

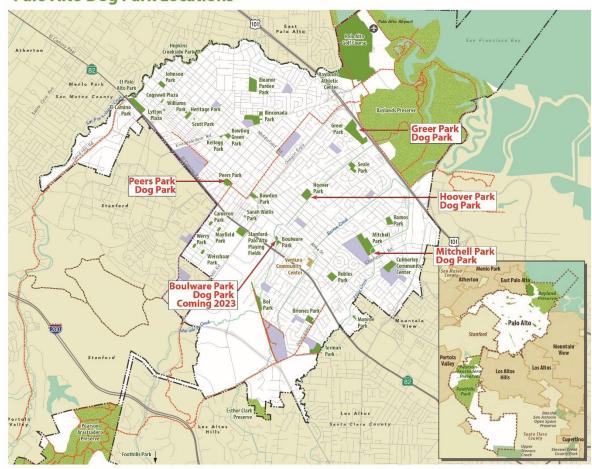


# Palo Alto Dog Park System Overview

## Dog Parks in Palo Alto

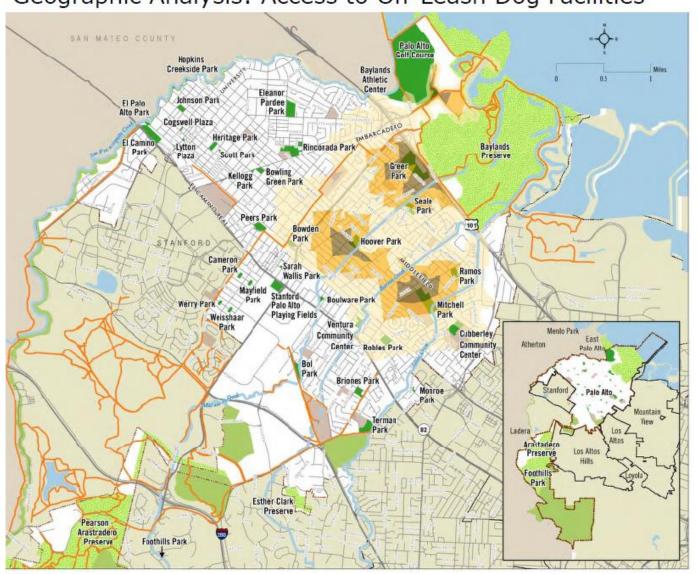
- Current Dog Park System 4 existing Dog Parks
  - Mitchell Park (.56 acres)
  - Peers Park (.84 acres)
  - Greer Park (.06 acres)
  - Hoover Park (.14 acres)

**Palo Alto Dog Park Locations** 



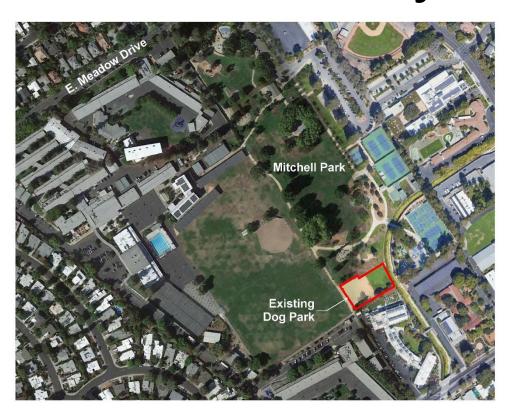
## Dog Parks in Palo Alto

Geographic Analysis: Access to Off-Leash Dog Facilities



#### **Project Details**

# Mitchell Park Dog Park Renovation Project



## Existing Mitchell Dog Park Area

#### **Existing Dog Park Size:**

24,263 sq.ft. or .56 acre

#### **Current Amenities:**

- (2) Hose Bibs
- (7) Benches
- (2) Picnic Tables
- (1) Waste Receptacle



## Proposed Scope of Project

- Expand the size of the current dog park
- Create a separate small dog park
- Replace the existing fencing with 5' tall black vinyl clad chain link fencing
- Replace double gate entry with larger entry for service vehicles to use
- Add additional seating
- Relocate hose bibs in big dog park and provide one in small dog park area
- Reconfigure irrigation to maintain grass in expanded dog park area
- Move the dog park out of the 10' wide creek easement
- Keep the picnic area and hilltop separate from the dog park area
- Replace hilltop slope grass with a no mow variety to reduce maintenance

