

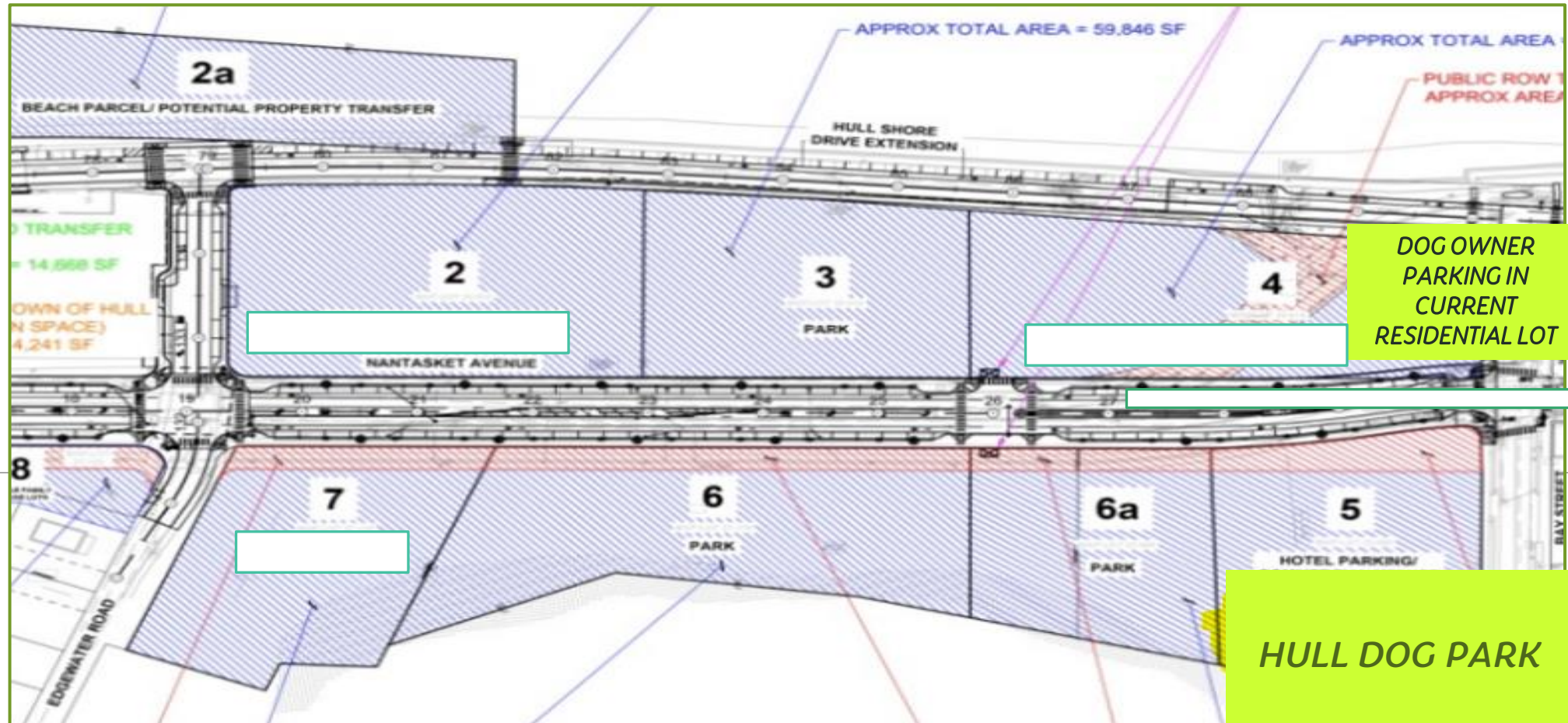


HULL DOG PARK

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Location: Edge of Parcel 5

Located in an ACEC so it's a non-buildable lot



During Covid, many more people adopted dogs. Per Hull Town hall records, we have 990 registered dogs. Recent signage in town has led to very few places where these dogs are allowed in Hull.

Benefits of a Dog Park:



- ✓ Gives dogs and owners a place to go rather than using dog-prohibited public property or the beach for exercising their pet.
- ✓ When dogs get the physical and mental exercise they need, it reduces troublesome behavior.



- ✓ Improves public health by keeping dog waste confined to one area.
- ✓ Allows for healthy dog socialization.



- ✓ Provides a centralized area to give information on:
 - ✓ dog health
 - ✓ local veterinary services
 - ✓ local training
 - ✓ pet friendly events
 - ✓ etc.

Park would include...

- 5 ft tall chain link fence with double doors for safety and large door opening for mowing.
- Privacy fencing along the side of property abutting a home on Bay St.
- Irrigation system to keep grass watered and minimize odors.
- Pea stone in certain areas to help with drainage.
- A bag dispenser and barrel for dog waste.
- A dog water bubbler to ensure hydration.
- Benches for owners to sit.



Details:

- Parking for park would be located in the current residential lot at the end of HRA parcel 4.
- Offers a central location for Hull residents in a well-ventilated area.
- Trash pick up would be 1-2/week through South Shore Pet Waste Removal at a cost of \$50/visit
- Proposal to have HRA possibly gift that parcel to the town (since area is in an ACEC and non-buildable lot) so that state grants can be applied for.
- As a potentially Hull-owned parcel, any liability is covered under the recreational use statute that covers us for any injuries per the below (similar to anyone getting hurt on a basketball court).
- <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleII/Chapter21/Section17C>



Funding:

- ✓ Funding from CPC – Hull was just awarded \$10,000 for a dog park feasibility study.
- ✓ The Stanton Foundation grants up to \$250,000 towards dog parks. \$25,000 goes towards design of the project and up to \$225,000 towards construction. Another 10% could also be available towards improvements. Marshfield recently received funds of this magnitude for their new dog park.
- ✓ State Rep funds – Marshfield dog park received \$10,000 and another \$20,000 from their state reps. We could request \$10,000 in funding from Joan Meschino.
- ✓ Citizens – Donations from those with an interest in the park.
- ✓ A Friends of Hull Dog Park Committee could be formed to help with local fundraising for maintenance and upkeep. (i.e., Sales from dog pictures with Santa, Halloween dog dress-up contest, etc.)



Thank you!

