



**Hudson Dog Park
Online Survey Summary**

June, 22, 2026

General Summary:

Below is a summary of the online survey with responses collected between May 31, 2023 and June 13, 2023. In total there were 129 respondents over a two-week period. Responses from the survey are generally positive, however concerns were noted for user/dog safety and future maintenance. The survey includes a list of precedent parks that survey participants currently visit, which provides insight on the size, location, and aesthetic of their preferred setting to bring dogs. Neither Farina nor Sauta field stood out as a clearly desired location, although Sauta had a slight edge in number of votes. Respondents provided pros and cons for each site, although some negative answers were misleading as they assumed the dog park would be displacing existing sport fields. The full list of responses is included at the end of this summary.

Question 1:

95.35% (123/129) of survey respondents are residents of Hudson.

Question 2:

See attached list of street addresses

Question 3:

See attached list of participant Towns

Question 4:

76.74% (99/129) of survey respondents are dog owners.

Question 5 Favorite outdoor places to bring your dog:

Attached list includes 80 responses. The Rail Trail (15) and Gates Pond (13) were two of the most popular responses, there were several mentions of the Maynard Dog Park, and one mention of Farina field. In general, respondents preferred hiking trails and large open areas for off-leash running. Several preferred neighborhood walks, and many listed safety as the reason they visit a particular place.

Question 6 What public parks do you currently bring your dog to (in Hudson)?:

There were (4) mentions of Sauta and (1) mention of Farina Field. 56.5% (39/69) respondents listed “none” or “I don’t know any”.

Question 7 Are there nearby dog parks you visit (outside of Hudson)?:

47% (31/66) responses listed “no”. 26% (17/66) responses listed Maynard Dog Park in Maynard, MA. Maynard Dog Park is approximately 18,000 sf (just under ½ acre) in size. It is a wooded area, heavily

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shaded with mature tree canopy and the ground surfacing is wood chips. There is also a nonprofit organization, MayDOG, that helps support maintenance and cleaning of the dog park through volunteers and donations. The parking lot is informal, and can accommodate approximately 10 cars (4 cars were seen on google street view)

Question 8 Do you prefer walking your dog on a leash, or visiting off-leash parks?:

39.18% (38/97) respondents answered I prefer walking “on-leash”. 17.53% (17/97) prefer “off-leash”. The combined total for respondents that answered “both” AND “off-leash” equals 57% (54/97).

Question 9 Would you visit a new dog park in town?:

74.49% (73/98) respondents answered “yes”.

Question 10 How important is it that the new dog park is walking distance from where you live?:

71.43% (70/98) of respondents answered “not at all important”. This correlates to the answers on question 11 where respondents preferred a “less than 10 minute” drive (35.16%), although 29 respondents answered “10-15 minutes” and 23 answered “15-20 minutes”. The total of these two answers (10-15 mins and 15-20 mins) is 52 responses between 10-20 minutes, assuming then that 57% of respondents would be willing to make a 15 minute drive.

Question 11 How far are you willing to drive to visit a dog park?

See answer above

Question 12 Rank importance of features:

This question lists 12 park features and asked respondents to list them in order of highest priority. It is no surprise that “fencing”, “parking and walkways”, and “shade” were the highest priority. “Drinking fountain”, “trash receptacles”, “separated areas for large and small dogs”, and “seating” were also desired features. The lowest ranked features included “signage”, “lighting”, “irrigation”, and “dog agility features”.

Question 13 What is your preferred ground surface material:

Natural grass was selected most with 60% (54/90) responses, the lowest material was “peastone gravel”. It is important to refer back to the respondents favorite dog parks they current visit, such as Maynard Dog Park including wood chip surfacing (15 responses to this question answered “wood chips”).

Question 14 What site is your preferred location for a new dog park?:

Sauta and Farina received nearly equal votes- 37 votes for Sauta and 34 for Farina. There were 10 votes for “neither” and 8 suggestions for another site.

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Question 15 Thoughts on Farina:

See list for all 55 responses (74 skipped). Below is a list of commonly noted thoughts on Farina:

Pros:

- Separated from other activities / less busy
- Close to downtown - will support local businesses
- Walkable
- Already an open space
- Underutilized space that could be easily programmed

Cons:

- Limited parking
- Flooding/drainage issues
- Close to neighbors/backyards
- Damp & buggy
- Too small
- Traffic impact at Cox street entrance
- No water supply

Question 16 Thoughts on Sauta:

See list for all 57 responses (72 skipped). It should be noted that several negative responses assumed the dog park would be replacing existing playing fields. Below is a list of commonly noted thoughts on Sauta:

Pros:

- Existing parking
- No immediate residential neighbors
- Possibly bigger (tbd)
- Infrastructure exists (water source, etc.)

Cons:

- Requires tree/vegetation removal
- Further from downtown
- Would require driving / not walkable
- Possible competition for parking during sporting events
- Site is already busy during sporting events
- Next to concession stand

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Question 18 Additional Thoughts:

See list for all 48 responses (81 skipped). The responses are fairly divided between support and excitement for a new dog park, and concerns for safety and maintenance. Several responses assume the dog park will be displacing fields that are currently used for other activities, and a couple responses assume the grant money being spent on a dog park could be better spent on other amenities/parks.

Common themes in responses:

- General positive response for support of project
- Concerns for enforcing safety

Hesitations on dog parks:

- Irresponsible owners
- Vaccination records
- Behavioral concerns
- Cleanliness/maintenance/upkeep after opening

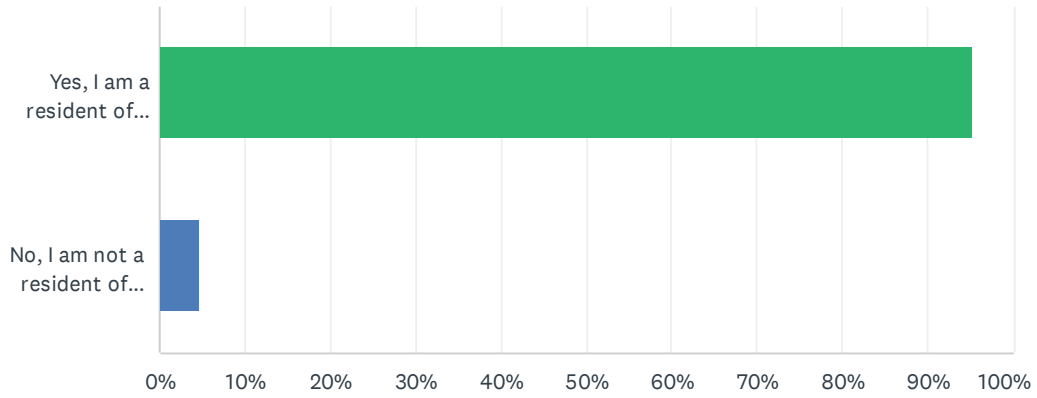
A couple suggestions were for a “single” dog area, for dogs being trained or for dogs that need personal space.

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Q1 Are you a Hudson resident?

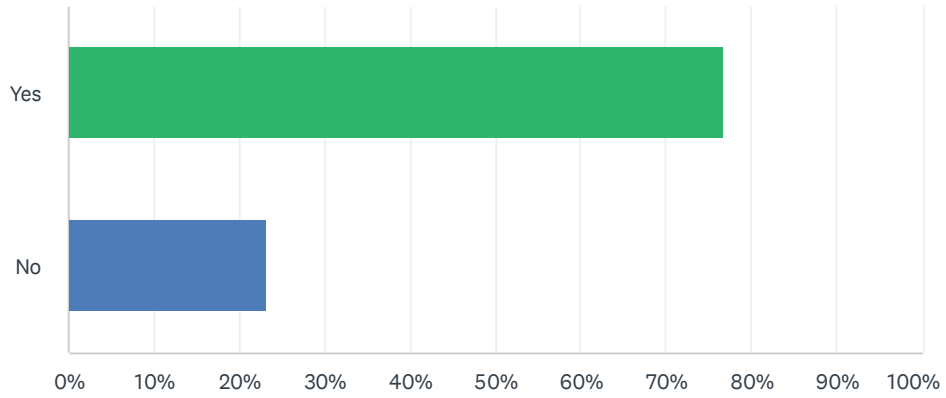
Answered: 129 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I am a resident of Hudson	95.35%	123
No, I am not a resident of Hudson	4.65%	6
TOTAL		129

Q4 Are you a dog owner?

Answered: 129 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	76.74%	99
No	23.26%	30
TOTAL		129

Q5 What are some of your favorite outdoor places to bring your dog, and why?

