



OPEN SPACE CONSERVANCY TRUST STAFF REPORT

Item 4
April 16, 2026
Regular Business

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

TITLE:	Off Leash Dog Update	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Discussion Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

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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.