

What's Happening?

The Vancouver Park Board is seeking your input on a proposed dog off-leash area in Granville Park.

This proposed off-leash area is guided by The People, Parks & Dogs Strategy (2017) with the goal of creating a safe and engaging park space for people with and without dogs.

The map of Vancouver to the right shows the thirty-nine dog off-leash areas in Vancouver. Nine of the sites on the map are fenced while thirty open spaces are shared.

The following slides will zoom in on the proposed site, while expanding on the principles of the People, Parks & Dogs Strategy and how they may be implemented at this site.



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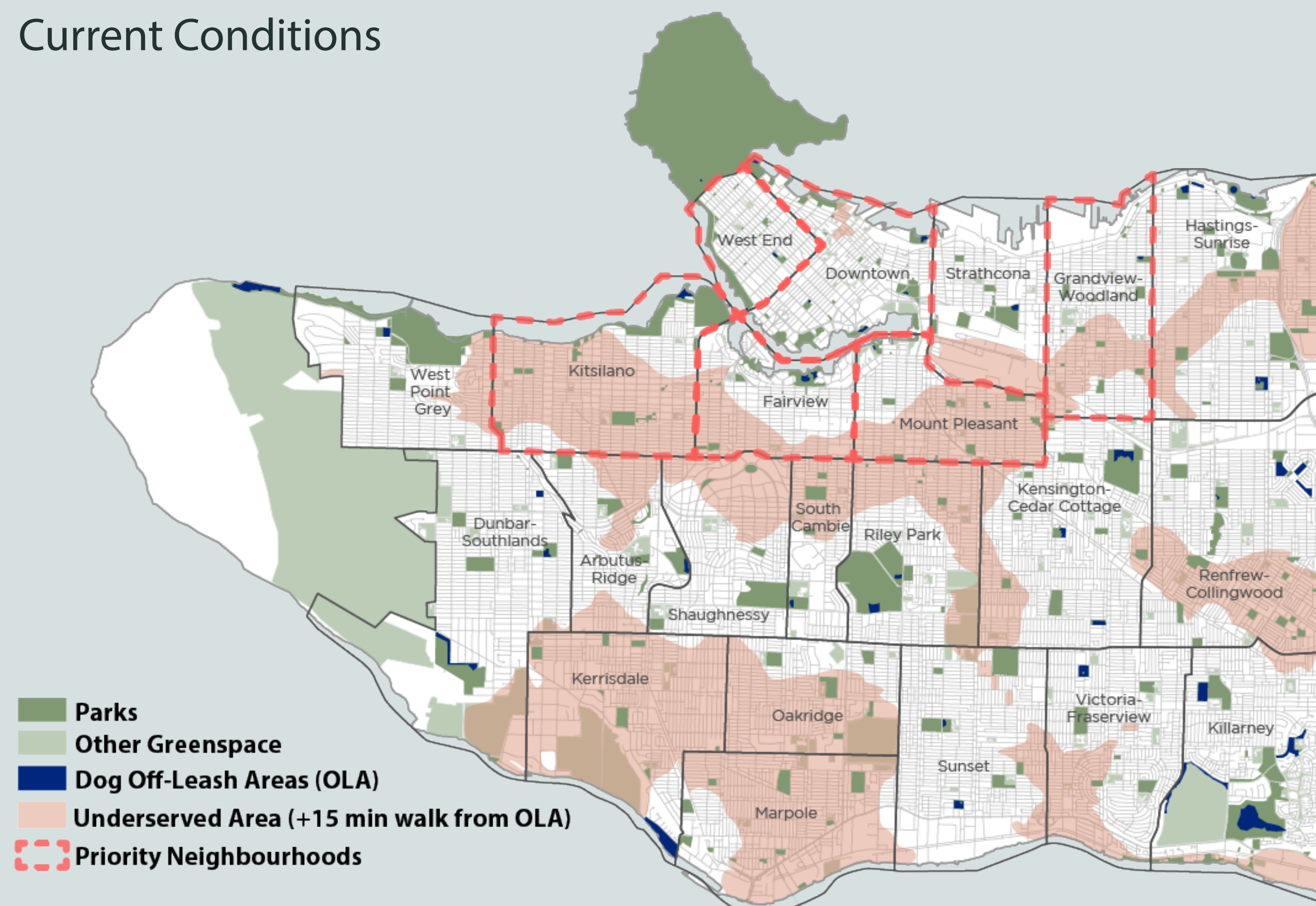


Why Granville Park?

