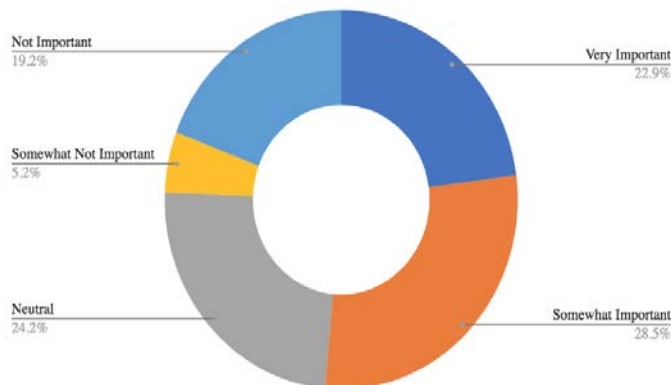


## **Leash-Free Dog Park Survey Results (May 25 to June 7, 2020)**

This survey was open for public input from May 25 – June 7, 2020 to seek input into preferred options and offer comment on two proposed locations for a permanent leash free dog park (William Scott Park and Schmidt Woods).

### **Q1: Using the scale indicated, how important are separate sections for large/medium dogs and small dogs?**

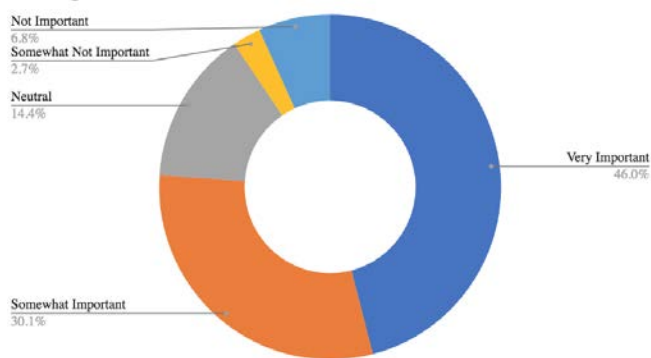
- 51% feel it is *Very Important* or *Somewhat Important* to have separate areas for large and small dogs.
- 24% feel *Neutral* about having separate areas for large and small dogs.
- 24% feel it is *Not Important* or *Somewhat Not Important* to have separate areas for large and small dogs.



**Figure A: Small and Large Dog Sections**

### **Q2: Using the scale indicated, how important is parking availability?**

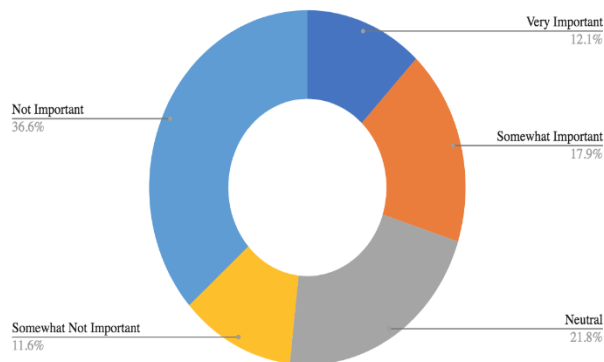
- 76% feel it is *Very Important* or *Somewhat Important* to have parking availability.
- 14% feel *Neutral* about having parking availability.
- 9% feel it is *Not Important* or *Somewhat Not Important* to have parking availability.



**Figure B: Parking Availability**

**Q3: Using the scale indicated, how important is it for the dog park to have trail access?**

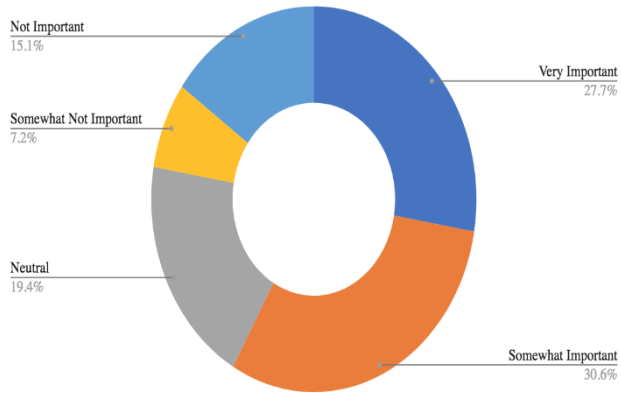
- 30% feel it is *Very Important* or *Somewhat Important* to have trail access.
- 22% feel *Neutral* about having trail access.
- 48% feel it is *Not Important* or *Somewhat Not Important* to have trail access.



**Figure C: Trail Access**

**Q4: Using the scale indicated, how important is access to water supply?**

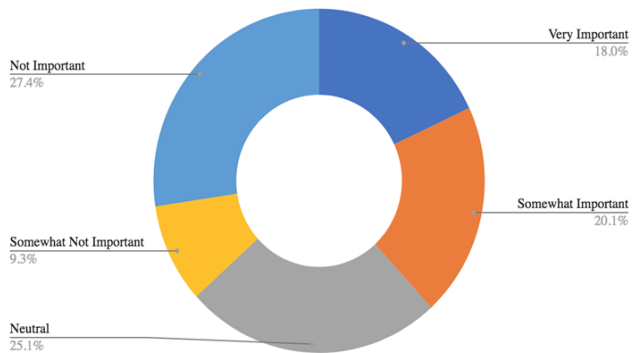
- 58% feel it is *Very Important* or *Somewhat Important* to have access to water supply.
- 19% feel *Neutral* about having access to water supply.
- 22% feel it is *Not Important* or *Somewhat Not Important* to have access to water supply.



**Figure D: Access to Water Source**

**Q5: Using the scale indicated, how important is it for the dog park to be away from residential areas?**

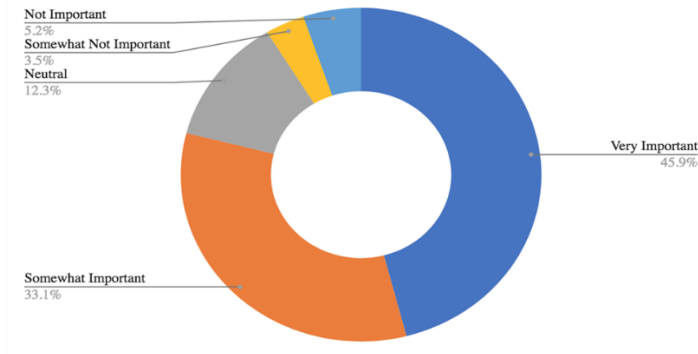
- 38% feel it is *Very Important* or *Somewhat Important* to be away from residential areas.
- 25% feel *Neutral* about being away from residential areas.
- 37% feel it is *Not Important* or *Somewhat Not Important* to be away from residential areas.



**Figure E: Proximity to Residential Areas**

**Q6: Using the scale indicated, how important is adequate shade for dogs and humans at the dog park?**

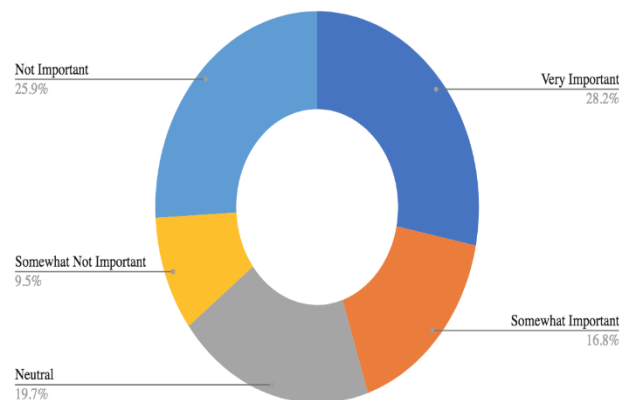
- 79% feel it is *Very Important* or *Somewhat Important* to have adequate shade for dogs and humans at the dog park.
- 12% feel *Neutral* about having adequate shade for dogs and humans at the dog park.
- 9% feel it is *Not Important* or *Somewhat Not Important* to adequate shade for dogs and humans at the dog park.



