

Lower Lonsdale Off-Leash Area

Welcome to Open House #2



The demand for off-leash areas is growing, particularly in Lower Lonsdale. Lower Lonsdale has the highest concentration of residents and licensed dogs in the City, but parks in this neighbourhood do not permit any off-leash activity.

The process for siting a new off-leash area began in June 2019. Two open houses were held to determine the location for a new off-leash area in Lower Lonsdale.

The City of North Vancouver is looking for feedback on the features of a **pilot off-leash area**.

Goals for today:

- Share the public feedback from initial engagement efforts
- Present options for a pilot off-leash area in the preferred location & collect feedback to finalize the plan

What we heard

RESULTS FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION: OPEN HOUSE #1 | JUNE 20TH & 25TH

In June, we gathered preliminary feedback on the location and features for an off-leash area in Lower Lonsdale. We also received feedback about the City's existing off-leash areas and the perceptions around responsible dog ownership.

For a complete consultation summary, please visit:
www.cnv.org/LowerLonsdaleOffLeash



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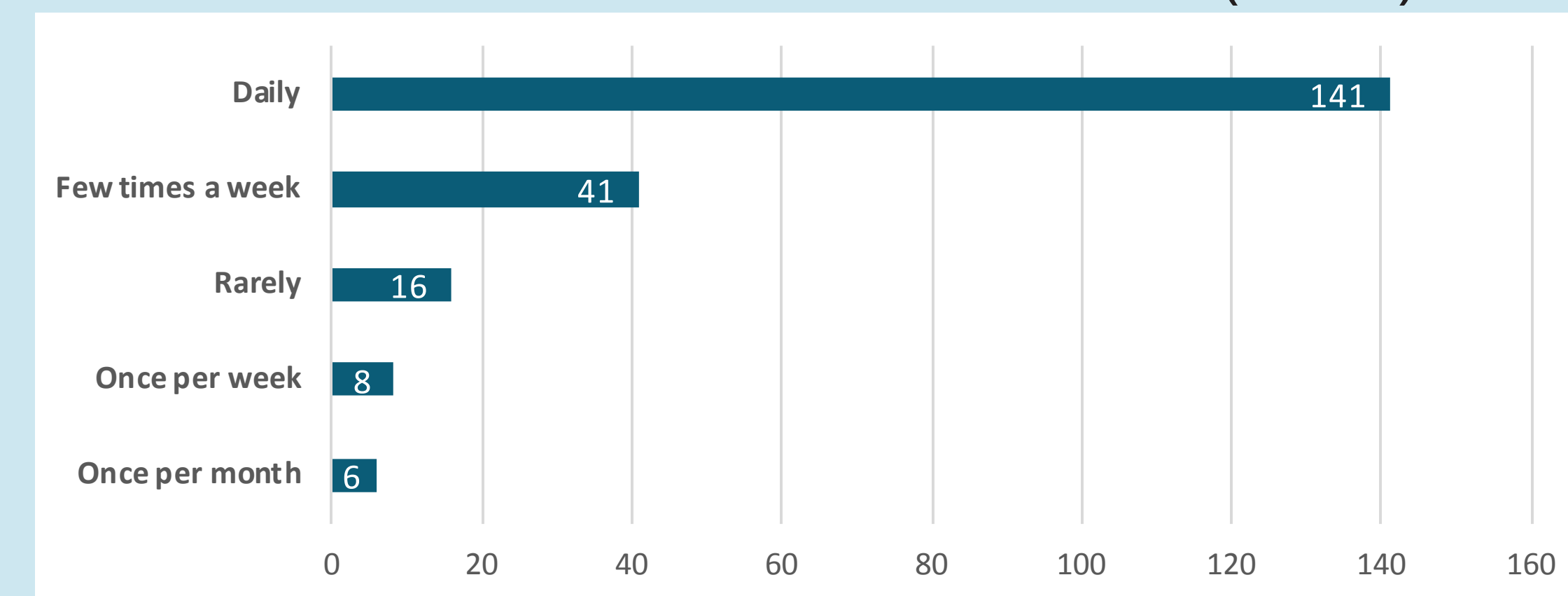
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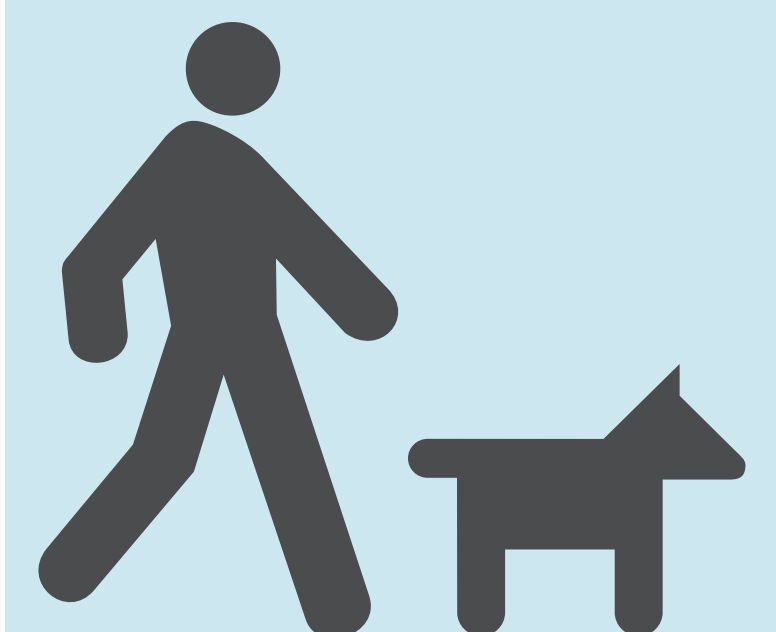
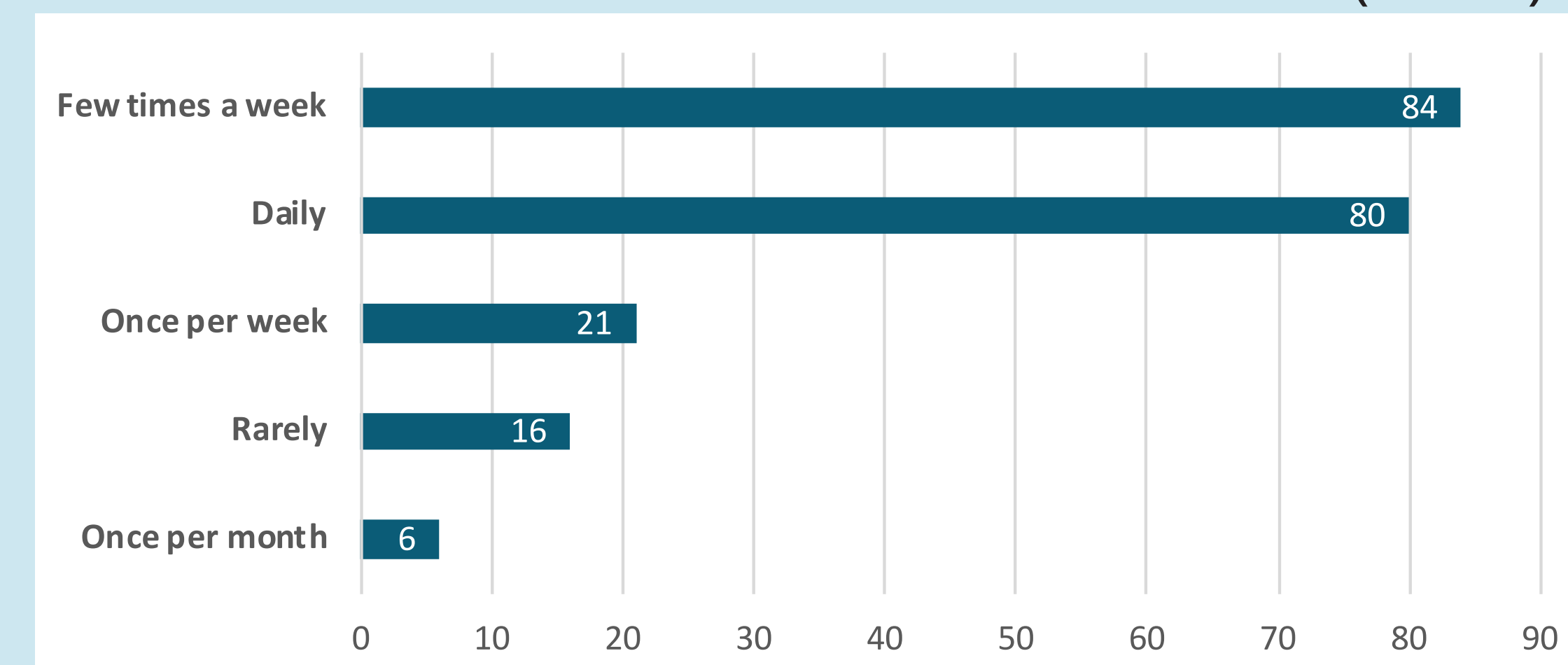
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We asked dog owners how often they would visit an off-leash area if it was within a **5 minute walk** (400m).



