



Engagement

The first round of public, staff and stakeholder engagement took place in May 2015, with the goal of gathering ideas and opinions about dog off-leash areas in Edmonton.



- Close to 70 people attended open houses
- Over 300 people participated in the accompanying online survey



- Over 200 people participated in workshops
- Over 2500 people participated in the accompanying online survey

Recommendations



The development of this strategy reflects best practices in off-leash dog areas from across North America and integrates valuable input from the public, City staff and people who work with dogs.

The following recommendation categories were identified in the Dogs in Open Spaces Strategy:



PLANNING

- Site Uses & Adjacencies
- Establishing / Eliminating Off-Leash Areas
- Classification
- Access & Parking
- Distribution
- Funding

DESIGN

- Signage
- Amenities
- Circulation
- Waste Management
- Surface Materials
- Vegetation
- Environmental Protection
- Winter Considerations
- Boundaries & Edge Conditions
- Drainage & Erosion
- Public Health & Safety

MANAGEMENT

- General Maintenance
- Community Stewardship
- Education & Communications
- Enforcement, Rules & Code of Conduct
- Monitoring & Evaluation