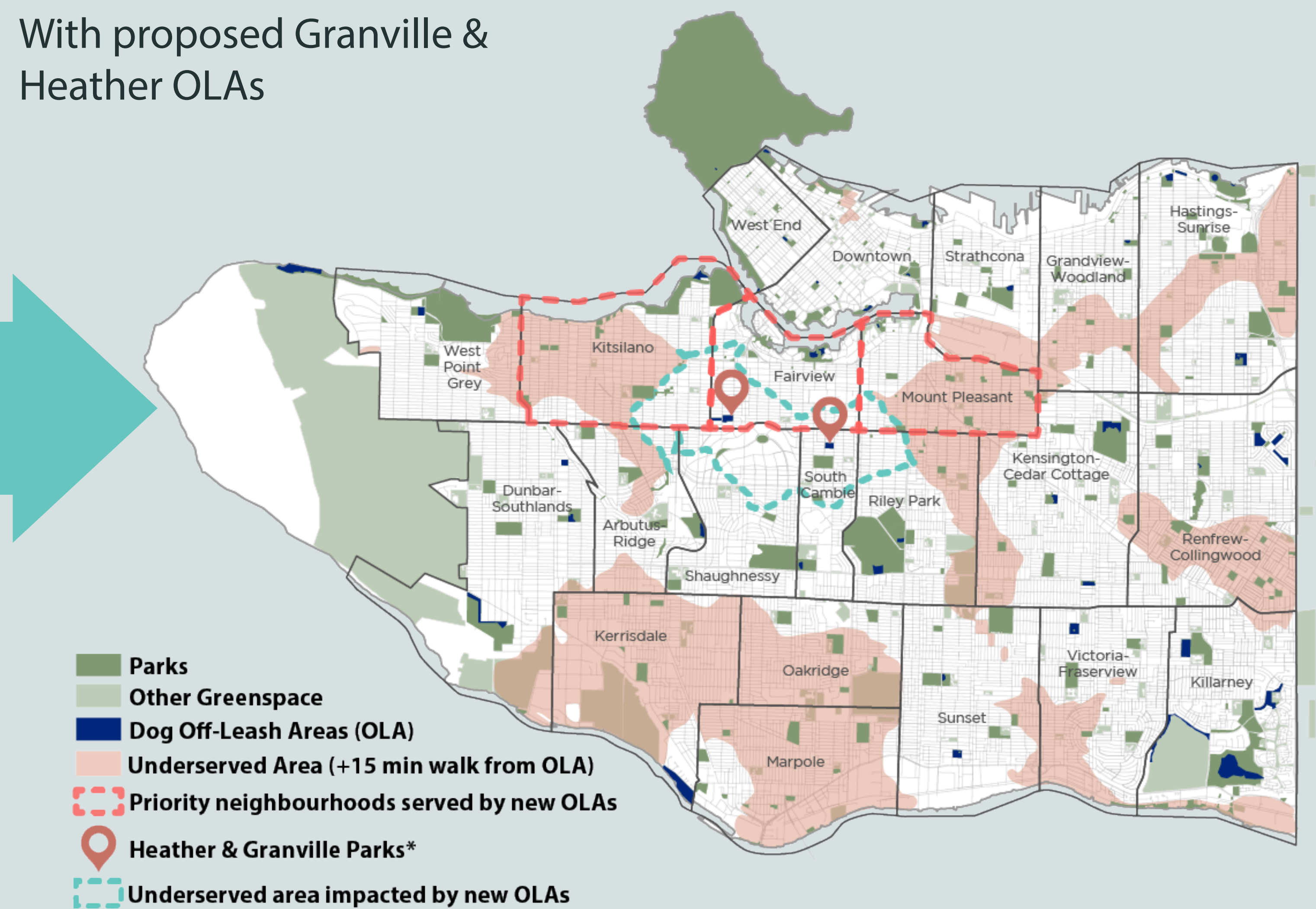
Dog Off-Leash Service Areas

The People, Parks and Dogs Strategy identified the importance of providing off-leash areas (OLAs) within a 15 minute walk for most residents. An OLA at Granville Park will increase access for dog off-leash activity in three priority neighbourhoods that are currently underserved. Granville Park has suitable space and amenities that an off-leash area could be added while maintaining space for other activities.

