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To: Council; Kathy Bergen
Cc: duluth dog parks
Subject: East End Dog Park

Duluth City Council,

My name is Ian Fritz and I use the existing Duluth dog parks regularly. I urge you to approve the construction of a third dog park on Riley Road. This 3rd dog park will be quite different from the other two, and the only one on Duluth's east end. Three dog parks in a city of 85,000 that's nearly 20 miles long is not unreasonable.

Denette Lynch has a great track record for getting things done and has a lot of local support. A dog park is a very "uninvasive" facility as it does not have plumbing, electricity, foundations or structures. This is a wonderful opportunity for the City of Duluth to acquire a much needed addition to their park system at minimal cost and effort to the City.

This particular dog park with its walking trail will allow pedestrians and dogs alike to exercise and socialize in a safe environment in a neighborhood where one must normally walk their dog perilously on streets without sidewalks while being squeezed between moving traffic and high snowbanks. Eau Claire, Wisconsin has a similar trail within their dog park on the south end of town and it has been a huge success. I strongly urge the council to approve this matter.

Thank you,

Ian Fritz