

**From:** [Reyla Graber](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: A new proposed location  
**Date:** Friday, December 10, 2021 5:15:19 PM

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Hi Amy,  
Thanks for the feedback and the size is good news. Since it is as large as Leydecker, then Bay Front appears clearly to be the best overall choice .. of course it would be good to have a larger park--but--that just may not be possible.  
I think you may have a winner here!  
Thank you for your all your efforts for finding a suitable park.  
Reyla Graber  
Clipper Cove,

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Amy Wooldridge <AWooldridge@alamedaca.gov>  
**To:** Reyla Graber <reylagraber@aol.com>  
**Cc:** woof@eastenddogpark.com <woof@eastenddogpark.com>  
**Sent:** Fri, Dec 10, 2021 2:25 pm  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: A new proposed location

Hello Reyla,

Thanks for your feedback on the fourth option.

It is approximately the same size as the Leydecker site. About 17,000 square feet.

Amy

Amy Wooldridge, she/her  
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**From:** Reyla Graber [mailto:reylagraber@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 10, 2021 10:51 AM  
**To:** Amy Wooldridge <AWooldridge@alamedaca.gov>  
**Cc:** woof@eastenddogpark.com  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: A new proposed location

Dear Amy,  
I read with great interest about the 4th alternative, along the Bay Front.  
This is a great idea, and I think its acceptable that people will drive there, because they are already used to driving to the Washington park and in comparison, this distance will be much shorter for East ends..  
However, there are nearby residents who will/can be able to walk their dogs to Bayfront.

Please, can you tell me how large it is, and how it compares in size to the Leydecker?  
And, I love the fact that it is fairly level unlike some of the other choices.  
Thank you,  
Sincerely,  
Reyla Graber  
Clipper Cove

-----Original Message-----

From: East End Dog Park <[woof@eastenddogpark.com](mailto:woof@eastenddogpark.com)>

To: [reylagraber@aol.com](mailto:reylagraber@aol.com)

Sent: Fri, Dec 10, 2021 9:38 am

Subject: A new proposed location

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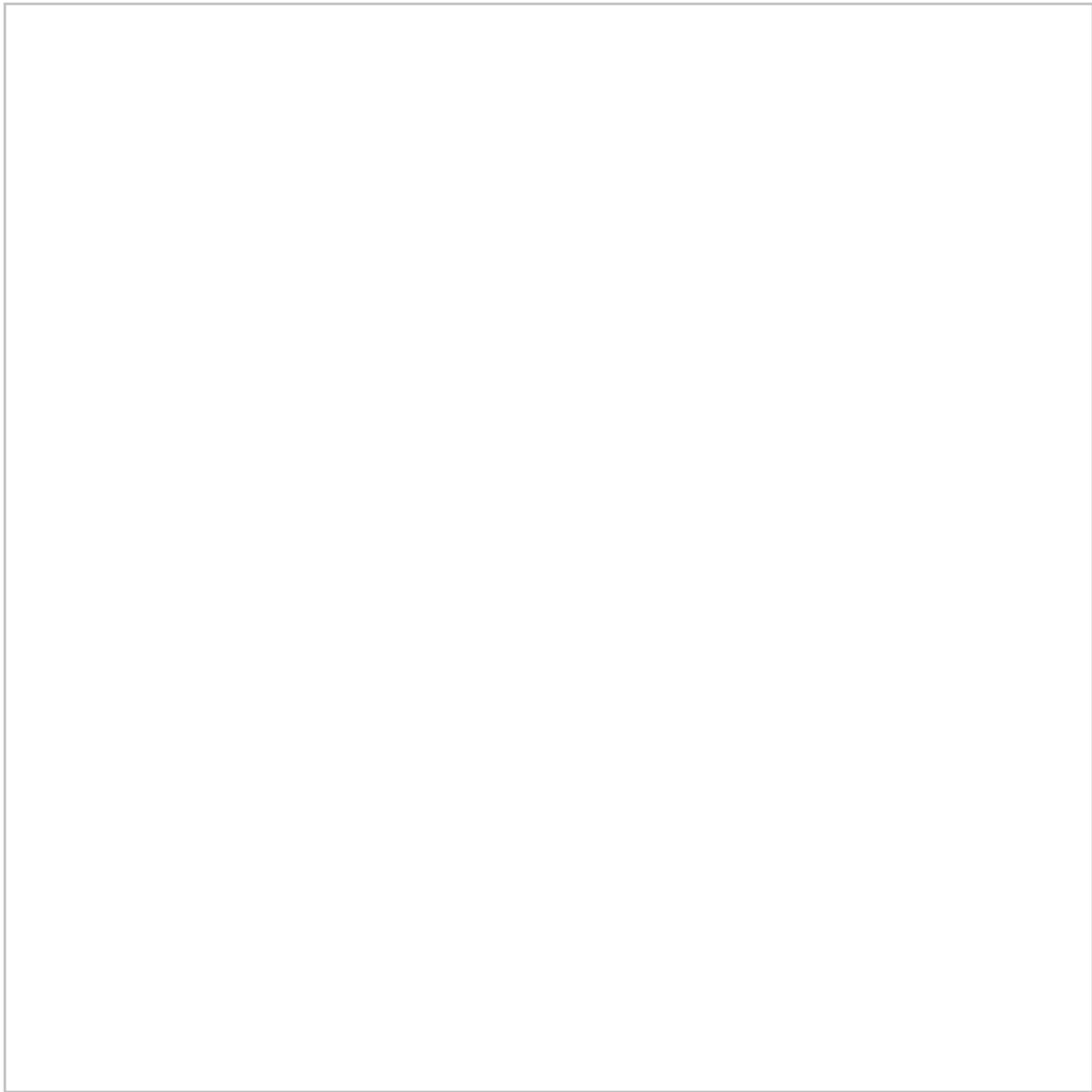
## A new proposed location