Answered: 80 Skipped: 49

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Stow Town Forest, Danforth Falls-beautiful scenery, easy hikes with my elderly dogs	6/13/2023 12:28 AM
2	Cat Rock Park in Weston. A lot of space, clean, friendly dogs/people, easy drive/parking.	6/12/2023 8:52 PM
3	Danforth, because it is close by and has a nice stream and is good for off leash Forest Ave elementary, nice spot for walking Old North conservation area, close by and quiet	6/12/2023 2:37 PM
4	Usually just our yard; sometimes a field if it is empty	6/12/2023 1:28 PM
5	Walk on the trail by the Assabet River and Wood Park, and also the Rail Trail - in Hudson Ghiloni park in Marlboro	6/12/2023 11:40 AM
6	Maynard dog park, Ayer dog park, because they are fenced in and she can play with other dogs.	6/12/2023 10:46 AM
7	Gates Pond and Bowers Spring. Neither are in Hudson, but I am new to the town and don't know any other places	6/12/2023 12:08 AM
8	Farina field because my dog loves the quietness and being able to play ball in the field. Also danforth because it is typically quiet	6/11/2023 11:46 PM
9	Rail trail, walking in the neighborhood,	6/11/2023 10:48 PM
10	Gates pond, parks with fields, local small hikes- all places I can have my dog off leash safely	6/11/2023 8:38 PM
11	gates pond, pond in bolton	6/11/2023 4:13 PM
12	cherry st, 7th day adventest, field behind Lil Peach	6/11/2023 3:24 PM
13	local cemetery that allows dogs; rail trail (away from gun club), Wayside Inn & Grist Mill (lots of trails - very open area & dogs must be leashed); local sidewalks	6/11/2023 3:15 PM
14	old farm trail in northborough. quiet, not a lot of people, nice 1.5 mile loop.	6/11/2023 2:50 PM
15	Trails . Hates pond	6/11/2023 2:42 PM
16	Gates pond	6/11/2023 2:40 PM
17	Lake	6/11/2023 2:39 PM
18	Conservation land in nearby towns, Flerra meadows Places where dogs are permitted off leash	6/11/2023 2:15 PM
19	My yard	6/11/2023 2:14 PM
20	Rail Trail, High School, parks. Places for him to walk and socialize.	6/11/2023 1:38 PM
21	Bike path, Calahan, downtown	6/11/2023 1:15 PM
22	I can't bring my dogs anywhere cause they're assholes	6/11/2023 1:09 PM
23	None	6/11/2023 12:49 PM
24	Yard with invisible fence	6/11/2023 12:49 PM
25	walk only	6/11/2023 12:46 PM
26	Rail Trail-walk for us both clean area no worries for ticks	6/11/2023 12:19 PM
27	Rail trail, easy access from my house	6/11/2023 12:05 PM
28	Gates pond	6/11/2023 11:06 AM

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29	Hiking trails, less people and more place for them to roam.	6/11/2023 11:04 AM
30	Rail trail hudson, Delaney park stowe, breakneck hill farm southboro, Danforth falls	6/11/2023 10:40 AM
31	Our dog is very old (16-1/2) so he doesn't get out much. He still likes to swim and he likes grassy areas where he can sniff around where his buddies may have been walking around	6/11/2023 10:37 AM
32	Callahan's State Park	6/11/2023 10:26 AM
33	Maynard Dog park and Boynton Park in worcester. Fenced in. Running water. Other responsible dog owners.	6/11/2023 10:22 AM
34	Fort meadow	6/11/2023 10:15 AM
35	Quinn Middle School, Stratton Hill neighborhood. Close to home. Open spaces.	6/11/2023 9:58 AM
36	Just walks around the neighborhood	6/11/2023 9:34 AM
37	Maynard dog park, boynton park in Worcester, soccer fields...all of these places have large, wide open spaces where he can run and we can play ball.	6/11/2023 9:03 AM
38	Wood Park, Danforth area, my neighborhood. Lots of things for our dog to smell!	6/11/2023 8:46 AM
39	Chelmsford dog park-fenced in, large and open (not a lot of trees or dogs to get cornered while playing). Has an area for smal dogs	6/11/2023 8:40 AM
40	Walking daily - various trails ..	6/11/2023 8:26 AM
41	State forest, b/c off leash. Maynard dog park for socialization.	6/11/2023 8:25 AM
42	Gates Pond, Berlin Quarry	6/11/2023 8:20 AM
43	We look for places our pups can run. We prefer fenced areas for their safety. They love to socialize with other dogs so a place meant for dogs to be together is always great. We walk trails, our neighborhood and we look for dog parks online to go to since we don't have one in town... yet!! We also use "sniffspot" app to find spaces that are fenced that are larger than our backyard that we can met friends with their pups.	6/11/2023 8:18 AM
44	Hudson High School: great for walking and big fields are great for off leash time. Rail trail - walking.	6/11/2023 7:56 AM
45	My dog has a lot of energy so the rail trail has been good because it goes for a longer distance. We also walk around the high school a lot because it's convenient for where we live.	6/11/2023 7:28 AM
46	Gardner hill conservation bc less than 10 minute drive and multiple trails	6/11/2023 6:02 AM
47	MayDog because she can run around free and play with other dogs	6/11/2023 4:17 AM
48	Gates pond Danforth lot Conservation land	6/11/2023 3:12 AM
49	Gates Pond, Provincetown. Gates because of open space and squirrels and water, PTown because they get all kinds of attention	6/10/2023 1:51 PM
50	Open areas, water beaches, trails	6/10/2023 11:18 AM
51	Callahan State Park, part of it is a dog park so there are lots of other pups to play with	6/6/2023 7:42 PM
52	The rail trail to walk!	6/5/2023 5:25 PM
53	walkiing trails for off leash dog walking	6/5/2023 2:25 PM
54	Rail trail for the length and shade. Maynard dog park for the off leash availability.	6/4/2023 4:17 PM
55	Rail trail and downtown for a good safe walk, good people and well maintained	6/3/2023 5:51 PM
56	Walk downtown	6/3/2023 3:45 PM
57	I bring my dog to parks all over the area and to The Grove in Marlboro and many SVT trails. Rail Trail in Hudson.	6/3/2023 11:51 AM
58	My backyard due to safety (do not have to worry about other dogs/dog fights/etc and infectious disease.)	6/3/2023 10:51 AM
59	Around my neighborhood (Farley area)	6/2/2023 12:58 PM

60	Walking trail in Berlin and small pond at Berlin elementary school	6/2/2023 10:03 AM
61	Forest Ave Elementary school: good space at the park out back and its almost fully fenced in. The nature trails behind the park are good too. Danforth Falls: well kept, wide trails The Grove: nice place but have encountered poorly trained dogs off leash a few times.	6/1/2023 5:33 PM
62	My barn because I can let him off leash and he can run as fast as he can.	6/1/2023 11:16 AM
63	Quinn MS field	6/1/2023 9:52 AM
64	Gates Pond, Centennial Beach (after hours), pretty much anywhere he can run off leash. Various trails within Callahan State Park.	6/1/2023 8:06 AM
65	Downtown. RailTrail bike path. My dog loves people and other dogs.	6/1/2023 7:30 AM
66	Gates Pond, Lake Chauncy (Westboro). I like the wooded walk. They love to swim at Chauncy.	6/1/2023 7:13 AM
67	I used to bring my dog to Gates and the grove. Sometimes I would bring him to Callahan State Park	5/31/2023 9:53 PM
68	Parks	5/31/2023 8:35 PM
69	Parks with a fence that i can ket me dog go off leash & i dont have to worry. Parks that offer water for the dogs. Parks that have dog structures.	5/31/2023 7:09 PM
70	long wood walks	5/31/2023 6:56 PM
71	Anywhere fenced in	5/31/2023 6:45 PM
72	The trail downtown Hudson	5/31/2023 5:14 PM
73	My dog enjoys walking around the neighborhood and often on trails throughout the woods.	5/31/2023 5:01 PM
74	Gates Pond	5/31/2023 4:51 PM
75	Callahan State park, walking trails and open area for dogs	5/31/2023 4:14 PM
76	Trails by Lake Boon. Only safe off-leash area.	5/31/2023 4:09 PM
77	Wooded trails	5/31/2023 4:07 PM
78	Gates Pond	5/31/2023 4:03 PM
79	Outdoor dining, walking on trails and walks along shores. I do not visit dog parks bc unsure the behavior of dogs/illnesses.	5/31/2023 4:03 PM
80	The rail trail because it is easily accessible from our house.	5/31/2023 2:54 PM