**Figure F: Importance of shade**

**Q7: Using the scale indicated, how important is it that the dog park not be in the flood plain?**

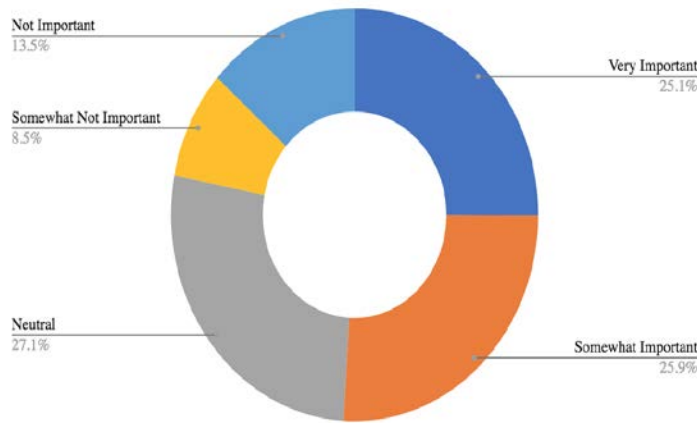
- 45% feel it is *Very Important* or *Somewhat Important* that the dog park not be in the flood plain.
- 20% feel *Neutral* about the dog park not being in the flood plain.
- 35% feel it is *Not Important* or *Somewhat Not Important* that the dog park not be in the flood plain.



**Figure G: Importance of not having the dog park in the flood plain.**

**Q8: Using the scale indicated, how important is it that the dog park be central to most residents in the Township?**

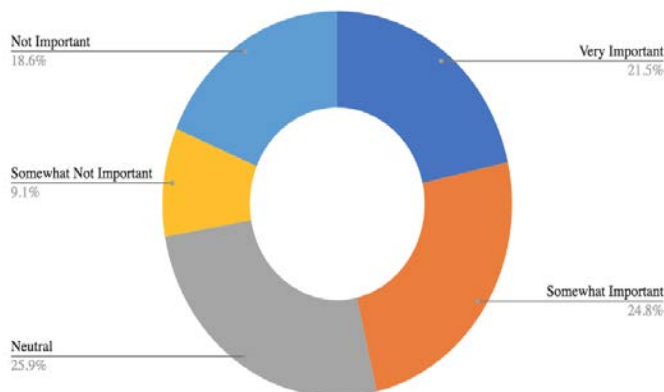
- 51% feel it is *Very Important* or *Somewhat Important* that the dog park be central to most residents in the Township.
- 27% feel *Neutral* about the dog park being central to most residents in the Township.
- 22% feel it is *Not Important* or *Somewhat Not Important* that the dog park be central to most residents in the Township.



**Figure H: Importance of being central**

**Q9: The proposed dog park will be approximately 1 acre. Using the scale below, how important is room for a future expansion of the dog park?**

- 46% feel it is *Very Important* or *Somewhat Important* to have room for future expansion of the dog park.
- 26% feel *Neutral* about having room for future expansion of the dog park.
- 28% feel it is *Not Important* or *Somewhat Not Important* to have room for future expansion of the dog park.



**Figure I: Importance of ability to expand in future.**

## All Comments Received from May 2020 Survey

**Note:** comments are not sorted in any manner, nor have they been modified or edited from their original submission.

- Dog owners can bring their own water.
- Any dog regardless of size should be 100% behaved before coming to the park so size of the dog should not matter.
- Dogs get excited so barking may be a concern.
- Trails could be beneficial but if you go to a dog park your reasons are different than if you choose to go to a trail.
- I love dogs but I love the solitude of Schmidt Woods and don't want to hear barking.
- Please do not use Schmidt woods. I am sick of all the dog crap at Petersburg woods off the highway and soon Schmidt woods will be the same if you encourage all those dog owners to gather there. Not to mention the noise and I assume you would clear cut even more of the trees to make room for this.
- Not the woods for the tick issue.
- I really oppose the idea of taking some of the Schmidt woods for a dog park. There are other trails in the area where people bring dogs. I have used the trail by the hwy and had 2 encounters (in a month) of dogs off leash that were not friendly. The Schmidt trails are nice and level and wide for those with mobility issues, strollers, bikes and dogs on leash. I think that is important to keep, and for the users to feel safe. I think Scott park is a better option, it has way more room for dogs to run, shade and access to bathrooms.
- I personally don't think Schmidt Woods is a good location for this dog park. The trails are used daily by local residents walking, running, and many young children even riding bikes. A dog park will add further traffic to the area. Also please consider those in the community who may have a dog but are not able to drive or don't have the means to get to Schmidt Woods by car. William Scott Park is the best option and makes the most sense.
- I understand that there needs to be a balance between having space accessible to people without vehicles and not being too close to a residential area. Realistically, Schmidt Woods is not easily accessible to people without vehicles. While the dog park has been closed, some people have been using school yards or parks to let their dogs run off leash, and that is not safe or hygienic, so this is an important issue to resolve. I'm glad that the public is being surveyed about this. Thank you.
- An acre seems to be a small area for a dog park. I have been to Bechtel Park in Waterloo and it is more. There trees have been planted to provide future shade. I do not support a dog park in Schmidt Woods. It is lovely with lots of shade but it is a wet forest and that natural area will be destroyed with the dog park. There has been enough damage done with creating trails and clearing the ash trees. Also that area will be so congested with cars and people with sports, and the splash pad in the summer. Please keep the woods as natural as possible.
- I own a large dog who loves to run so the larger the area, the better. He is also boisterous when he plays, so even when he likes a small dog, his play style is often unwelcome to the owners of small dogs! Stratford has an excellent dog park that includes trails through a wooded area, which is great. However, I feel that Scott Park, where the trial park was located, is a more appropriate location. Schmidt Woods is a natural area and the traffic would be damaging to the

environment there. The more tended Scott Park could also easily include the treed area directly adjacent to the trail park., making a more interesting and shady area for users and their owners! I would recommend a 2nd dog park for the future to service the Baden community. I am told that there are more dogs per capita in Baden than most places in S. Ontario. Thank you for allowing feedback.

