



Ramsey County Off –Leash Dog Areas

**Master Plan Development
Survey Results & Public Involvement**

Master Plan Meeting Schedule

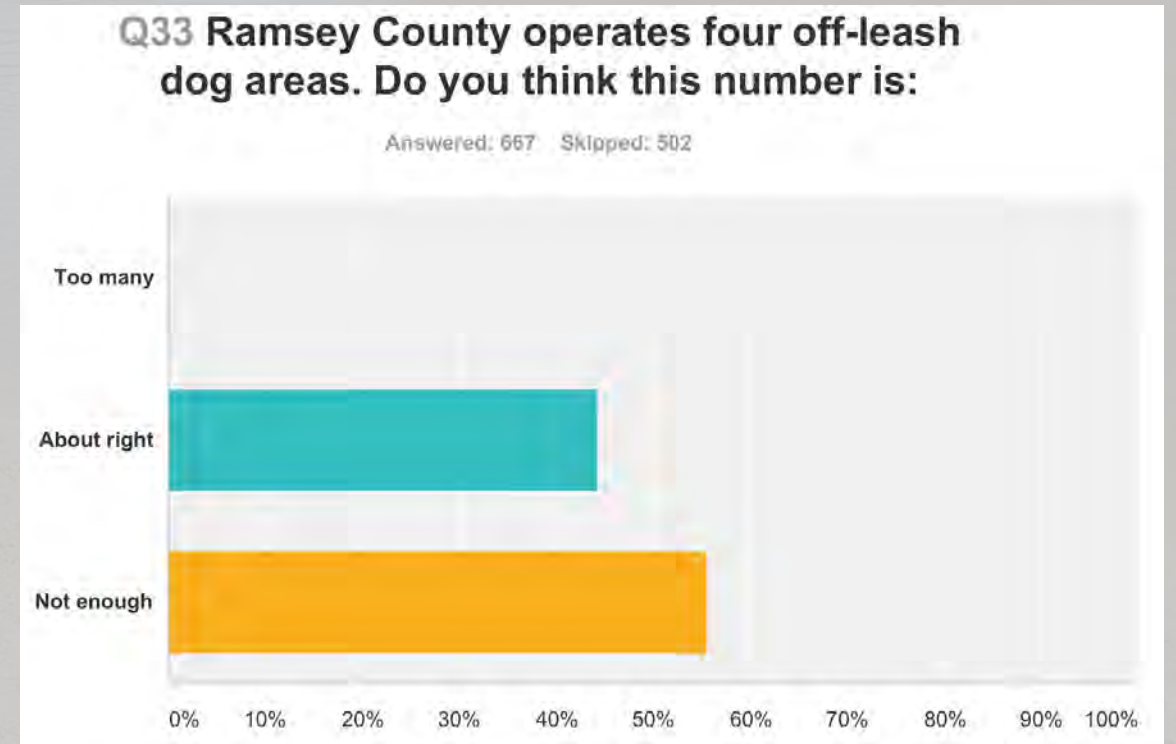
- 5:30 Introduction & Short Presentation Appx. 10-15 Min.
- 5:45 Break into Groups for Diagramming Exercise Appx. 45 Min.
- 6:30 Re-Convene for Question & Answer Appx. 30 Min.

Master Plan Overview

- Master Plan: overarching document that sets standards and guidelines across the system as a whole
- Look at Dog Parks as a whole system, not just one park
- Important Consistent Program Elements to be Included
- Important Consistent Site Amenities to be Included
- Access: Do we have enough parks in the System
- Rules: Are we where we need to be, do we need to modify?
- Maintenance Program
- Volunteer Program
- Where Would Additional Off Leash Dog Areas Make Sense?