The Recreation & Parks Commission met yesterday evening, and the Dog Park was among the items on the agenda for this open meeting. Community comments were heard, noting that there is objection from community members to all three of the options that had been presented:

[Krusi Park, Towata Park, and Leydecker Park.](#)

You can read the full results of the survey and specific community input [here](#). Recreation & Parks Director Amy Wooldridge also proposed a new location, based on input gathered from the community survey. This location is on the Bay Farm waterfront, past the ferry terminal.

It has the advantage of having parking, a restroom, a great view, and not being directly adjacent to residential areas. It has the disadvantage of not being walkable to the majority of the Alameda community, particularly residents of the East End.



The Commission will be visiting this site and likely making a final determination on location at the next meeting, which will be on January 13, 2022. You can sign up to attend via Zoom [here](#).

Note that this will likely be the **last opportunity** for community comment on the Dog Park before a decision is made.

In the meantime, feel free to add your comments to the [blog](#) and we will share them with the Commission in advance of that meeting.

Add your comment

Thank you for your continued support!

**From:** [Katherine Sirota](#) on behalf of [ARPD](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] East End Dog Park - Feedback & Questions  
**Date:** Friday, December 10, 2021 5:11:38 PM

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**From:** Michelle Anderson [mailto:michellepeniche@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, December 10, 2021 1:48 PM

**To:** ARPD <ARPD@alamedaca.gov>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] East End Dog Park - Feedback & Questions

Hi Amy,

First and foremost, I want to thank you for all the work you and your team have been putting into the East End/Bay Farm dog park over the last several months. It's really exciting to think we might have a much closer (and hopefully less sandy) dog park in the coming year.

I filled out the original survey, attended last night's meeting, listened to feedback, and shared a comment myself. However, I was nervous and didn't have all my thoughts collected so I just wanted to consolidate a few thoughts and a couple of questions.

For many of the concerns that have already been brought up, I'm aligned that Krusi isn't an ideal location. It sounded last night that your team was in alignment with this, as well - too small of a space, not enough parking, too close to tennis and other park amenities, etc.

I liked Towata as a location, though hearing the concerns that the family raised, I understand and respect their decision to keep the park similar to how it is today.

This leaves the last two locations - Leydecker and the newly proposed waterfront location.

As someone who regularly walks and drives to the lot at Island and Mecartney to frequent Safeway, CVS, the restaurants, and even Bay Farm church a handful of times, I'm really surprised by the amount of concern for parking. In the morning, in the evening, on weekdays, and on weekends, I have never once had an issue with parking. If perhaps, people frequenting the dog park aren't allowed to use the Safeway side of the lot, then I could see where some of the concern comes in. Do you know if that is the issue? However, Leydecker, more than probably any of the other locations, is situated perfectly for many households to walk to. It is in the heart of a residential area and also is near many townhome communities - many of which have little to no yard, making a dog park that much more valuable. As a city and as an individual that values the ability to walk and bike places, this feels like a great thing to consider.