- Absolutely not in Schmidt Woods please:
  - important woodland habitat that would see its ecological integrity severely compromised if dogs are allowed to frequent the area (increased human and animal presence causing stress on native biological community)
  - loss of 1 acre of natural mature forested area (even with just understory cleared and landscaped) significant especially in Wilmot Twp and SW Ontario where we have some of the lowest % of natural areas remaining in Canada
  - Schmidt Woods not central to majority of users
  - William Scott Park already central to majority of users, has large open spaces and is well shaded, and the fact that it's on a floodplain is irrelevant (dog park usage during wet periods with saturated soils is low, and smart development of permanent features can result in mitigated damage due to flooding)
- Please please please no dog park at Schmidt Woods, especially when a better alternative is available.
- Do not build in schmidt woods please!
- Do not want it at Schmidts woods.
- Dogs are animals. Animals are belong to the wild. We have too many dogs and pops on the trails and streets in Baden. Please don't ruin Schmidt Woods!
- Don't tske away what little green space we have in Wilmot township for a dog park
- I am a dog owner and lover, but I am also a runner. Earlier this year I was attacked by an off leash dog on a local trail. Schmidt Woods is one of very few trail systems I feel safe to run. I am afraid that having a dog park so close to the trails will encourage off leash dogs on the trail system. I do hope that if this location is chosen, there will be no need for off leash dogs on the trail system and no tolerance of off leash dogs will be allowed.
- I am absolutely shocked that the one little forest in Baden is going to be an off leash dog park. It is ridiculous that we finally have a nice woodlot to walk in and now we are handing it over to dogs. There is enough space at Scott park for that.
- I am not a dog owner so am neutral except for the location. I do not endorse the Schmidt Woods location. I enjoy the peacefulness and serenity of walking the Schmidt Woods trail and do not want that to be ruined by the raucousness of a noisy dog park! Please keep it where it is in Scott Park. Thank you.
- I am not a dog owner. However, I have had dogs as pets for most of my life. I do NOT understand the need for dog parks. We hiked and our dog went with us. She was always under control AND that is the major concern. Most dog owners do not have their pet under control - they have not learned how to train their pet.
- Putting a dog park in Schmidt Woods was NOT the intent of the gift to the township. This is a trail system in the woods for all to enjoy.
- Creating a dog park in Schmidt Woods would require some clearing and already there has been a lot of clearing to make the trails.

- I do not agree that Schmidt Woods should be considered as an area for a dog park. Geraldine Sanderson
- I do not feel that Schmidt's trails / woods is the appropriate spot for a dog park. Taking area / trails away from none dog owners is not the right move. Families, couples, walkers, runners, bikers enjoy the trails as they are.
- Our township has very LIMITED trails as, taking away space is not the answer
- I do not believe that Schmitt Woods is an ideal place for a dog park. A forest ecosystem relies on the forest floor to provide stability to the ecosystem. Many dogs running here will damage the forest floor in the same way that running cattle in a bush destroys the ecosystem. Without the invertebrate populations and the flora populations, compaction will occur and this interior part of the forest will die. Therefore, the forest will become fragmented and that will create pressures on the entire ecosystem. A maintained managed grassland is better for this use.
- I do not like dogs. I am very uncomfortable around dogs. I have small children and, since dogs cannot be trusted, like to keep them away from dogs at this point in their lives as well. I don't know how many times I have been out for a walk (usually with my children) and have a dog owner assume we like dogs and that my kids want to get close to their dog. I really liked the Scott Park location because there is plenty of space, it's easy to avoid getting close to the dog park portion, and (most importantly) New Hamburg is so big. New Hamburg is so big that there are other parks families could visit if they want to avoid the dog park. New Hamburg is so big that there are other shaded areas for people to stroll around. New Hamburg is so big that a higher number of people would benefit from a dog park in New Hamburg vs. Baden. Also, the environment would benefit from it being in New Hamburg vs. Baden - only the people from Baden (smaller population) would have to drive over.
- IF a dog park must be created in Baden, I do not support it's placement in Schmidt's Woods. EVERYONE would have to drive to it. The hiking trails there are so nice and I would like to be able to continue to enjoy them rather than being scared away by the dogs. Also, Baden has such little shade on it's streets and the very few trails it has. Schmidt's Woods is the only shady walk we have and believe it should be preserved as is so that everyone (the non-dog-lovers included) can enjoy.
- I do not want to see it at the Schmitt Woods trail. I believe it would take away from the ambiance of the forest (feels like you are away from the busy world) for those hiking the trail. Would be nice to see it located more centrally than Scott Park, but Schmitt's Woods isn't a good location.
- I don't believe we should be clearing trees for a dog park. There is already a location that has been in use. For all of the families that use Schmidt Woods, it's already a smaller trail. Making it even smaller and disturbing the nature even further for a dog park isn't necessary.
- I don't feel Scotts park is the best solution due to parking and space. On evenings when soccer or other events take place its too busy and over crowded down there.
- I dont think putting it in the wilmot rec centre forest is a good idea. It will destroy the atmosphere of the area.
- I have great concern over the siting Wilmot Township is proposing to make a permanent Off-Leash Dog Park in the township. The two sites being considered are Scott Park in New Hamburg (where the Waterwheel is, and the temporary dog park was until Covid shut it down), or Schmidt Woods behind the Wilmot Rec Complex. It is obvious that a dog park has to be an open



field, so that would mean clearcutting and clearing 1 acre within the woods. This would be an act of desecration of a woodlot that was donated to the township for the enjoyment of ALL the residents and is part of the Wilmot Trail System that is in the township master plan.

- The new survey also has questions that would only be of interest to a dog owner, and none relate to the non-dog community who may have other views on where the park should be located. In other words, there WILL BE A DOG PARK, and it may be in Schmidt Woods. The survey is highly biased. I use the Schmidt Woods Trails for walking and the observation of nature. I wish to express my extreme concern over the proposed siting of a Dog Park and the desecration of Schmidt Woods that would result.
- There is open space along the fenceline fronting the Rec Complex along Nafziger Road. This could be utilized without spoiling the view of the complex and it is already half fenced.
- I ask that the survey be withdrawn and/or restructured to remove the bias inherent in the questions.
- I read the Schmidt woods trails may be affected. Please no! I love those woods, and don't mind dogs on leashes. But I would hate to see trails taken away to create a dog park.
- It would be a shame to lose trails in Schmidt woods. If there is another space behind or around the Rec centre that would be ideal but not at the sacrifice of the trails. My kids love the trails. We need more trails in Wilmot, not less
- No dog park in our natural spaces! We have to protect our natural spaces; we are already seeing a decline in our pollinators. Dogs can be kept on their leash, wildlife do not have that option! Spaces must be reserved for not only wildlife, but hikers, children and others to also respectfully enjoy.
- Not near the trails
- Please do not cut down more trees in Schmidt Woods to put up a dog park. What a waste of a beautiful habitat.
- Scott Park is more than acceptable.
- Please do not put it at Schmidt Woods! It is heaven there with just trails! It's so peaceful without dogs and more traffic!!! Please please not this location!!!
- Please do not put it at Schmidt Woods!!!
- Please do not put it in Schmidts woods. Totally not the right place and how much of the woods would need to be removed. Totally would be a waste of valuable bush land
- Please do not take away walking space in Schmidt Woods. Dogs are welcomed! But leashes are necessary. High speed traffic is just steps away (Nafziger Rd), and this trail is often frequented by seniors and young families who bike and walk for leisure. Allowing dogs to be off-leash would disturb a beautiful gem in Wilmot Township.
- Please do not use Schmidt woods as a dog park. We have so few trails in Wilmot and it would completely change the way many families use the trail. The trails are only 3 km and are ideal for people with young children. Adding dogs off leash to the mix would only crowd the few trails we do have.
- Please do not use the Schmidt woods trail. It's one of the only places my daughter walks where she doesn't fear dogs being loose. We don't have many trails. Leave us that one.
- Please don't put it in Schmidt Woods. We love this trail and would hate to lose space
- Please don't take away from Schmidt trails