We also asked dog owners how often they would visit an off-leash area if it was within a **10 minute walk** (800m).



What we heard

LOCATION

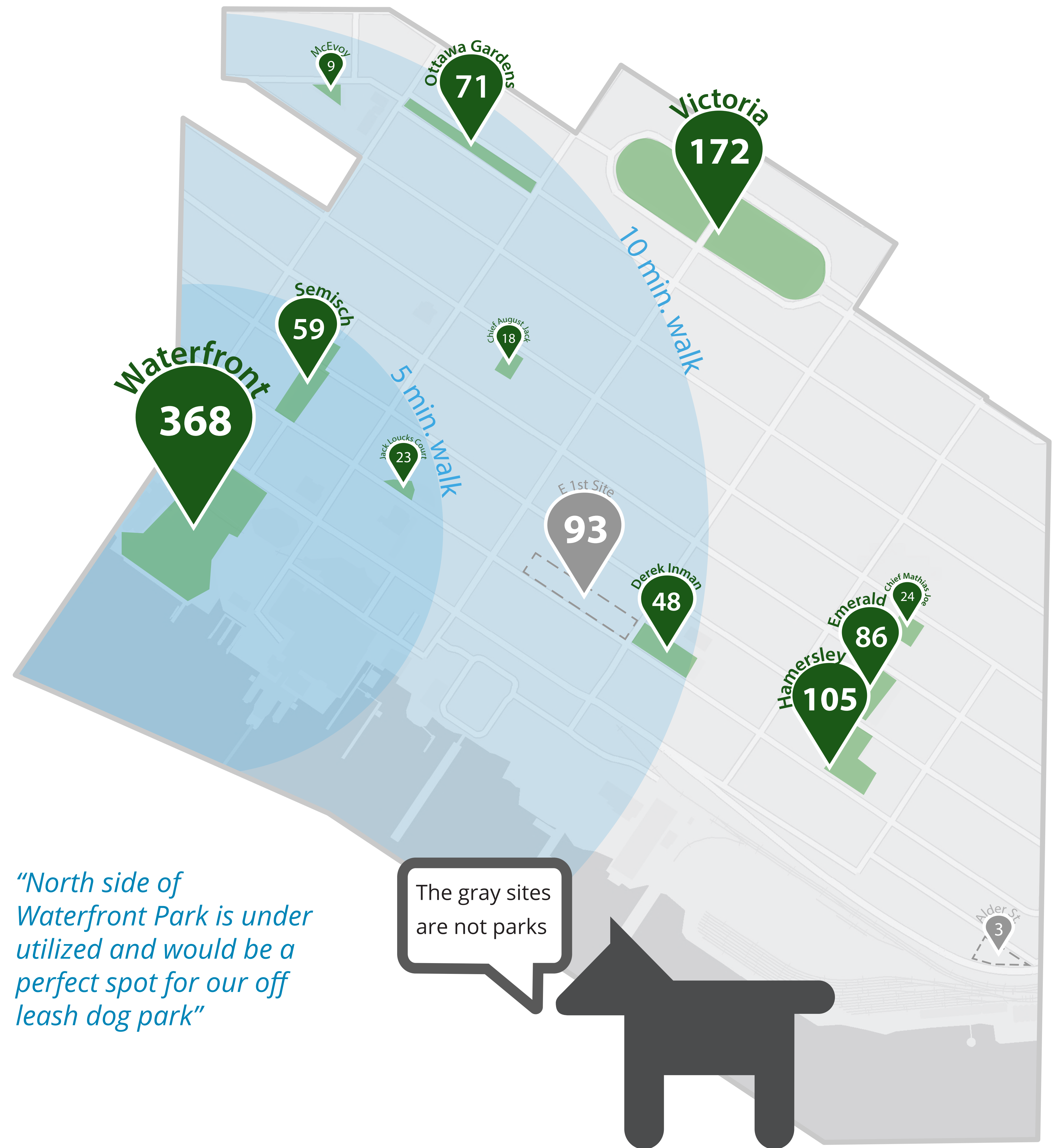
Most of the responses received identified Waterfront Park for an off-leash dog area.