Mentioning value, and a note that one of your team members made last night, it is interesting that a handful of HOA presidents had a NIMBY stance. There have been anecdotal cases of dog parks actually raising the value of homes in their area - it seems like the East End and/or Bay Farm could actually benefit from the dog park in more than one way in this regard. Here are a few real estate-focused blogs I pulled up that reference this, though I am sure there are more and better sources for this ([Blog 1](#), [Blog 2](#), [Blog 3](#), [Blog 4](#)).

As for the new location proposed on Bay Farm, I'm very interested to learn more about this

spot. One of my major questions is what will parking look like? It is enough of the way (distance as well as it being poorly connected except via one major road) that 99% of people will need to drive. The location is over .5 mile from the ferry parking which makes that parking lot questionable for many people who will presumably want to be right near the park (assuming we would even be allowed to use that parking lot). Will the businesses across the street allow parking for the dog park? Assuming the parking situation is figured out, I think the location is really beautiful and could be a great option for the park!

Lastly, I was just wondering if Harrington Park was ever considered for the dog park. I've been by and used the park myself a handful of times. It is always very quiet and seems to almost be used exclusively for people with dogs, even now. Was just curious if it had been considered and if so, why it was cut from consideration.

Thanks again for all your work on getting this dog park sorted out. Really appreciate it and really looking forward to the prospect of not having to cross town every time we want to go to the dog park

Best,  
Michelle Anderson

**From:** [Amabella Bernardino](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Alameda East End Dog Park  
**Date:** Monday, December 13, 2021 1:14:16 PM

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Hi Amy,

My name is Amabella Bernardino and my address is 3254 Ravens Cove Lane, Alameda, CA 94501.

I strongly support the need for a neighborhood dog park on the East End of Alameda. Having one on this side of the island will help bring the neighborhood closer together, and both the neighbors and the dogs' social lives will improve. The dog park will help owners share lessons learned and bring joy to neighbors who watch the dogs play. My preferred location for the dog park is Towata.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,  
Amabella

**From:** [Sierra Filucci](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] East End dog park  
**Date:** Monday, December 13, 2021 1:14:01 PM

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Hi Amy,

Just wanted to voice my support for the East End dog park. I have two dogs who would love easier access to an off-leash space.

We recently moved from right next to Krusi to right next to Lydecker. Both of those spots would be great. Now that I'm on Bay Farm, I would also be happy with the space by the ferry, but I agree with some of the comments that it's pretty far for some East End folks.



Sierra Filucci

**From:** [Lauren OBrien](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] East End Dog Park  
**Date:** Monday, December 13, 2021 12:55:23 PM

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Hi Amy - My name is Lauren O'Brien and I live at 621 Centre Court on Bay Farm Island. I would like to add my \$.02 regarding the potential for an East End off-leash park, both on a personal and community level.

Personally, I am disabled with chronic pain issues. There are some days I can't (or shouldn't due to meds) get behind the wheel of my car. I love alone with my service Golden. Having a dog park we could walk to would be such a gift for us. When we are out, Ford is usually working. He does work off-leash at times, but that's still work/training. Having a place we could go for him to also have fun would be life-changing for both of us.

Community-wise, I have to think there are others like me - disabled, elderly, non-driving - who would love the opportunity to exercise their dogs off-leash. Especially in these fraught times, it's a mood-lifter for dogs and their humans alike.

I think/hope having a dog park here would cut down on the number of people who let their dogs run regardless of the leash laws. I'm not saying that bad behavior should be rewarded, but it would save the rest of us unwanted encounters (many people don't know/get/see) that my dog is working and allow their dogs to approach. I also think it might help cut down on the dog waste that isn't picked up.

Lastly, it is clear that traffic on the island has increased dramatically in the 30 years I've lived here. A 'quick jaunt' to one of the other parks isn't always feasible and adds to cross-town traffic.

Thanks for taking my thoughts into consideration. I hope the dogs of BFI one day have a place to play in their own backyard.

