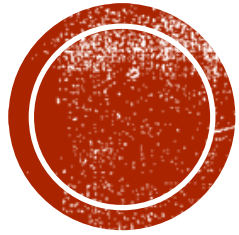


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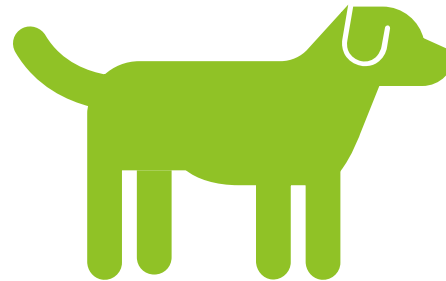
## Dog Recreation in County Parks

Board of Supervisors  
July 25, 2023





# **OFF-LEASH DOG RECREATION PILOT PROGRAM**



# QUARRY PARK



# INDICATORS FOR MONITORING

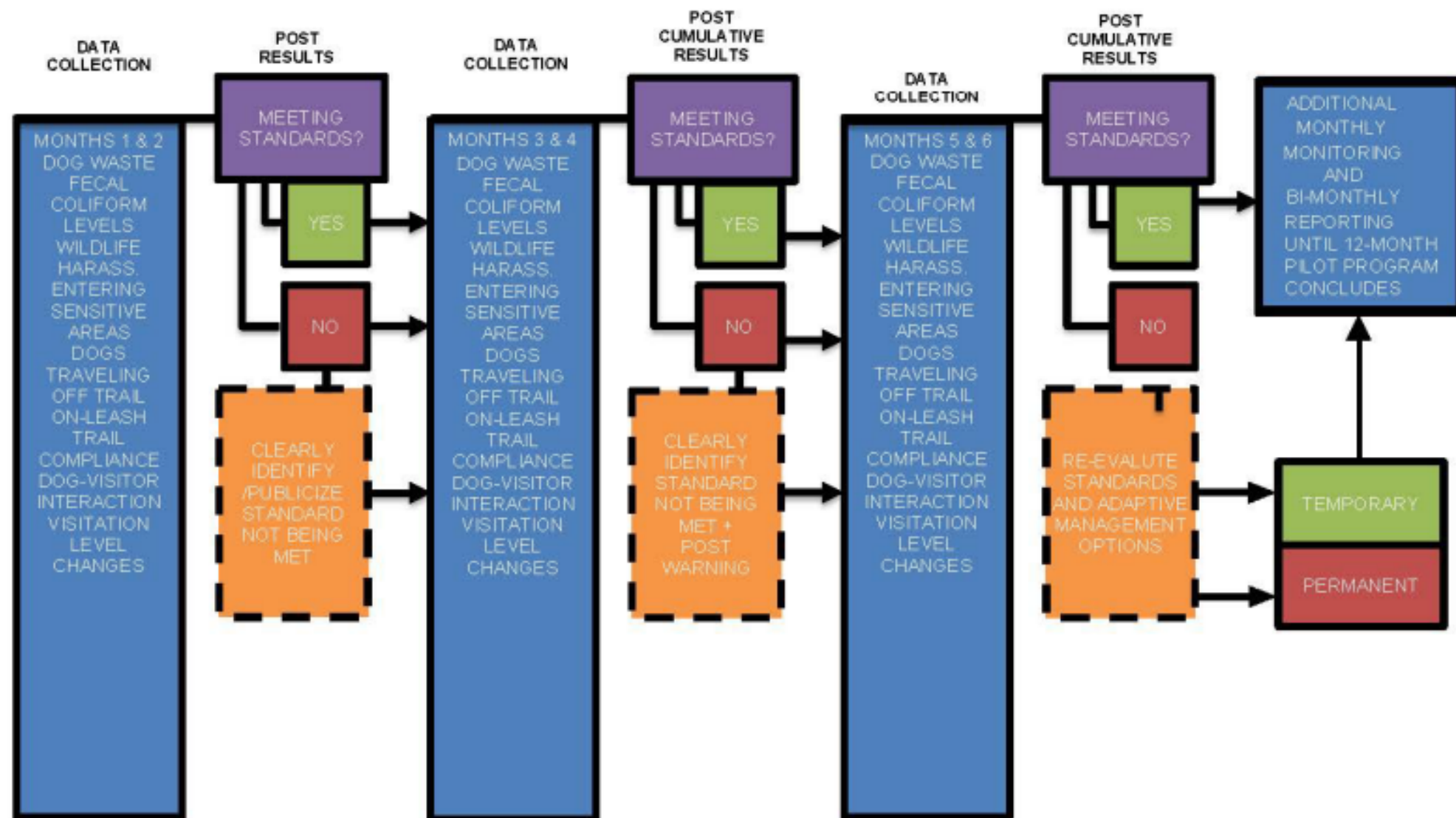
Indicator	Standard
Presence of dog waste	No more than 20 pieces of dog waste in one month
Fecal coliform levels	Presence of dog associated bacteria and E.coli shall not exceed 320 cfu/100 ml at any monitoring location
Harassment of wildlife	Dogs observed chasing or harassing wildlife no more than 2 times over a 60-day period
Dog entry into sensitive areas	No dogs observed entering a signed sensitive area
Dogs travelling off-trail	No more than 1 instance of dog off trail by 10 or more feet per 60-day period
Leash compliance for on-leash trails	70% of parties have dog on leash on designated trails
Interactions between other visitors and dogs	Less than 10 times per month where dogs exhibit unwelcome behavior to other dogs or people
Changes in park visitation in response to visitors with off-leash dogs	No standard – general observations to be made over pilot