Q6 What public parks do you currently bring your dog to? (in Hudson)

Answered: 69 Skipped: 60

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Danforth Falls	6/13/2023 12:28 AM
2	Just the rail trail	6/12/2023 8:52 PM
3	None close by that we often go to	6/12/2023 2:37 PM
4	None	6/12/2023 1:28 PM
5	Wood Park, Ghiloni Park	6/12/2023 11:40 AM
6	None	6/12/2023 10:46 AM
7	I don't know any	6/12/2023 12:08 AM
8	Farina field	6/11/2023 11:46 PM
9	None- maybe boutwell	6/11/2023 10:48 PM
10	none	6/11/2023 8:38 PM
11	none	6/11/2023 4:13 PM
12	none	6/11/2023 3:15 PM
13	no parks, but we do sometimes go to gates pond, but i guess that's technically berlin. sometimes we walk the dog on leashes along the assabet from chapin to the elks and sometimes around the high school.	6/11/2023 2:50 PM
14	None	6/11/2023 2:42 PM
15	None	6/11/2023 2:40 PM
16	Can't remember it's name, across from big painted rock. I call it the "Doggie Lake area".	6/11/2023 2:39 PM
17	None	6/11/2023 2:32 PM
18	None	6/11/2023 2:15 PM
19	None	6/11/2023 2:14 PM
20	Wood Park, Sauta Fields	6/11/2023 1:38 PM
21	Calahan,	6/11/2023 1:15 PM
22	I don't bring them anywhere because they're not great with other dogs when I'm around.	6/11/2023 1:09 PM
23	None	6/11/2023 12:49 PM
24	None	6/11/2023 12:49 PM
25	none	6/11/2023 12:46 PM
26	Sauta field-open area	6/11/2023 12:19 PM
27	None	6/11/2023 11:06 AM
28	They go to Wayland usually, sometimes Wellesley. dog parks are an awful idea. For those that will utilize it, I'm glad they are getting one but as a pet care provider, I do not like them for many reasons.	6/11/2023 11:04 AM
29	None	6/11/2023 10:40 AM
30	He is too old walk in parks. He likes to swim and sniff, and he likes meeting other dogs--most of them anyway. I think dogs are social animals, and like to romp and play with their brethren	6/11/2023 10:37 AM

31	None.	6/11/2023 10:22 AM
32	Quinn.	6/11/2023 9:58 AM
33	Nnone	6/11/2023 9:34 AM
34	Sauta Farm soccer fields	6/11/2023 9:03 AM
35	Wood Park	6/11/2023 8:46 AM
36	Wood park, Danforth falls	6/11/2023 8:40 AM
37	Riverside , forest ave gated pond	6/11/2023 8:26 AM
38	The desert.	6/11/2023 8:25 AM
39	None	6/11/2023 8:20 AM
40	None. Too many distractions to bring them to a place without fenced in areas specifically for pups. I wouldn't risk letting them off leash at a park where there are children running and playing that may not know how to approach a dog safely. For their benefit and our pups.	6/11/2023 8:18 AM
41	None	6/11/2023 7:56 AM
42	None	6/11/2023 7:28 AM
43	Wood park	6/11/2023 6:38 AM
44	None	6/11/2023 6:02 AM
45	N/A	6/11/2023 4:17 AM
46	There are non - no dogs allowed	6/11/2023 3:12 AM
47	The grove, assabet river rail trail	6/10/2023 11:18 AM
48	None currently	6/5/2023 5:25 PM
49	n/a	6/5/2023 2:25 PM
50	We dont	6/3/2023 5:51 PM
51	Sauta Farm fields and Sauta Farm Soccer Field, Wood Park	6/3/2023 11:51 AM
52	None. We will walk by Woods Park every now and then, but really more on the sidewalk than in the grass.	6/3/2023 10:51 AM
53	None	6/2/2023 10:03 AM
54	Forest elementary, the Grove, Moulton	6/1/2023 5:33 PM
55	Hudson High Forest Ave	6/1/2023 11:16 AM
56	Centennial Beach	6/1/2023 8:06 AM
57	He died a year ago at 15 :(5/31/2023 9:53 PM
58	Bike trail	5/31/2023 8:35 PM
59	Gates pond. But he doesn't go off leash there.	5/31/2023 7:09 PM
60	Danforth	5/31/2023 6:56 PM
61	Nowhere	5/31/2023 6:45 PM
62	None	5/31/2023 5:14 PM
63	Moulton Field	5/31/2023 5:01 PM
64	Gates	5/31/2023 4:51 PM
65	I do not	5/31/2023 4:14 PM
66	None	5/31/2023 4:09 PM

67	None	5/31/2023 4:07 PM
68	none	5/31/2023 4:03 PM
69	None	5/31/2023 4:03 PM

Q7 Are there nearby dog parks you visit (Outside of Hudson)? If so, where/what are they?

Answered: 66 Skipped: 63

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Fitchburg Dog Park	6/13/2023 12:28 AM
2	Cat Rock Park in Weston.	6/12/2023 8:52 PM
3	None	6/12/2023 2:37 PM
4	None	6/12/2023 1:28 PM
5	Maynard Dog Park	6/12/2023 11:40 AM
6	Maynard, Ayer	6/12/2023 10:46 AM
7	No	6/11/2023 11:46 PM
8	No	6/11/2023 10:48 PM
9	no	6/11/2023 8:38 PM
10	northboro	6/11/2023 4:13 PM
11	none	6/11/2023 3:15 PM
12	no	6/11/2023 2:50 PM
13	No	6/11/2023 2:42 PM
14	Maynard Framingham	6/11/2023 2:40 PM
15	In Framingham, but never been.	6/11/2023 2:39 PM
16	Callahan State Park	6/11/2023 2:32 PM
17	Wrentham has a dog park that is huge, and conscientious owners.	6/11/2023 2:15 PM
18	No	6/11/2023 2:14 PM
19	Maynard Dog Park, Minuteman Park, Haskell Park (Sudbury)	6/11/2023 1:38 PM
20	We used to go to the place in Framingham that had the little pond for them...	6/11/2023 1:09 PM
21	None	6/11/2023 12:49 PM
22	No	6/11/2023 12:49 PM
23	no	6/11/2023 12:46 PM
24	Ghiloni	6/11/2023 12:05 PM
25	No	6/11/2023 11:06 AM
26	No, again, I don't like them. Too many bad behaviors are learned, dog fights happen, and owners don't pay enough attention.	6/11/2023 11:04 AM
27	None	6/11/2023 10:40 AM
28	This is probably a bad poll for us....he's too old to walk any distance, but he likes to swim and play anywhere he can.	6/11/2023 10:37 AM
29	Maynard and Boynton Park on Worcester/Paxton line.	6/11/2023 10:22 AM
30	No.	6/11/2023 9:58 AM