Lauren



**From:** [Amelia Remeta](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] New Alameda Dog Park  
**Date:** Monday, December 13, 2021 1:36:27 PM

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Dear Ms. Wooldridge,

I'm writing to express my strong and enthusiastic support for a new east end/bay farm dog park. We don't have enough places in Alameda for our dogs to run free and get their energy out, especially on the east end/bay farm. My preferred location would be the bay farm locations either at Leydecker Park or near the Harbor Bay ferry terminal. I know I speak for myself and my entire dog-owning family when I say we'd love this much-needed addition.

Thanks,  
Amelia Remeta

2149 Otis Dr  
Alameda, CA 94501

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155 Inverness Way  
Alameda, CA 94502

**From:** [nancy](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for an East End dog park  
**Date:** Monday, December 13, 2021 1:29:59 PM

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Dear Ms. Wooldridge,

I am writing in support of adding a dog park to the East End neighborhood.

Providing access to a dedicated off-leash space to this part of Alameda will reduce the number of daily car trips many dog owners make across the Island. By necessity, many owners take their dogs to the existing parks before and/or after work, increasing the cross-town traffic during rush hour(s). Reducing the traffic from the East End across the island during these congested traffic times will benefit the entire community. The proposed Krusi location would particularly enable many East End dog owners to simply walk to the park, skipping the car trip altogether.

I strongly urge Alameda to add a dog park to the East End as a benefit not only for neighborhood dogs and their families, but also to ease the city-wide traffic burden.

Thank you,  
Nancy Lee  
1430 Mound St., Alameda, CA 94501

**From:** [Darryl Hua](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] East End Dog Park  
**Date:** Monday, December 13, 2021 1:38:41 PM

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Hi Amy,

Krusi would be a great walkable location for the dog park. There is actually a large group of people who already bring their dogs there every day as well. It seems like a great location for people to bring their dogs too already.

Here is a picture of our dogs Maple and Luna greeting people in front of PF Changs :)

Thanks!  
Darryl Hua

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**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
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Amelia Remeta

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**From:** [Rebecca Jewell](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Dog park  
**Date:** Monday, December 13, 2021 1:52:43 PM

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Scruffy and I would love a dog park that we can walk to from the East end. All 3 choices are good for us. We don't mind the parking because we walk most of the time.



The Washington park is too busy and we are too tired to play once we've walked all the way there.

We don't mind if there isn't a lot of shade or bathrooms because we would just be there for 30-45 mins at a time.

I would say that grass isn't sustainable as it'll all die once it's a dog park. But the City can use its ground up wood from tree trimming or from ACIs process to fill it in. They can grind the wood to 2-3" and it won't be a safety issue and won't cost much more than regular grinding.

Thank you!  
Rebecca Jewell  
1832 Yale Dr.

**From:** [GERRI GINSBURG](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for East End dog park  
**Date:** Monday, December 13, 2021 2:11:33 PM

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Dear Amy Woolridge,

I am in full support of an East End dog park. In fact I'm dismayed that the Harbor Bay community association voiced its opposition — I live in Harbor Bay, pay my HOA dues, and am fully in favor of a dog park at Leydecker. They are not speaking for me. In fact any of the 4 sites would be okay with me.

Currently, like many others living on the East End of the island, I drive across the entire island to access the dog park at Washington Park. While I hate adding to the already terrible traffic on the island I have no choice because Alameda, the city I live in and pay taxes to ***doesn't offer me any alternative.***

The proposed sites belong to all of us in Alameda, not just to those who live nearby one and complain loudly enough. Please do the right thing and approve one of these sites as soon as possible to help improve the quality of life in Alameda, encourage healthy activities, and reduce traffic for all of us.

Thank you.

Gerri Ginsburg  
12 Cove Rd.  
Alameda  
510 846-4251

**From:** [nolli riordan](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] East End Dog Park  
**Date:** Monday, December 13, 2021 2:06:43 PM

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Hi Amy,

My name is Nolli Riordan  
I live at 2708 Calhoun St., Alameda

An East End Dog Park is a must for us.  
I favor Krusi site as it is the nearest to me.  
The area proposed would be perfect as this area is rarely used. Will it interfere with tennis playing? Maybe but its no different than a softball game.

My second choice would be Towata and I can understand the concern of the family who donated the site. Can we ask the family. We can make a plaque in honor of the Towata family.

Leydecker is another great site. Parking is there. I think the area is far enough for any disruption to business. As for the Bay Farm Association, this is a benefit for them and they are part of Alameda. Far enough away.