- The dog park MUST NOT go in The woods! The forest is an area for walking and thinking, contemplating, enjoying the quiet natural sounds of the wind and birds; NOT YAPPING DOGS. The woods have been decimated with the recent timber logging of the woods. To further decimate it would be unconscionable!
- The dog park should be at Scott Park and Schmidt Woods should stay a nature trail. Not all families or children are fans of dogs and therefore it is unfair to take that space away from them by increasing the presence of dogs through a dog park. It is also not fair to wildlife that live in Schmidt Woods either. In addition, parking at the Rec Center can be VERY BUSY when Sports activities and swimming lessons are running. I would not be happy if I had more difficulty parking when I am at the rec center for an activity that I have specifically paid for bc lots of people are taking up spaces to use the free dog park.
- PLEASE DO NOT PUT IT IN THE NATURAL AREA BEHIND THE REC CENTER!!!!
- The park should not be in Schmidt Woods.
- The Schmidt's woods trail should not be used for a dog park
- The survey questions seem to be very targeted at making residents choose Schmidt woods as the location of the dog park. It would be nice to also ask questions such as how important is it that the dog park and associated parking not be too close to playgrounds/splash pads, Or how important is it that the dog park not have trail access? Having the dog park in Schmidt woods would increase the number of dogs on the trails (sometimes off leash despite what the rules might be) and at the park splash pad making this an area that families would have to avoid if they have children who are fearful or uneasy around dogs.
- There are a lot of young children playing around the recreation centre on the splash pad, in the field, etc. It is not safe for dogs to be so close to the rec complex. Not everyone likes dogs so they should not have to feel threatened by a dog park near where their children and grandchildren play.
- There is a shortage of good walking trails already in Wilmot and I don't believe that removing a section of the new trails for a dog park is a good decision
- This would be an act of desecration of a woodlot (Schmidt Woods) that was donated to the township for the enjoyment of ALL the residents and is part of the Wilmot Trail System that is in the township master plan. It is imperative that nothing MORE be done to this nature preserve. Schmidt Woods should not be considered at all..
- Using Schmidt's Woods property as a dog area does not meet the objectives of the family who donated their property for the benefit of the citizens of Wilmot Township. Having dogs loose in numbers in the area will discourage people who wish to take a quiet walk on this lovely trail. It would also discourage families with young children. Dog walkers in my experience give preference to their animal over other people and will often take the trail forcing other people off trail. Also people in wilder areas do not feel it necessary to clean up after their pets. I think animals should be discouraged in this area!
- A number of trees have already been removed to create out trail system through Schmidt Woods. Possibility of removing more trees for a dog park does not make sense when Scott Park has proven it can work as a dog park. Trees remain important to our climate..
- Do not place in Schmidt Woods. William Scott Park or no dog park at all.
- Don't take Schmidt trails away from walkers. Keep it at Scott park.

- My dog is happiest walking on a leash on the trails in Schmidt Woods. I would personally prefer more trails than a dog park. I will never use a dog park - they are used mostly by lazy owners and their untrained dogs. I hope it isn't put in Schmidt Woods.
- Please keep the dog park out of Schmidt Woods, we have very few natural areas in our township.
- Please do not choose Schmidt Woods
- Most of these questions are dependent on where it is...parking wouldn't be important at all if most people can walk to it.
- Absolutely stupid idea to have the dog park in Schmidt Woods. Perfect locations are Scott park for New Hamburg and one in Beck Park in Baden (the big open field beside the diamonds). Your survey was obviously, and poorly, written to skew answers towards Schmidt Woods.
- Do not put a dog park at the rec centre
- People can currently walk or run with their leashed dog in the woods and other trail users are able to engage in many various recreational activities. Given the recent decimation of the forest and how the ecosystem requires time to recover, designating about an acre to dogs seems rather shortsighted, especially since there is already a space that has been successful for the purpose.
- It would be a shame to lose the walking trails near Schmidt's woods
- I do not feel it is wise to put the dog park at Schmidt woods
- The popularity of the dog park at Scott Park resulted in a marked increase in traffic and noise as well as a lack of privacy to a few residences near the area. The lack of an appropriate parking lot resulted in extensive damage to the surrounding grass and in extreme cases a tow truck had to be called to remove vehicles stuck in the mud. Scott Park is not the best location for a permanent dog park.
- Since the dog park is nearly in my back yard I have some comments. The SCOTT PARK location is too close to our homes. We are subject to dog barking day and into the night. The idea is to get exercise yet everybody drives from the other side of town when the other arena site is larger and away from seniors neighbourhoods. We not deaf you know and I I am a dog lover ,just walk your dog in your own yard.
- Most important is to be away from houses. I could hear the dogs from my house very early in the morning.
- The "proposed" or "temporary" dog park was located right behind my house. It could have been better situated on the other side of the hill towards the fields, which also provides a pavilion for shade. I was not pleased with the temporary location. That location is used as parking for soccer families throughout 4 months of the summer. If it was on the other side of the hill it would still be out of the way of soccer and provide more parking while keeping the excess noise away from residents looking onto the area.
- I would suggest a water station on a concrete pad where dogs can be hosed down if muddy (especially if park is on flood plain), or have a drink. Maybe have a pavilion where owners can sit in shade on picnic tables or benches. Separating small dogs from the large is important since some large dog may be overpowering/too rough when playing with small dogs. As a soccer parent, parking at Scott park is very important and the dog park would take away a lot of parking for soccer families, especially during tournaments. Please don't put it back at Scott Park!!

- - should have lights
  - should have year round access
  - should be in an area where many people can walk to (reduces area needed for parking, and more accessible for people without vehicles)
  - other possible location would be Arboretum on Waterloo St. since lots of people could walk to it, seems underutilized, perhaps old lawn bowling club
  - multiple double-door entrances would be great
- I like the idea of the dog park being centrally located, like the Wilmot Rec Center, however I think it would make it more difficult for people who do not have vehicles. Can we also ensure that a wooded area is also tick and poison ivy free? Has there been consideration of using the Arboretum? It meets many of the requirements for shade, but I guess it does not have water access and it is very close to residential areas. One of the issues I can see with the park being in the schmidt woods area is that it would get dark quickly, especially in winter. For either location, is there any chance to put in solar lighting or electrical if it is attached to the hydro poles by Scott Park?
- I think there should be two dog parks in the most populated towns of New Hamburg and Baden, within walking distance for people of all ages to be able to benefit from.
- This is a great start but I think we need dog parks in all the towns provided there is a request, a suitable place and enough users to warrant one. This would cut down on pollution from driving to a dog park and reduce any crowding at the one and only one in the entire township. It seems that when there is only one of something, it is either New Hamburg, Baden or at the Rec Complex and the other towns do without or get in their cars. When that something is huge like a Rec Complex, I understand. However, when it is something smaller like a dog park or skateboard park, why not let another town have a chance too?
- Should be one in New Hamburg and one in Baden within walking distance. Many dog owners don't have access to vehicles. Please remember heavily wooded areas brings with it many biting bugs/tics
- Won't be going from New Dundee all the way to New Hamburg for a dog park
- Although not mentioned I think the Wilmot arboretum should be considered ...it is already fenced on three sides ..and extra parking at the school.
- The arboretum would be a perfect spot.
- I think the arboretum would be a good looking location for a dog park
- Closer to Baden the better.
- Disappointed that a location in Baden was not considered
- I would love one in Baden!!!! Why not at the massive greenspace at the back of the castle?!
- Is Baden not in the running ? And if not why? There is a perfectly good green space in Baden beside the township offices with on street parking available.
- What about the big green space in Beck Park?
- having a dog park in a flood plain in the new dundee area would be a way of making use of that area for more than just growing weeds as we are not proend to a lot of flooding.
- The flood plain down by the legion and the baseball fields makes the most sense. Thereâ€™s already parking, it canâ€™t be built in and there s only a few houses. And itâ€™s central!!
- I am OPPOSED to both proposals. The fact that Council is considering allocating 1 acre to a permanent dog park in Schmidt Woods is especially alarming. I walk there between 4 to 6 days

a week. The SHARED PATH CONCEPT WORKS: walkers, runners, families, cyclists and DOGS ON A LEASH do not infringe on anyone else. The wildlife in that area should be respected and natural foliage left intact as everyone tries to co-habitate within reasonable limits. Dogs do not override everyone else's rights. The current paths provide ample room for exercise for humans and canines.

