

Based on feedback and years of experience doing just this sort of thing, I analyzed the available field area and surroundings with respect to field size requirements and other park amenities, discussed below. My resources are limited to googlemaps and inconsistently-scaled screenshots (i.e. this is not precise), but still much can be learned. The 2018 Parks Master Plan had a solid recommendation, but it came to an abrupt halt (below left). Many still believe there is merit in utilizing the wooded area for a portion of the dog park, but would affect trail layout. The plan I've shared (below right) is just one potential solution, based on careful thought and consideration for the various needs and stakeholders, who all deserve a welcome place in our community.



TRAIL: The trail at the north end is really nice, but could be improved with additional shade cover. You can push the trail a bit further north if you carefully remove some of the scrubby growth while still protecting the quality shrubs and trees that maintain a green backdrop and all the features that make having a trail in this area special. You'd also need a sufficient border/backdrop well away from the drop-off to avoid more unsightly fencing. I pushed the dog area into the existing trail, then widened the trail to create more of a destination - a recommendation from the landscape architect providing parking lot drawings. You can create a buffer with the dog park by using some of the existing grade change between the parking lot and trail to create a "boulder-berm" (like the work done behind the Field House), which could be a place to sit or play with cascading pollinator-friendly native plants. This could serve as a mini education garden with signage and volunteer workdays like the nearby butterfly garden. The berm has the added benefit of a sound barrier for the homes below and would need a fence on top with planted shrubs to minimize dogs at eye level with trail users. The central portion could include trees and another access gate, which also opens up a long sightline across the park from RW Dr. to the wooded crescent.

FIELD HOUSE: Currently being reconsidered as a community space for a wide range of uses and events, with access to a "great lawn" being taken into consideration.

BALL FIELDS:



1. If we assume Fields 1 and 2 for baseball/softball are fixed, along with the proposed parking plan under review, then we have about 1.3 acres available to parcel out (top left). It might be worth debating the amount of proposed parking versus field space given that creating a double row of parking to account for the lost spots in the north lot encroaches on the shared fields. For instance, if parking was allowed on game days along RW Dr. directly in front of the park, and volunteers and/or police helped to manage road crossings - could we then reduce the amount of overall new parking?
2. The existing informal parking area at the north end of the fields is about 1/4 acre (top center).
3. **T-ball** fields need 50ft. between bases and about 115ft. min. from home plate to an outfield fence - that's 230ft. between home plates on two adjacent fields; currently there is ~165ft. between Field 3 and 5, but not every hitter is a ringer so the overlap is currently working (upper right).
4. **U8 Girls Softball** needs 55ft. between bases and about 150ft. to an outfield fence; the current distance on Field 3 from home plate to the outfield fence is ~153ft (upper right) - just at the limit for younger girls softball, but a little bit long for T-ball. Some girls are currently hitting down 3rd base into Field 5.
5. **Batting Cages** would need to be relocated (ideally close to Fields 1 and 2), and verified for size and quantity.
6. Required fields for U8 Girls' Softball "Pinto" (left) and T-ball "Shetland" (right) on 0.4 acre and 0.6 acre (below).



MULTI-PURPOSE FIELDS:



1. Soccer (above left): Valley View Elem. 5v5 soccer fields (standard max. 75' x 105'), allows two fields side-by-side on 0.4 acres DOLA, or soccer and another use at the same time. One rotated 5v5 field fits within 0.6 DOLA.
2. Flag Football (above right): 30 yd x 70 yd (90' x 210') on each option, with varying parking lot encroachments. The current fenced field width measures 210', so it's exactly the length of one flag football field.



SURVEY: IMO, an additional park-related survey is not needed, unless you plan to also survey all RW residents on:

- parking lot - cost, layout, how many spaces are needed, what the surface material should be;
- trees -cost, layout, how many trees, and what varieties;
- irrigation system -cost, layout for a portion or the entire park, including in a dedicated dog park paid by RW residents and maintained by city staff;
- field house - cost, new floor plan layout and amenities, along with surrounding terraces and landscaping;
- playgrounds - cost, layout, landscape materials, and equipment choices.