

we need your

# HELP

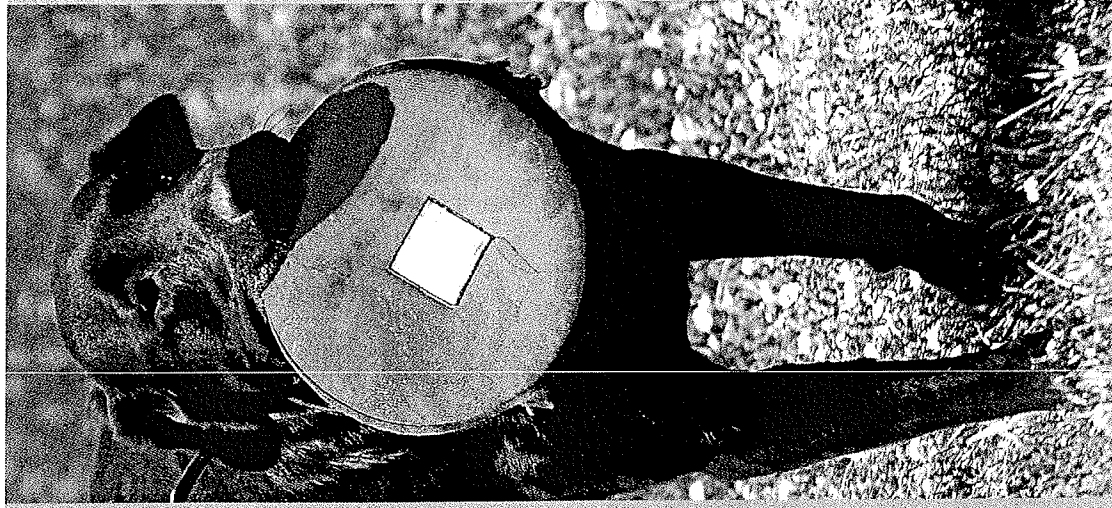
Currently, Best Friends Dog Park in Winnebago County Community Park, Oshkosh is the only public area for dogs to be off-leash with their owners in Winnebago County. Community spaces for our pets to exercise and play are limited; Winnebago County Park budgets have been reduced, which has created a twofold mission:

Our first directive is Winnebago County Best Friends Dog Park. In partnership with the Winnebago County Parks Department, we support efforts to improve and maintain the park.

Secondly, to relieve the stress on the current park, an additional off-leash dog park(s) needs to be established. Northern Winnebago County near Neenah and Menasha has been identified as a suitable area for an additional dog park. We are well underway in searching for land. Your donations will help with the purchase and building of a new off-leash Dog Park.

Working hand-in-hand with the community we can accomplish our goals!

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Friends of Winnebago County Dog Parks, Inc  
469 Old Oregon Rd  
Oshkosh, WI 54902  
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friends of winnebago county  
**DOG PARKS**  
501 E County Rd Y, Oshkosh, WI  
Phone: 920.267.7801 **OPEN** 1st Fri. 10am-1pm  
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# ABOUT

Friends of Winnebago County Dog Parks, Inc.

## MISSION

Friends of Winnebago County Dog Parks, Inc. (FWCDP) is a non-profit, 501(c) 3 tax-exempt organization dedicated to maintaining, improving and establishing off-leash dog parks in Winnebago County, Wisconsin.

## VISION

Our goal is to serve the community's need for public areas where responsible pet owners may safely exercise their socialized canine citizens off-leash and in accordance with applicable laws and ordinances. This includes lending support to the maintenance and improvement of Winnebago County Best Friends Dog Park in Oshkosh, as well as the establishment of additional off-leash dog parks in Winnebago County.

FWCDP encourages community involvement and welcomes new members.