From the first open house, we heard that the proposed size of an urban off-leash area was not desirable. The public preferred a large open space for running, with a separated area for small dogs.

Five guiding principles were proposed at the first open house (see below). We heard that consideration should also be given to the noise impact on adjacent users and that efforts should be taken to promote responsible dog ownership.

Guiding principles for a new off-leash area in Lower Lonsdale:

1. Ensure the location is easily **accessible** by all park users and within walking distance of most dog owners.
2. Look for **compatibility** with existing park uses. Consider the existing park uses and reduce or eliminate potential park user conflict (ie proximity with playgrounds, picnic areas, active sport areas).
3. Ensure the location is within an identified **underserved area**.
4. Minimize impact on the natural environment and locate away from environmentally sensitive areas such as streams.
5. Design the off-leash area to **enhance** existing park features.



What we heard

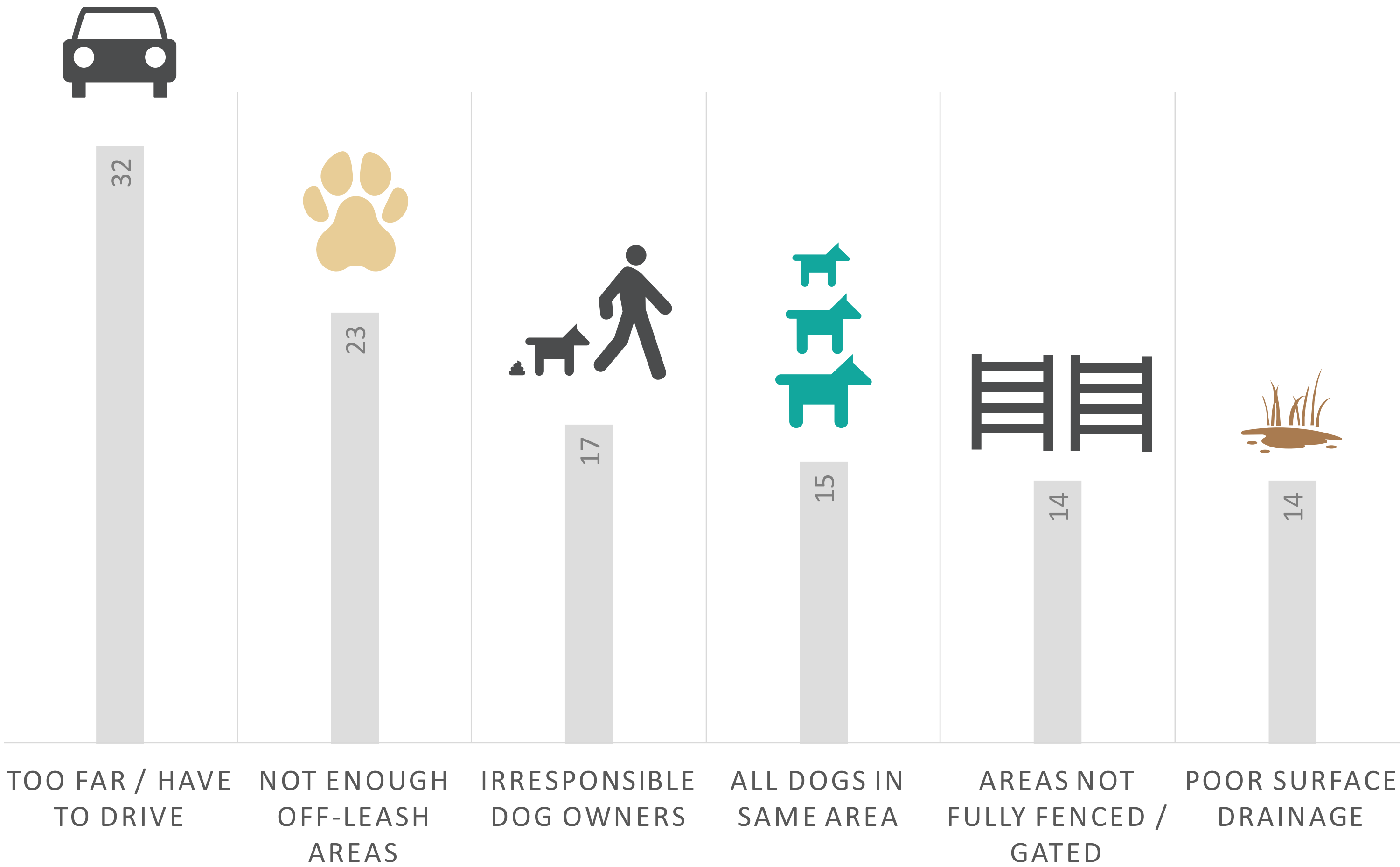
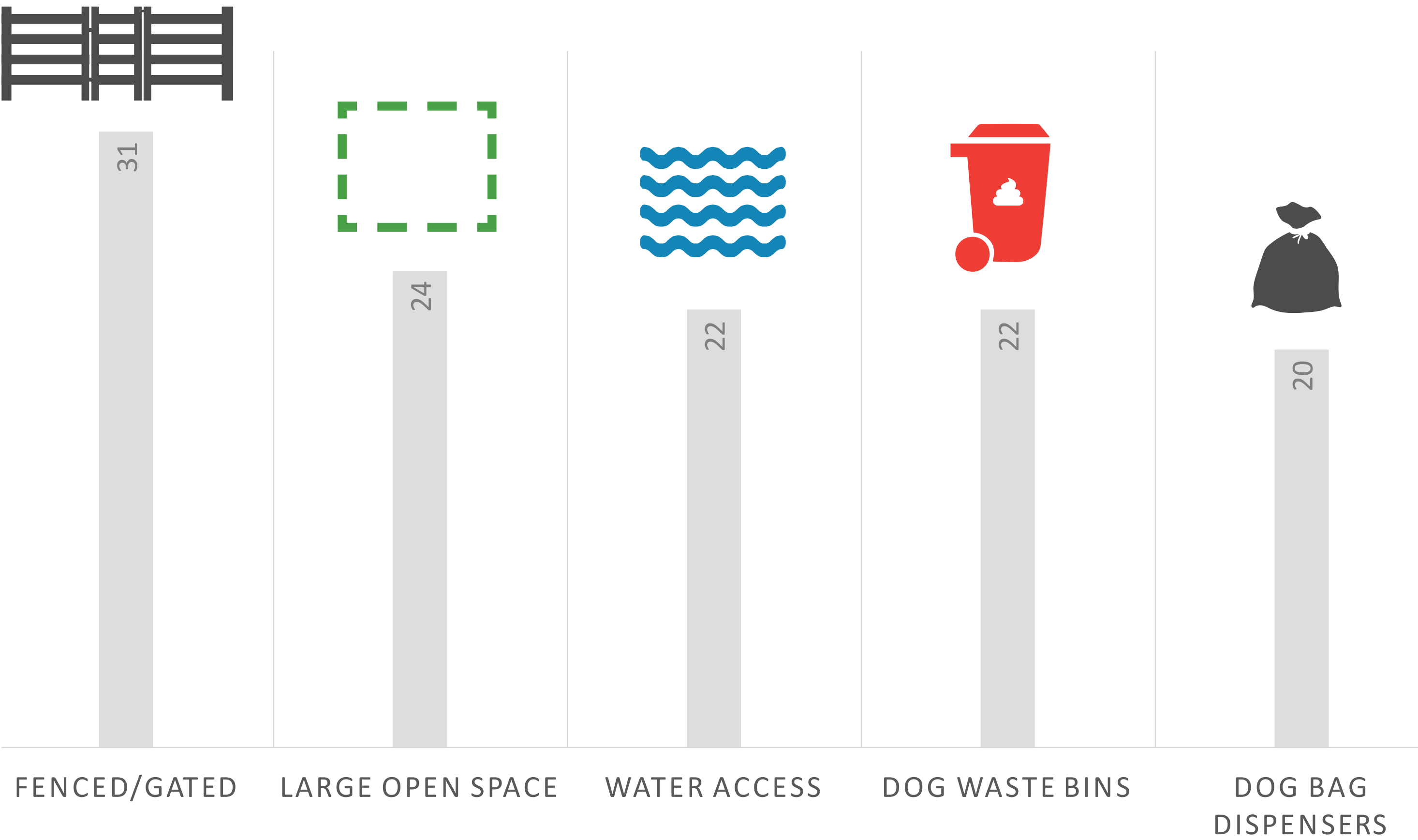
EXISTING OFF-LEASH AREAS

Currently, there are three off-leash areas in the City of North Vancouver; **Lynnmouth Park, Kings Mill Walk, and Mosquito Creek Trail**. We asked, what is working well in the City’s existing off-leash areas and what could be improved?



