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Jim,

Without being involved in the planning for transfer of ownership of this property; I offer the following general thoughts or suggestions:

1) For Option # 1 - my perception of dog parks include "designated areas" that are fenced off for dog recreation. Also, by calling it a dog park, it may limit the public's perception of its intended use - which is for the larger general public and not necessarily exclusively for dog walking. I guess I would simply suggest proposing minor improvements such as earthen trails that require minimal maintenance or construction effort with simple clearing and grubbing of walking trails. You could just indicate dog walking as one of the many permitted public uses.

2) In general, I would stress the importance of utilizing this property in some way as a component of the larger Chittenango Creek walk facility, and just state that at such time phasing of the creek facility includes this property, improvements to increase public access and connectivity to the creek would be pursued by the Village.

3) Has there been any thought as to how people would access this site and by what means? A small stone parking area to accommodate 5-7 cars would make for a nice trailhead-type facility to be incorporated with other improvements for the site, such as trails, picnic areas, benches, etc...

4) I think one of your options could simply be "Multi-Use Public Open Space", which would include improvements for the public to enjoy active and passive recreation such as those mentioned in #3 above.

5) Regarding the Village's updated Comprehensive Plan - we are recommending the Village increase its parks and open space infrastructure and to make the necessary investments as growth occurs. Additionally, the Creekwalk is an outstanding example of a multi-modal facility that not only provides enhanced public space for residents, but also provides an alternative means of transportation - walking - to increase access to downtown areas and natural resources. By utilizing this property as a future component of that system would be a huge link that may otherwise be an acquisition issue.

Hope this helps. Feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Best Regards,

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