Winnebago County Dog Park is located in the northeast corner of Winnebago County Community Park off County Rd Y, Oshkosh WI



Dog Park

# ETIQUETTE

- ALWAYS clean up after your dog.
- Be present with your dog at all times.
- Keep your dog leashed until it is inside the park.
- Have your dog under voice control or have it leashed.
- Do not bring aggressive dogs in to the park.
- Have your dog licensed.
- Have proof of your dog's current rabies vaccination.
- If your dog is "in season" please do not bring her into the park.
- If your pet is "unaltered" please keep an extra eye on them.
- Keep children at your side and within reach.

### Contact us:

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# DONATION & MEMBERSHIP

Sign-up Form

Name

Address

Phone

Email

☐ Newsletter/Mailing List

☐ Contact Me

Method of payment for Donation

☐ Check

☐ Credit

☐ Cash

Name as it appears on card

Card number

Expiration date

Security code



Thank you for your time and consideration regarding support of efforts to establish a dog park in northern Winnebago County. **The Exploratory Sub Committee (ESC)** of the Friends of Winnebago County Dog Parks, Inc., has worked diligently since April 1, 2014. This eight member committee's goal has been to help complement Friends of Winnebago County Dog Parks with *marketing efforts*, and revisiting past potential land sites to find the best location for a new dog park at a reasonable monetary investment. The ESC has narrowed down over 22 site options that have been considered over the last 14 years and researched new property available for sale in today's market.

It is the opinion of the ESC that the best option is a forty plus acre former paper sludge landfill parcel at Oakridge and Larsen Roads in the Town of Neenah, currently owned by the Glatfelter Paper Company. **The ESC has accomplished its goal and is turning over the results of its efforts to the County for further consideration of this site as a potential north county dog park facility.** If upon consideration this location is approved, the ESC will move forward with fund raising. As a service to Winnebago County Parks, the ESC will continue to be available for future research, marketing and development of a new dog park. The ESC committee would save the County funding by limiting the need for outside consulting firms.

#### **ADVANTAGES OF A NORTHERN AREA DOG PARK**

- The present Winnebago County Best Friends Dog Park located within the Winnebago County Community Park and the Outagamie dog park both receive heavy use. Residents in northern areas of Winnebago County travel an average of 18 miles to visit these parks. Approximately, one-third of the population of Winnebago County lives in the northern area of the county. Eileen McCoy, Director of Parks & Recreation for the City of Neenah pointed out, *"For many years we have received citizen requests for a dog park in the Neenah – Menasha area. Our commission has encouraged us to work with Winnebago County, and our neighboring communities, on a regional approach."*
- There are nearly 1,000 licensed dogs in the City of Menasha and nearly 1,350 licensed dogs in the City of Neenah, according to current records, resulting in approximately forty percent of families owning a dog. Dog parks are used daily at a higher rate than other public parks. There are positive health benefits to both owners and dogs by being physically active. The community benefits from a dog park by promoting responsible dog ownership and creating bonds among park users and other dog lovers. The average tax payer can expect an annual increase of about 10 cents directly associated with the maintenance and operation of a north county dog park.
- **Economic Impact** for the surrounding local businesses will see increased visitors stopping to purchase gas, food, and other items. Dog parks are increasing in popularity around the country and are a selling point for new residents considering relocating to Winnebago County. The proposed site is easily accessible via Highways 41, and 441.

## UPON APPROVAL OF A NEW DOG PARK:

- **Fund raising will begin for donations** to help with the development of, and maintenance for, the park. Calls and visits have been made to companies in the local area to gain support.
- The park will be designed as **ADA accessible**, and would be one of the first dog parks in the state of Wisconsin capable of facilitating access around the perimeter of the site for visitors who may be mobility impaired.
- **Grant funding will be sought** similar to grants offered by *Petco* (\$100,000.00) for establishing new dog parks.
- **Winnebago County Parks will market the new dog park.** A new northern dog park will work in tandem with the current Winnebago County dog park benefiting both financially. (ESC has marketed the present park and handed out brochures, submitted newspaper articles, and attended meetings to promote the present park, and encouraged public attendance at fund raising events.)
- **The ESC committee will remain involved as a sounding board for the Winnebago County Parks.** If a new dog park is not supported by the County Board the ESC will disband. Efforts of the ESC have helped substantially to move the need for a northern dog park forward. ESC presence at local community meetings, phone calls made by committee members, and visits to dog park activities have brought awareness of the park system in general to the public. **An opportunity to acquire land for a dog park similar to the proposed property is unique and rare.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION FOR ENHANCEMENT OF OUR WINNEBAGO COUNTY PARKS SYSTEM WHICH WILL BENEFIT RESIDENTS OF AND VISITORS TO WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Kathy Casperson  
ESC Chair  
Friends of Winnebago County Dog Parks, Inc.