	May and June 2022	July and August 2022	September and October 2022	November and December 2022	January and February 2023	March and April 2023	Average
Presence of dog waste	26 instances per month	8 instances per month	58 instances per month	N/A <sup>1</sup>	14 instances per month	18 instances per month	25.2 instances per month
Harassment of wildlife	0 instances	0 instances	0 instances	0 instances	0 instances	0 instances	0 instances per period
Dog entry to sensitive areas	0 instances	0 instances	0 instances	0 instances	0 instances	0 instances	0 instances per period
Dogs traveling off-trail	3 instances	2 instances	2 instances	1 instance	0 instances	1 instance	1.5 instances per period
Leash compliance for on-leash trails	75% leash compliance	72.2% leash compliance	100% leash compliance	50% leash compliance	100% leash compliance	100% leash compliance	82.9% leash compliance
Interactions with dogs and visitors	0 instances	1 instance	0 instances	1 instance	0 instances	0 instances	0.33 instances per period

# BASELINE DATA VS PILOT MONITORING DATA

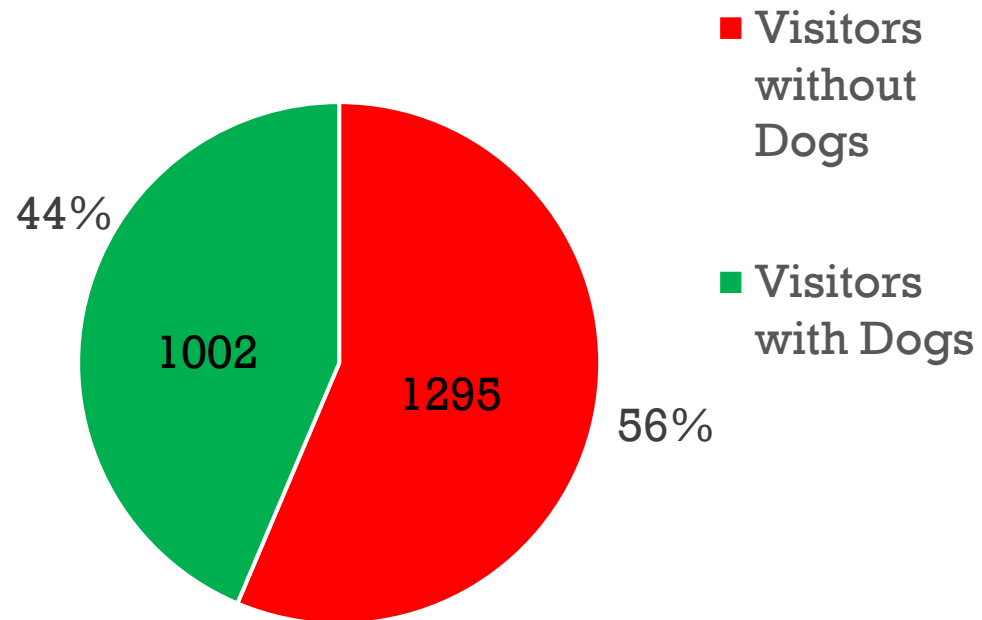
	Baseline Monitoring Period	Pilot Monitoring Period
Quarry Park Monitoring Data	Total (Average)	Total (Average)
Dog Waste	293 (29.3)	252 (25.2)
Off-leash in On-leash Area	12 (3)	6 (1)
Dog in Prohibited Sensitive Area	1 (0.25)	0
Dog Off-Trail	3 (0.75)	9 (1.5)
Wildlife Harassment	0	0
Public Conflict	4 (1)	2 (0.3)



