

West Allis City Hall
7525 West Greenfield Avenue
West Allis, WI 53214

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CITY OF WEST ALLIS
CITY CLERK

11-6-2016

Re: Petition to Dog Park at 3000 block of Root River Parkway

We, the undersigned residents, are in strong opposition to the proposed dog park at the location of the 3000 block of Root River Parkway in West Allis.

This is for the following reasons as enumerated below:

1. **Decrease in Property Values:**

We in this neighborhood value our peace and quiet and that is why we have chosen to live in this neighborhood. **With the addition of this proposed dog park our home values would decrease.**

We have homes with some of the highest property values and therefore highest taxes in the City of West Allis and in the state, as a whole. For these taxes, we should be able to maintain the integrity and feel of our neighborhood that we have financially vested in.

2. **Additional Problems with flooding in the neighborhood:**

A fence that is installed around the dog park will catch debris and will redirect water to our yards and basements. Please take a look at the dam by Root River Parkway, South of Oklahoma Avenue, and notice the accumulation of dirt and debris south of the underpass. This same accumulation of debris will occur around the fencing of the dog park when it floods.

3. **Health Hazard:**

This area is a flood zone, and the feces that are not picked up, and even remnants of feces that have not been picked up would cause health issues. What will happen when flooding occurs throughout the dog park? **Water contaminated with feces would run into our homes, basements and yards. This is a health hazard with potential for E. coli.**

In addition, there would be issues with dogs spreading fleas, ticks, fungal infections and worms throughout this area when flooding occurs.

4. **Noise pollution and increased stress for Neighbors:**

We, as residents in this neighborhood feel that this dog park would be a nuisance. The negative impact of this future proposed park on our neighborhood would be severe. It would create ongoing stress where the noise would invade the peace and quiet of our homes throughout the day, and disrupt the sleep of those neighbors who work differing shifts. Our neighborhood is quiet and peaceful and we are vested in preserving the quiet, rural, and peaceful atmosphere of our neighborhood. Not to mention that this park will cause our own dogs to bark both inside and outside of our homes as they see, smell and hear these other dogs.

5. **Increased traffic and congestion:**

Placing a dog park in this area would increase traffic and congestion in our neighborhood with people turning around in our driveways and parking near the park. In addition, there are a lot of people walking, biking, and running past this area. It would be very disruptive to have dogs barking as people go by. The smell and sound would inhibit and prohibit people from wanting to pass by, keeping them from enjoying this area.

6. **Problems with enforcing park rules:**

In addition, none of the proposed dog park rules are enforceable. It would be a "use at your own risk" facility with voluntary compliance and no consequence for violation. The burden of reporting violation of these rules would fall on neighboring residences who would have to call the police, or try to deal with the problems on our own. This would cause an increased level of stress for property owners in this area.

7. **Liability**

Some people will not understand the concept of a dog park and will abuse the park by leaving dog unattended which will increase the potential for liability issues as there will be a potential of danger from aggressive dogs toward one another, people in the park, neighbors and people passing by.

8. **Pollution (smell):**

There would be a strong stench emanating from areas where dog feces are not picked up. We in this neighborhood have already had issues with irresponsible dog owners who leave bags of feces by people's mailboxes or do not pick up after their dogs at all. We do not expect this issue to be any different in a dog park.

9. **Littering:**

Littering would also be an issue as there would be soda cans, wrappers and other garbage left behind at dog park which would be unsightly and would blow around the neighborhood. Even overfilled garbage's could present a problem on windy days.

In closing, we as the property owners and neighbors of the Root River Parkway area that is being looked at for a dog park would like to say that the yelping and barking of dogs, dogfights, the stench, litter, health hazards, lack of enforcement of rules, unsightly fenced in area, decreased property values, increased flooding, and disruption to the wildlife and rural feel of our community is not acceptable and we are objecting to this park in the strongest way possible.