## Proposed Expansion Plan



**Existing Dog Park Area** 



Expanded Big Dog Park Area & Added New Small Dog Area

## Proposed Expansion Plan

**Existing Dog Park Size:** 24,263 sq.ft. or .56 acre

New Big Dog Park Size: 35,853 sq.ft. or .82 acre (increase of 11,590s.f. or .26 acres)

New Small Dog Park Size: 4,335 sq.ft. or .10 acre

Overall New Dog Park Size: .92 acre (increase of 15,925 s.f. or .36 acres)



## Community Outreach

#### Meeting Information

- A community meeting was held May 4, 2022 online (zoom) with 26 attendees
- The proposed expansion of the existing dog park was supported by those attending

#### Participant comments

- Incorporate some of the hill side and slope into the overall design
- Make the dog park areas as big as possible
- Fix the drainage problem in the existing dog park area
- Provide more shade
- Provide more seating
- Try to maintain the grass

## Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC)

#### Meeting Information

- A PRC meeting was held June 28, 2022
- The proposed expansion of the existing dog park was supported by commission with comments

#### PRC comments

- Incorporate more trees into the plan
- Reduce the height of the small dog area fence to 3'
- Maintain 2 separate dog park spaces
- Maintain the top of hill seating area outside the fenced dog park area
- \*\* Add others

#### Proposed Plan

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  - (2) New Benches Big Dog
  - (3) New Benches Small Dog
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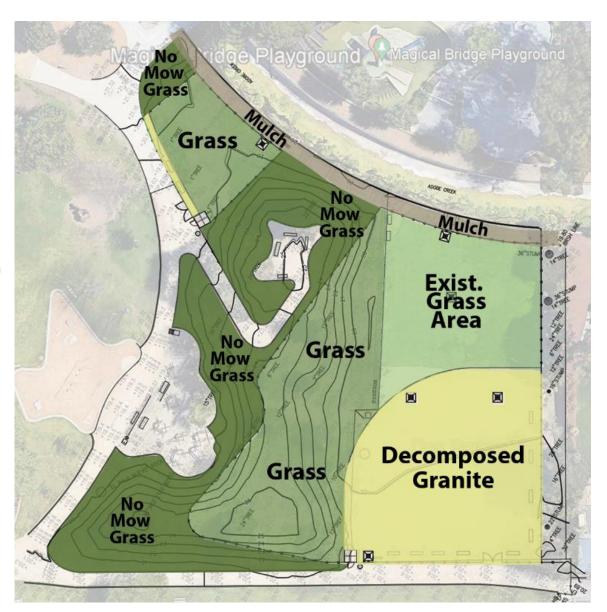
## Proposed Dog Park Surfacing

#### Large Dog Park

- Existing area of dog park to remain as is with Decomposed granite and grass
- New area will be maintained as grass

#### Small Dog Park

- Maintain existing turf
- If turf fails replace with mulch



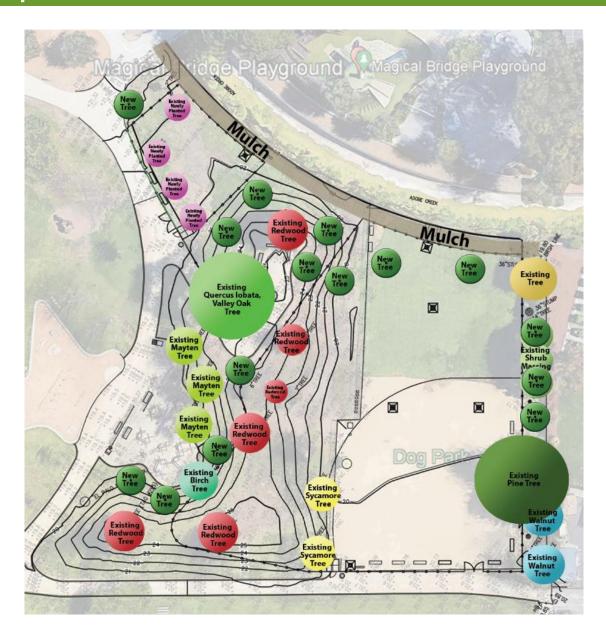
## Existing and Proposed Tree Plan

#### Existing Trees

- 6 Redwoods
- 1 Valley Oak
- 2 Sycamores
- 3 Mayten Trees
- 1 Birch Tree
- 1 Pine Tree
- 2 Walnut Trees
- 1 Existing Tree
- 4 Newly Planted Trees