Harbor Bay pky would be a further hike.

Just my thoughts. Thank you. Nolli & Tita

**From:** [Ernie Martin](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for Dog Park at Leydecker Park and Safety concern  
**Date:** Monday, December 13, 2021 2:44:41 PM  
**Importance:** High

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Hello Amy,

I am writing to show my support for a dog park at Leydecker park as previously presented. I am a neighboring property owner and this is by far the best option for a Dog Park on the East Side of town/Bay Farm. The alternative space near the Harbor Bay Ferry Terminal should not even be considered as an option as the street immediately adjacent to the grass area is an area with frequent high speed traffic (Harbor Bay Parkway). I am out there almost every day taking walks and many young people use that strip as a drag strip at various time of day because it is a straightaway with few people around, not to mention many commuters that work at the neighboring office buildings also drive at speeds well over 50mph. This can be a dangerous area, especially for people loading and unloading their pets.

In the name of public safety, it is my opinion that if the Ferry Terminal location turns out to be the only option then no park should exist at all.

Sincerely,

Ernie Martin  
3338 Solomon Lane  
Alameda, CA 94502



**From:** [David Stoller](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] East End Dog Park Feedback  
**Date:** Monday, December 13, 2021 3:10:13 PM

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Hi Amy,

I hope you are well.

I am writing in support of a proper East End Dog Park. As a 15 year resident of the East End, we have been in desperate need of more off-leash dog space for some time. I have been closely following the working group and their progress, and am excited that we are close to having one or two come to life in 2022. Thank you for your support in getting us this far!

I would **strongly prefer** the Krusi Park location as it is walkable to most, which in my opinion is the primary consideration. There is also ample easy access to parking, and the site already has grass/shade, and there is already a large community of dog lovers ready to take advantage of the space.

I am not in favor of a Bay Farm selection unless it is done as an additive, second site, in addition to a core East End choice. The overwhelming amount of utilization requests came from the East End, so driving to Bay Farm isn't an easy or convenient option and won't solve the lack of off leash facilities for this community.

Finally, I would like to add that as the parent of an active dog, having off leash space is essential, and it is troubling to learn that heightened leash enforcement may be coming to Alameda prior to a proper east-end park. I understand there have been challenges and complaints and those should be taken seriously, but having informal off-leash space during a time of extremely limited field use has been a lifesaver given the lack of alternatives. I have seen nothing but exemplary behavior of the dogs and owners who utilize these fields. Perhaps there could be a time-limited exception for off-leash dogs to use these fields? With a city facing increased property and automotive crime, retail crime, and increasingly dangerous roads (and a huge decline in traffic citations) to invest in ticketing dog-leash issues would appear to be a rather poor use of our limited policing resources.

Again, thank you for taking the time to consider my feedback and I look forward to good news regarding Alameda's dog park strategy for 2022.

Best,  
David Stoller  
3253 Garfield Ave  
Alameda, CA 94501  
510-316-1986

**From:** [Laurel S](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Alameda dog park  
**Date:** Monday, December 13, 2021 3:05:34 PM

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Adding my voice to the chorus of those in favor of a new dog friendly area on the east side of Alameda. Alameda's current dog parks are inconveniently located, grass-free wastelands that appeal to few dogs and fewer people. Krusi park is already a destination and source of community for dog owners in the surrounding neighborhood. I live in central Alameda but the nicely maintained grass and good people who congregate at Krusi fully justify us making the short drive. Towata, on the other hand, is too small, full of foxtails and ground squirrels, and less accessible. Bay Farm being an even farther drive makes it a less attractive option for us though I am not directly familiar with either of the locations being discussed.

Knowing the community of dog owners who gather at Krusi I fully believe a dog park there would have great community support from those who use it and would make good use of a corner of the park that is currently underutilized.



Krusi gets our vote!  
Laurel Scheinman

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Reyla Graber](#)  
To: [woof@eastenddogpark.com](mailto:woof@eastenddogpark.com)  
Cc: [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Now or Never  
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 12:53:49 PM

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Dear "Woofers":

Frankly, there are strong objections to all 3 dog parks. I fear those parks have too many issues.