- From what I've seen, most people who use dog parks stand around and chat while they're dogs play. This isn't ideal for the dogs but seems to be the way that it is. I'd hate to take away from a wonderful trail walk to have people standing around. I'd also hate to see you clear cut any more of Schmidt Woods. It's a beautiful, natural area that should not be impacted any more than it already is (ash beetle). I'm a dog lover and like the option of having a dog park but don't want to take a multi-purpose hiking trail and diminish its value. My vote goes solidly to William Scott Park. Thanks for the opportunity to participate in the process.
- St. Agatha is badly in need of a leash free park. Our dogs like to play too!
- Suggestion to create two dog parks (Baden & New Dundee) to avoid large amounts of traffic or excess number of dogs in residential area should be considered.
- Why only those two locations ? Perhaps a chance to look at other locations?
- A dog park should not interfere with the use and enjoyment of recreational land for the public. Proposed locations within already crowded public space will not foster good will between dog owners and the rest of the public that does not desire interaction with dogs due to potential fear, allergy, and uncontrolled behaviour. Selection of a location that already has existing parking constraints will create further difficulties with the public use of recreational areas. The Township should assess existing under-utilized municipal properties for development of a dog park, and not consider re-purposing existing recreational land for an alternative use that only benefits a small segment of the population of the Township.
- I think the Schmidt Woods is good location .There are walking trail on site to go for a walk if desired.Also there is ample parking on site and is central to everyone in twp.One other thing , all dogs using the park must be a licensed from where they live, so if there is a problem the dog can be ID. This also can help in covering cost to maintain the park.
- I love the idea of the dog park behind the rec complex! Makes great sense .. lots of parking -who are we kidding I used the temp. One at Scott Park all the time and almost no one walked there any way. The grass was getting all chewed up by ignorant people parking anywhere they felt like (cause the parking lot was too far for them I guess (insert sarcasm). The trail as an option for a walk with my dog then a play is perfect. It would be great if there was large and small dog area.. I have heard that from lots of users. Water access is a bonus but bringing water for myself and my dog is not a problem. I also think a membership should be considered as i have seen at other dog parks, I'd be willing to pay a yearly fee to help offset cost. Other places also have a volunteer committee of users who help with up keep and "policing" (for lack of a better word) ... great ideas. I don't think residents should just make demands on the townships based on "I pay taxes" if it is important then lets get involved and help to make it happen and to maintain it.
- Schmidt Woods has better and year round maintained parking already. Access to trails from both Baden and New Hamburg. Lots of shade and dryer ground. It wouldn't affect any other events by using up needed space. At Scott Park the dog park uses parking that is needed for soccer. I really like Schmidt Woods location for a dog park.

- Access to water and shade is very important, especially short-headed dogs (like boxers) who don't do well in summer heat, but still need lots of exercise. The Stratford dog-park is great in this regard, with a water tap and both open field & treed areas.
- Please provide a green-bin receptacle and source a sponsor for approved composting pick-up bags, if possible!! It's a shame to see it go in the trash when we have such a great regional composting program.
- We live in Baden and found the Scott's park location to be fine, but if we lived in New Dundee I can see it being frustrating. WRC is very close to being central, and is not far for either New Hamburg or Baden where the majority live.
- We did not like the flood plain aspect of Scott's park, as it was very muddy, especially into the fall before it was closed, and made the park much less useful as a quick stop to exercise our dog. Scott's park also had minimal parking, but it never seemed to be an issue. It may be more of an issue when the park is permanent.
- Having it at the Recreation complex will be much more suitable. Having it at Scott Park when soccer or other large events are on will create a parking nightmare.
- I think the Baden location would have much easier access to the dog park and less parking issues once sports resume. Parking is a huge problem with the New Hamburg location especially when soccer practices are happening.
- I love the idea of it being larger, and Schmidt Woods has the room for it. My only problem is a lot of seniors and people without cars walk to Scott park and would not be able to access a dog park that far away. Its a tough one for sure
- I think the proposed location at Schmidt Woods would be a fantastic location! Better facilities (parking, water access, trail access, etc), a larger area away from residential areas with the option to expand in the future, and better for winter usage. One issue we found at William Scott Park was lack of lighting. I would think that a location at the WRC would already have better lighting (or very easy to add) which would make it safer and increase availability of the park, especially in the winter months. The winter maintenance would be easier at a location attached to the WRC as well. This location isn't quite as central as the trial dog park, but having it located right off the highway seems like it would be a more convenient location for most with easy access to get to, rather than having to drive through downtown New Hamburg. 100% on board for the permanent location to be at Schmidt Woods!!
- It would be nice if the entrance to the dog park would have wood chips or other medium applied at the gate to keep the entrance less muddy as was often the case at Scott park during wet and snowy conditions. We enjoyed Scott park but Rec Center may be less disruptive to neighbours as some dogs do like to use their voice duty ring play.
- Like the proposal of the rec centre.
- We dont take our dog to scott park. Not a lot of parking and it took away from soccer parking space.
- We let our dog play there one time after soccer.
- We walk the rec centre frequently & love it there.
- Wish our girl could be off leash there as she loves to run and play in the trees.
- Please leave trees for the dogs to run around and play.
- We went to one in the US that was a small wooded dog park for residents pf a living complex and the residents said it was great. Lots of shade there. Some areas to sit. When that is allowed.

- As long as dogs aren't crazy barkers it should still allow Schmidt Woods to be quiet for those wanting the peace of walking in there. Or could have certain hours for the dog park. So that everyone enjoys the space. Whether they have a dog or not.
- Great to see the issue of a dog park in the area being taken seriously and with consultation. Schmidt Woods is aesthetically more pleasing, provides abundant shade for humans and dogs and is easily accessible without having to drive into the town of New Hamburg. Not being in a flood plain is also a good idea - flooding is a spring time and sometimes winter issue in this area. The dog park should be a reliable and safe facility. Preparing for possible expansion in the future is a good idea, otherwise it is a search for a new site all over.
- I prefer the Smidth wood area for dog park
- I support the idea of the park at Schmidt Woods. There is ample parking, additional walking trails, plenty of shade and the ability to expand in the future. It also provides closer access for other residents within Wilmot.
- I think behind the rec center makes the most sense . Not in a flood plan easy access and its not in someones back yard also access to water if it expands to have a wadding pool for the dogs .
- I think Schmidt Woods would make the most sense. Some of us can walk there now with the new trail, it's away from residential areas, has lots of parking, has water supplies and if your children are playing at the park while you are in the dog park you can still see them.
- I think that the dog park should be behind the Rec Centre - more open space, not near residential, potential parking at the rec centre
- Having trail access would suggest that the dog should be on a leash. The dog park is without a leash is it not.
- The dog park should be closer to where the highest density of people are.
- Future expansion is always important. You have the opportunity to enlarge the dog park if need be, and you have the option to increase parking area.
- I vote for it to be built at Schmidt Woods.
- Thank you.
- I would love to see the dog park at the Rec Centre!!! A great middle ground location between Baden and New Hamburg
- I'm delighted to see that one possible location is in Schmidt Woods. It's more central to Wilmot's two largest settlement areas than the temporary dog park was, and the woods offer much more potential for more shade by retaining a few of the existing trees. Should Schmidt Woods be selected as the location, it would be lovely to see a natural environment maintained as much as possible (rather than an overly-groomed lawn being the only option), as dogs are, after all, dogs, and adore sniffing a variety of scents within a safely-fenced area.
- Imperative that we have a separate space for small and large dogs as proposed. Need to ensure the small dog park is large as they like to run. Trail access behind the rec centre is important as is parking availability. Adding the dog park here would centralize activities providing a convenient location for most Wilmot residents.
- Really like the location near the rec centre.
- Rec center is a good neutral place for wilmot
- Rec center would be the best place for the dog park!!!!
- Rec centre is the best choice for this.