WORKING WELL

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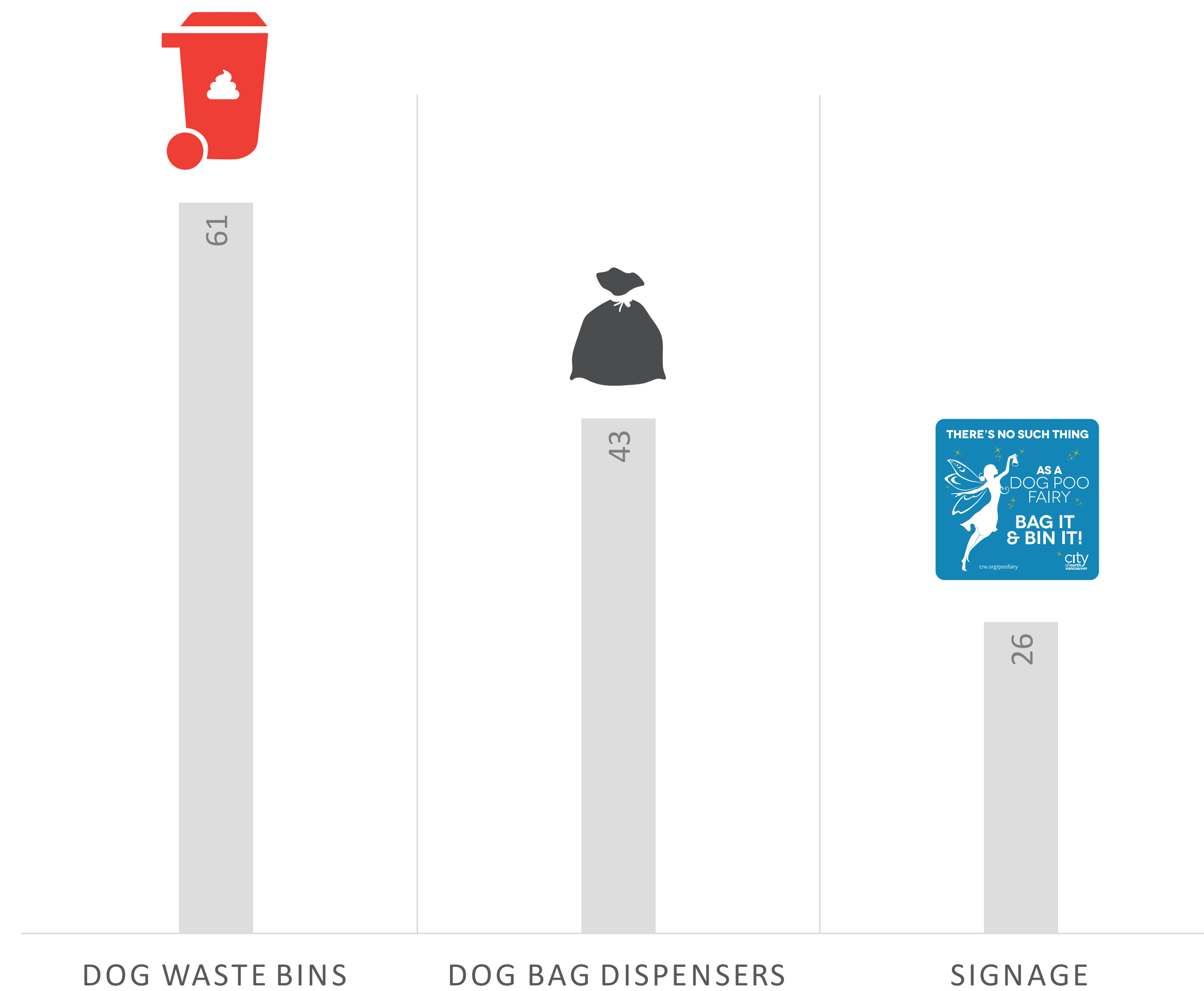
What we heard

RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

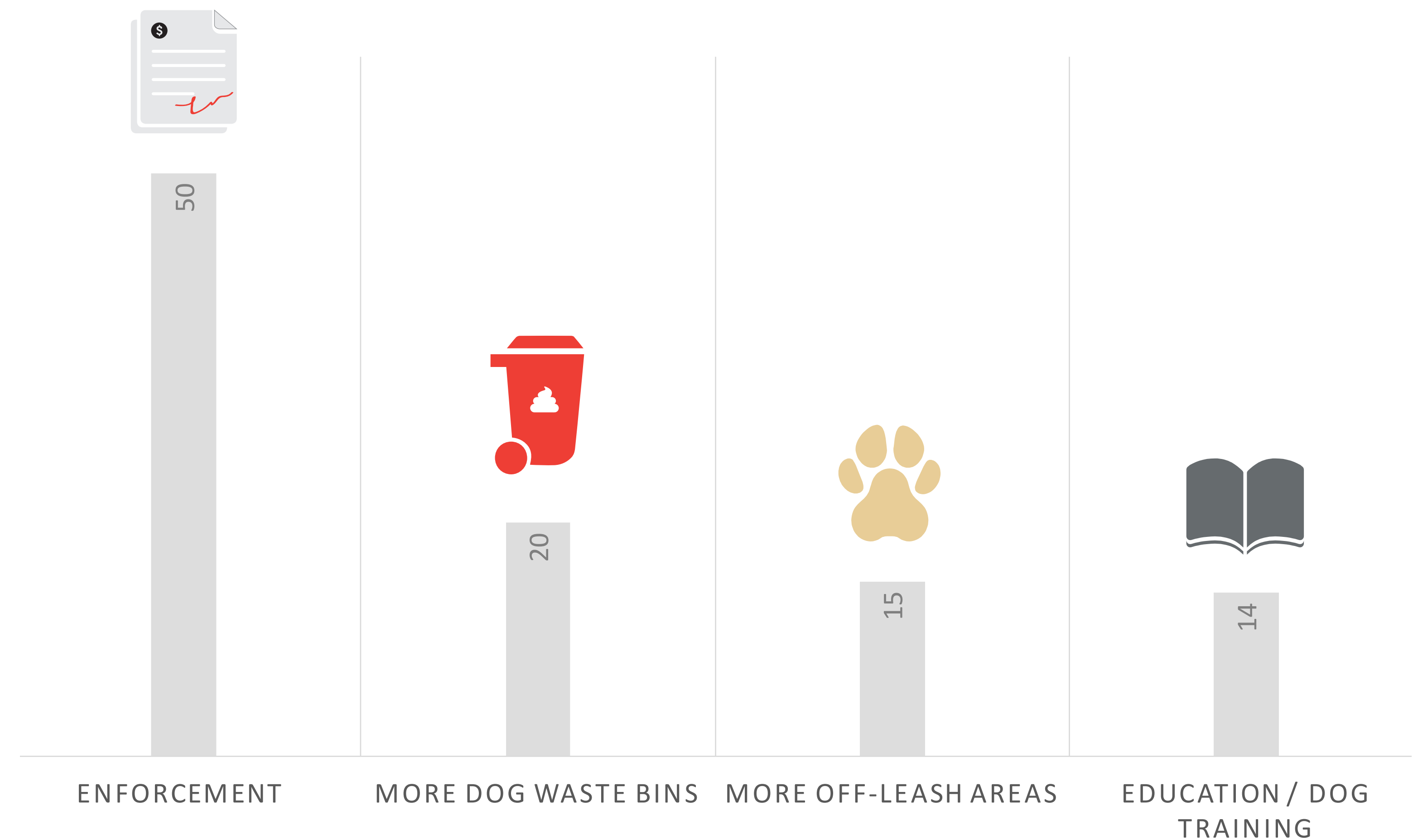
We asked, what is currently working well to promote responsible dog ownership in the community, and what could be improved?



WORKING WELL



COULD BE IMPROVED



Moving forward

SITE ATTRIBUTES

Waterfront Park, specifically the north end between the train tracks and West Esplanade, is a good location for a **pilot off-leash area** because:

- It is large enough to have a separated area for small dogs
- It is within a 5 - 10 minute walk to a significant number of people in Lower Lonsdale
- It is compatible with adjacent land uses
- Dog noise may be mitigated by traffic on Esplanade
- There is existing fencing adjacent to the train tracks
- It is close to the Spirit Trail
- It is located away from environmentally sensitive areas
- It provides an opportunity to increase activity in an underutilized area of the park
- Waterfront Park will be undergoing a Master Planning process in 2020. This will give the City an opportunity to evaluate the success of the pilot off-leash area and inform future planning.

