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Boston, MA 02114

January 31, 2011

Edward M. Lambert, Jr.  
Commissioner  
Department of Conservation and Recreation  
251 Causeway Street  
Boston, MA 02114

Re: Dog owner petition for off-leash recreation at Middlesex Fells

Dear Mr. Lambert:

Attached please find a petition wherein five hundred forty-five (545) Massachusetts residents have stated that they “support options for off-leash recreation at Sheepfold and on the trails of the Middlesex Fells Reservation.” As the Department of Conservation and Recreation (“DCR”) develops a Resource Management Plan for the Fells, we urge the DCR to designate certain trails for multiple uses, including off-leash recreation, as part of that Plan.

These signatures were collected during 2010. One hundred forty-nine (149) signatures<sup>1</sup> were obtained in person, from dog owners enjoying activities at the Fells with their dogs. Four hundred one (401) people<sup>2</sup> communicated their support online, and were permitted to comment on what it means to them and their families to enjoy the Fells with their dogs. We urge you to read through these comments, and see how much our families cherish the opportunity to enjoy this natural resource while engaging in activities with our dogs. A great number of the online commenters explicitly mentioned their use of the trails at the Middlesex Fells as being of importance to them. We have provided excerpts of some typical comments below our signatures to this letter.

The undersigned stand ready to work with the DCR and other user groups during the RMP process and thereafter, and we appreciate the opportunity to participate in this process. Local dog owner groups in which we participate, including the Fells Dog Owner Group (FellsDOG), the Melrose Dog Society, and the Somerville Dog Owners Group (som|dog), will continue to educate dog owners on the need to pick up dog waste, supervise our dogs properly, and share our parks appropriately with other users.

In particular,

- We support the “Stay on Designated Trails” policy articulated in the Draft Trail Plan;
- We support shared-use trails;
- We support the closure of “spider-web” trails;
- We support the “Carry In, Carry Out” policy, including dog waste.


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<sup>1</sup> Includes one signature from an out-of-state resident.

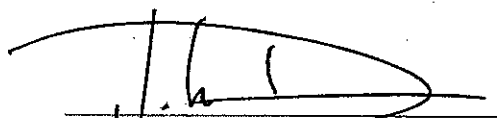
<sup>2</sup> Includes four out-of-state residents.

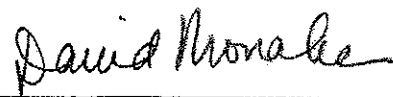
Dog owners are very pleased that the DCR has announced plans to designate an area at the Sheepfold for off-leash recreation. This action is long overdue. But we urge you to realize that permitting off-leash recreation on appropriate trails should be a vital part of the Resource Management Plan for the Middlesex Fells.


Sincerely,

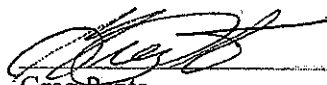
  
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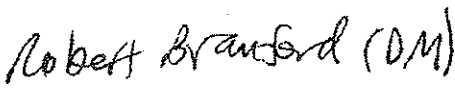
  
Michelle Li  
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Michele Biscoe  
Somerville, Massachusetts

  
David Monahan  
Reading, Massachusetts

  
Mary Bransford  
Winchester, Massachusetts

  
Greg Penta  
Melrose, Massachusetts

  
Robert Bransford  
Winchester, Massachusetts

cc: Richard K. Sullivan, Jr.  
Secretary, Dept. of Energy and Environmental Affairs

Thomas M. Walsh  
Fells District Manager

The following are excerpts from the comments of dog owners who signed the 2010 online petition, indicating: "We support options for off-leash recreation at Sheepfold and on the trails of the Middlesex Fells Reservation":

1) "As a Friend of the Fells I do believe in proper maintenance and etiquette when it comes to the trails, fauna and wildlife within the Fells. However I also believe that dogs should be able to 'stretch their legs' roam free and just be dogs - impossible to so on city sidewalks." Sharon Gately, Medford