- The new one sounds awesome love on how there's lots of parking
- This far, we have enjoyed using the Scott Park location. However given the choice, I'm in support of the dog park being in the proposed location at Schmidt Woods. My support thought is contingent on there being no plans to completely clear cut that area. It would be a lovely area for both dogs and people if some trees remain present within the dog park boundary.
- William Scott Park in my opinion was a great trial but not the best location. A lot of people drove and few used the parking lot.. instead parked on grass creating a mess. We love the Rec. Complex and the trail there and think this would be a great location!
- And thanks for doing these surveys to include Wilmot residents in decision making.
- Would love to see a dog park at schmidt woods. Trails are great for the dogs and people to keep active.
- Would prefer behind the rec complex.
- WRC, is a great location with parking, trails and shade. Also benefits both NH & Baden residents.
- Love the idea of the new dog park being at/ near the rec complex!
- A section of the park in the centre of the community would be a more sensible location than at the entrance to a hiking/biking trail in what is essentially a dense forest.
- I believe Schmidt Woods might be a better option bc of the flood plain and also the parking. Last year the grass and field beside the park was destroyed and that will continue to happen.
- Locating the dog park near the arena would take out most of its usefulness to the community, and insure only those with transportation have access to it. Dog parks should be accessible to the most amount of people possible. Leave it in the current location.
- If the dog park is in town, then more users could walk to it. A park on the outskirts of town will require more parking spaces. Animals should be controlled by their owners, therefore separate big dog and little dog areas should not be necessary. The other advantage of an in town park is that you have an informal neighbourhood watch and Scott Park also had washrooms for the Humans too.
- I believe Scott's park is the best option, it is more open and I feel people are more likely to pick up their dogs poop if other people are able to see, whereas if it were in the forest it would be much harder to see. Less sticks and mulch for dogs to eat with it being just grass, if it could be expanded a bit bigger at Scott's park that would be perfect! Put up lots of signs saying pick up poop! It's a big issue
- Many people walked to the pilot project dog park. (Of course we loved having it next to us and that influences my responses.) If the dog park is out of town, everyone will have to drive, not very green. 2. Also, even with the flood, it didn't keep people and dogs away for too long. 3. Because of the kennel cough problem last year, I think it is probably best if people provide water/bowls for their own dogs. 4. None of the neighbours objected to the dog park and some found it entertaining and handy for their dogs.
- I would really enjoy not having to worry about too many insects and ticks. I enjoyed taking part in the pilot project. It was great to meet so many members of the community there. I loved being able to walk there.
- Shade is very important, but we need to remember about the tic issue in woodland areas. For that reason alone, Scott Park would be my preference.
- Thank you!



- The site of the temporary dog park was wonderful! Good location, parking, trees, etc. But if you look at other dog parks there are no benches. People are not to be sitting while their dog is at the park. Also, water is not to be available as it spreads kennel cough. We had a major increase in this disease last year shortly after the dog park went up. People need to be aware of the rules for everyone's safety.
- Being a previous dog owner I think it would ruin the Scmitt Woods peacefulness and have dogs all on the trails. It's so nice not having to step over dog poop as it is in many crownlands. So we don't go there. This would happen here too.
- We enjoy Scmitt Woods for the lack of dogs.
- Opening this up will bring dog owners from all over and they will eventually flow out of the dog park into the woods. We enjoy it just the way it is open.
- Scott Park again there is a lot more room there.
- I think the location of the temporary dog park was ideal. At least some people would be able to walk there whereas if it is moved to the Rec Complex, exactly zero people will be able to do so. The corner seems a more environmentally friendly option, provides a great deal of shade and was in a space that wasn't previously used for anything.
- I would like to see the park stay in Scott Park. No additional trees would need to come down. A lot of residents can walk to it from New Hamburg. It is also nice to see Scott Park being used more since Canada Day was moved to the fair grounds a couple of years ago.
- If the dog park is all the way at the Rec Complex that means 0 people can walk to the park with their dog, creating more pollution and a much higher parking demand. At Scott Park, at least most New Hamburg residents can walk to the park with their dog, reducing overall amount of commuters & need for parking.
- In terms of the accessibility for township residents I think it is nice to have at least one community be able to walk their dogs as opposed to all having to drive. I personally will be less likely to use a park to drive to. It is also, my feeling that shade is super important. We loved the Scott Park location.
- In town will be a much better option and lead to more volume of users. The central location would require everyone to drive in and increase traffic in that area. William Scott Park allows for people to access the space easier and by foot for those in New Hamburg.
- Recommend William Scott Park. Central to town. Can walk to it.
- The idea of a dog park is to have a place where urban residents can exercise their dogs. A rural area isn't the best because everyone will have to drive.
- The majority of the population lives in NH and having the park in New Hamburg reduces the reliance on vehicles used to access the park. In an effort to reduce our environmental impact would it not be better to keep it in New Hamburg rather than relocating it where all have to drive?
- We really enjoyed the William Scott location. It was great to be able to walk there. There was a great amount of shade and there always was plenty of parking.
- Scott Park is the perfect location. I would always bring water with me so that was never an issue. It's nice for NH residents to be able to walk there.
- I think that the location that the temporary park was located last year is the ideal location. I believe that at least some of the people/dogs should be able to walk to the dog park.

- Ideally it would be great to have a dog park in both Baden and New Hamburg, giving both communities walking access to the dog park thereby cutting back on the need to drive to the dog park, thus taking away the worry for parking as well. If I had to choose between Scott Park or Schmidt Woods, my vote would be for Scott Park.
- 1)keep all dogs together. 2)Dogs are supposed to be exercising ,so walk to the park.3)(Leave the trails for the people.4) Bring your own water. 6)A lot of the playgrounds do not have shade for the parents and children so why the dogs? 7) Make use of the flood plan land and if we get a flood they will just have to wait until it dries up. 9)Lets see how much use it gets after the novelty wears off, before we plan for an expansion.
- I believe that the Scott park option would be ideal
- I can see by the questions that you're already leaning towards the Rec Centre area. Many people walked to the Scott Park location but going to the rec centre means everyone will have to drive. People we met in the Scott location walked as far as from Theodore Schuler and from Peel/Wilmot/Jacob/Asmus Streets. Living as close as one could get to the Scott location I can say that traffic and noise due to dogs and their owners was way less than the congestion and nuisance we experience from minor soccer. Flooding made the park unusable for a mere couple days so I don't consider that a problem. Water supply? People brought their own water.
- I favour the Scott Park location over the WRC option. It was successful as a pilot site and is central for many people to walk to. The WRC location will require driving which is somewhat offset by more parking. A dog park is an active recreational use that is more compatible with the sports fields and tennis courts of Scott Park than with the walking trails in Schmidt Woods.
- I liked it where it was but either place is better than none. The sooner the better PLEASE
- I loved the Scott Park location. I'm aware it was best for New Hamburg residents, but being able to stop in for a run while out for a walk with the pup was great!!
- I prefer William Scott park
- I think the pilot location was a great spot. I would be concerned about the number of trees that would need to be removed from the schmidt woods location, and the disruption a dog park would have on the wild life in the woods.
- I think the scott park location makes more sense. People may want to play fetch with their dog and this would not be feasible in a forested area. As well, being a forested area dogs would end up quite dirty which is not handy if you want to utilize the park on a regular basis.
- I walk the Schmidt Woods trail all the time and the proposed spot is always under water, swampy actually. It will take a lot of drainage to relieve that area, it won't be cheap! It also won't be easy. Scott Park was just fine!
- I'd prefer it at Scott Park over Schmidts Wood trail
- It was great where it was. Don't overthink this.
- Keep Grandview site in New Hamburg open to its ten thousand residents and dog owners. They then would not need to use highway to access another site.
- Keep the dog park where it is. I understand why some would want it neutral but if at schmidt woods everyone would have to drive there, where if at scott park you will not have everyone driving. More will walk. Build another dog park in baden for people that live there
- KEEP THE DOGS AT SCOTT PARK