Do We Need More Off Leash Dog Areas In Our System

- Average Drive Time Maps
- People Overwhelmingly Drive to the Park, Greater Than 95%
- Average of 35 MPH



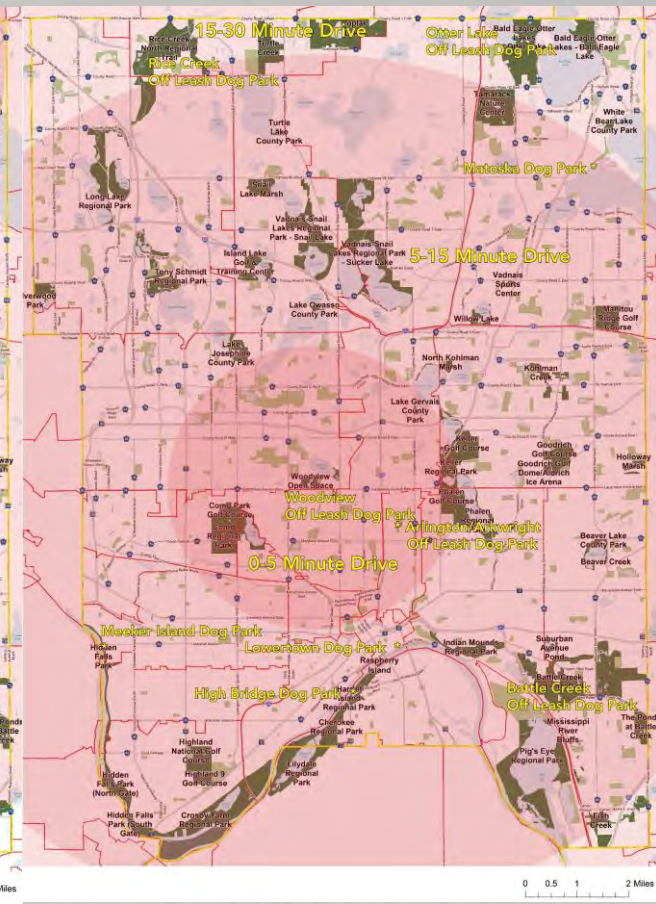