2) “The vast majority of dog owners are good citizens with good dogs. We help clean up after the few bad apples in the bunch, and given that there are such a large number of dog owners who use the park for recreation, it seems only fair that we have a voice and a space to use as well. We can all share the space—hikers, bikers, dog owners.” Frank Carrano, Boston

3) “Veterinarians and animal behaviorists agree that off-leash socialization and exercise is essential to a dog’s health. Walking with one’s dog off-leash through the Fells keeps the walker safe and inspires a sense of place and environmental stewardship in the walker. Our conservation/park lands must serve this very critical function of connecting people with the land and providing areas to promote the social and physical health of dogs in our increasingly suburbanized communities. With education and etiquette by everyone, the entire Fells area should be able to be successfully shared by all users. Please allow off-leash dog walking.” Nancy Bryant, Lexington

4) “I always pick up after my dog (bags attached to leash and in my backpack) and make sure to have them under voice command at all times. If they don't feel like listening they get leashed. Simple as that!” Manda Carco, Medford

5) “We always pick up after our dog, and carry extra poop bags to help clean up after other less courteous dog owners. We make sure to leash her when near the reservoirs and keep her out of the water there. We keep her on the trails only, and use the leash when needed near people who are at all uncomfortable around dogs.” Leslie Diamond, Somerville

6) “We regularly utilize The Fells for hiking, mountain biking, and off-leash dog walking. The Sheepfold should be designated as a legal off-leash area, as should many, if not all of the trails throughout the Reservation. As a biologist, preservation ranks high among my priorities. However, multiple use (walkers, dogs, and bikers) of the existing trails is not incompatible with effective land stewardship. For a park of its kind, and in proximity to urban centers, it is ludicrous that there are not yet approved off leash areas.” Corey Morris-Singer, Cambridge

7) “Perhaps there is a way in which certain trails are labeled ‘dog friendly’ and other trails are for leashed dogs that can not be off leash, or pedestrians that do not want the company of dogs, or for mountain bikers that have to focus on some difficult terrain. . . . I understand that by taking my dog off leash, she is to be under my verbal control at all times, and if she's not able to adhere to my commands, I do (and will continue to) leash her when she's overstimulated. This dog is my responsibility, and it's up to me to make sure that she is a good ambassador for off leash behavior.” Melissa McCue, Somerville

8) “I understand that the Fells is a valuable resource that must be shared by many people with many different interests. As a dog owner, I have my dog sit, when a mountain biker, or jogger passes. If we are passing a person who seems fearful of any dogs, I grab my dog, so that he does not try and sniff the fearful person. I am responsible about picking up his waste.” Megan Powers, Winchester

9) “We've started to use the Fells a lot more ever since we got a puppy. He loves climbing through the trails and greeting other dogs along the way. We love it because of its beauty and will commit to being good dog owners and keeping the trails pleasant for everyone.” I-Ching Scott, Somerville

10) “We love the Fells for great recreation our entire family, including our dog. Hiking in the Fells would not be the same without our dog and off leash recreation. As a family, we are already fully committed to cleaning up after our dog, and others, and would continue in the future. We would love to see an off

leash policy like the green tags at the Reservation of Trustees, or a similar program.” April Watkins-Doeg, Medford

11) “Without my dog I would never have felt comfortable walking alone in the woods. Having a good place to walk your dog makes this area a better community to live in.” Elizabeth Hecht, Melrose

12) “I’ve been a responsible dog owner for over 22 years, and have always felt it important for my dogs to be well trained and well socialized. We often walk the trails at Sheepfold and the Fells and have never seen a negative incident. The Reservation seems large enough to provide for all types of recreation, and it would be a true shame for the dog owner community to not have off-leash options. I urge you to provide for legal off-leash recreation.” Judy Weinberg, Arlington

13) “Going to the Fells and walking my dog off-leash there is extremely important to me. The trails are refreshingly cool in the summer, a chance to mentally and physically unwind—both for me and my very friendly dog. Of course I bring bags with me to pick up after my dog; and use them. I don’t let my dog leave mess at the Sheepfold Meadow or on the trails.” Pat Floss, Brookline

