

## Go Dog North Shore (GDNS) Dog Park Proposal

**April 14, 2021**

Dog owners will likely lose access to the off-leash space that is currently serving as a dog park in 2021. Given the length of time it will take for the City of Grand Marais and Cook County to come together to fully implement the Sawtooth Bluff development, we are requesting approval to create a new dog park in the interim. The 2018 Sawtooth Bluff Master Plan identified a 2.5-acre space for a future dog park. It is in this general vicinity that we are requesting approval to begin fundraising to develop a new space so that local residents and visitors can continue to safely exercise their pets off-leash in accordance with the City's leash law.

GDNS has a 2-phased approach starting with the construction of a very simple 1-acre fenced space. See attached map. **Phase 1 would include:**

- Site located on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue West and Cook County 12, directly west of the current horse and dog park.
- Fenced area of 1 acre with 6-foot-high chain link and double gated main entry to the park.
- Site plan and location allow for minimal tree clearing (less than 150 feet) by utilizing existing open spaces including the utility line clearing (cost savings of approximately \$10,000).
- Plan includes fencing in the cleared area below utility lines and provides double wide gates at the north and south end of the park to allow access for utility crews and vehicles. Utility gates would be locked and accessed by utility crews only.
- 1,000 – 2,000 square foot off-street parking area to accommodate 4-6 cars.
- Approximately 150-foot trail to be cleared to access full perimeter of park (see map). Additional trails could be developed over time. All trails will be cleared and maintained by GDNS volunteers.
- Waste bag station(s) and user education kiosk provided by GDNS.
- GDNS to conduct weekly patrols of the park during snow-free season.
- All funds to be raised by GDNS. GDNS seeks support from a government entity in the form of land use, weekly waste removal and snow plowing of parking area.

**Phase 2** of the dog park would occur when the greater Sawtooth Bluff development was implemented or when GDNS raised additional funds to complete the build out (whichever comes first). If approved, phase 2 of the development would include creating an approximately 0.5 acre cleared area that would allow for fetching and an agility/parkour course. The hiking trails and clearing location would be dependent on the results of the wetland delineation. The north/south fence line that is located between phase 1 & 2 would possibly be removed upon the development of phase 2.

*It should be noted that the exact locations, dimensions and shapes of the features (fencing, parking lot, trails, etc.) referenced in this proposal are all subject to change and negotiation based on future findings (wetland delineation, setbacks, etc.)*

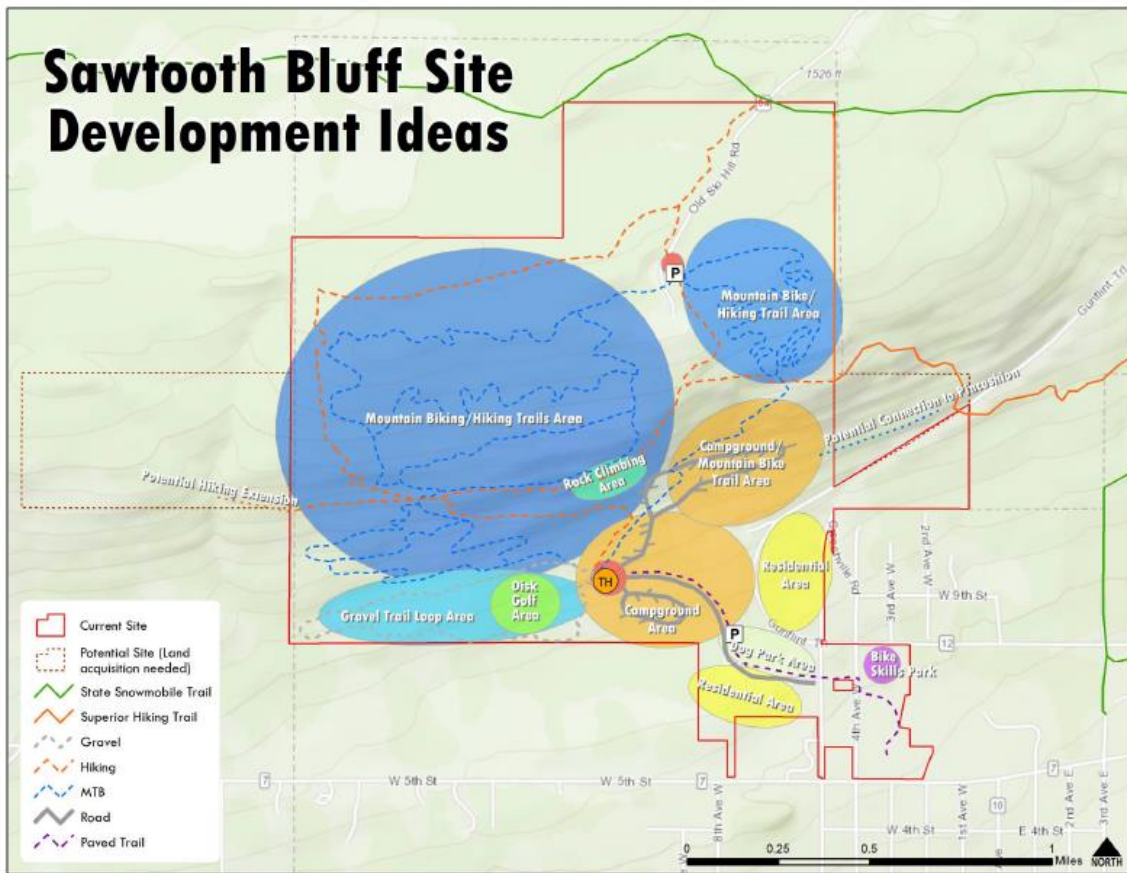
### **Phase 1 Budget:**

- ✓ 1 acre of 6' fence + 2 double utility gates + double main entry gate = \$50,000
  - ✓ Parking lot = \$15,000
  - ✓ Waste bag station = \$500
- TOTAL = \$65,500**

**Actions Items:**

- City Council support to develop this space in advance of the full Sawtooth Bluff development
- Grand Marais PUC to approve utilizing cleared space below utility lines (if denied, adjust park boundaries to exclude utility clearing)
- Wetland delineation
- Raise funds

From the 2018 Sawtooth Bluff Master Plan, Page 11





**Future Dog Park  
Potential Locations  
April 2021**



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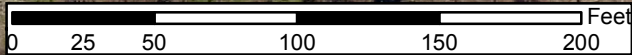
Phase 2  
Approx. 1.5 acres

Phase 1  
Approx. 1 acre

Parking Lot  
Approx. 1,700 sq. feet

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Current Park = 0.47 acres



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**Legend**

- Phase 1
- Phase 2
- Hiking/Access Trail
- Parking
- Park Access Gate
- Utility Gate