmail.com

We don't need anything fancy and we definitely don't need weird terrain other than grass like in James Hunter Park. A simply fenced in area would make a world of difference !!

Against any dog park at this location

None

1. The park is on a hill and the entry gates are planned for the bottom of the hill where water will go when it rains. While there are drainage grates, there is already water collecting around the new water fountain.

Suggest moving the gates to higher ground.

2. The sand play area was a originally a fountain. Would be great to fill this w water in season for the dogs. We don't need a fountain w maintenance issues. Just remove the sand from the existing pool and fill w water, and fence in. Understand this is more expensive so maybe this is for the next phase.

Arlington is hemorrhaging money and our schools are inexcusably overcrowded. Spending money on dogs right now is offensive.

I used to live near the S Street Dog park in Dupont, which has a very small surface area. They don't have a large / small dog ratio and everyone seems to find a way to make it work.

It shouldn't be done. No public funds should be used on a temporary dog or permanent park which removes limited public green space. A better permanent solution would be the triangle land area between N Lynn/ Ft Meyer and Lee Highway across from the Marriott property. This is unused land. If not owned by the county then try and get it a permit to use it from the state or Fed goverment.

This won't be temporary if it's enacted as planned. It'll be the permanent norm, especially once R-DOGS submits for more funding at the next proper county cycle.

Better ways to spend County money than this.

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| <p>It would be great to have some obstacles for pups and benches for people.</p> |
| <p>N/A</p> |
| <p>Make every effort to make this a permanent location. After all of these years, it would be an added plus for Rosslyn. It needs more livelihood in the downtown area. It would be great for nearby businesses.</p> |
| <p>Nope!</p> |
| <p>I think we could also have events at the dog park (many other cities do this) and it could bring in some revenue for the park!</p> |
| <p>No</p> |
| <p>NA - even if temporary, we are excited for the opportunity!</p> |
| <p>Please build the temporary dog park! This is a great project for the neighborhood and I am in full support!</p> |
| <p>No, I love the idea!</p> |
| <p>I think making it a dog AND human friendly space is a must for people to utilize it a lot. Including benches inside the dog park, trees for shade, motivating people to come and "hang out" with their dogs. I also think that local --- stores could be a source of funding.</p> |
| <p>I think this is a great project idea, with excellent cooperation between the community/project sponsor and the county. I hope that it can be made permanent in the long-run given the limited resources necessary to establish and maintain it! This is an important benefit for Rosslyn! Good job, Arlington County!</p> |
| <p>Looks great</p> |
| <p>No ideas, I would encourage them to host community events and maybe seek a --- store as a sponsor?</p> |
| <p>This is a nice simple to implement plan. Let's do it.</p> |
| <p>Be thinking of where to put a "permanent" dog park</p> |

Do not use precious space as a dog park.

no, but I love the idea of having the temporary park for dogs

None. I pay alot of taxes. I love dogs. But make it a better place for parents.

Landscaping to create a welcoming area

Make it permanent. :)

I don't know

Rosslyn badly needs a people park with a play area for children. The one park we enjoyed was taken away from us by a big , corrupt developer whose hands are in the pockets of the County Board. Try doing something for people as opposed to money. If we had a decent people park, I would not be opposed to a --- park.

None--this project is very exciting!

Stop!

Dont give away Gateway, please!!!!

Fences are generally ugly, an eye sore. Consider creative means or green means to fence

Make it permanent

Rosslyn needs a small dog park because the dog park in Clarendon was supposed to have a separate section and they changed the plans.

Paying a small admission fee. I would pay \$1-3 to go each day

I think the dog park designers should seriously consider the physical appearance of the park. My sense is that the public would be more receptive to the location if it is nice to look at. I have seen dog parks in other states that are not particularly pleasing to the eye and the public seems to perceive the dog park as an "eye sore."