

Community Engagement Assessment

Please fill out this form if your project, program, or initiative includes community engagement. All Community Engagement Assessments should be filed as Petitions and Communications with the MPRB Board of Commissioners and submitted to the MPRB Engagement Portal on SharePoint.

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Division/Department: Planning, Design & Project Management

Level of Engagement: Inform

Project, Program, or Initiative Name: Minnehaha Dog Park Fencing

Project Description (100 words recommended):

Currently, the entire portion of Minnehaha Regional Park south of 54th Street and adjacent, non-MPRB owned parcels, largely function as a dog park due to poor signage, a lack of oversight, and non-contiguous fencing. As a result, the natural environment and adjacent parcels have been negatively affected by unintended impacts by dogs and their owners and it has been difficult for adjacent property owners and land managers to enforce their different rules and regulations around usage and leash regulations for dogs. This project will clearly demarcate property boundaries with fencing, signage to communicate usage rules, controlled dog park access, and an event to engage with dog park users and other trail users at adjacent properties. Staff will work closely with National Park Service staff to plan a 'Bark Ranger' event to help communicate the changes to park users.

Review the criteria to determine the level of engagement that your program, project, or initiative falls under. Provide an explanation of how your project meets the criteria in the Justification section below.

Level of Engagement	Inform	Consult	Involve	Partner
Engagement Goal	To provide stakeholders with factual, accessible, balanced, and timely information to help them understand the project, program, or initiative.	To obtain stakeholder feedback on project, initiative, or program analysis, alternatives, or decisions.	To work directly with stakeholders throughout the process to ensure that perspectives are consistently understood, considered, and reflected in project, program, or initiative decisions.	To partner with stakeholders in each aspect of decision making in order to develop and implement collaborative project, program, or initiative solutions.
Criteria to Determine Level of Engagement (Which level of engagement best describes your project?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a decision that should be based on technical, operational, or safety constraints only. This is a project, program, or initiative that does not result in a change in the type, location, or extent of the current facility or service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project takes place in a park that has been master planned. This a new city-wide initiative or program. This is a new public policy or public policy update. The outcome is likely to change based on community input. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project requires a CAC. This project does not have other policy guidance such as an existing master plan or public policy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This program, project, or initiative is being developed in partnership with another agency or organization.
MPRB Promise	MPRB will keep you informed.	MPRB will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge feedback, work to integrate stakeholder feedback into the alternatives, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with stakeholders for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and to incorporate recommendations to the extent possible.	The MPRB and partner entity will be accountable to their roles as negotiated in the partnership and regularly evaluate overall success of the partnership.
Examples of project types	Repaving a parking lot, cutting down a tree, beach or swimming pool closures, ADA improvements, rehab	Approved master plan design implementation, city or service area wide program development, public policy development, Participatory Project Scoping	Master plans, any process that includes a formal public body making recommendations.	Jointly owned and/or operated facilities, co-creation, public/private partnership, community led projects.

This engagement grid was adapted from the IAP2 International Federation 2014 Public Participation Spectrum.

Justification (100 words recommended): *Please explain how your project meets the criteria in the Engagement Grid on pg. 2. Provide a justification for each criterion corresponding to the Level of Engagement that will guide your project.*

MPRB will install fencing and signage to demarcate property boundaries and communicate usage rules for the dog park currently located south of 54th Street. The entire parcel has functioned as a dog park for the past 30 years. This project will formalize that use and help keep off-leash dogs out of adjoining parcels that have different guidelines and regulations.

For projects, programs, or initiatives that fall under the Inform category of engagement: what are your planned methods for informing the public? (i.e. posting on a project website, GovDelivery email blast, flyer onsite, multi-lingual and/or graphic information)

Staff will install informational project signage at key entry and use locations, create a project webpage, and work closely with National Park Service staff to host a 'Bark Ranger' event.