We in this neighborhood value the peace, health, comfort safety and general welfare of the members of our neighborhood. We are not opposed to the idea of a dog park in general, just to the proposed location and the overall disturbance it will bring to our neighborhood.

Open spaces should be allowed to exist in their own right. Rural areas, and areas with a peaceful feel with open expanses of trees, grass, wildflowers should not be looked at as an area to be destroyed or remade but should be looked upon as an area to preserve for the enjoyment of all. There are too few of these areas in our city and this is the type of "amenity" that we insist on keeping in our neighborhood and our city.

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| Linda McPhurt | | 11836 W. Oklahoma - West Allis, WI | MORE NOISE OF barking dogs | 11-07-16 |
| Marla Miller | | 3088 S. Waukesha Rd | Disruptive to Area | 11-07-16 |
| John Borek | | 3060 S. Waukesha Rd | Due to flood plain - bad idea | 11-7-16 |
| L. RUDERRE BOREK | | 3060 S. WAUKESHA RD | FEEL ABUTTING MY BACK YARD - UNDESIRABLY | 11-7-2016 |
| JOFF S. SLINKAR | | 3098 S. Waukesha Rd | Noise, Flood Plain | 11-7-16 |
| John Nusslock | | 3071 S. Waukesha Rd | Noise Traffic Congestion | 11-7-16 |
| TON R. PRAXEL | | 3009 S. Waukesha Rd | noise in Flood plain | 10-27-16 |
| Mark Tenick | | 3008 S. Waukesha Rd | I don't want IT!!! | 11-7-16 |
| TOM DB20 | | 2974 S. WAUKESHA RD. | DO NOT WANT DGS PARK | 11-7-16 |
| Joe Breznik | | 2925 S. Waukesha Rd | Does not help Area Residents Flood Plain | 11-7-16 |
| Joseph Breznik | | 2925 S. Waukesha Rd | Don't Happ! | 11-7-16 |