Current Conditions



With proposed Granville & Heather OLAs



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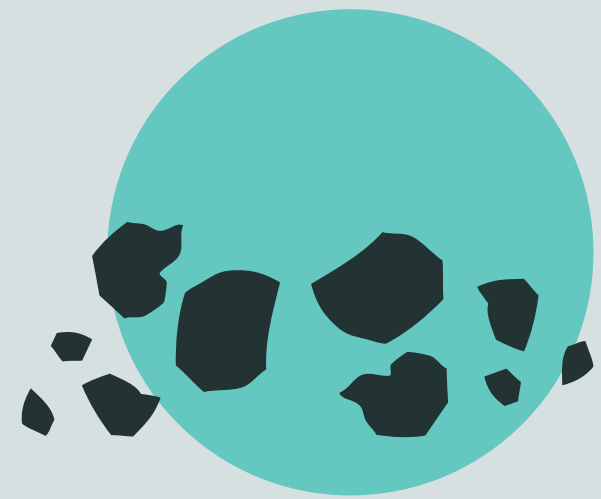
Design Guidelines



What makes a great dog off-leash area?

Here's what we heard in the People Parks & Dog Strategy as it relates to Granville Park:

Surfacing



Fine- Crushed Gravel



Sand



Wood Chips



Accessible Surfacing

The selection of surfacing should balance appearance, comfort, durability, maintenance requirements, cost, and safety. Surfacing should also consist of well draining soil, gently rolling terrain, moderate to high sun exposure, and drainage to a suitable area.

Safety



Secure Fencing



Adjacent Land uses



Vegetation



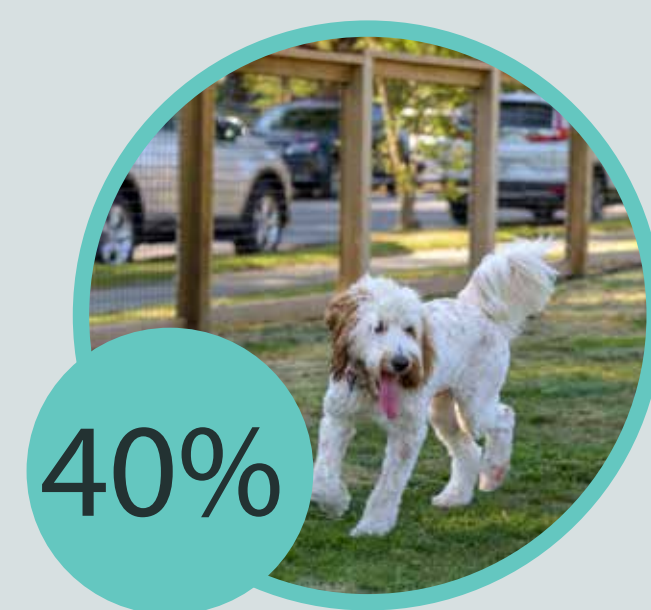
Circulation

Safety is a key consideration in developing locations for dog off-leash areas. Safety features can include fencing, adequate setbacks from adjacent land uses, vegetation, and accessible circulation.