**However, the 4th option, the Bay Front park, does not have the same issues and in fact has more great features going for it than any of the other 3.**

1) Residences are not close by:

On balance this is good. No objections from nearby residents regarding smell; no noise issues ordeteriorating appearance

from heavy usege; no nuisance factor. I've noticed that dog parks in many cities are not located near residences.

2) Facilities are largely in place. Therefore less expense to install and perhaps to maintain.

3) Beautiful views and truly fresh air. This is healthy and good for both people and pets.

4) This park would be equally as large as Leydecker and Leydecker is the largest so far at 17,000 square feet.

5.) It is relatively level ground unlike Towata and particularly Leydecker. Level ground is more friendly to dogs and people.

6) Very close by are lovely nice walking paths-- cement and gravel-- for people and dogs.

7) The majority of Bay Farm and East Ender residents will be happy to bring their dogs here.

It's like going on a vacation with those gorgeous bay views. If they want a larger dog park, they can go to Washington Park.

Please Woofers will you please,

**ask your group members to get behind the Bay Front/Side Park concept.**

It is the best of the 4 options and it will be make a terrific asset for Bay Farm and also the East End.

Our dogs will thank us for it!

Sincerely,  
Reyla Graber  
178 Basin side  
Clipper Cove.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [Charles North](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposed Alameda Dog Park  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 14, 2021 12:39:22 AM

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Dear Director Wooldridge,

Hello, my name is Charles North, 3316 Encinal Avenue.

I strongly support the proposed new dog park for Eastern Alameda. We are a large, growing dog-friendly community, and having only the existing parks (far from the East End) is not enough and too far of a trip for the daily exercise doggies and their people should have.

I favor the Krusi and Towata sites...both great for the dog-underserved East End. I don't support the newly proposed 4th location South of Harbor Bay ferry - it is so far from the East End that the existing Alameda dog park would actually still end up closer for many residents.

Please support and pass the proposed dog park. We need it.

Thank you,  
Charles North  
3316 Encinal Ave, Alameda

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Leo](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Dog park  
**Date:** Monday, December 13, 2021 9:07:28 PM

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Hello Amy,

My name is Leonardo Bernardino and my address is 3168 Fiji Lane, Alameda, CA 94502.

I strongly support the construction of a dog park on the East End of Alameda. Such a dog park will allow neighborhood dogs to get the exercise they need. A neighborhood dog park will also provide an opportunity for owners to bond with their neighbors. Having beloved dogs in common and the casual nature of the area will make it a great place to meet new friends. With a dog park on this side of Alameda, we will have healthier pets and people, which will ultimately improve the quality of life in our neighborhood and city. My preferred location for the dog park is Towata.

Thank you.

Best,  
Leonardo

**From:** [Stephanie Schoniger](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Alameda East End Dog Park Support  
**Date:** Monday, December 13, 2021 8:13:01 PM

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Hi Amy,

I am writing to you in support of an east end Alameda dog park, that I believe is very much needed.

We currently live on the west end, but often travel all over the Bay Area to find good dog parks for our pup!

Currently, the crown state beach dog park is a great space and facility, but it has just become way too crowded with dogs and cars in the parking lot. Often times when we visit there are 30- 40+ dogs in the large area and 20-30 in the small area. Weekends the traffic and parking lot are horrendous because of so many people trying to visit.

We also frequent the military base dog park and think that park needs some serious updating. It is such a phenomenal location, but the park is underserved.

I am in support of adding a East end dog park to our city to help ease our islands burden of too many dogs at one park, but also propose servicing the military base in addition.

Thank you for the consideration, our dogs deserve nice, open spaces for them to socialize and run!

- Stephanie Brand and River  
457 Buena Vista Ave  
Alameda, CA 94501





**From:** [Susan Lebe](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] East end dog park  
**Date:** Monday, December 13, 2021 7:49:20 PM

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Hello Amy,

We're dog owners and **strongly support an east end dog park**. For many dog owners, dog parks provide an excellent means of **exercising dogs**. Exercise is essential for healthy, well adjusted dogs. **An east end dog park would help to reduce off-leash dogs in school yards and other parks.**

Our preference is the **4th site by the Harbor Bay ferry or Leydecker**. Both are walkable for some and have open space.

Thank you,  
Susan and Fred Lebe  
103 Justin Cir, Alameda

**From:** [Carol Graham](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bayfarm Dog Park  
**Date:** Monday, December 13, 2021 7:34:48 PM

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Hi Amy,

I want to include my voice in the chorus requesting a dog park on Bayfarm.

