

The Case Against Leash Free Areas in Highland Gate Natural Park

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- Background
- Minutes of Settlement between the Town, HGDI and HGRPA concerned the "Open Space Land" and "Environmentally Protected Lands".
- Owner to “provide primarily non-maintained natural areas”.
- Leash Free Areas not a specified amenity.
- 2017 Public Information Session
- 2017 Ad Hoc Park Committee
- 2018 Earthworks begin
- 2023 Grand Opening

Town of Aurora Operational Services

Leash Free Area

Proposal for Highland Gate Park



AUGUST 2024

2024 PROPOSED LEASH FREE AREAS IN AURORA
HIGHLAND GATE LOCATION

TOWN OF AURORA OPERATIONAL SERVICES

- Proposed Dog Park boundaries
- BLOCK 181 - Environmental Protection Land
- BLOCK 161 - Parkette



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Why Highland Gate Park is Inappropriate

1. More than 50% of the areas falls within the Environmental Protection land.
2. The proposed sites slope down to the creek, so dog waste would pollute run-off into it..
3. There are homes backing onto the proposed LFAs.
4. There would be an increase in dog barking and dog poop smell within reach of homes.
5. Dogs running free will excite and incite more barking of backyard dogs.
6. There is no allotted parking space for non-resident visitors, including the professional dog walkers who may be attracted to the location.
7. It was never in the plan.