Amenities



Water For Dogs



Open Space



Secure Fencing



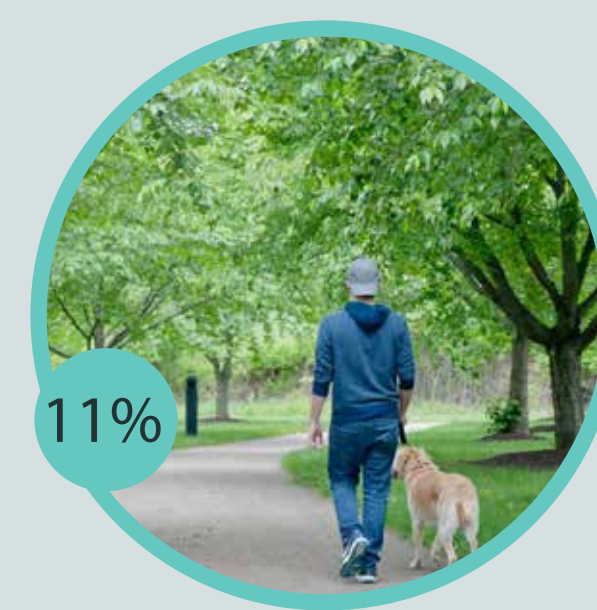
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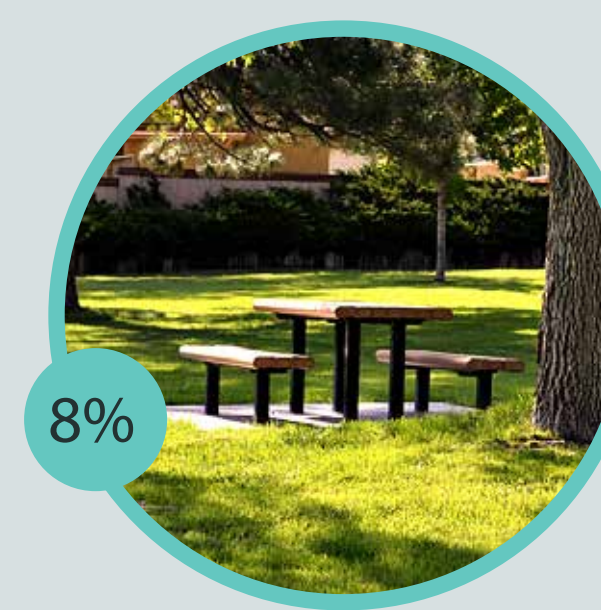
Shade



Separate Area for Small dogs



Accessible Walking Paths



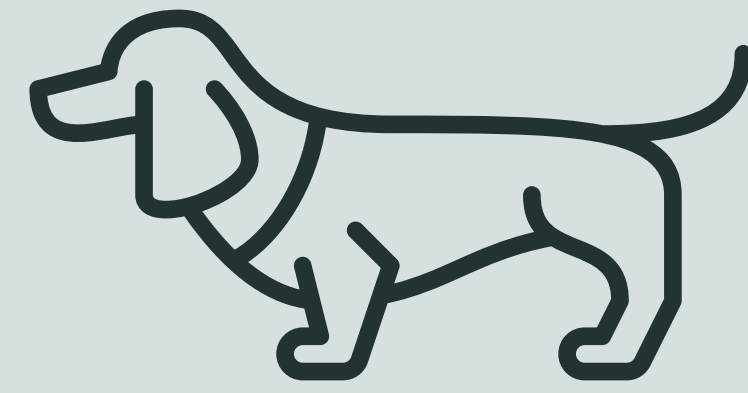
Seating

Most valued amenities as ranked by surveys in People, Parks & Dogs Strategy (2017). Participants also picked drinking water for people at 6%.

