

Name: _____

Brief Introduction to the survey to be included. Only one survey per household.

(Note: IP address (*hidden field*) will be used to weed out multiple submissions from the same household)

Part A: General

A.1 Are you a resident of Mississippi Mills?

- YES
- No

If NO, Thank you for your interest in a Mississippi Mills Dog Park; however, this survey is open to residents only. [Survey will conclude!](#)

A.2 In which Mississippi Mills ward do you live?

- Almonte
- Pakenham
- Ramsay

A.3 Do you currently, or plan to soon, have a dog or dogs?

- YES
- No

If YES to Question A.3 - Go to [Part B: Dog Owner](#)

If No to Question A.3 - Skip to [Part D: Would Mississippi Mills Benefit from a Dog Park](#)

Part B: Dog Owner

B.1 How many dogs do you currently have or plan to have?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- More than 3

B.2 Where do you currently take your dog(s) to socialize and exercise?

- Walk on roads and trails
- Off-leash at area parks when it is unoccupied
- Dog park in another Municipality
- Dog day care/private dog park
- Classes (agility, obedience etc.)
- I do not go off my property with my dog(s)
- Other _____

B.3 Putting location aside, if Mississippi Mills had a safe and well-designed dog park, would you use it?

- YES
- NO

If YES to Question B3. Go to [Part C: Dog Park User](#)

If NO to Question B3. Skip to [Part D: Would Mississippi Mills Benefit from a Dog Park](#)

Part C: Dog Park User

C. 1 How often would you use a dog park?

- Daily
- A few times a week
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Rarely
- Never

C.2 What is the maximum time you would be willing to spend driving to a dog park?

- 5 minutes
- 10 minutes
- 15 minutes
- 20 minutes or more
- I would only use the dog park if it was in walking distance

C.3 Please rank the **top 5 amenities**, from the list below, that you would like to see included in a dog park

- Separate areas for large and small dogs
- A special needs area for dogs beginning their socialization or requiring a quieter off-leash area
- Training/Seminar area
- Adequate parking
- Benches
- Signage
- Bulletin board
- Shelter/shade
- Water supply
- Lighting
- Double entry gates
- Secure fencing
- Other

C4. Would you pay an annual membership fee to use a dog park?

- YES
- NO

C5. If YES to C4. above, what is the maximum annual amount you would pay to have use of a dog park?

- 10.00 – 20.00
- 21.00 – 30.00
- 31.00 – 40.00
- 41.00 – 50.00
- 50.00 – 75.00
- Over 75.00

C6. If there was a Dog Park Group would you be willing to volunteer

- YES
- NO

*If YES to Question C6 continue with **question C7 & C8***

*If NO to Question C6 Skip to **Part D: Would Mississippi Mills Benefit from a Dog Park***

Part C: Dog Park User (con't)

C7. How many hours would you be willing to contribute per week?

- Up to 1 hour
- 1-3 hours
- Over 3 hours

C8. What activities you would be interested in doing?

- Clean-up
- Construction and maintenance
- Fund raising
- Education
- Monitoring/Policing

Part D: Would Mississippi Mills Benefit from a Dog Park

D.1 What are the benefits of having a dog park in Mississippi Mills? (check all applicable)

- a safe area for dogs to exercise and play off-leash
 - an area for dogs to improve and maintain social skills in an off-leash environment
 - a place for dog owners to meet and socialize
 - allows those who do not own dogs the opportunity to watch and enjoy dogs interacting and playing
 - reduction in number of off-leash dogs outside of the dog park
 - a safe area to host a variety of dog related activities; sports, education, and training
 - other
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D.2 What are the concerns with having a dog park in Mississippi Mills? (check all applicable)

- Safety – please describe
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- noise level
 - assurance of vaccinations
 - overuse/adequate size
 - proximity to homes
 - proximity to other recreational activities
 - environmental concern– please describe
 - terrain/drainage
 - opposed to repurposing of park space
 - adequate parking
 - cleanliness/maintenance (dog feces, garbage, etc)
 - dog aggression
 - Municipal liability
 - cost (both to Municipality and Dog Park Group)
 - other
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Part D: Would Mississippi Mills Benefit from a Dog Park (con't)

D.3 Given your response to questions 1 and 2 above, do you think Mississippi Mills would benefit from having an area where dogs could safely exercise and play off leash?

- YES
- NO

If NO to Question D.3 [skip to end of survey](#)

Part E: Dog Park Options

E.1 What type of a dog park would you like to see in Mississippi Mills?

- Neighbourhood – approximately 1 acre in size that would service users within a 5-minute drive or a 20-minute walk
- Community – 3 -5 acres in size that would service a catchment area of a 10-minute drive and a higher number of 'local' users, who may or may not arrive on foot (an area the size of Almonte)
- Regional – 10 - 15 acres in size that would service a catchment area within a 20-minute drive (an area the size of all of Mississippi Mills).

Depending on response to E.1 - respondent will be directed to corresponding Question for E.2

E.2.i. If you chose Neighbourhood park, why?

- Cost less than a Community or Regional park
- Separation of large and small dogs possible
- Less maintenance work than a Community or Regional park
- Less use of existing park space than a Community or Regional park
- Always near your dog
- Other _____

E.2.ii. If you chose Community park, why?

- Costs less than a Regional park
- More areas of separation allowed for different dogs and/or activities
- Less maintenance work than a Regional park
- Less use of existing park space than a Regional park
- Ability to move away from a group of dogs while staying in park
- Can accommodate more users than a Neighbourhood park
- Other _____

E2.iii. If you chose Regional park, why?

- Ability for many groups of people and dogs to be in the park at the same time
- More areas of separation allowed for different dogs and/or activities
- Ability to move away from a group of dogs while staying in the park
- Can accommodate more users than a Neighbourhood or Community park
- Other _____

Part E: Dog Park Options (con't.)

E.3 Recognizing that there are costs associated with building and maintaining a dog park, and understanding that there is typically a volunteer Dog Park Group involved with a dog park, what funding would you support for each type of dog park listed below:

Neighbourhood

- Funded entirely by the Municipality
- 50/50 cost splitting between the Municipality and the Dog Park Group
- Municipality provides upfront costs (interest free loan) and Dog Park Group raises money to pay back funds or portion thereof
- Municipality provides a set amount (seed money) and the Dog Park Group is responsible for the remainder
- Funded entirely by the Dog Park Group

Community

- Funded entirely by the Municipality
- 50/50 cost splitting between the Municipality and the Dog Park Group
- Municipality provides upfront costs (interest free loan) and Dog Park Group raises money to pay back funds or portion thereof
- Municipality provides a set amount (seed money) and the Dog Park Group is responsible for the remainder
- Funded entirely by the Dog Park Group

Regional

- Funded entirely by the Municipality
- 50/50 cost splitting between the Municipality and the Dog Park Group
- Municipality provides upfront costs (interest free loan) and Dog Park Group raises money to pay back funds or portion thereof
- Municipality provides a set amount (seed money) and the Dog Park Group is responsible for the remainder
- Funded entirely by the Dog Park Group

E.4 Maintenance of the dog park should be the responsibility of:

- The Municipality
- Shared between the Municipality and the Dog Park Group
- The Dog Park Group

End of Survey - Please provide any comments that we have not addressed in the survey

THANK YOU

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