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**Sent:** Sunday, August 30, 2015 8:37 AM  
**To:** Council; Kathy Bergen; duluthdogparks@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Petitions supporting an eastern dog park

Good morning. Supporters of an eastern dog park put out a petition to show support for an eastern dog park. The petition is worded as follows:

Petition to the Duluth City Council

As a resident of Duluth I support establishment of a fenced, off-leash dog exercise area within an existing park located in the eastern half of Duluth.

\*A legal off-leash area may minimize dogs being off-leash in other public areas which is illegal and can cause conflicts with other park users.

\*Duluth has one "dog park" located in the Keene Creek area of western Duluth . This area is too far away for frequent access by residents of the eastern half of Duluth.

\*Like the Keene Creek dog park, any such area in east Duluth would be established through volunteer efforts, at very little if any cost to the City of Duluth.

509 residents of Duluth have signed this petition, showing their strong interest in a dog park in eastern Duluth. Signatures from other towns were not included in this count. The biggest petition push happened prior to the opening of Observation, that is why it is not mentioned in the petition. Observation Dog Park has helped some people in central Duluth but it is still a long drive from eastern Duluth and has not minimized the interest in an eastern dog park.

I will be presenting these petitions to you at Monday nights council meeting for your review.

Thank you,

Denette Lynch

**From:** Denette Lynch [mailto:denettelynch@hotmail.com]  
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**To:** Council; Kathy Bergen; duluthdogparks@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Riley Road dog park

Just vote yes.

Yes for the PEOPLE who enjoy going to dog parks. Duluth residents, people from near by towns who come to use the dog parks (and often spend money in Duluth while they are here) and tourists who travel with their dogs who love to stop at dog parks on their travels. Yes for the people of all ages, from age 9 to senior citizens who use them. Yes for the people of all income levels, physical abilities, mental health and backgrounds. Yes for the people who go to dog parks year round, including as soon as the snow stops flying after a blizzard. Yes for the people who have met, become friends and found a community at the dog parks.

What other park amenity is so frequently used by such a broad spectrum of people for 52 weeks a year?

What other park amenity costs the city so little since volunteers will need to donate to build this park amenity? Although it would be great in the future if the city would consider sharing in the cost to build dog parks. Many other cities and counties dog parks are built with public funds. Perhaps Duluth could consider some sort of match as is done with many other park improvements?

My husband and myself and various other volunteers have been working diligently to get an eastern dog park since the task force Dan Hartman formed three or four years ago. We have searched locations, narrowed options, written pro and con lists for each location and shared with city park staff. Riley is the first eastern location that has taken real traction. It was fully approved by the City Council 10 years ago but didn't get approval from Rice Lake Township. Now that the property is in city limits lets make this finally happen. We have attended 4 meetings with city staff and submitted two full project proposal applications. There are no people living on three sides of the park. On the west side of the dog park site is a snowmobile trail then a dense tree and shrub area that separates the homes that are on that side. We have contacted 10 of the neighbors and they were either neutral or in support. The location is a short distance from Jean Duluth, a major road.

Vote yes to bring a dog park Riley Road.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Denette Lynch