



OPEN SPACE CONSERVANCY TRUST STAFF REPORT

OSCT26-05
April 16, 2026
Regular Business

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

TITLE:	OSCT26-05: Off Leash Dog Update	☒ Discussion Only ☐ Action Needed: ☐ Motion ☐ Ordinance ☐ Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Discussion Only	
STAFF:	Sam Harb, Parks Operations Manager	
COUNCIL LIAISON:	Lisa Anderl	
EXHIBITS:	N/A	

SUMMARY

Leash policy education efforts continued in 2025 with distribution of educational brochures “The Dog Owner’s Guide to Mercer Island Parks”, which provides park users with information about voice/signal control and the location of off-leash versus on-leash parks. In 2025, Mercer Island Police Department received the following reports in Pioneer Park: two complaints about off-leash dogs, one found dog, one dog hit and injured by an e-bike, and one report of a dog bite to another dog.

RECOMMENDATION

This is a recurring topic included in the annual report to Council and work plan. It is an opportunity for the Trust and staff to discuss any observations or feedback from the community.