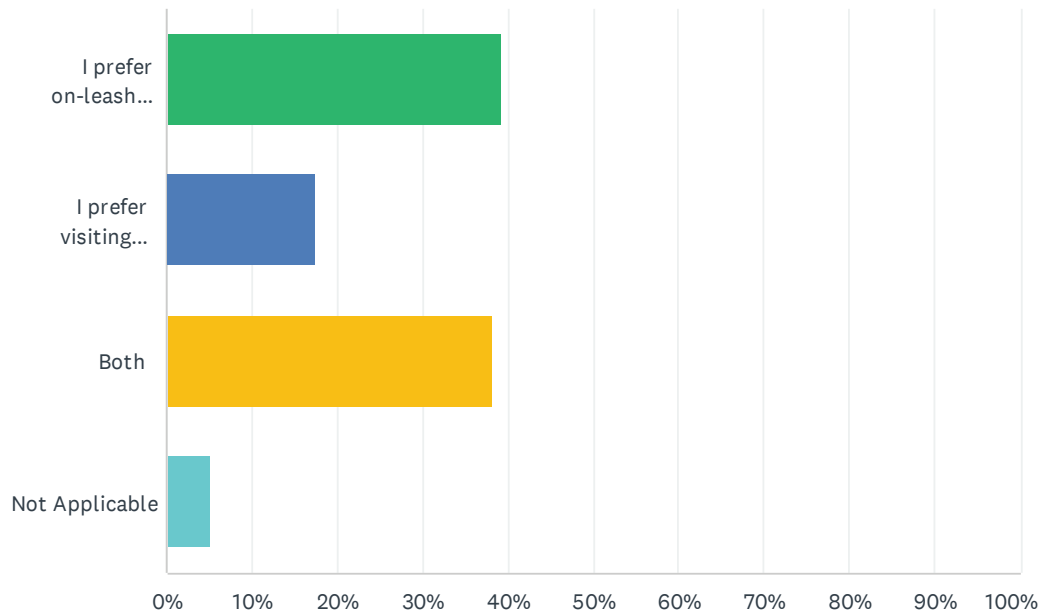
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31	No	6/11/2023 9:34 AM
32	Maynard dog park	6/11/2023 9:03 AM
33	See above	6/11/2023 8:40 AM
34	No	6/11/2023 8:26 AM
35	Maynard	6/11/2023 8:25 AM
36	No	6/11/2023 8:20 AM
37	Maynard We also spend time in Maine and have visited a number of dog parks around where we stay.	6/11/2023 8:18 AM
38	Sudbury	6/11/2023 7:56 AM
39	The Maynard and Ayer dog parks	6/11/2023 7:28 AM
40	No	6/11/2023 6:02 AM
41	MayDog (Maynard)	6/11/2023 4:17 AM
42	Maynard Framingham Northboro May other Boston tge cape north shore Greater Boston	6/11/2023 3:12 AM
43	Maynard?	6/10/2023 1:51 PM
44	None nearby	6/5/2023 5:25 PM
45	bonnie wink park dog park mcKinney TX	6/5/2023 2:25 PM
46	Maynard dog park Framingham dog park	6/4/2023 4:17 PM
47	Yes, Maynard, Chelmsford and Auburn dog parks and bower springs in Bolton	6/3/2023 5:51 PM
48	Maynard	6/3/2023 3:45 PM
49	no.	6/3/2023 10:51 AM
50	No	6/2/2023 10:03 AM
51	I used to go the John St. Park in Marlborough as it's fully fenced in, but a couple years ago they stopped allowing dogs due to irresponsible owners from what I understand.	6/1/2023 5:33 PM
52	No	6/1/2023 11:16 AM
53	No dog parks, just hiking trails	6/1/2023 9:52 AM
54	Maynard Dog Park	6/1/2023 7:30 AM
55	We went to one in Brunswick,ME that was phenomenal. Don't go to any local ones - yet.	6/1/2023 7:13 AM
56	Callahan and there was one in Stowe I loved - I don't remember the name	5/31/2023 9:53 PM
57	Not that inmnow of	5/31/2023 8:35 PM
58	Maynard Dog park, Hopkinton Dog park.	5/31/2023 7:09 PM
59	No	5/31/2023 6:45 PM
60	No	5/31/2023 5:14 PM
61	None	5/31/2023 4:51 PM
62	Tufts	5/31/2023 4:14 PM
63	Maynard	5/31/2023 4:09 PM
64	None	5/31/2023 4:07 PM
65	no	5/31/2023 4:03 PM
66	Cape cod area parks	5/31/2023 4:03 PM

Q8 Do you prefer walking your dog on a leash, or visiting off-leash parks?

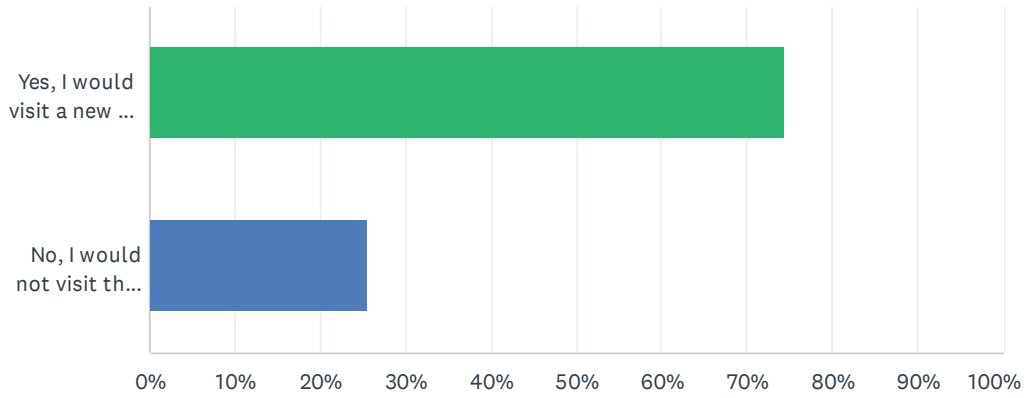
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I prefer on-leash walking	39.18%	38
I prefer visiting off-leash parks	17.53%	17
Both	38.14%	37
Not Applicable	5.15%	5
TOTAL		97

Q9 Would you visit a new dog park in town?

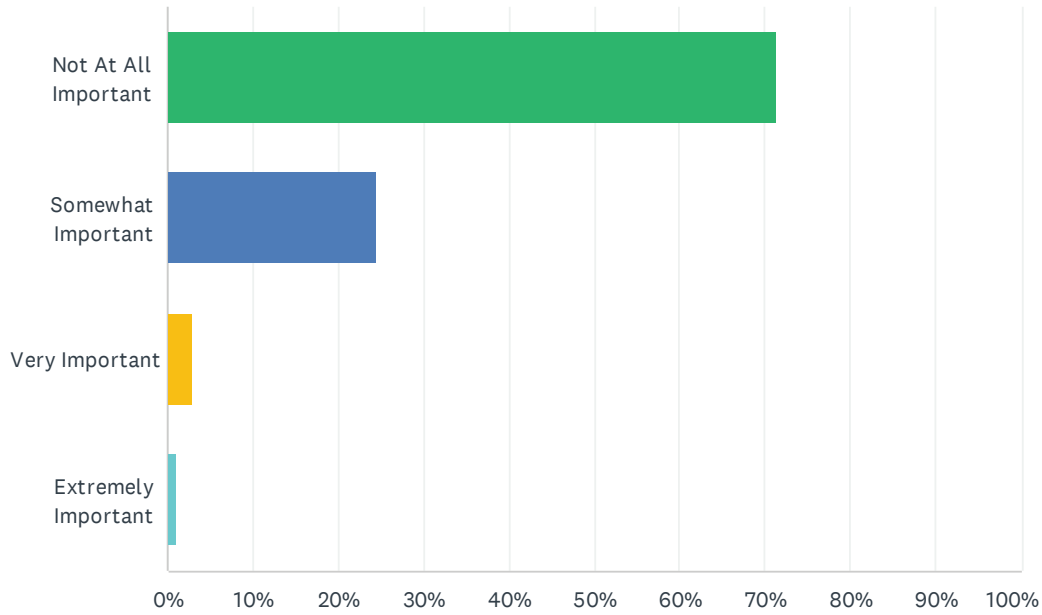
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I would visit a new dog park	74.49%	73
No, I would not visit the dog park	25.51%	25
TOTAL		98

Q10 How important is it that the new dog park is walking distance from where you live?

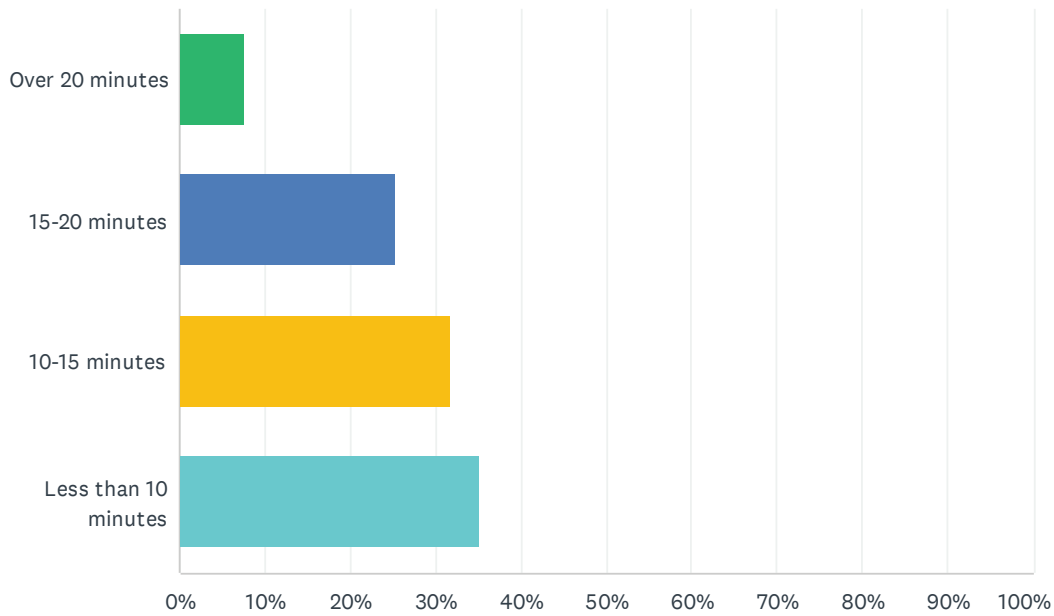
Answered: 98 Skipped: 31



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not At All Important	71.43%	70
Somewhat Important	24.49%	24
Very Important	3.06%	3
Extremely Important	1.02%	1
Total Respondents: 98		

Q11 How far are you willing to drive to visit a dog park?