14) “The Fells reservation is so close to our house and I enjoy the area immensely. I feel it is a great spot for the people in the community to hang out, enjoy nature, get to know people and improve their health by making use of the trails. I always clean up after our dog and do so everytime he is in Fells and other public/private areas. Rikesh Chouhan, Malden

15) “We live near the Fells and hike there regularly. There are no off-leash dog parks anywhere nearby and our yard is too small for the dog to run around in. We always make it a point to bring extra bags and walk our dog responsibly.” Matthew Antone, Winchester

16) “I grew up in Medford, taking my dog to the Fells several times a week, and I still make the trip from Cambridge on at least a weekly basis. With a well-trained dog, it’s a joy to have a real hiking companion and be able to give my dog independent, supervised exercise that’s also a mental relief from her daily life on leash and in a house.” Margaret Collins, Cambridge

17) “The Fells is a magnificent place to explore. It’s even better when we can bring the whole family (including our four-legged member). Good dog owners are respectful of people and property. Make the rules clear and everybody can share our great natural resources.” Douglas Berman, Cambridge

18) “We have been hiking and skiing in the Fells with four different dogs over the last 30 years. It is one of the happiest parts of our family life and it would be so sad to miss all of our friends, human and canine. We always clean up after our dog, and ourselves and expect all others to do the same—that includes other hikers, skiers, bicyclists, runners, birders and anyone who enjoys the Fells.” Judith Nierenberg, Medford

19) “My dog and I walk in the Fells almost every day. Being outdoors in a beautiful place is as important as breathing, and I treasure the Fells as an oasis in the middle of the city. There is no other place so close to home where we can walk, run, climb, and enjoy the beauty of nature... I am also committed to keeping the Fells clean and pleasant for everyone, so I always clean up after my dog.” Roberta Eve Tovey, Melrose

## The DCR and Managers of the Middlesex Fells

We, the undersigned, support options for off-leash recreation at Sheepfold and on the trails of the Middlesex Fells Reservation.

Thank you for your consideration.

	<b>Name</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1.	Jay Stebbins	Charlestown, MA	<p>For us, Dog owners living in Boston, the Fells is very important to us. It allows us to enjoy the outdoors with our dog, off-leash. We are a family, dog included, this park is huge, well suited to multiple uses, including off-leash dogs playing at sheepfold and going for a hike.</p> <p>We would the largest user group not be recognized, here, dogs under voice control work at plenty of other parks and reservations where others are around as well.</p> <p>I will certainly continue to keep my dog close, away from strangers and clean up after my dog. We always have plenty of bags in our pockets for others as well.</p>
8.	Krisla Strand	Brookline, MA	<p>I will practice proper dog owner etiquette; maintaining voice control over my dog and cleaning up after her.</p>
9.	Alexandra Roberts	Charlestown, MA	<p>Hello-</p> <p>We take our dog, a german shorthaired pointer, Emma to the Fells every weekend, and usually on both saturday and sunday. We spend many hours up there letting her run and play with other dogs. In fact, I didn't even know that it wasn't already a designated off leash area until reading this. Our favorite thing to do is go to Shepfold first and then hit the trails where she runs like mad through the woods while we get a little exercise in ourselves. We always talk and make friends with other dog owners on the trails and when a mountain biker comes tearing down a designated "no bikes" area, we don't care. Everyone takes care of each other and respects that everyone is just out there to get a little exercise and family time in the woods away from the city.</p> <p>I've never seen anyone on the trails who didn't run right up to Emma and pet her, say hello and carry on their way. People who have aggressive dogs, even, tend to come but keep them on their leash which is also very respectful to the others. We love the fells, it is my absolute favorite spot in boston.</p> <p>We always clean up after our dog. Most times, we see these two ladies who seem to just be there to cleanup and pass out bags (because the bag dispenser that is there is always empty). They're cute :)</p>
10.	Jenn Miles	Nashua, NH	
11.	Cheryl Colombo	Lowell, MA	

