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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this e-mail in support of the new proposed dog park in eastern Duluth. I believe that dog parks can be very beneficial to humans and dogs alike, especially in the Duluth community. I am sure you are all inundated with many e-mails regarding countless issues so I will keep this as short and to the point as possible.

Dog park pros:

- Healthy and safe exercise for dogs; socialized and well behaved dogs create a safer environment for everyone.
- Healthy and safe environment for the human members of the community to meet with and bond with each other; creates community ties = strong community
- Tourism. Yes, tourism! Dog owners are obsessed with their dogs, so much so that they plan vacations based around dog-friendly places. I've met many out of towners at dog parks and they always have positive things to say about finding a dog park in Duluth.

Dog park cons:

- Not enough dog parks.

Duluth was recently voted as the best outdoor city. It's a gorgeous place with well maintained trails, attractions, and of course Lake Superior. You don't have to look very far to see a Duluthian out and about doing something with their canine companion. Approving this dog park, would show support for the community, canine and human alike.

Sincerely,

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