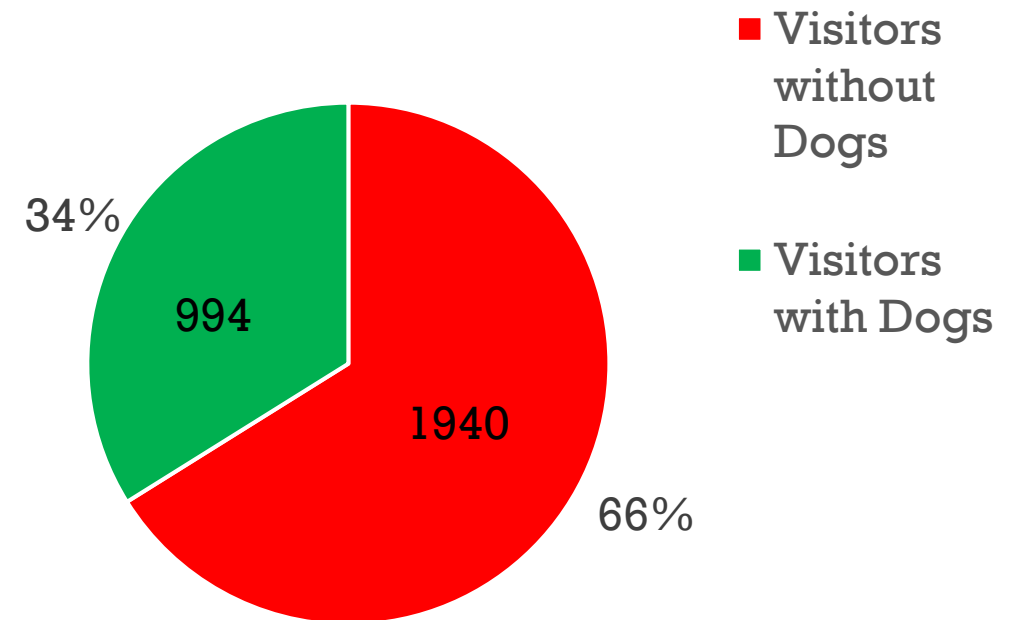


# VISITOR DEMOGRAPHICS: WITH OR WITHOUT DOGS

Baseline

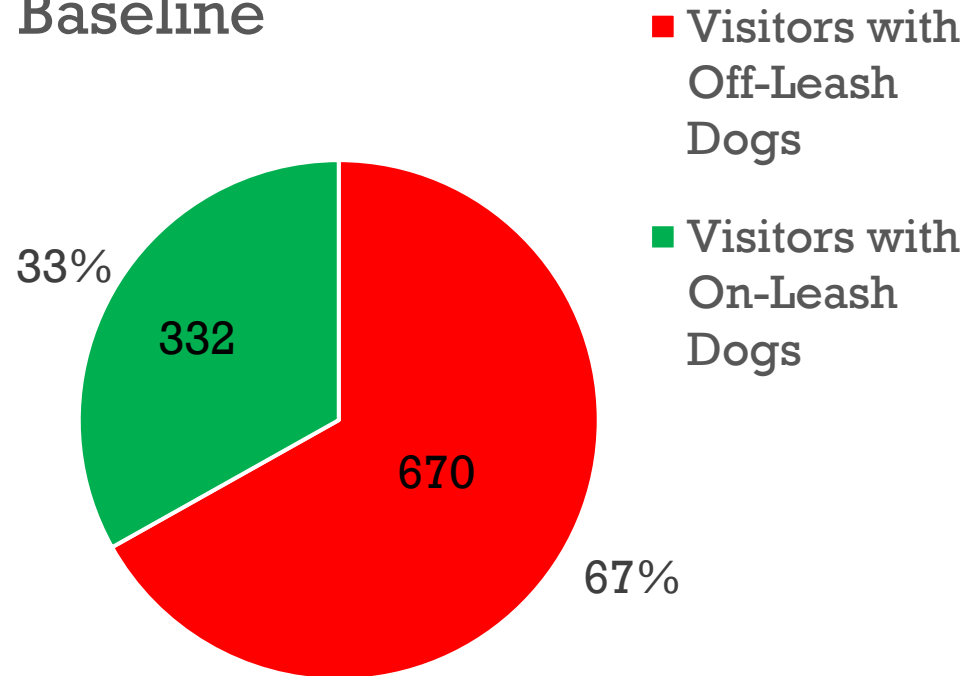


Pilot Program

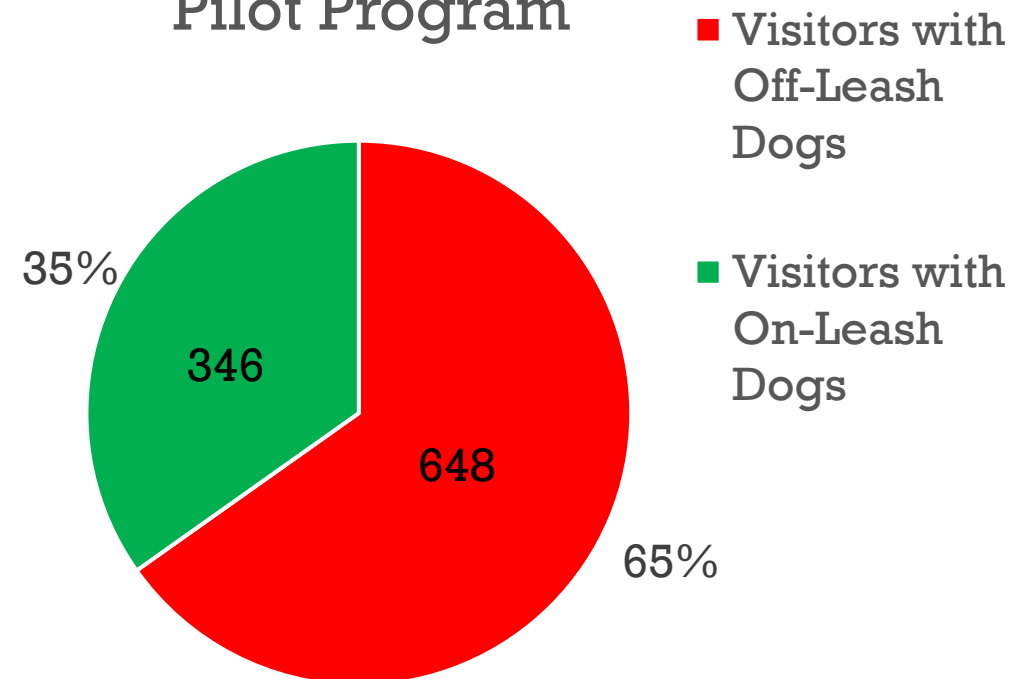


# VISITATION WITH DOGS: ON-LEASH OR OFF-LEASH

Baseline



Pilot Program



# OFF-LEASH DOG RECREATION PILOT PROGRAM TIMELINE

July 2021 to April 2022

- Pre-pilot baseline monitoring and data collection

April 2022

- IS/MND and CDP approved for pilot at Quarry Park
- Pilot Program begins

April 2022 - May 2023

- Pilot Program monitoring for 12 months
- Results monitoring compiled and summarized

June-July 2023

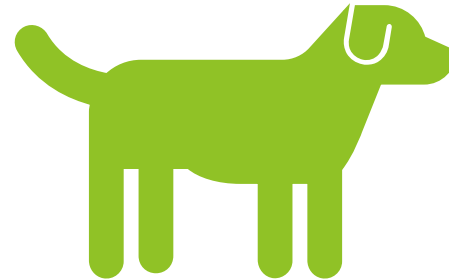
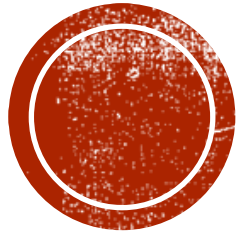
- Public presentations – Parks Commission, Midcoast Community Council, Board of Supervisors

