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# Rollingwood Park

MASTER PLAN

Appendix A  
Dog Park  
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# COMPARABLE DOG PARKS

A comparison of three heavily used Austin dog parks was prepared and employed during the design of the Rollingwood Dog Park. This spatial analysis was used to ensure the proposed dog park will provide enough amenities for users and space for dogs to run and roam.



figure 1 | dog park comparisons

**3** NORWOOD ESTATE DOG PARK



# PARK CHARACTER



LIMESTONE  
EDGE

WALKING TRAIL

walking path



SPORTS  
FIELDS

BLEACHERS

NATIVE PLANTING

FORESTED STEEP SLOPE

BOULDER EDGE

UNPAVED PARKING

DECOMPOSED GRANITE  
WALKING TRAIL



LARGE TREES

UPPER PARK

BOULDER RUBBLE

EROSION

STEEP SLOPE

INVASIVE SPECIES

lower area



sports field edge



informal parking

# DOG PARK PLAN

This plan shows an overall vision for the Dog Park at Rollingwood Park. The upper dog park will be completed in the first phase of construction, along with the relocation of the popular walking trail. The trail will be rerouted to flow in between the sports field and dog park fence lines. Ample space has been provided for people who are entering or exiting each area. In addition, there is space for spectators to set up chairs along the sports field fence for viewing games. The dog park has an entry corral which will provide increased safety and security for dogs and their owners. Amenities, such as a water fountain with a dog bowl, benches, seating boulders, bag dispenser and litter bin, will all be located within the fence line, along with an opportunity to recognize donors. Native gardens with bright pollinator plants will help beautify the space.

In future construction, a stone scramble will allow users to traverse the steep slope and enter a lower dog park area. This zone will be more naturalistic, utilizing existing trees and topography. A nature trail is envisioned, one that will be more informal. This narrow trail will allow families to explore the lower wooded areas that are characterized with different plants, boulders and critters. There may be opportunities to add a small gathering area with seating and fun amenities like tree swings.



# MATERIALS

This palette expands the reach of materials already in use at the Park. Basic ground covers like turf and mulch will be employed and concrete and decomposed granite will be used for the trail. Stone steps and terraces are proposed for future projects and will help traverse steep slopes and mitigate erosion. Boulders found on site will be reused and the appropriate amenities will be provided. Fence materials and style will match existing and also introduce new aesthetics with familiar materials.



*turf*



*concrete*



*mulch*



*relocated boulders*



*dog waste station*



*stone steps*



*decomposed granite*



*dog water fountain*





*entry corral*



*benches*



*stone terraces*



*hog wire fence*



*chain link fence*

# PLANTS

One of the overall recommendations for the Park suggests that existing native gardens on site be expanded, thus native plants that comply with City standards will be utilized. Seasonal interest and educational aspects of vegetation planted on site should also be carefully considered. Large caliper, fast growing trees should be planted in order to alleviate issues related to lack of shade. Ornamental trees will be used when appropriate. Signage can enhance the users experience and educate the public about the Park's updates. Existing vegetation will be strategically cleared to remove invasive species and limb up existing trees and shrubs to provide more accessibility and circulation.



*shade trees*



*existing vegetation*



*ornamental trees + seasonal interest*



*pollinator garden*



signage



native plant identification



native plants



# DONOR RECOGNITION

In order to recognize and honor the commitment of the community, there will be a designated donor wall or fence. Design specifications will be developed in dialogue with the community but will ultimately be fluid and one that can grow over time. This can be a great opportunity for the City of Rollingwood to utilize a local artist or create a City art project to ensure the design is community driven, designed and built.



*concrete wall*



*chain link fence*



*green screen*



painting steel



color bars



wood fence