- Please keep the dog park at William Scott Park. We all have so few walking trails as it is right now. Schmidt Woods is not a large trail system, the thought of reducing the trail by an acre for a dog park is quite distressing!
- Please keep the trail as a trail and the area at Scott park as a dog park
- Prefer Scott park. Please don't do it near the tailed
- Prefer the location where the temporary dog park was.
- Scott park
- Scott park is a great spot.
- Scott Park is the better option!
- Scott park please!
- Schmidt woods better for ppl
- The current / former location in Scott Park worked well for the first test location and I'd be strongly in favour of simply putting it back in the same location permanently. With the success and obvious interest and usage of the dog park among residents of the Township, I would expect residents of the communities of New Dundee and St. Agatha would be more than interested in additional dog park locations in their areas, rather than simply one for the entire Township.
- The current location is ideal as the other option is too close to a major highway and not easily accessible for those who do not drive. By putting the dog park near the rec center it will take up the current parking that is already needed for the space or would require more parking being built taking away from the area.
- We absolutely loved the location of the pilot park. We live on Hincks Street which is central to both proposed locations - the current location was an amazing space though parking would need to be figured out as the park was super popular and there was minimal space.
- William Scott park was a great location. Please not near Schmidt woods!
- I liked the location at Scott Park. Not interested in it being at Schmidt Woods.
- I won't be using the dog park. There's a dog park in New Hamburg. That's probably much closer to me but honestly I don't like dog parks.
- Keep it at the old location at Scott Park!!!
- I strongly feel that the location of the temporary dog park was the best location to build a permanent enclosure. Too many trees had to be cut down this past year due to the Emerald Ash Borer and it would be careless to remove more unnecessarily.
- I'm so happy they'll be a park...would be nice to be in town for convenience but I love Schmidt woods too...thanks to all those helping to make this happen!!
- Leave it at Scott Park, NOT where people enjoy walking, running & biking, whether as a family or alone
- Leave it at Scott Park, don't take away one of the few green spaces we have in Wilmot for hiking etc
- Keep the dog park at Scott park. Save Schmidt woods for the walkers!!
- Keep it at Scott park
- Council members should be taking a page from Guelph and their recent dog park(s) experience. They have closed existing and all other options because of their experience as they cause noise from vehicles coming and going and dog barking, smell from left feces, mud from rain once the

area gets worn down carried onto walks and roads and, all creating unhappy residents due to the noise, smell, and dirt reducing surrounding property values.

- To put a dog park into an existing wooded natural walking area is not appropriate either a it disturbs its tranquility and natural habitants.
- Instead of just a small dog & big dog separation, perhaps a separate area for aggressive vs more friendly division. I've seen small aggressive dogs and big gentle ones. We like the current location just fine. Not familiar with the Schmidt Woods area. Please make sure that the gate access is easy for maneuver. The gates at the current location are very difficult to open and close with one hand and hang on to your dog and gear with the other. We are very happy to have a dog park for our golden. Will the permanent location be accessible in the winter months too?
- People who have dogs need to be more responsible we have forgotten common sense
- I would like to know what policy will be in place for muzzle requirements, especially on larger or aggressive breeds, e.g. Pitbulls.
- Thank you for this opportunity for input.
- I would recommend no picnic tables or other structures that could be dangerous to the dogs - they sometimes chase at high speed and some dogs would run under the tables, which had metal bolts on the underside that could cause injury.
- I have seen dog parks working well when people are encouraged to walk around the park and not congregate in one place, drawing all dogs into the same tight space, where the likelihood aggressive behaviour could sometimes be higher.
- Also it would be good to discourage people from bringing small children into the part of the park for large dogs, as even friendly and well trained large dogs can accidentally knock down a child.
- I like the idea of potential for expansion of the dog park at some point. At certain times of the day, typically after work hours on weekdays, there was quite high usage of the temporary dog park, to the point where it felt like there were occasionally too many dogs for the space. Again, the potential for aggressive behaviour can be higher if crowding occurs.
- There must be an understanding that dogs that are scaring/hurting other dogs be denied further access . No warnings just immediately restricted .
- Owners need to adhere to social distancing . Dogs need to be on leash until released into park . Perhaps owners could choose which area their dog could use . Number of dogs using the park at any one time needs to be decided, and monitored .
- Please know that we and most other dog owners are willing to contribute financially toward the dog park amenities if this will increase the time it takes to open a park this summer. We thoroughly enjoyed the facility last year and now more than ever our dogs need exercise both physically as well as the mental socializing that goes with it.
- Thank you for all your efforts !
- We loved having the grassed dog park for days when sidewalks were very hot and we just brought our own water. Garbage disposal for poop bags is essential.
- Big dogs need to run ! Small dog are often the aggressive ones. Just their defence. Some parks separate them.
- Many dog owners have not trained their dogs to a simple command as "come".

- An acre is not very big. Dogs urinate and poop and it is a great place for dogs to pick up diseases. So the bigger space the better. Trails attached would be great. You mention flood plain, so that means dogs can go in for a swim. Great for those who love the water. Eg retrievers.
- Garbage cans for poop should be provided. There are recyclable dog bags available. Plastic bags should be discouraged.
- I was told Schmidt woods had a lot of ticks, how do you propose to remedy this? Or will you make that public knowledge and allow people to use at own risk?
- the wooded area is a bad idea as there would be a higher number of ticks in that area.
- There is a water source at McClennan park and it just causes a big mess, not too mention the hygiene of this is would be quite bad and would definitely increase maintenance cost - most people bring their own water for their dog.
- Can't express how strongly I feel that the dog park must be away from a residential area. The Scott Park location was totally inadequate on many fronts, e.g. much too close to residential properties causing annoyance, inadequate parking, noise from the dog enclosure, smell, inadequate shade, seemed very unsanitary being a totally grassed area, noted dog owners having to sit on grass which seemed in todays world very unsanitary, way too small an area, noted several very aggressive dogs with not enough room to vent, lack of owner control, but that is for a different discussion. Rules of the park were never adequately displayed, these must be large and bold. Usership must have leaders to assess rules and recommend upgrade of rules as seen fit for the safety of all users, animal and human alike. Strong water supply is essential for sanitation in summer months especially. For all the above reasons, Schmidt Woods would absolutely be the most central and sensible location for a permanent dog park.
- My concern with Scott's park is the May-June months when soccer runs 4 nights/week plus a tournament or two on weekends, the dog park would take up a lot of the parking ability for those attending either the soccer games/practices or the dog park
- The dog park should also have access to washrooms
- Additional important consideration are the ability to have lights at night especially in the winter, and to have year round access including some parking.
- Making a dog park too accessible has its drawbacks, it tends to bring out the type of dog owner who does not regularly walk or socialize their dog... I think anyplace that you have to walk a bit to is ideal.
- There is a fantastic dog park in Kiwanis park, that's a bit of a walk to get to, and had a nice trail around it, so dogs don't stand around getting aggressive. The other thing that makes it a success is it is very large !
- As someone who doesnt drive and has an active dog having the dog park in town is sooo important to me
- Being able to walk to the dog park is really important for us. Behind the sportsplex would mean nobody can walk there and would have to drive. I think it is important however that there be trees and shade so that would be better behind the sports plex.
- I believe it's critical that the dog park be inclusive for all, including and most importantly for people who don't have access to cars and who can't or don't want to have to drive to the dog park. The location that existed at Scott Park offered new Hamburg residents who walk an opportunity to use it. If the new location is created at the Rec complex it becomes an exclusive location. I also believe that all the towns in Wilmot Township would benefit from individual dog