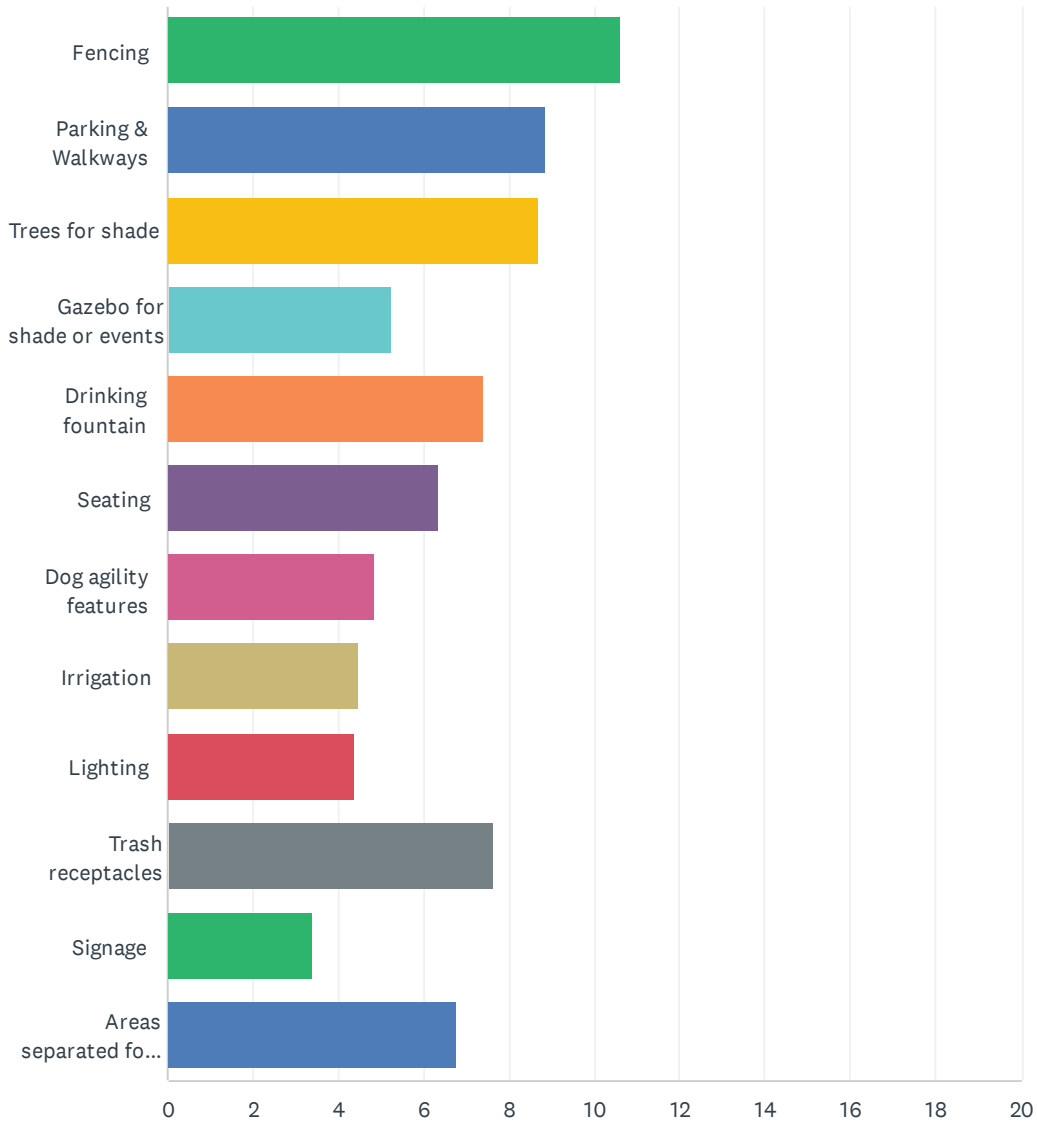
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Over 20 minutes	7.69%	7
15-20 minutes	25.27%	23
10-15 minutes	31.87%	29
Less than 10 minutes	35.16%	32
TOTAL		91

Q12 Please rank the following features from most important (1= top priority) to least important (12= lowest priority)

Answered: 90 Skipped: 39



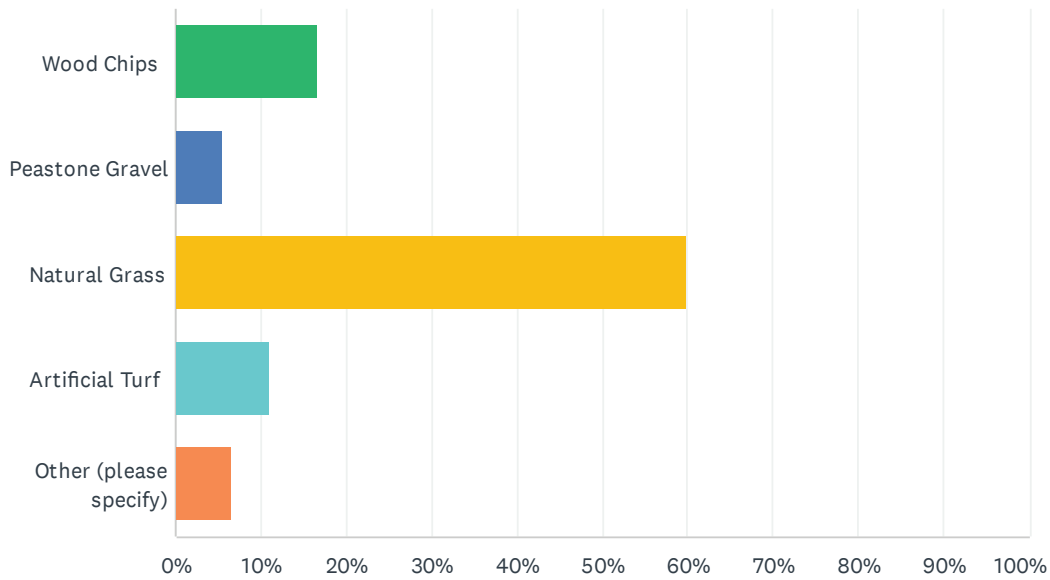
Hudson Dog Park Survey

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Fencing	64.29% 54	17.86% 15	2.38% 2	0.00% 0	2.38% 2	3.57% 3	1.19% 1	1.19% 1	1.19% 1	1.19% 1	1.19% 1	1.19% 1
Parking & Walkways	14.46% 12	19.28% 16	16.87% 14	16.87% 14	8.43% 7	8.43% 7	1.20% 1	3.61% 3	3.61% 3	3.61% 3	2.41% 2	2.41% 2
Trees for shade	3.75% 3	21.25% 17	17.50% 14	22.50% 18	12.50% 10	7.50% 6	3.75% 3	3.75% 3	0.00% 0	3.75% 3	3.75% 3	3.75% 3
Gazebo for shade or events	0.00% 0	1.25% 1	2.50% 2	10.00% 8	13.75% 11	8.75% 7	13.75% 11	8.75% 7	7.50% 6	15.00% 12	6.25% 5	6.25% 5
Drinking fountain	2.50% 2	10.00% 8	13.75% 11	16.25% 13	16.25% 13	8.75% 7	8.75% 7	8.75% 7	1.25% 1	2.50% 2	5.00% 4	5.00% 4
Seating	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3.80% 3	10.13% 8	11.39% 9	25.32% 20	24.05% 19	8.86% 7	6.33% 5	3.80% 3	5.06% 4	5.06% 4
Dog agility features	1.25% 1	1.25% 1	3.75% 3	1.25% 1	10.00% 8	6.25% 5	16.25% 13	10.00% 8	16.25% 13	15.00% 12	8.75% 7	8.75% 7
Irrigation	1.23% 1	1.23% 1	1.23% 1	3.70% 3	6.17% 5	7.41% 6	4.94% 4	18.52% 15	19.75% 16	13.58% 11	9.88% 8	9.88% 8
Lighting	0.00% 0	2.47% 2	3.70% 3	1.23% 1	8.64% 7	7.41% 6	4.94% 4	4.94% 4	29.63% 24	8.64% 7	16.05% 13	16.05% 13
Trash receptacles	5.88% 5	11.76% 10	20.00% 17	11.76% 10	4.71% 4	10.59% 9	8.24% 7	8.24% 7	2.35% 2	12.94% 11	3.53% 3	3.53% 3
Signage	0.00% 0	1.20% 1	2.41% 2	3.61% 3	1.20% 1	1.20% 1	8.43% 7	13.25% 11	4.82% 4	14.46% 12	25.30% 21	25.30% 21
Areas separated for large and small dogs	11.63% 10	16.28% 14	12.79% 11	2.33% 2	5.81% 5	5.81% 5	4.65% 4	5.81% 5	3.49% 3	4.65% 4	10.47% 9	10.47% 9

Q13 What is your preferred ground surface material for a dog park?