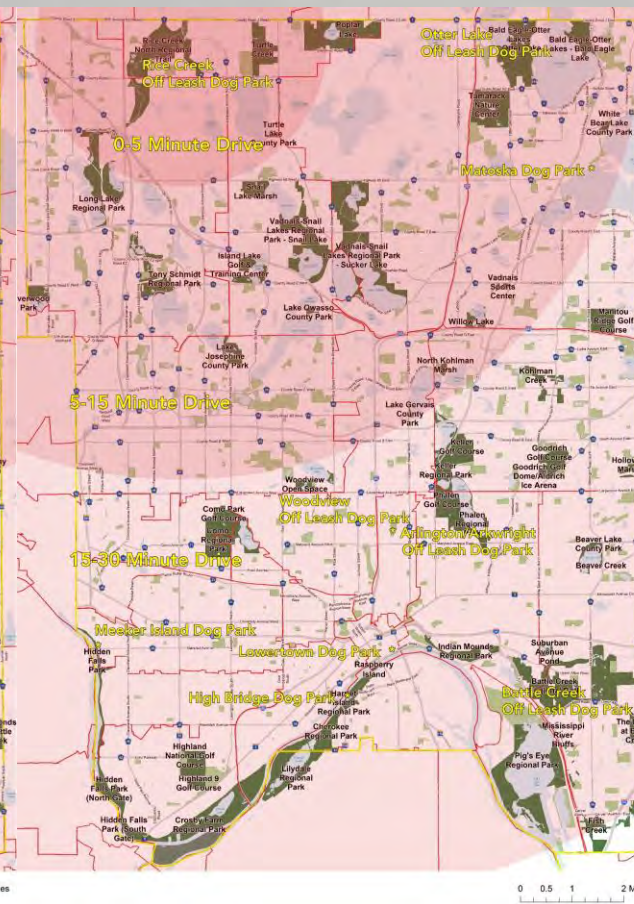
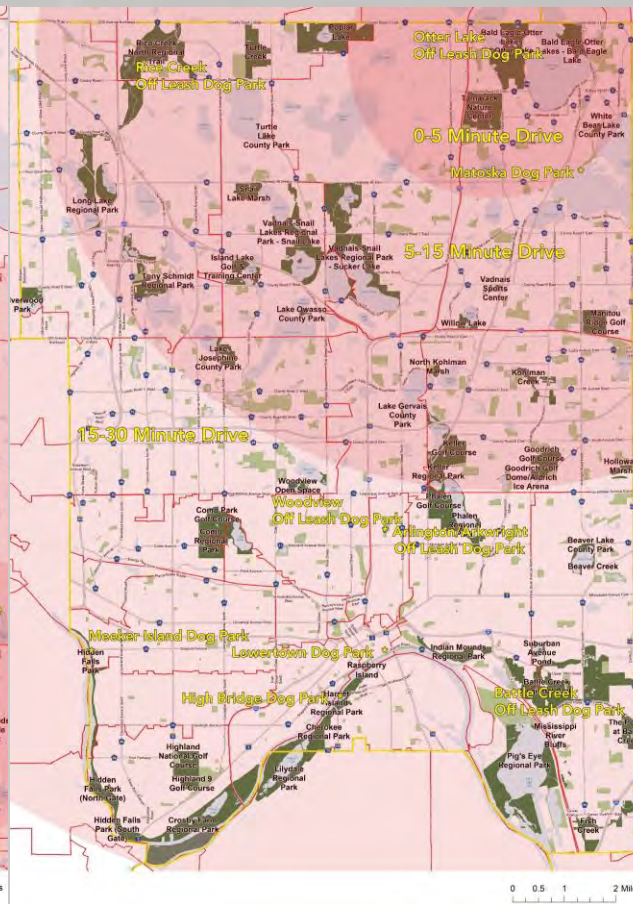
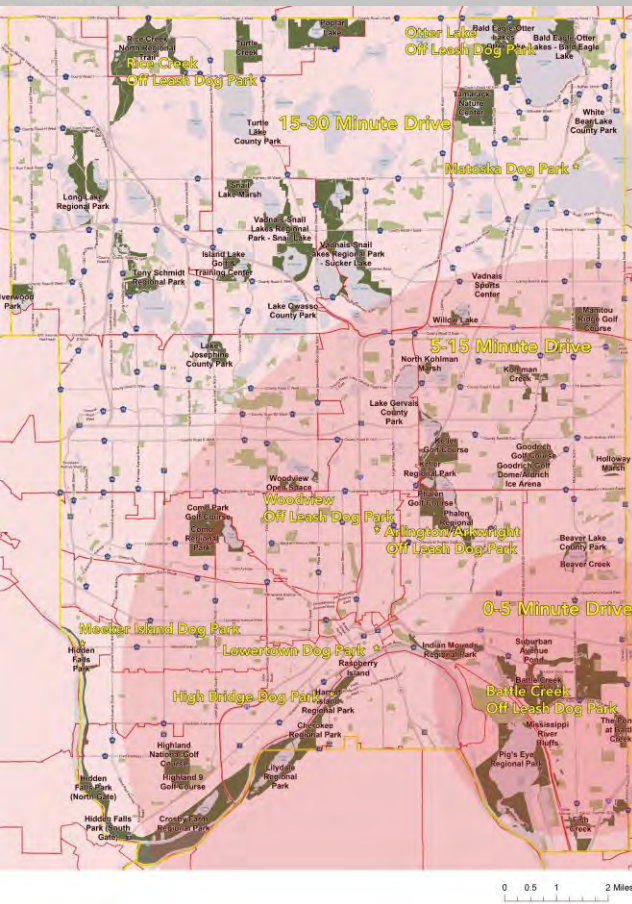
How Long Does it Take to Travel to Ramsey County OLDA Parks