## ESC – Exploratory Sub Committee for friends of Winnebago County Dog Parks

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George Deerborn – Community Development  
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Friends of the Outagamie County Dog Park – located at the intersection of Hwy OO &  
French Road <http://outagamiedogpark.com>

For *Town of Menasha* meeting room reservations call: Karen Blackman – 720-7100



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6 August 2014

Kathy Casperson  
ESC Chair, Friends of Winnebago Co. Dog Parks  
817 Tumblebrook Road  
Neenah, WI 54956

Dear Kathy,

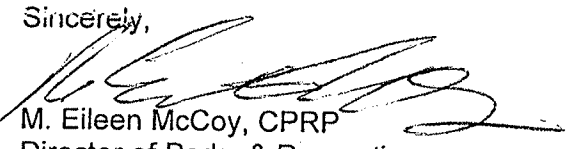
The City of Neenah Parks and Recreation Commission is on record supporting the development of a Dog Park in the northern part of Winnebago County.

For many years we have received citizen requests for a dog park in the Neenah – Menasha area. Our Commission has encouraged us to work with Winnebago County, and our neighboring communities, on a regional approach.

For this reason we support the efforts of the Exploratory Sub Committee for the Friends of Winnebago County Dog Parks, to find an additional dog park location in Winnebago County.

Please feel free to contact me at 886-6062 or [emccoy@ci.neenah.wi.us](mailto:emccoy@ci.neenah.wi.us).

Sincerely,



M. Eileen McCoy, CPRP  
Director of Parks & Recreation

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-17  
IN SUPPORT OF A COUNTY FUNDED DOG PARK IN  
NORTHERN WINNEBAGO COUNTY**

WHEREAS, dog parks bring benefits not only to dogs and their owners, but also to entire communities by promoting responsible dog ownership and creating bonds among park users and other dog lovers; and

WHEREAS, dog parks are increasing in popularity around the country; and

WHEREAS, there are nearly 1,350 licensed dogs in the City of Neenah; and

WHEREAS, there has been considerable citizen interest in establishing a dog park in northern Winnebago County; and

WHEREAS, Winnebago County owns and operates a dog park in the southern part of the county and it is expected that Winnebago County would operate the northern facility in the same manner without financial or operational assistance from the City of Neenah; and

WHEREAS, one-third of the population of Winnebago County lives in the northern portion of the county without convenient access to the current facility even though they provide a major portion of the tax base that funds the current park; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Winnebago County Dog Parks has identified an available site in the Town of Neenah which would effectively serve the northern population of Winnebago County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Neenah Common Council offers its moral support to the citizen effort to establish a dog park in northern Winnebago County owned and operated by the County.

Recommended by:

CITY OF NEENAH, WISCONSIN

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dean R. Kaufert, Mayor

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia A. Sturn, City Clerk

*\* PASSED 4-1 (7/29/14)*

RES #140630-7:TB

**SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING A DOG PARK IN THE NORTHERN AREA OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Friends of Winnebago County Dog Parks has established an Exploratory Sub Committee (ESC) in an attempt to secure land and resources for the development of an additional dog park in Winnebago County; and

WHEREAS, the overuse of popular dog parks in southern Winnebago and Outagamie Counties and their significant increase in recent usage underscores the need for an additional park situated somewhere between those parks; and

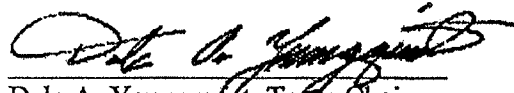
WHEREAS, the establishment of a dog park in northern Winnebago County would benefit not only residents of the Town of Menasha who are pet owners but residents of all communities in the northern portion of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Menasha Board of Supervisors supports the efforts of the Exploratory Sub Committee of the Friends of Winnebago County Dog Parks, and supports the establishment of a dog park in the northern area of Winnebago County.