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Granville Analysis

Neighbourhood Context

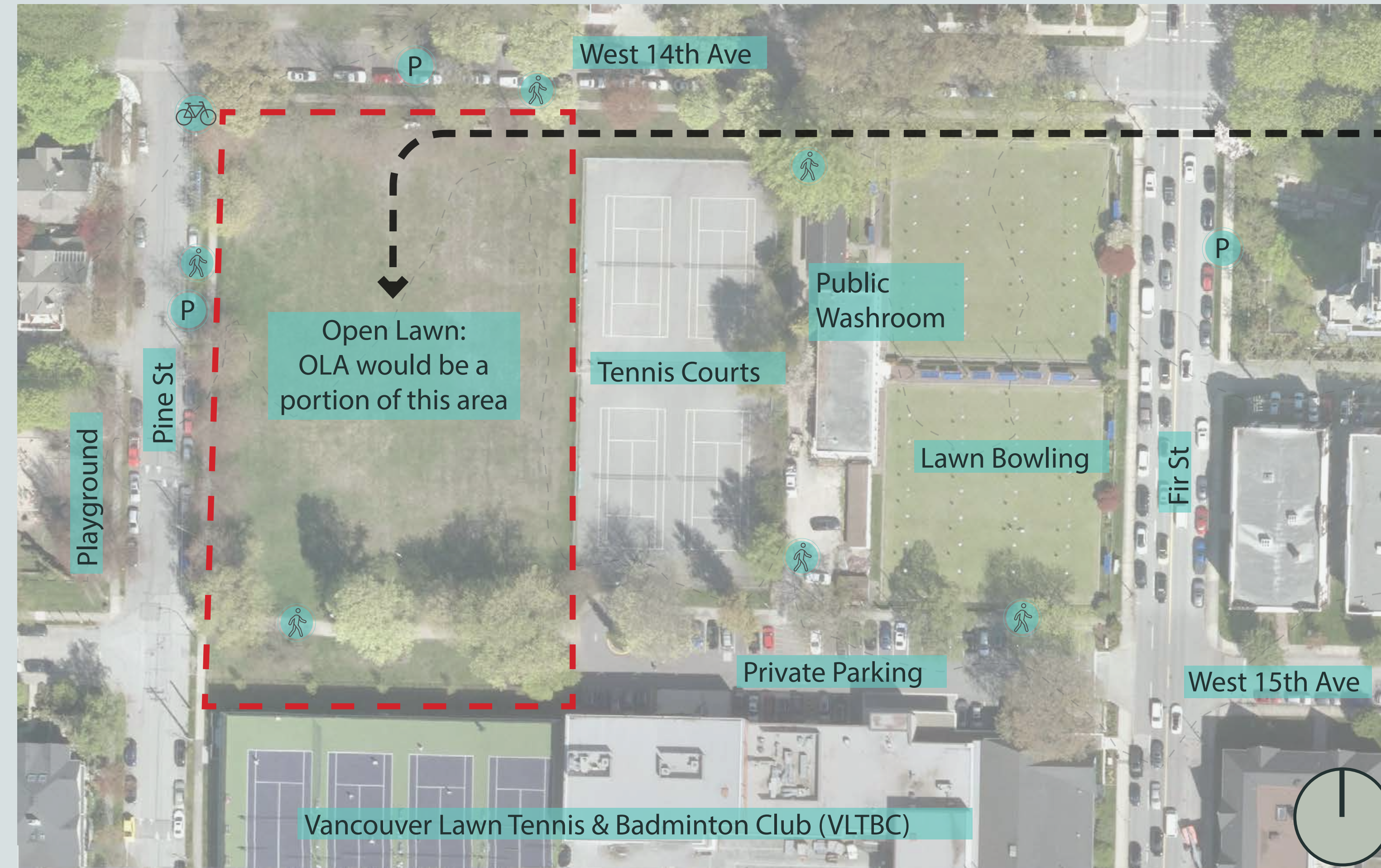


Fairview Neighbourhood

Fairview is home to one of Vancouver's most popular attractions, Granville Island, and also to Gallery Row in the South Granville shopping district. Fairview is in the central section of the city, from Granville Island along scenic False Creek to Science World, and south to Shaughnessy.

Park Context

Granville Park is located at 3001 Fir Street and is divided by Pine St. The park is currently multi-use with bowling greens, a small playground, tennis courts, and washroom.



Shown for scale reference only. Location and shape of OLA to be determined through public engagement process.

Site Drainage

The current site drainage is poor due to no existing infrastructure and low-lying areas within the open lawn.

Site Amenities

- public washrooms
- benches,
- picnic tables
- tennis courts
- lawn bowling
- park receives light at night from street lights and lights at south edge of park.

Park Access

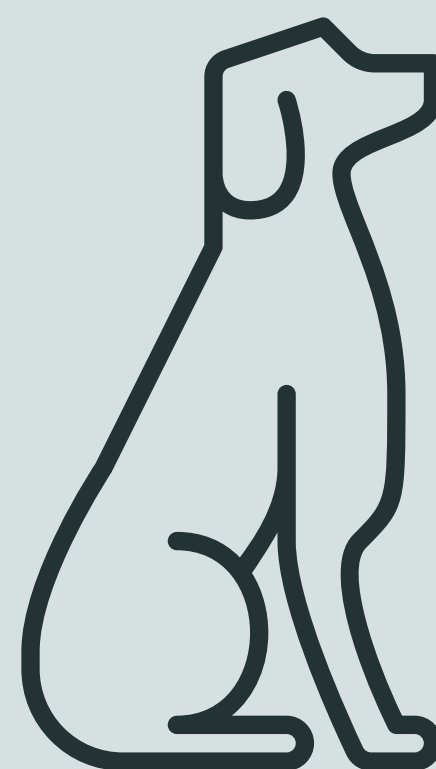
- Pedestrian Sidewalks/Park Trails
- Bike Bike rentals
- Parking On street parking only