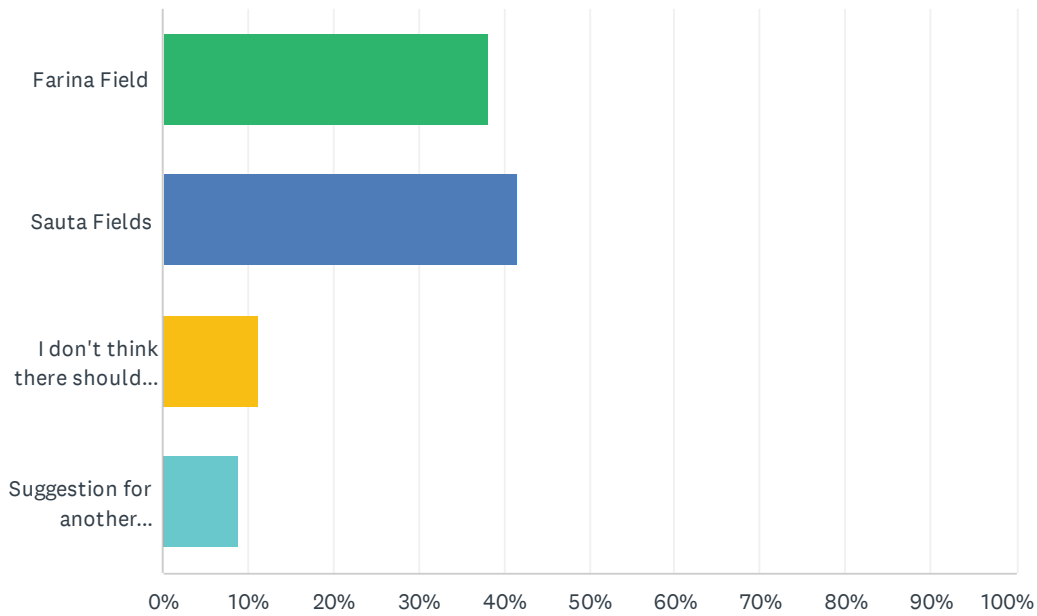
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Wood Chips	16.67%	15
Peastone Gravel	5.56%	5
Natural Grass	60.00%	54
Artificial Turf	11.11%	10
Other (please specify)	6.67%	6
TOTAL		90

Q14 What site is your preferred location for a new dog park?

Answered: 89 Skipped: 40



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Farina Field	38.20%	34
Sauta Fields	41.57%	37
I don't think there should be a new dog park at either site	11.24%	10
Suggestion for another location	8.99%	8
TOTAL		89

Q15 What are your thoughts on Farina Field as the location for a new dog park?

Answered: 55 Skipped: 74

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Pros: separate from all other activities, shaded edges Cons: limited parking, flooding possible along edges, close neighbors	6/13/2023 12:35 AM
2	Not appealing location- ugly and damp	6/12/2023 8:55 PM
3	Being close to downtown will encourage people with dogs to walk around and visit local businesses and be able to stop at the dog park on a nice day. It is close enough that most dog owners in Hudson can go, but far enough from downtown that the barking and other noises should not be a problem. We frequently walk our dog into downtown and would love to stop by a dog park on the way in to let her burn off some energy	6/12/2023 2:43 PM
4	None	6/12/2023 1:29 PM
5	Farina Field is a large space for an area for small dogs and one for larger dogs could be created. Parking would have to be made in that space for those who drive their dogs over. But this area can get marshy so irrigation would have to be set up.	6/12/2023 11:53 AM
6	Nice central location, but limited parking and very buggy	6/12/2023 10:48 AM
7	No. It's in people's backyards and isn't a convenient spot.	6/12/2023 12:45 AM
8	if it had some work done, it would be a great central location for a dog park.	6/11/2023 8:43 PM
9	not much other activities at the field. easily fenced. parking on the street	6/11/2023 4:16 PM
10	Definitely if Cherry St not available. Walking distance for many and in an area of town that is underutilized for rec spaces.	6/11/2023 3:26 PM
11	would prefer Farina Field over Sauta - less busy area	6/11/2023 3:25 PM
12	i have no idea where that is.	6/11/2023 2:54 PM
13	Don't know this field	6/11/2023 2:52 PM
14	Great location	6/11/2023 2:51 PM
15	Unused land that could be utilized	6/11/2023 2:44 PM
16	Too,small	6/11/2023 2:20 PM
17	Either location is fine	6/11/2023 1:39 PM
18	I just picked randomly both are good options	6/11/2023 1:11 PM
19	NO!	6/11/2023 12:56 PM
20	Smaller area and what I remember from soccer mosquitos was a problem	6/11/2023 12:25 PM
21	If the site is dry year round it could work. Given it's proximity to water I would be concerned it would be unusable during wet months.	6/11/2023 11:12 AM
22	seems like a reasonable, central location	6/11/2023 10:47 AM
23	Close to home and walkable.	6/11/2023 9:59 AM
24	I like the idea of Farina field but I worry about it's proximity to houses and the lack of existing infrastructure.	6/11/2023 9:06 AM
25	I've never been but it's closer to my house and less likely to have chemicals on grass than a park next to playing fields.	6/11/2023 8:48 AM

26	I like that's it's an open space and not near sports fields. I can forsee a situation where a family with young kids goes to visit the dog park in between games and a dog park is not an area for people to just visit. However, parking seems limited here.	6/11/2023 8:48 AM
27	It would be a good use of a dead area	6/11/2023 8:28 AM
28	It can get very wet and buggy back there. I never liked going there when my kids had baseball practice there. Lots of mosquitos and ticks.	6/11/2023 8:27 AM
29	Too small Not enough parking Mosquitoes are a huge problem here due to proximity to the creek	6/11/2023 8:23 AM
30	I think it's great in terms of being accessible to a larger number of people, but it's not a very big space from what I can tell and I don't see a viable option for parking.	6/11/2023 7:32 AM
31	Traffic impact at entrance on cox St.	6/11/2023 6:47 AM
32	Central location	6/11/2023 6:05 AM
33	Access and sufficient parking are a chllenge	6/11/2023 4:21 AM
34	If you professionally address drainage It's a marvelous location	6/11/2023 3:27 AM
35	Good location but it needs improvement. But it would be a good opportunity to engineer flood mitigation on that part of Danforth Brook	6/10/2023 1:54 PM
36	Doesn't matter to me	6/5/2023 5:26 PM
37	No preference	6/4/2023 4:20 PM
38	Great area and good location central to town and seperste from other events.	6/3/2023 5:55 PM
39	Buggy and hard to find	6/3/2023 3:53 PM
40	This is on the other side of town for me so I probably would not go to it on a regular basis.	6/3/2023 12:11 PM
41	Is this field isn't used a lot for town sports, it may be a good location. But the people living in those apartments may not like it	6/2/2023 1:04 PM
42	Fine, but prefer sauta	6/1/2023 5:38 PM
43	Too many homes	6/1/2023 11:22 AM
44	Would love it if it was fenced in!	6/1/2023 9:57 AM
45	I don't know where Farina Field is.	6/1/2023 8:10 AM
46	The location is more centrally located but seeming has less parking and possibly not any water supply for a fountain.	6/1/2023 7:35 AM
47	I don't really have a preference	5/31/2023 9:55 PM
48	I do not know where that is.	5/31/2023 7:12 PM
49	Perfect	5/31/2023 6:54 PM
50	If I were to pick a park in Hudson it would be Farina Field.	5/31/2023 5:08 PM
51	Didn't even know it existed. Nice it's surrounded by trees and near Danforth Brook.	5/31/2023 4:14 PM
52	It's centrally located to most residents in town and the location is not actively used by children, thus making it safe for families who don't have dogs.	5/31/2023 4:06 PM
53	ok	5/31/2023 4:05 PM
54	Great location, big, near the middle of town. Just needs parking!	5/31/2023 4:03 PM
55	It seems like a good location for a dog park and somewhat central for many Hudson residents.	5/31/2023 2:59 PM

Q16 What are your thoughts on Sauta Fields as the location for a new dog park?