Battle Creek

Otter Lake

Rice Creek

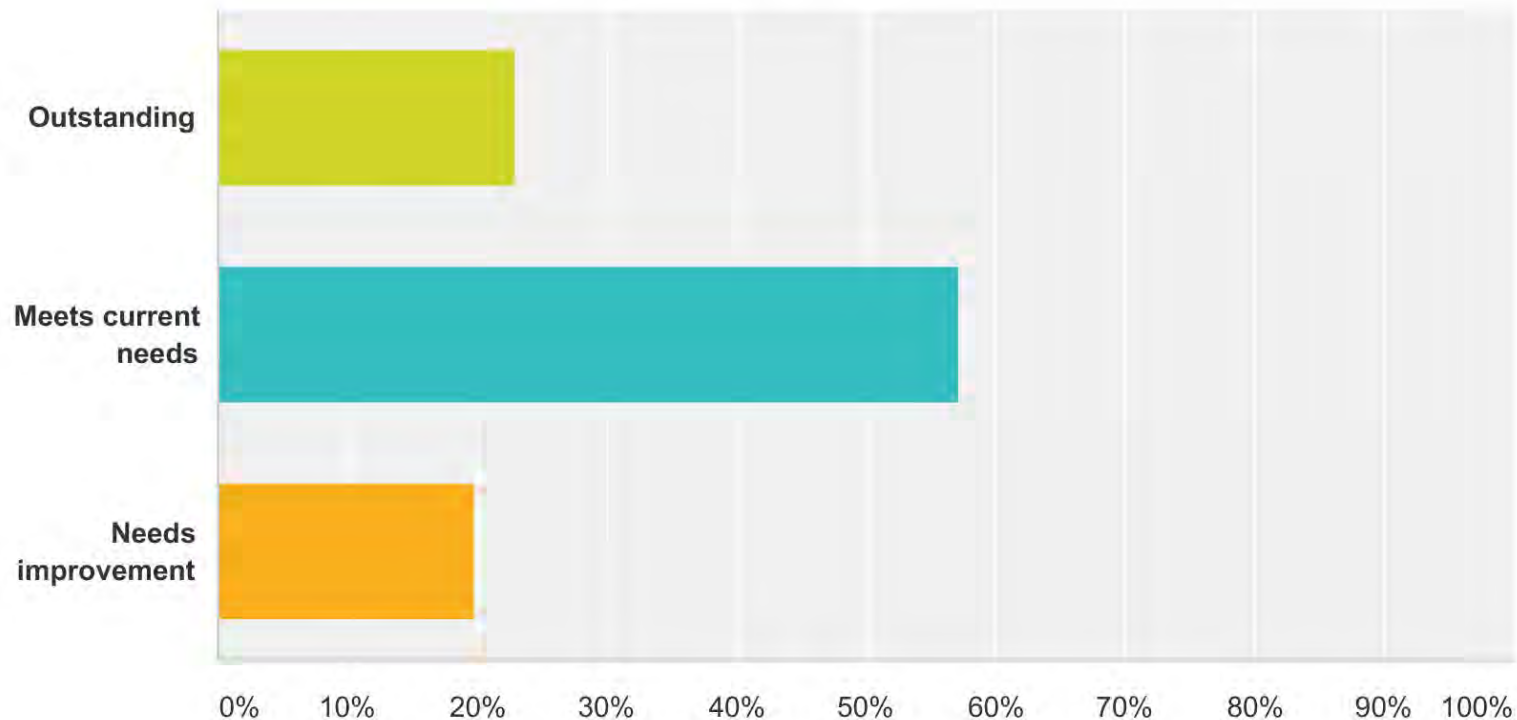
Woodview



Quality of OLDA System What Could Be Improved Upon

Q34 How would you rate the quality of designated off-leash areas provided for dogs by Ramsey County?