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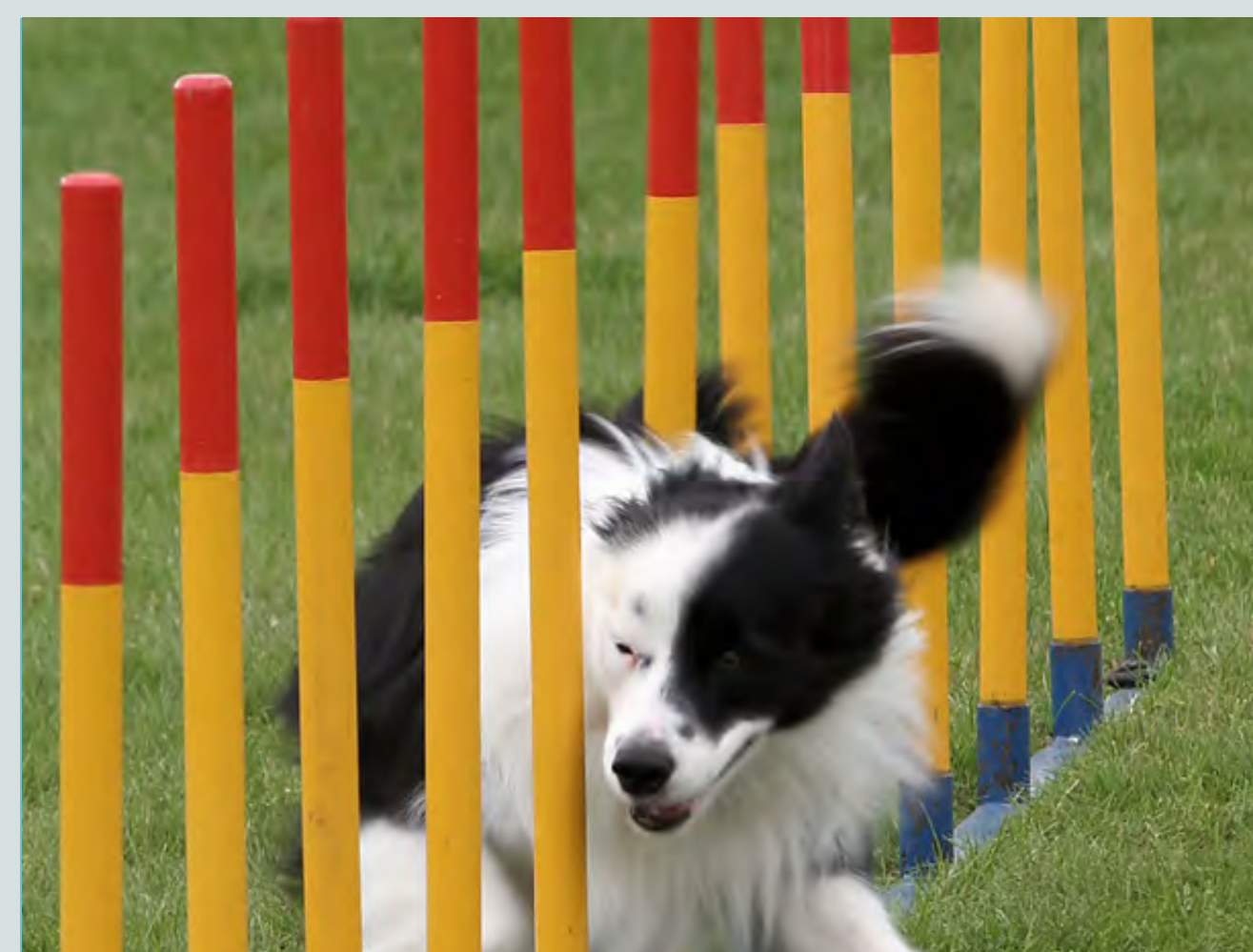
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Potential Amenities & Surfacing