#### Propose New Trees

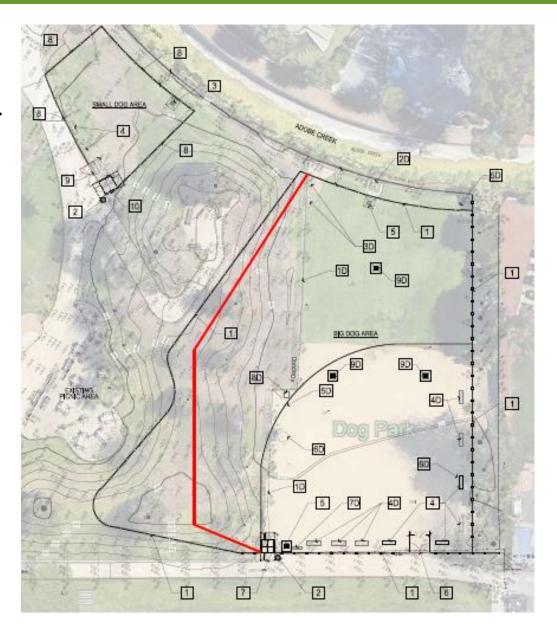
- 15 Total New Trees
  - 10 Valley Oaks
  - 5 CA Sycamores



## Fencing Option

#### **New Fence Line**

- Reduced Area by .11 acres or 14%
- New Total dog park area: .71 acres



#### Park Improvement Ordinance

# Mitchell Park Dog Park Park Improvement Ordinance (PIO)



#### Park Improvement Ordinance

# Park Improvements Ordinance cited Improvements

- (1) Expand the size of the existing dog park area with new 5' tall chain link fence
- (2) Install a new small dog park area with 3' tall chain link fence
- (3) Replace existing irrigation system
- (4) Replace existing mowed turf with 'no mow' grass to reduce maintenance
- (5) Add new site amenities including: bench seating and waste receptacles
- (6) Establish 10' set-back along Adobe Creek
- (7) Install new area drains
- (8) Plant new native trees

NOT YET ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO.

Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Approving and Adopting a Plan for Facility Improvements at Joh Boulware Park

The Council of the City of Palo Alto does ORDAIN as follows:

#### SECTION 1. Findings and Improvements. The City Council finds and declares that:

- (a) Article VIII of the Charter of the City of Palo Alto and section 22.08.005 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code require that, before any substantial building, construction, reconstruction or development is commenced or approved, upon or with respect to any land held by the City for park purposes, the Council shall first cause to be prepared and by ordinance approve and adopt a plan therefor.
  - (b) Mitchell Park (the "Park") is dedicated to park purposes. (See Municipal Code section 22.08.030)
  - (c) The <u>City</u> intends to authorize the renovation and expansion of the dog park area
  - (d) The plan of improvements shall comprise as follows:
    - Expand the size of the existing dog park area with new 5' tall chain link fence.
    - (2) Install a new small dog park area with 3' tall chain link fence
    - Replace existing irrigation system
    - Replace existing mowed turf with 'no mow' grass to reduce maintenance
    - (5) Add new site amenities <u>including</u>; bench seating and waste receptacles
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    - (8) Plant new native trees
  - (e) Exhibit A depicts the expected implementation of the plan of improvements.
  - (f) The plan of improvements described above is consistent with park, playground, recreation, and conservation purposes.
  - (g) The City Council desires to approve the plan of improvements described above.

<u>SECTION 2</u>. The City Council hereby approves the plan of improvements in the Park described in this Ordinance.

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#### **Project Schedule**

- Council approval of (PIO)
- Complete Bid Package Summer 2022
- Project Bidding Summer/Fall 2022
- Construction of Dog Park Fall/Winter 2022

## **Questions and Comments**

## Park Improvements Ordinance Motion....