Answered: 648 Skipped: 521



Quality of OLDA System

What Could Be Improved Upon

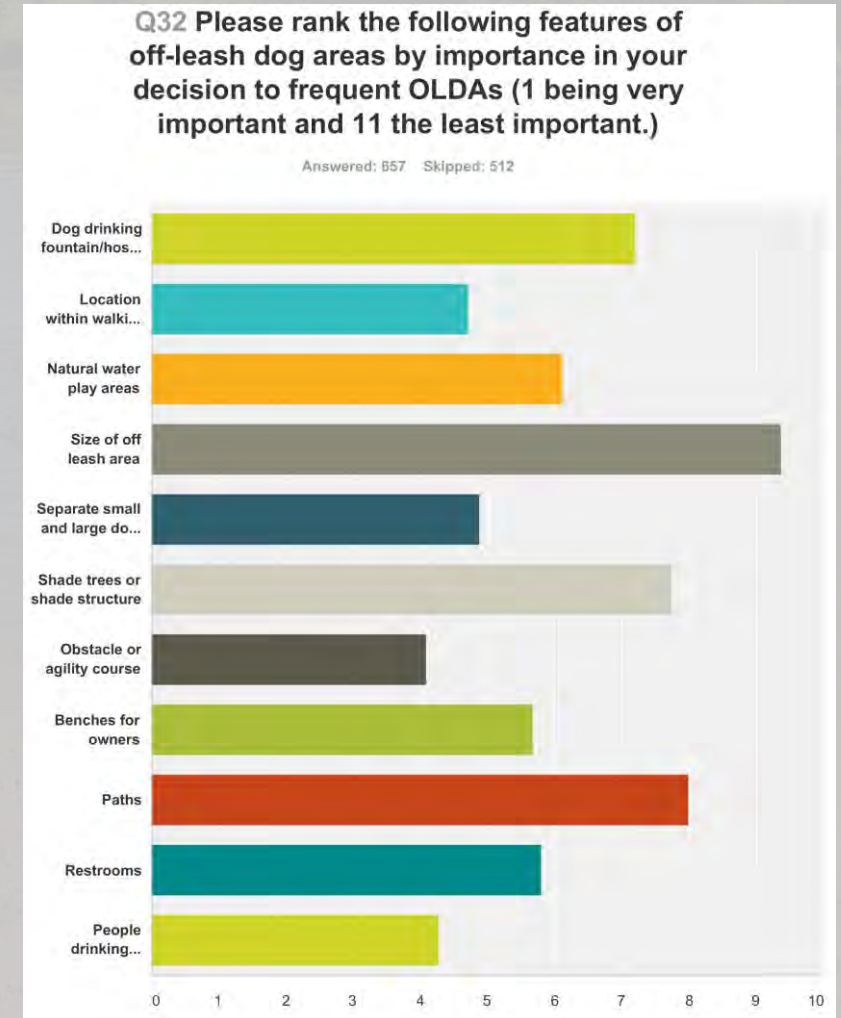
- Top 4 Features/Amenities

1. Size
2. Paths
3. Shade
4. Drinking Fountains

- Followed by

- Natural Water Play Area
- Restrooms
- Benches
- Separate Small And Large Dog Area

- Other Ideas?



Visual Example Survey



- Paths
 - Aggregate Surface
 - Bituminous
 - Wood Chips
 - Other?

Visual Example Survey



- Shade
 - Elaborate
 - Sails
 - Trees
 - Combine with Benches/Tables etc.



Visual Example Survey



- Drinking Fountains
 - Dog Only
 - Multi-Species



Visual Example Survey



- Water Play
 - Natural
 - Man Made
 - Combination

Visual Example Survey



- Restrooms

- Central Piece with Shade, Benches/tables
- Stand Alone
- In Park
- At Trailhead/Parking Lot



Visual Example Survey



- Other Amenities or Features
 - Separate Small and Large Dog Areas
 - Agility Course
 - Others?



Dog Park Rules

- Existing Rules

1. Owners must clean up and dispose of feces
2. Dogs must be leashed prior to entering and upon leaving the off leash area
3. Owners must be in verbal command of their dogs at all times and prevent aggressive behavior, fighting or aggressive barking
4. Owners must have visible leash at all times
5. Owners are liable for damage or injury inflicted by other dogs
6. Dogs must stay within assigned boundary
7. Dogs must be properly licensed and vaccinated
8. Dogs in heat are not allowed
9. Owners must comply with all park rules and regulations

- Proposed Rule Changes/Additions

Volunteer/Maintenance

- Guardians
 - Help Identify and Report Dog Park Maintenance Issues
 - Make Suggestions and Recommendations for Dog Park Improvements
 - Identify Inappropriate Use and Report to Department Staff or Law Enforcement
- Ramsey County
 - Interior Trail Maintenance Physical Trails & Brush)
 - Invasive Species Control
 - Mowing
- Other Ideas & Suggestions

Break For Group Diagraming Exercise

- Assume Brand New Off Leash Dog Area Development
 - Where would amenities be located?
 - Fully fenced/separate large dog small dog areas?
- May Assume access to Water Feature
- Schematic Drawing of Ideal Layout
 - Think of a Bubble Diagram
- No Specific Park in Mind
- Gathering Ideas for Off Leash Dog Area Standards System Wide

Questions

- Relating to Off Leash Dog Area Master Plan
- System Wide Policies, Rules Etc.