October 2023

- Coastal Development Permit Hearing for ongoing use



# **DOG-FRIENDLY FAMILY CAMPING**

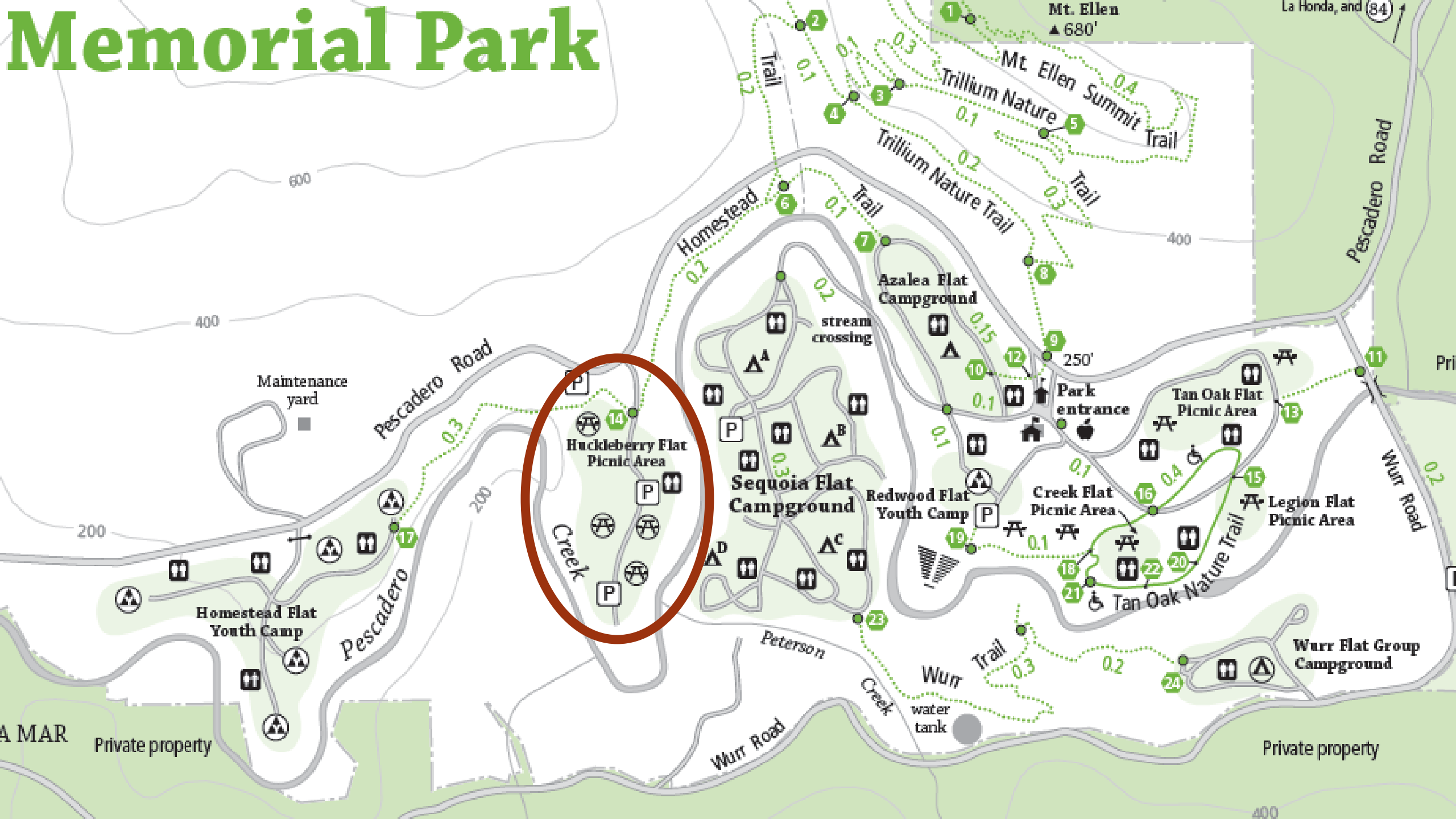


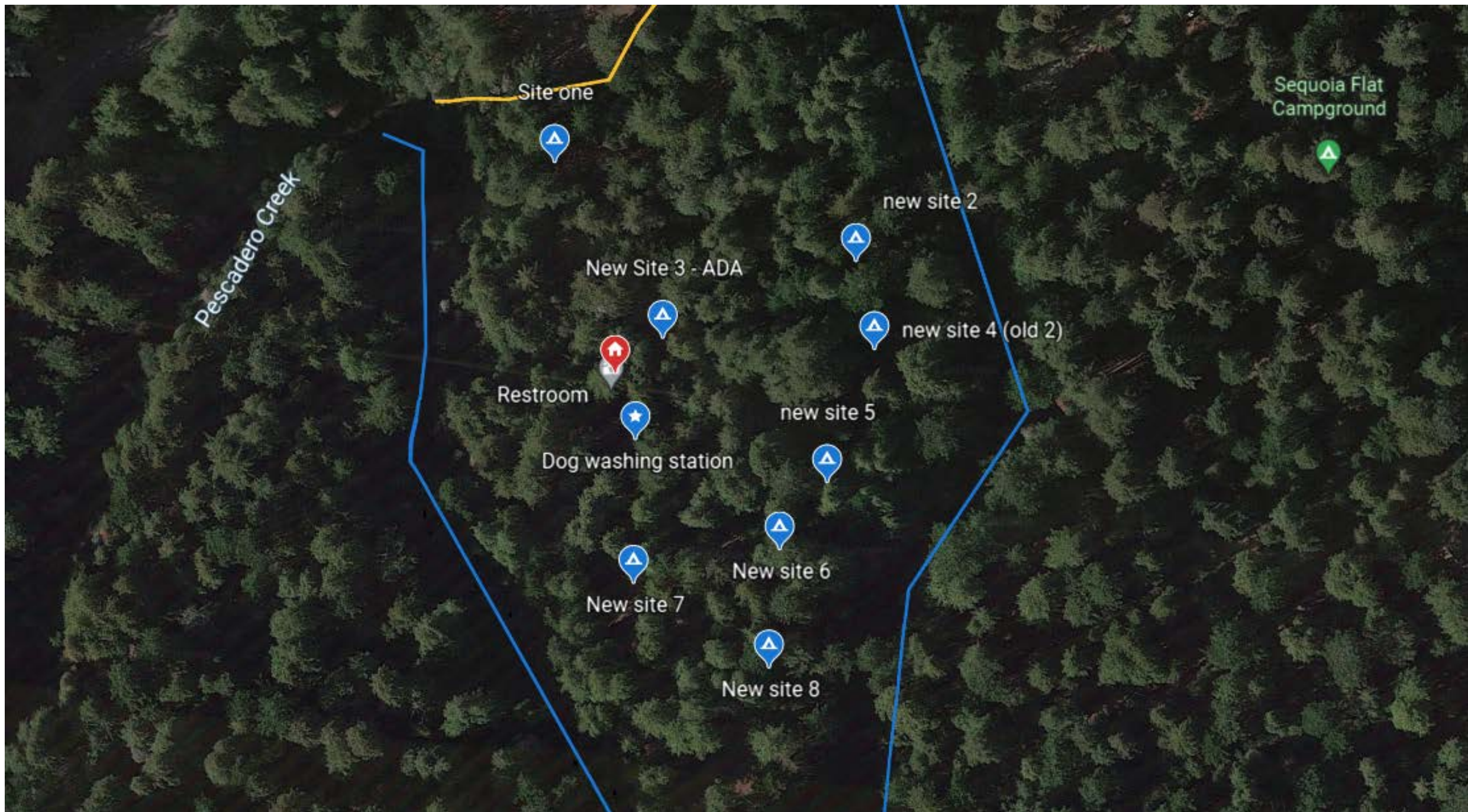
# RECENT DOG RECREATION ACTIONS

- Legalize on-leash dog recreation in specified County parks
- Expand on-leash dog recreation to include designated County parks
- Off-Leash Dog Recreation Pilot Program
- Pilot the Huckleberry Flat Dog Campground



# Memorial Park





Site one

Sequoia Flat  
Campground

Pescadero Creek

new site 2

New Site 3 - ADA

new site 4 (old 2)