Amenities



Agility Features



Seating For Owners



Separate Area for Small Dogs

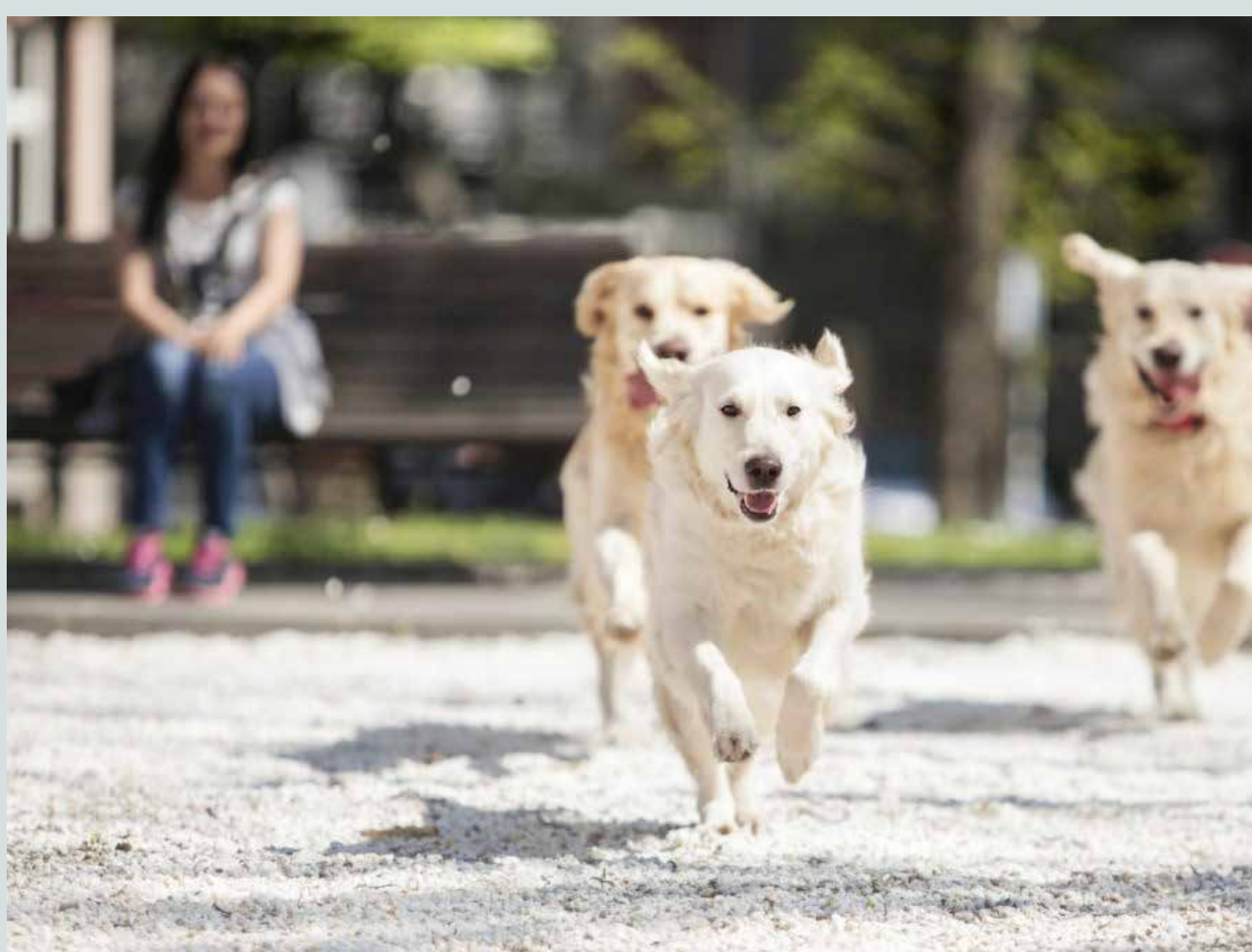


Drinking Fountain for Dogs

Surfacing



Wood Chips



Fine-Crushed Gravel



Sand

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