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| Doshua Polyn | <i>[Signature]</i> | 7917 S. Waukesha Rd West Allis 53027 | | 10-7-16 |
| REINARD KRUICKER | <i>[Signature]</i> | 2890 ROOT RIVER PARKWAY 53227 | | 11-7-16 |
| Brian Medema | <i>[Signature]</i> | 2725 Root River Parkway 53227 | | 11-7-16 |
| Dan Belongie | <i>[Signature]</i> | 2851 Root River Parkway 53227 | | 11/7/16 |
| David Spang | <i>[Signature]</i> | 2895 S. Ashland Way 53227 | | 11/16 |
| Dale Klipstien | <i>[Signature]</i> | 11722 W. Oklahoma Ave 53227 | | 11/2/16 |
| MERI EVER | <i>[Signature]</i> | 11734 W. Oklahoma Ave 53227 | | 11/7/16 |
| KATH BUNDEWISER | <i>[Signature]</i> | 2938 S WAUWATON RD 53227 | | 11/7/16 |
| MIKE MCGY | <i>[Signature]</i> | 2937 S. WAUWATONS 53227 | | 11/7/16 |
| Ma McGy | <i>[Signature]</i> | 2955 S. Waukesha Rd. 53227 | | 11/7/16 |
| Jonathan Nitz | <i>[Signature]</i> | 2910 S. Waukesha Rd. 53227 | | 11/7/16 |
| Joyce Leven | <i>[Signature]</i> | 2910 S. Waukesha Rd. 53227 | | 11/7/16 |
| Laura Sekula | <i>[Signature]</i> | 2994 S Waukesha Rd 53227 | | 11/9/16 |
| ANTHONY MARISSA | <i>[Signature]</i> | 3139 S Telford Parkway 53227 | | 11/16 |
| Jessica Frenn | <i>[Signature]</i> | 3050 S Waukesha Rd. 53227 | | 11/11/16 |
| Steve Dolan | <i>[Signature]</i> | 3050 S Waukesha Rd 53227 | | 11/11/16 |
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| Tanya Lerner | Tanya Danner | | 4590 S 20th St MILWAUKEE, WI 53221 | | 11/11/16 |
| Michael J Bailey | Misty J Barb | | 8614 W Lapham WA 53214 | 414-257-1569 | 11/11/16 |
| LEAH A. BAILEY | Leah A. Bailey | | 8114 W LAPHAM WA 53214 | 414-257-1569 | 11/11/16 |
| Jospek Simmerma | Jospek Simmerma | | 4852 W Lapham WA 53214 | 414-531-1393 | 11/11/16 |
| Timothy Shanks | Timothy Shanks | | 81201 W Lapham WA 53214 | (414) 881-8211 | 11/11/16 |
| Samuel Oden | Samuel Oden | | 3050 S. Waukesha Rd S3307 | 414-570-6006 | 11/11/16 |
| Richard Eder | Richard Eder | | 11734 West OKLAHOMA Ave. | 414-659-9708 | 11/12/16 |
| Ewend King | Ewend King | | 2414 S. Waukesha | 414-528-8218 | 11/12/16 |
| PATRICK McNEEL | Patrick McNeel | | 2885 S. WAUKESHA RD | 414-545-4658 | 11/12/16 |
| ROBERT LEPP | Robert Lepp | | 2905 S. WAUKESHA RD | 414-5411455 | 11/12/16 |
| JAMES McPHERSON | James McPher | | 2905 Waukesha Rd | 414-405-6213 | 11-12-16 |
| D. R. Schneck | D. R. Schneck | | 2949 S. Waukesha Rd | 414-604-0732 | 11-12-16 |
| Theresa Aceita | Theresa Aceita | | 8894 S. Waukesha Rd | 414-543-7918 | 11-12-16 |
| Sandy Aceita | Sandra Aceita | | 8894 S. Waukesha Rd. | 414-543-7718 | 11-12-16 |
| Alison Campbell | Alison Campbell | | 2877 S. Waukesha Rd. | 414-254-3802 | 11-12-16 |
| Diane Oxley | Maie Oxley | | 3882 S. Waukesha Rd | 414-455-8511 | 11-12-16 |

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| Sally D'Arcy | [Signature] | 414-455-8511 | 2882 S. Waukesha Rd | | | 11-12-16 |
| Scott Knapert | [Signature] | 414-581-4710 | 2867 S. Waukesha Rd | | | 11-12-16 |
| Kathy Tony Scamling | [Signature] | 414-617-3178 | 2864 S. Waukesha Rd. | | | 11/24/16 |
| Tom Bienger | [Signature] | 414-546-1884 | 2841 S. Waukesha Rd. | | | 11/24/16 |
| Jeff Schultz | [Signature] | 419-591-8318 | 2831 S. Waukesha Rd | | | 11-12-16 |
| Dea Egan | [Signature] | 414-543-3294 | 2782 S. Waukesha Rd. | | | 11/24/16 |
| Sarah Lockwood | [Signature] | 414-463-6773 | 2807 S. Waukesha Rd | | | 11/24/16 |
| AMY ROARIE | [Signature] | 414-339-0222 | 2768 S. Waukesha Rd | | | 11/24/16 |
| Yolanda Spencer | | 414-545-3652 | 2746 " " " | | | 11/12/16 |
| Jim Chasal | [Signature] | 414-328-8118 | 2737 S. Waukesha | | | 11/24/16 |
| Erin W. Llesse | [Signature] | 414-321-8158 | 2734 S. Waukesha | | | 11/24/16 |
| Tom Trobach | [Signature] | 414-543-6158 | 2705 S. Waukesha | | | 11/24/16 |
| STEVE SCHMIDT | [Signature] | 414-930-0999 | 3003 S. WAUKESHA RD. | | | 11/24/16 |
| JOANNE MARLIN | [Signature] | 414-541-6760 | 12646 W. Florence | | | 11/24/16 |
| Charles Beckwith | [Signature] | 414-545-9100 | 12035 W FLORENCE Ln | | | 11/12/16 |
| Lynn Bielawski | [Signature] | 414-545-9100 | 12039 W Florence Ln | | | 11/12/16 |