Restroom

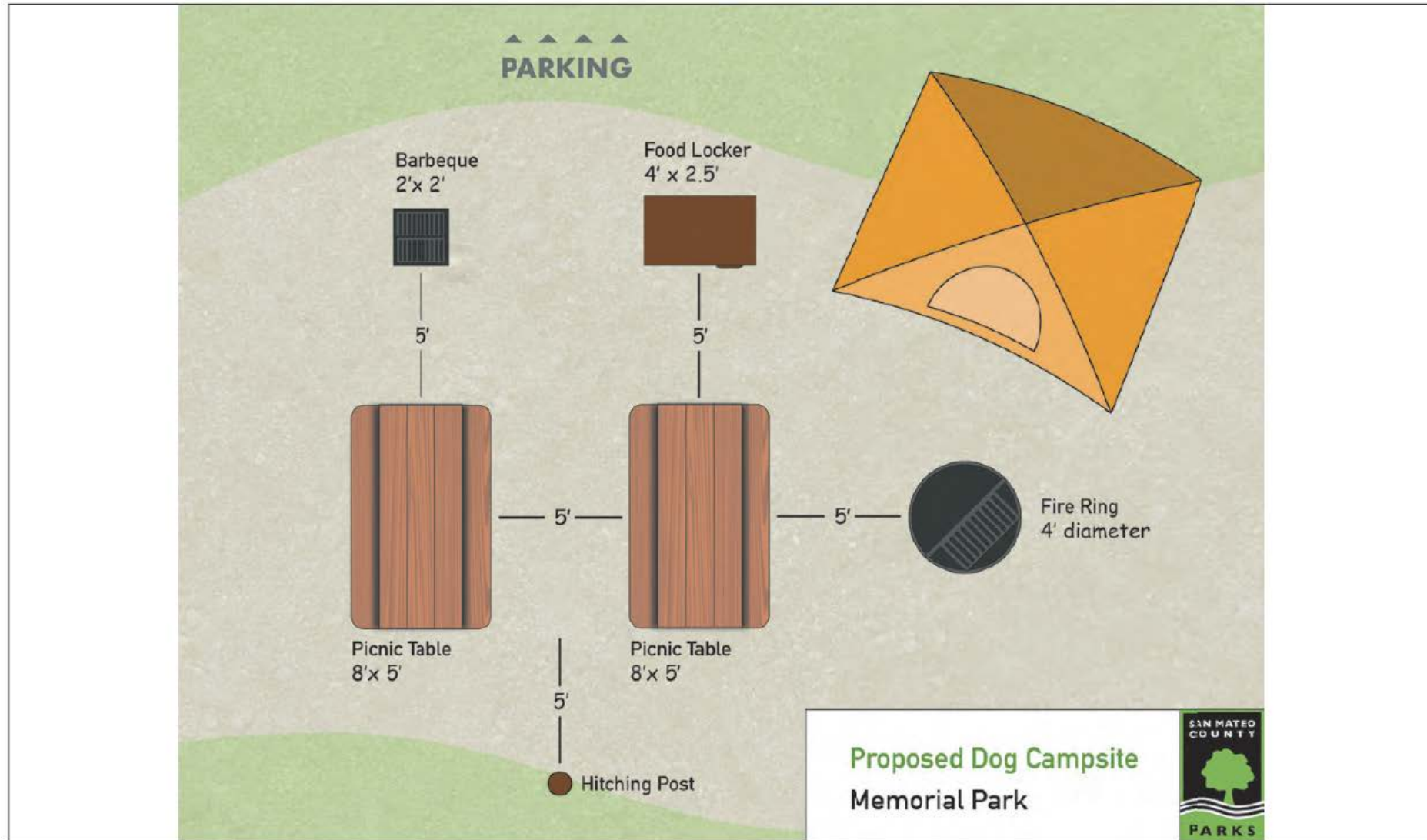
new site 5

Dog washing station

New site 6

New site 7

New site 8



# CAMPSITE DETAILS

Site	Capacity	Price
Site #1	Picnic – 50 ppl/5 dogs Camping – 30 ppl/5 dogs	Picnic - \$75 Camping - \$175
Site #2	12 people/3 dogs	Res. - \$45/Night Non-res. - \$50/Night
Site #3	12 people/3 dogs	Res. - \$45/Night Non-res. - \$50/Night
Site #4	12 people/3 dogs	Res. - \$45/Night Non-res. - \$50/Night
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Site #6	12 people/3 dogs	Res. - \$45/Night Non-res. - \$50/Night
Site #7	12 people/3 dogs	Res. - \$45/Night Non-res. - \$50/Night
Site #8	12 people/3 dogs	Res. - \$45/Night Non-res. - \$50/Night



# DOG-FRIENDLY CAMPING RULES

- On-leash only
- Dogs are only allowed in the designated areas
- Dogs are not allowed in sensitive habitat areas, including Pescadero Creek
- Campers must properly clean up after dog(s)
- No dog shall be left unattended
- Aggressive or unusually noisy dogs may be asked to leave
- Dogs are not permitted in the shower facilities
- Acknowledgement of the rules will be required at the time of making a camping reservation



# PILOT PROGRAM CRITERIA

Criteria	Standard
Wildlife Patterns and Behaviors	TBD
Ordinance Compliance	TBD
Dogs in Undesignated Areas	TBD
Uncollected Dog Waste	TBD
Visitor Interactions	TBD
Reservations	TBD



# RECOMMENDATION

- Adopt a resolution authorizing the San Mateo County Parks Department to apply for all permits necessary, including a Coastal Development Permit, to make off-leash dog recreation a permissible use at Quarry County Park.
- Adopt a resolution: Authorizing an amendment to the Parks Department's fee schedule to establish a fee for dog-friendly camping facilities within the San Mateo County parks system; and finding that the Huckleberry Flat Campground project qualifies for a California Environmental Quality Act Exemption as a Replacement or Reconstruction (Class 2) and New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Class 3).



**QUESTIONS?**



# VISITATION TREND