Answered: 57 Skipped: 72

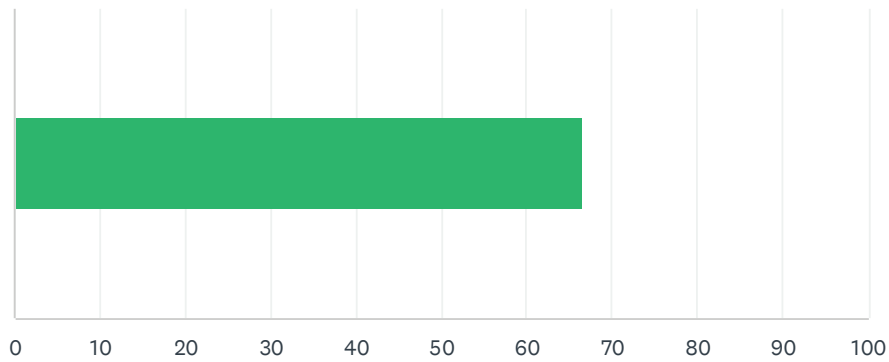
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Pros: better parking, bigger space than Farina? Cons: would require cutting down trees (Hudson does that way too much), farther from town center, mixed-use area (ball fields)	6/13/2023 12:35 AM
2	I think it is too out of the way for a lot of people in Hudson, Farina is much more central. If the park is just open to Hudson residents, I don't think a ton of people would use it since there isn't much else out that way.	6/12/2023 2:43 PM
3	Love it	6/12/2023 1:29 PM
4	I think the area is too small and there would be competition for parking when sports activities are underway.	6/12/2023 11:53 AM
5	Not walkable for almost anyone, far out of town	6/12/2023 10:48 AM
6	More convenient for families who have soccer, more parking, more private	6/12/2023 12:45 AM
7	Sauta fields is a really great spot that's not near a lot of traffic. I believe there are small trails in the wooded areas that would be cool to utilize as well. It makes more sense due to irrigation and parking as well.	6/11/2023 8:43 PM
8	Too far away	6/11/2023 6:05 PM
9	too far from center of town	6/11/2023 4:16 PM
10	Last resort	6/11/2023 3:26 PM
11	I thought Sauta Fields is already set up for games - didn't notice where a dog park would be	6/11/2023 3:25 PM
12	it would be far from me and i'd have to go through downtown so i likely wouldn't go. in my opinion it would be nicer to have more hiking trails where dogs to run off leash under voice command.	6/11/2023 2:54 PM
13	I know the Sauta's.	6/11/2023 2:52 PM
14	Great parking	6/11/2023 2:51 PM
15	Parking can get difficult if there is a game and don't like the idea of being beside a concession stand.	6/11/2023 2:44 PM
16	Too small	6/11/2023 2:20 PM
17	To much activity all ready	6/11/2023 2:16 PM
18	Either location is fine	6/11/2023 1:39 PM
19	It's also a good option.	6/11/2023 1:11 PM
20	NO!	6/11/2023 12:56 PM
21	Good location. No immediate residential neighbors. Tons of parking but youth football/soccer could limit usable parking during games. Curious if there would be separate parking for dog park.	6/11/2023 11:12 AM
22	more remote, edge of town. less preferable	6/11/2023 10:47 AM
23	I like the space better	6/11/2023 10:25 AM
24	Too many people and other activities due to sports fields.	6/11/2023 9:59 AM
25	I like sauta fields for a dog park given that the parking infrastructure already exists and it is not	6/11/2023 9:06 AM

	right next to houses. I worry about the proximity to Main Street and hope there will be adequate fencing and a "catch" area for owners to leash and unleash their dogs.	
26	See above	6/11/2023 8:48 AM
27	I like that it doesn't border a residential area and there seems to be more parking	6/11/2023 8:48 AM
28	No keep it simple there	6/11/2023 8:28 AM
29	Sauta fields seems more spacious than farina	6/11/2023 8:27 AM
30	Other activities going on make it inviting Good parking availability More space	6/11/2023 8:23 AM
31	Easy to find and get to.	6/11/2023 7:58 AM
32	It's definitely further from the main part of Hudson but I think would offer the most potential for larger space.	6/11/2023 7:32 AM
33	Probably more space but not central location	6/11/2023 6:05 AM
34	It's a bit further from me but I would still go	6/11/2023 4:21 AM
35	Extremely problematic To much chaos due to current activities Folks will be bringing dogs more to sporting events: use dog park AND will continue to stay on side lines with dogs on lash.... It's human behavior: having the dog park with sporting activity will encourage folks to bring dogs while children are engaged in sports . Plus parking is already horrible folks are forced to park out on main road due to sporting events: when the master plan folks offered this suggestion it was a placate move low hanging fruit Toss the idea out there see what sticks It's a bottom of the barrel suggested site It's too small to support more activities People park on the road already due to lack of parking for practice and events	6/11/2023 3:27 AM
36	Kind of remote. Smells from the concession stand might create an issue	6/10/2023 1:54 PM
37	Doesn't matter to me	6/5/2023 5:26 PM
38	No preference	6/4/2023 4:20 PM
39	Too far out of town and too much activity at the park when games are going on	6/3/2023 5:55 PM
40	I think Santa field would work well.	6/3/2023 3:53 PM
41	I would love to see the fields be turned into a dog park. Plant trees and seating and would also love some dog agility equipment as well! There is really no place in town to throw the ball or frisby for dogs and allow them to run off leash and play with their owners and other dogs.	6/3/2023 12:11 PM
42	I prefer this location	6/1/2023 5:38 PM
43	More secluded as dogs will bark	6/1/2023 11:22 AM
44	Isn't that still used a lot for playground & sports?	6/1/2023 9:57 AM
45	good location	6/1/2023 8:10 AM
46	Sauta has lots of parking and likely a water source due to the more infrastructure there. I would prefer that.	6/1/2023 7:35 AM
47	It would be fine	5/31/2023 9:55 PM
48	Near where we live	5/31/2023 8:36 PM
49	Perfect! Close to my house.	5/31/2023 7:12 PM
50	Too many sports play over there and I feel it would be very busy and distracting having both sports and dog park.	5/31/2023 6:54 PM
51	I think it's a terrible idea. The kids play football out of that field and they don't need to be playing in feces because you know there will be people who do not pick up. Leave Sauta Field to the kids, we don't have many things for them to do as it is.	5/31/2023 5:08 PM
52	None. Where will football and soccer field's move to???	5/31/2023 4:52 PM
53	Good, accessible area. Seems a lot of room for this there. Should choose location where biggest dog park can be, so can separate large and small dogs.	5/31/2023 4:14 PM

54	This is a bad fit. Sauta is used by hundreds of families each year for baseball, football and soccer activities. The idea of it being off-leash scares me as well. Please do not put it here.	5/31/2023 4:06 PM
55	Should be reserved for the kids sports activities and dogs are allowed to check out the sports activities on leash with their owners.	5/31/2023 4:06 PM
56	ok	5/31/2023 4:05 PM
57	I'm neutral but would be curious as to how it would affect the current fields there.	5/31/2023 2:59 PM

Q17 Please rate how excited you are about this project.

Answered: 97 Skipped: 32



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
	67	6,453	97
Total Respondents: 97			

Q18 Please tell us any other comments you have. We are happy to hear your positive thoughts, as well as any concerns that you may have about the project.