Why a dog park on Bayfarm?

I believe the Island already has two dog parks and Bayfarm has none. I need a place where my small dog can socialize and run zoomies to get exercise. Bayfarm is dog-friendly space and we need somewhere to safely let the dogs off leash.

And I hope the design includes a separate small dog area for small dog safety and reduced stress for dog and dog chaperone.

Location?

First choice, new 4th location past the Harbor Bay ferry terminal

Second choice, Leydecker park

Carol Graham  
733 Baywood Rd  
Alameda, 94502

Thank you!

Carol Graham

**From:** [Gregg Cevallos](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Dog park - East End  
**Date:** Monday, December 13, 2021 5:49:20 PM

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Hi Amy,

I'm writing because I believe it is critical to have a dog park on the East End. We've lived in Alameda for 17 years and have always had dogs, it would be great to have a dog park on the East End!

Thank you,

Gregg Cevallos

**From:** [Julia Peel](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Dog park on Bay Farm is a necessity!  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 14, 2021 10:26:21 PM

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Hi!

I'm writing you to tell you of the importance and health of our community for a dog park. We have so many dogs in our lives on Bay Farm. It seems majority of homes have at least one dog. And, many of these home owners live in townhouses with zero yard space.

Washington dog park is much too crowded for an always peaceful experience and the point dog park is great but much to far. I believe it would serve the community well to have a dog park and give our dogs and owners a better quality of life here on Bay Farm.

Thank you!  
Julia Peel

**From:** [Jodie Moran](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Dog Park "vote"  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 4, 2022 9:48:19 AM

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Hello Amy,

I am writing once again to support the Bay Farm Isle location as a future dog park.

It is Big. It is quiet. It is scenic.

A second option for my 'vote' would be Krusi. It is already an established Park and thus the noise of dogs playing we would hope, is farther away from houses than Towata or Leydecker locations.

Most people want quiet in their homes and barking dogs do not 'good neighbors' make.

Actually, we weren't offered this option but what is wrong with TWO dog parks ! LOL !!

Bay Farm and Krusi ( or Towata).

Jodie Moran

**From:** [Fred Lebe](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Dog Park  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 15, 2021 10:47:52 AM

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HI,

My name is Fred Lebe and am a dog owner and resident of Harbor Bay. I would like to indicate my support for a new dog park near the ferry terminal. There is parking, space, and not in conflict with residents.

Fred Lebe

**From:** [Jodie Moran](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Harbor Bay Dog Park  
**Date:** Thursday, December 16, 2021 2:26:08 PM

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Hi Amy,

I have 2 dogs and have lived in the East End for over 30 years now.

A new dog park is VERY WELCOME indeed ! I think the best spot (even tho we have to drive ) is the 4th choice, Harbor Bay.

The goal, I didn't think, .. was a dog park in walking distance for some people? If that is still what most dog people want... I think that should have been mentioned before this search even got off the ground.

I was surprised to read after the first 'vote' input that so many people objected to one or the other choice based on 'not within walking distance' . We already drive ( or most of us do ) now. Having a dog park on Harbor Bay makes a lot of sense and the lack of housing around is a huge plus for everyone, the dogs included. Someone is always going to be walking to a dog park no matter where it is located. Having it close to houses will make it a nightmare place to live for houses too close. I don't think that is a good idea at all.

Good luck with this. Thank you to the City for at long last giving 'us' another dog park on this end.

It is very hard to make everyone happy. I'm just thrilled we get one At All !! LOL...

From a life long dog lover that likes to see dogs running and playing !

Jodie Moran

**From:** [Ryan Hart](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] No Bay Farm Dog Park  
**Date:** Monday, January 3, 2022 9:57:06 PM

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Hi Amy,

I wanted to let you know that I am behind an East End Dog Park but not a Bay Farm one. The fourth location option now being peddled is a complete joke almost as bad as the dog park by Main St Ferry terminal which is nothing but chain link fences, sand, and feces.

Putting one on Bay Farm will just have dog owners continue to use Krusi and Lincoln as they do now as de facto dog parks, whether the city likes it or not.