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| Paul Krass | 414-541-7078 | 2802 S. Seymour | | 11/13/16 |
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| David M. Dineen | 414-541-1956 | 2769 S. Seymour Pl | | 11-13-16 |
| Art Demaree | 414-541-1956 | 2769 S. Seymour Pl | | 11-13-16 |
| Tom Hammons | 414-327-5102 | 2795 S. Seymour Pl | | 11/13/16 |
| Kevin Gardner | 414-531-5021 | 2824 S. Seymour Pl | | 11/13/16 |
| Nancy Godwin | 414 319 9015 | " " | | |
| Beth Schmeling | 414.313.3909 | 11803 W. Florence Ln. | | 11.13.16 |
| Robert Rybak | 414-469-8872 | 2749 S. Root River | | |
| Spivey DORRINKA | 414 499-5055 | 2801 S. Root Riv. Pkwy | | 11-13-16 |
| Joanna Fre | 414.406.4522 | 2733 Root River | | 11-13-16 |
| JANESE EICK | 414-543-5632 | 2783 Root River Pkwy | Sam's Side | 11-13-16 |
| DAN ROSANTKA | 414-327-3475 | 2817 S. Root River Pkwy | | 11/13/16 |
| Gillian Yochim | 785 341 6476 | 2467 Root River Pkwy | | 11/13/16 |
| Kurt Dack | 914 321-7105 | 2949 Root River Pkwy | | 11/13/16 |

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| Mat Zoltick | Mat Zoltick | 2928 S. 104 St | 414-484-8955 | |
| Mary Ann Suda | Mary Ann Suda | 3952 Root River Pkwy | 414-321-7639 | No no bad choice |
| Selle Westbrook | Selle Westbrook | 3885 Root River Pkwy | 414-543-0958 | |
| SARA SIVINS | SARA SIVINS | 2840 Root River Pkwy | 414-581-8938 | bad idea |
| John Dess | John Dess | 10337 W. Manitoba St. | 414-543-3631 | |
| PARLO A. BOGGS | PARLO A. BOGGS | 2806 Root River Pkwy | 414-321-2860 | |
| Devin Hunter | Devin Hunter | 2742 Root River Pkwy | 262-853-8960 | |
| Susan Packman | Susan Packman | 2734 Root River Pkwy | 414-546-0878 | |
| Phillip Heel | Phillip Heel | 2709 S. Root River Pkwy | 414-546-0920 | current property is for wildlife |
| LARRY HAN | LARRY HAN | 2709 S. Root River Pkwy | 414-546-0920 | |
| Deirda Bellis | Deirda Bellis | 12023 W. Cypressland Ave | 414-455-3255 | |

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| Robi n Masters | <i>[Signature]</i> | 2717 S. Root River Parkway | 414-388-3213 | |
| Annmarie Kape | <i>[Signature]</i> | 2718 Root River Parkway | 414-759-6527 | |
| Cindy Jakubowski | <i>[Signature]</i> | 2725 S. Wurke Road | 414-543-6188 | |
| John Lehtinen | <i>[Signature]</i> | 2841 S. Root River Road | 414-365-4801 | |
| Susan Johnson | <i>[Signature]</i> | 2016 S 97th St | 414-209-2152 | No Dog Park |
| Sheryl Nelson | <i>[Signature]</i> | 2050 S Wurke Road | 414-329-9688 | |
| Fran Winkler | <i>[Signature]</i> | 2947 Root River Parkway | 414 321-7105 | |
| TEO SPANASIS | <i>[Signature]</i> | 2875 S. Root River Parkway | 414 795-3559 | No Dog Park |
| Beverly Klipstein | <i>[Signature]</i> | 11722 W. Oklahoma | 414-574-1296 | No Dog Park |

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