Currently there are no separated off-leash areas for small dogs in the City.



Moving forward

WATERFRONT PARK **PILOT** OFF-LEASH AREA

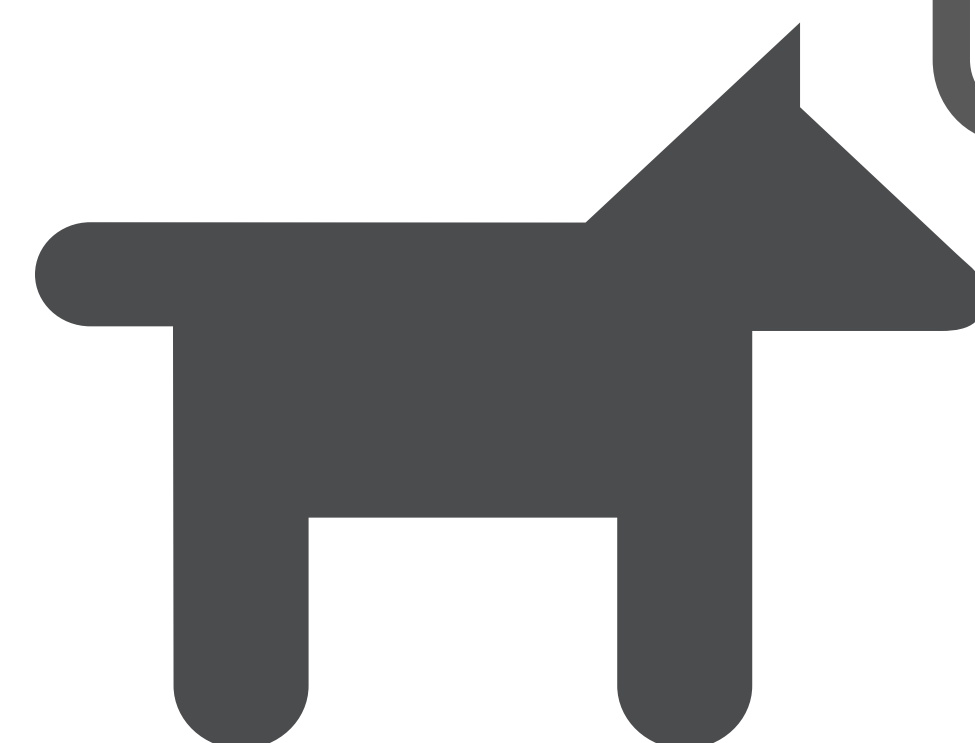
What is a pilot off-leash area?

A pilot off-leash area is a temporary installment that is evaluated frequently for one year. The success of the off-leash area and each feature is determined through observation and public feedback. After the trial period, recommendations are made to adopt, revise or reject a permanent off-leash area.

Pilot Project:

- Timeline: 1 Year (Winter 2019 - Winter 2020)
- Accompanied by increased enforcement
- Monitored regularly
- Interim assessment
- Public feedback collected during pilot

As highlighted in the “*People, Parks & Dogs: A Strategy for Sharing Vancouver Parks*” (2017) report, off-leash spaces should be tested through pilot projects prior to permanent installation.



The all dog area is approximately the size of **two** basketball courts!

The small dog area is slightly larger than a basketball court.



What do you think about the **location** of the pilot off-leash area in Waterfront Park?

Place a sticky note here!

Pilot off-leash area

ELEMENTS



Several elements have been proposed for the pilot off-leash area at Waterfront Park. Please place the sticky dots by your preferred ideas.

Is there anything we are missing? Place a sticky note here!

Pilot Off-Leash Area
PLEASE BE COURTEOUS AND RESPECTFUL



PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG.



KEEP DOGS WITHIN SIGHT AND UNDER VOICE CONTROL.

ETIQUETTE FOR PEOPLE WITH DOGS USING OFF-LEASH AREAS

- Keep dogs from being aggressive.
- All dogs must be licensed.
- No persistent barking.
- No digging.
- Maximum 3 dogs per handler.
- Dogs must be on leash when entering and exiting off-leash areas.

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OCTOBER 2019

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Next steps

PROJECT TIMELINE



Tell us what you think!

Please provide us with your feedback on the questionnaire form provided or via the online survey at www.cnv.org/LowerLonsdaleOffLeash. Your input will help us finalize plans for a new pilot off-leash area at Waterfront Park!