Answered: 48 Skipped: 81

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Thank you for all your hard work!	6/13/2023 12:36 AM
2	I would love to have a fenced in and well maintained dog park in Hudson! I am super excited to see how it goes and really looking forward to using it. Regardless of the location I will go, but I think Farina is the perfect place to get the most use	6/12/2023 2:44 PM
3	To have a place where my dog could run around to get exercise and socialize is important to me. All her walks are leashed and it's limiting.	6/12/2023 12:00 PM
4	While I'm so happy to see a dog park go in, I also worry about fights, spread of disease, etc. I worry about irresponsible pet owners who tend to interact their small dogs with big dogs, cleaning up poop, up to date vaccinations.	6/12/2023 12:49 AM
5	I have been eager for a dog park in Hudson for a very long time! I love to see something like this happening!	6/11/2023 8:44 PM
6	not worth the expense proposed. If less expensive, worth converting a field. Spend money on park for kids	6/11/2023 4:17 PM
7	great project for the town!	6/11/2023 3:27 PM
8	much depends on how responsible dog owners are about controlling their dogs and cleaning up after them.	6/11/2023 3:27 PM
9	i used to take my dog to dog parks in the past. it was a mixed bag. it could get hot and dusty in droughts. some dogs didn't get along with other dogs. although the areas were fairly large, it still seemed kind of too small when a lot of dogs were there. it's hard to know if all the dogs there are vaccinated, spayed/neutered, etc.	6/11/2023 2:56 PM
10	Happy that is getting closer to becoming a reality	6/11/2023 2:54 PM
11	No comment	6/11/2023 2:52 PM
12	I would be most excited if there were an area or way for dogs to swim! That would be the absolute best and take my excitement to 100	6/11/2023 2:41 PM
13	While the idea is fine, my personal experience of dog parks is that humans don't behave well enough in them.	6/11/2023 2:22 PM
14	When this project was initiated, dog parks were in fashion. So much has been learned since about how dangerous they are and how potentially damaging for most dogs, I don't understand or support the interest in moving forward with this. Ask any vet and most trainers and they will tell you dog parks are just accidents waiting to happen.	6/11/2023 1:42 PM
15	I'm excited for other owners and people nearby who can use the parks I think this is a great project for improving our amazing little town.	6/11/2023 1:12 PM
16	Would prefer to spend taxpayer grant money on the actual humans like seniors & children Town needs to protect open space & stop overcrowding & wasting resources..	6/11/2023 1:05 PM
17	I don't feel it is necessary to spend money on a dog park	6/11/2023 12:47 PM
18	It would be great if there was a separate area for single dog use(aside from small and large). For dogs that are being trained or skittish around other dogs.	6/11/2023 11:13 AM
19	I listed them in other areas. While I am happy for those that will use the park, I know other communities that have had nothing but issues. As mentioned: dog fights, owners but during	6/11/2023 11:06 AM

	<p>fights, people not cleaning up after their dogs, sickness being transmitted between dogs, bad behaviors being learned, etc.</p>	
20	<p>It would be great if the dog park could be connected / accessible from maybe the rail trail or perhaps a link in a greenway type concept within an overall town plan</p>	6/11/2023 10:49 AM
21	<p>One of my biggest concerns is dog owners not picking up their poop. Dog owners not having dogs that should be off leash. Separate small dog vs large dog areas would minimize fights</p>	6/11/2023 10:43 AM
22	<p>Although I do not own a dog at this time, most of my life I have had several dogs (3) at all times. I love dogs but feel that a dog park is a a accident waiting to happen, an it will happen. What will happen when a dog gets mauled by another dog or worse a person is mauled? The town will be sued and once again all citizens will have to pay by raising our taxes again. Most towns have dine away with dig parks because of the liability.</p>	6/11/2023 10:26 AM
23	<p>A dog park will be great!</p>	6/11/2023 10:00 AM
24	<p>Fix the other perks first then this</p>	6/11/2023 8:29 AM
25	<p>I am wondering how permission would be granted for use of the park? How would dog owners know that other dogs were up to date with shots, etc? What would be the policies for dogs who don't behave with other dogs?</p>	6/11/2023 8:29 AM
26	<p>Other dog parks we've visited had toys hanging from trees for dogs to pull. This was a great feature.</p>	6/11/2023 8:27 AM
27	<p>Would only use when guests have their dog with them.</p>	6/11/2023 6:49 AM
28	<p>Only one site truly will work due to the heavy use at Sauter Farina is best choice but need to get real professionally addressed developing Farinia draining there's going to be drama , angry people if parking gets worse due to dog park at same location ... sadly human behavior If we can seriously develop Farina it might be the the best peaceful solution for location</p>	6/11/2023 3:33 AM
29	<p>There are not many parks around which would be like this one, we would love this to visit!</p>	6/10/2023 11:23 AM
30	<p>None</p>	6/5/2023 5:26 PM
31	<p>I live in McKinney TX, we are in the design phase of our second dog park. Our Park and Rec has offered us a survey (from the same company) and I was just checking to see what questions were asked. We have a site so those questioned were skipped...the rest pretty much the same. Good luck with this project--dog parks are wonderful. Dog owners meet at the dog park and become friends for life (at least that is based on the 10 years our park has been open). regards, Curt Jagger</p>	6/5/2023 2:43 PM
32	<p>I am so glad this is going to happen. This is a great town with many great dog parents and a dog park is a wonderful way to bring them together.</p>	6/3/2023 5:57 PM
33	<p>During Covid many families adopted dogs, be nice to have a place for both dogs and owners.</p>	6/3/2023 3:57 PM
34	<p>I would love to get involved in helping to raise money for a large dog park for the town. One with trails and agility equipment and fields for dogs to run and play with owners. I have no interest is a small fenced in area in the sun with no shade. It should be an inviting place for people to come to enjoy their pets off leash and be with others who enjoy their animals responsibly.</p>	6/3/2023 12:14 PM
35	<p>As a dog owner and veterinary hospital worker, we discourage dog parks for the most part due to the risk of infectious disease that is transmitted at a park. Although I understand the appeal of a dog park, it is essential that everyone clean up after their dogs since fecals are a top way of spreading intestinal parasites. The turf should also be anti-microbial and sprayed on a regular basis with veterinary approved/fda approved cleaner (Kennelsol and Rescue are well known products) to ensure that the grounds are not breeding disease. Thank you for allowing me to leave my feedback.</p>	6/3/2023 10:58 AM
36	<p>I got my dog from a shelter, he's very friendly but I haven't been able to socialize him with other dogs very much. I'm nervous about bringing him to a dog park because of this. I don't have any great ideas about how to deal with this but wondering if anyone else did. Maybe something like a "Student Driver" bumper sticker but a "Newbie" dog vest? ;-)</p>	6/2/2023 10:26 AM
37	<p>Having a park would be great. Concerns are making sure owners are responsible with their dogs. Unfortunately I've seen issues with aggressive dogs at other parks, and owners that</p>	6/1/2023 5:41 PM

don't clean up after their dog. Also making sure dogs are vaccinated and up to date with shots to permit entry to keep other dogs safe.

38	Great idea, hope it happens!	6/1/2023 8:10 AM
39	I think having a separate/little dog area is very important for puppy socialization and keeping smaller more fragile dogs safe. I have seen things go downhill at other dog parks. There is initial excitement but facilities tend to get neglected over time. The parks and grounds of Hudson should be regularly maintaining the area. Also keeping dangerous dogs out of the park should be a priority of all the owners. There should be a one strike and out policy of fighting with dogs. Signage conveying that message to everyone among other signs about keeping it clean can be held up as a standard.	6/1/2023 7:41 AM
40	A double gate for entrance is a good idea for safety.	6/1/2023 7:19 AM
41	I moved to Somerville from Hudson for a bit with my dog and I used to bring him to the many dog parks in the area. I couldn't stand the ones that were small little fenced in areas with crap everywhere and now where for them to get space. I think it's important that there is natural grass and it's comfortable for people and dogs alike to spend time.	5/31/2023 9:56 PM
42	My only concern is who & how would the area be maintained by? How often would the structures get checked for damage if any, who checks the plumbing for the water the dogs, how is the trash being emptied. Is there a specific place for them to pee & poop? How would it get cleaned or is it some kind of biodegradable thing??	5/31/2023 7:15 PM
43	I'm concerned more about other dog owners who will take advantage and not be respectful of the park as far as keeping it clean and having their dogs do what they want.	5/31/2023 6:57 PM
44	I'm not happy about the project when I heard Sauta Field may be where it is, I have 2 sons that play football at that field all the time, it's unfair to take from them for a dog park when we don't have many other things for teens to do.	5/31/2023 5:09 PM
45	New dog owner and would love a place locally to go to and make dog and people connections!	5/31/2023 4:55 PM
46	My dog can jump high so an 8 ft fence is probably the only way I would be comfortable letting him off lease	5/31/2023 4:10 PM
47	This is a great edition but would LOVE to see a children's playground/Gaga ball area for the town outside of the public schools.	5/31/2023 4:07 PM
48	I am very much in favor of a dog park as I think it would be an asset to Hudson. I do not think it should be located at Sauta Field. I do think it would be a great fit for Farina Field	5/31/2023 4:06 PM