parks in each community. These towns are expanding and it would provide community building for the local residents of each town. The cost is deeply outweighed by the opportunity for community.

- I would love for it to be in the downtown area so we can walk to the water and explore Main Street.
- Importance of parking availability depends on how accessible the park is by foot! E.g., for William Scott Park it would not be an important factor for us, but for the Schmidt Woods location I would rate it as more important, so that is why I rated parking as neutral above :)
- It would be nice to be within walking distance.
- Moving it to the Rec Centre may provide some benefits and a more central location for all township residents, but most people want to walk their dogs, so creating a location where EVERYONE would have to drive does not make sense for dog owners.
- The dog park is beneficial to have in a central area of town for many residents to access as well as to have parking for those residents that need to drive there. Having shade is important as well as having dry ground. Most importantly, as long as there is a fenced area for my dog to run around with other dogs, then I am happy.
- Very important we keep a park that is assessable for people who don't have vehicles and that would still like to have that dog interaction.
- Regardless of the site, I feel that permanent installation of better lighting is a must. Poor visibility after October 31 made for a hazard in the temporary dog park. It would be great if lighting were motion sensor and solar based/environmentally friendly.
- If the site were to remain in New Hamburg expansion of parking being considered to?
- If the site were to be made the rec complex would trees be clear-cut to allow for solar lighting? The idea of cutting down trees for a dog park will have some residents of the township not agreeing with this decision I would think.
- Many townships have water systems installed for dog parks that are eco-friendly. I have pictures of one near Wasaga Beach I would like to email to the township.
- I think both sites make excellent choices for a permanent location. Either way, most people who partake of the park are getting in their vehicles to drive a few minutes one way or the other. The rec complex would allow for great access to trails, splash pad, playground, and for the future expansion of dog park.
- Thank you for providing this survey!
- The entrance area needs to be gravel to reduce the wear in that area.
- It is important that the dog park be in a somewhat isolated area as it is not fair to non dog owners to have to adjust in any way to a dog park that is not at least an acre away from any homesite.
- It is also important to consider that dog park users be able to park their automobile as close to the park as possible to the fenced area to give easy access for both the dog and the owner to get in and out of the car and the park without extended contact with other dogs leaving and entering the park.
- Finally the dog park must have two separate dog runs ,each with its own entrance --- one for dogs 30 lbs.+ and a separate entrance for dogs 29lbs. or less.
- Centrality or room to expand is not as important as potentially adding another park to service other areas of the township in the future.

- 1 acre is too small. KWHS had a park that size and had to close it.
- Scott park wasn't large enough area, as well gets muddy in spring and too residential of an area for a dog park. A central location for Baden and New Hamburg would be awesome, as well as having the trails at the second location a big plus. Thank you,
- Would be nice if it was bigger than the temporary one we had.
- Only concern that i can think of off hand is more dogs off leash on the trails if the park goes to schmidt woods..saw that a lot at Bechtel Park in Waterloo. Thought it was silly. Dogs running free when there is an off leash dog park 200 m away!
- For intrest sake, Stratford Ontario has a really cool dog park to check out to possibly add to your ideas for this one. ')
- It is important to consider how people who misuse the space around the dog park will impact the surrounding areas. This is a problem in Wellesley and Cambridge. It's better if the park is isolated; used solely as a dog park.
- As a resident it did not work well last year to have the dog park in an area typically used for parking in Scott Park, especially on extra busy sports nights. There was less parking and more people wanting to park as dog owners joined too. Dog owners are driving to the dog park, not walking so it can be located away from sports and recreational use areas. I think a flood plain would be a great place. I trails location isn't great either, but better than Scott Park. Why not move it to a less- used section of the woods ex. Behind the pond.
- A big dog side and a small dog side are very important to me, because I have 2 small dogs.
- Water and shade are very important too.
- A dog park that cannot be used half the year due to flooding, and is a mud pit for a lot of the other months, is pretty useless. We also need both areas with sun and areas with shade.
- Costs to complete the dog run should be a factor but both the only factor or driver.
- Dog parks are very important in order to socialize dogs, particularly during their early years.
- Hello! Thanks for the feedback request. Our focus as a township should be on having recreational areas for people, notably children and protecting natural areas. Our resources should be spent on more trails and parks and specifically connecting the great towns of Wilmot with trails. And protecting areas for wildlife as well. Already dogs and their owners have access to our residential space and trails and are using areas as their own dog parks (schools, Castle Kilbride etc.). I don't believe creating a dog park will reduce the use at these areas unfortunately. Dog waste is along our side walks, our yards, our trails and at the schools, just to mention a few. One idea would be to close areas such as schools and other public spaces to dogs and make only the dog park available for that purpose.
- How will you make owners responsible?
- im hoping that the dog park is also an unoffical cat park?? my cat loves dogs kinda barks abit at times... shes super fantastic i love my cat!!! that being said any dog park should be considered cat friendly? if not im 100% against any park as its not fair!!!!
- It is very important to keep large dogs and small dogs from mixing. It is very easy for the smaller dogs to get attacked and killed.
- Keep dog park away from homes. Do lot cut down trees for dogs. We have enough green spaces already. Tress are important and needed.
- Looking forward to seeing this happen! Time-consuming for Wilmot residents to go to Waterloo dog parks.

- Parking should be setup as not to become a muddy mess on the spring and rainy times.
- So glad we're getting a permanent dog park!
- Swimming water such as a pond would be a great idea.
- Thank you for keeping the dog park in the 2020 Budget!!!!
- Thank you for your survey and the continuation of the dog park. Many people are now asking when the permanent park will arrive.
- Thank you for keeping it in the budget, even during difficult times.
- Thank you!
- two separate areas of equal size would be better so that dogs can be separated if needed. Some dogs are afraid/don't like some other dogs. We go to a private park where this is the set up and it really works great.
- We so need this!!!
- Will it be important if the dog is neutered or not? Can a male dog that is not neutered still go in the dog park to run loose with the owner? My dog is not neutered and I don't intend to neuter him.
- Wonderful idea so we can give our furry friends a place of their own! :)
- Would like to see a dog park in the near future.
- Both are great locations and I'm glad you are looking into this for us. Thank you!
- I don't think the size of the dog matters in terms of separation. Separate the park land. Grassy area, wooded trails and a puppy pool. Dedicated fencing and signs.