Thanks,

Ryan Hart



**From:** [Blake Brydon](#)  
**To:** [Amy Wooldridge](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Dog Park  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 15, 2021 3:02:32 PM

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Hi Amy,

My name is Blake Brydon and I am a 45 year resident of Alameda. I presently live on Bay Farm Island and have two Bernese Mountain dogs so I am very interested in having a neighborhood dog park. I was listening on zoom last week to the Park and Recreation meeting. I know that all the proposed locations were shot down for various reasons which I completely understand. I live across the street from Leydecker park so for selfish reasons would love that location but completely agree that the Park has some great amenities, however, the parking and proximity to Temple Israel would not work. I am presently going to the dog park at lower Washington Park and Pt. Isabel in Richmond. Having to get into a car and drive to each of these locations takes up a lot of time and effort which is also not good for the environment or adding to the traffic in Alameda. It is important like our Parks, to have local accessibility and hope we can find a new location.

I have just come back from looking around Bay Farm for another location. The new proposed park at Harbor Bay Business Park is a possibility but seems small to me. However the view and the proximity to restrooms is good. There are some trees for cover but not many. The parking would have to be along the street with no set parking spaces. The barking could be a problem to the HBI Business Park. On my way back I went to revisit the Bill Osborne Model Airfield. This I feel is a good location for a dog park. It is certainly large enough for both small and large dogs. It is out of the way to be a nuisance to anyone. If Mt. Trashmore ever opens up, there will be room for expansion. Additional parking could be added along with porta potties like we already do at Leydecker for the tennis and baseball players. Not much would need to be done to the landscape to improve the park. It would be accessible to Bay Farm and East End residents since it is sort of in the middle.

So the questions is first, can this park be changed and have approval of the Osborne family? If not , how is the city tied to the Osbourne family regarding this park? I would hope there are other ways to honor Mr. Osbourne that could be arranged. I was a model plane enthusiast when I moved to Alameda and my father was a pilot and Airport Manager so completely understand the importance of the symbolism. However, times have changed. Parks should be used for the greater good. More people who live in Alameda would clearly benefit from a dog park. So please explain to me what restrictions the Alameda Park and Recreation may have with this Park in order to be converted to a dog park. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Best regards,

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## Amy Wooldridge

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**From:** Valerie Wilson <vwilson26@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 24, 2021 7:13 AM  
**To:** Amy Wooldridge  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] East End Dog Park

Good morning,

First off, I want to thank you and your team for all of your thoughtful consideration of potential dog park sites that meet as many people's needs as possible!

I want to throw my hat into the ring by strongly supporting a dog park on the East half of Alameda, particularly the options cited for the East End (Krusi Park being my personal preference).

We adopted our sweet puppy Max about 6 months ago and have sought out every opportunity for socialization. On weekends, we take him to the beautiful Alameda Dog Park to get some of his energy out. More recently, due to Max's car sickness, I've been taking him to a park in the East End to join an informal dog meetup for a quick play session before work. I enjoy being a part of this tight-knit group of dog owners and their well-behaved dogs, but the fact that the park is not fully fenced in and adjacent to heavy traffic is a danger to our dogs.

Given the surge of pandemic puppies and the many priorities of our police department (which I heard is reasonably enforcing leash laws), having a dedicated, fenced-in, off-leash dog park accessible to East End and Bay Farm residents would provide many benefits to a good number of the dog owners who join these impromptu meet-ups and the rest of the community.

This dog park would:

1. Allow our dogs to socialize and exercise in a safe, legal way that doesn't interrupt sports fields, on-leash dogs, and those who don't want to be approached by dogs.
2. Improve the morale of our dog-owning neighbors (a well-exercised dog means a better behaved dog) and the morale of the children (most children love seeing a cluster of dogs having fun), as well as adding another reason to support why Alameda is a great place to live.
3. Remove the distraction of enforcing leash laws from police officers.

Thank you for taking the time to read through each of our comments. I look forward to hearing about next steps for the dog park!

Thank you,  
Valerie Wilson  
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Alameda, CA 94501

## Amy Wooldridge

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**From:** Joan Steber <joansteber@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 3, 2022 3:57 PM  
**To:** Amy Wooldridge  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Dog park

Please locate at Leydecker. It is in the center of the bay farm area. Parking available especially by cvs. Maybe designate area for parking so churches aren't impacted.

Thanks!

Joan Steber  
18 Barry Ct. Alameda

Sent from my iPhone