Adopted this 30th day of June, 2014

*Requested by: Dale A. Youngquist, Town Chairman*

*Submitted by: Dale A. Youngquist, Town Chairman*

  
Dale A. Youngquist, Town Chairman

  
Attest: Karen Backman, Town Clerk



Supporting a County Funded Dog Park in Northern Winnebago County

Introduced by Alderman Taylor

WHEREAS, dog parks bring benefits not only to dogs and their owners, but also to entire communities by promoting responsible dog ownership and creating bonds among park users and other dog lovers; and,

WHEREAS, dog parks are increasing in popularity around the country; and,

WHEREAS, there are nearly 1000 licensed dogs in the City of Menasha; and,

WHEREAS, there has been considerable citizen interest in establishing a dog park in Northern Winnebago County; and,


WHEREAS, Winnebago County owns and operates a dog park in the Southern part of the county and it is expected that Winnebago County would operate the Northern facility in the same manner without financial or operational assistance from the City of Menasha; and,

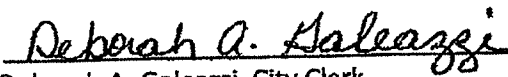
WHEREAS, one-third of the population of Winnebago County lives in the northern portion of the county without convenient access to the current facility even though they provide a major portion of the tax base that funds the current park; and,

WHEREAS, the Friends of Winnebago County Dog Parks has identified an available site in the Town of Neenah which would effectively serve the Northern population of Winnebago County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Menasha Common Council offers its moral support to the citizen effort to establish a dog park in Northern Winnebago County owned and operated by the County.

Passed and approved this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

  
Donald Merkes, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Deborah A. Galeazzi, City Clerk

**TOWN OF CLAYTON**

**RESOLUTION 2014-012**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DOG PARK ON THE  
NORTHERN END OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY**

Whereas, The Town Board for the Town of Clayton, County of Winnebago, State of Wisconsin believes that dog parks bring benefits not only to dogs and their owners, but also to entire communities by promoting responsible dog ownership and creating bonds among park users and other dog lovers; and

Whereas, The Town Board for the Town of Clayton, County of Winnebago, State of Wisconsin believes that dog parks are increasing in popularity around the country; and

Whereas, The Town Board for the Town of Clayton, County of Winnebago, State of Wisconsin has been advised by staff that there are nearly 421 licensed dogs in the Town of Clayton; and

Whereas, The Town Board for the Town of Clayton, County of Winnebago, State of Wisconsin has been advised by staff that there has been considerable citizen interest in establishing a dog park in Northern Winnebago County; and

Whereas, The Town Board for the Town of Clayton, County of Winnebago, State of Wisconsin has been advised by staff that one-third of the population of Winnebago County lives in the northern portion of the County without convenient access to the current facility even though they provide a major portion of the tax base that funds the current park; and

Whereas, The Town Board for the Town of Clayton, County of Winnebago, State of Wisconsin has been advised by staff that the Friends of Winnebago County Dog Parks has identified an available site in the Town of Neenah which would effectively serve the Northern population of Winnebago County; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Clayton, County of Winnebago, State of Wisconsin offers its moral support to the citizen effort to establish a dog park in Northern Winnebago County owned and operated by the County.

Adopted this 6<sup>th</sup>, day of August, 2014

Vote: Yes 4 No 0 Absent 1

  
Mark E. Luebke, Town Chair

Attest:   
Richard Johnston, Town Administrator/Clerk