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12.	Margie Hinckley	Charlestown, MA	<p>The Fells, more specifically Sheepfold, is a place Jay and I have grown to love taking Moose to. He runs and plays with other dogs for hours. Living in a city like Boston, green areas where a breed such as an English Pointer can run off leash to get the proper amount of daily exercise he require are almost impossible to come by. Having the Fells just ten minutes away has been our savior.</p> <p>I also look at it like this: dogs (most breeds) need exercise, real off leash playtime to get their energy out and workout their muscles, tendon, skeletal system and minds. Taking away a place where so many dogs (and owners) go to do this very thing is like taking recess out of a child's school day. What does that lead to in a child's life? Chaos, disfunction and an unhealthy lifestyle. We do not anymore dogs being brought to the shelters because they cannot behave in the house (when what they really need is good exercise outside), or dogs that because slovenly and overweight because again, they are not getting the exercise they need. Those are my thoughts as to why legal off-leash should be allowed at the Fells.</p> <p>I promise to exercise proper dog owner etiquette while Moose is at the Fells and to be quite honest, each and every place we take him. We ALWAYS clean up Moose's poop, heck just the other day I picked up some strange dog's poop that had been laying on the dock in the Navy Yard cooking in the sun for hours. Yeah, it was gross, but I didn't want to run the risk of losing dog privileges there too!!</p>
13.	Katie Doran	South Boston, MA	
14.	Brenda Montague	Westhampton, MA	
15.	Pamela Powell	Waltham, MA	Absolutely!
16.	Ashley Rodgers	webster, MA	
17.	Margaret Collins	Cambridge, MA	<p>I grew up in Medford, taking my dog to the Fells several times a week, and I still make the trip from Cambridge on at least a weekly basis. With a well-trained dog, it's a joy to have a real hiking companion and be able to give my dog independent, supervised exercise that's also a mental relief from her daily life on leash and in a house.</p> <p>I do and will continue to practice proper off-leash etiquette with my dog.</p>
18.	Jennifer Sullivan	Brighton, MA	I promise not only to pick up after my own dogs but to pick up after others who are not as responsible!
19.	Susan Doctrow	Arlington, MA	<p>I am a founder of the Arlington Dog Owners Group. Like many of our ~450 members, my family enjoys hiking in the Fells with our well-behaved, friendly dogs. A few months ago, I attended a public meeting where a DCR representative stated that "dogs" were the major users of</p> <p><i>(continues on next page)</i></p>

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19.	Susan Doctrow	Arlington, MA	<p><i>(continued from previous page)</i></p> <p>the Middlesex Fells. We believe that he should have said “dog owners” because this issue is about people, about taxpaying residents of the Commonwealth who should be able to use public park lands for a recognized recreational activity that they enjoy. As recently confirmed by the U.S. Department of the Interior, off-leash dog recreation IS a recognized recreational activity. Communities across the country, including ours in Arlington (as per this year’s Town Meeting vote) are increasingly moving toward changing outdated policies to provide responsible dog owners with legal off-leash recreational options. Respectfully, until the Fells includes options for legal off-leash recreation, the DCR is failing to serve a very large number of its constituents. A space for off leash recreation at Sheepfold would be a great start. But, some people like us prefer to take our dogs on a hike. There is plenty of trail space in the Fells for responsible dog owners and their dogs to share with other users, in a mutually respectful manner. of course.</p>
20.	Captain Michael J. Burpee	Medford, MA	<p>The fells is an important resource for active dogs and their owners. The greater Boston Area does not afford the kind of of leash exercise options that can be found in other major cities around the country. Those of us that love breeds which were originally breed for hunting or working know how import proper exercise is for not only their physical but also their mental health.</p> <p>I've lived in the Pacific Northwest where off leash areas are common in all major cities. What is right concerning off leash dog etiquette and waste removal becomes deeply ingrained.</p>
21.	Maritza Soto	Cambridge, MA	<p>As a responsible dog owner, I always pick up after my dog and train with him so that he obeys my voice commands.</p>
22.	Greg Penta	Melrose, MA	<p>The number one user group, dog walkers, deserves fair consideration and a part of the Middlesex Fells Reservation.</p>
23.	Michele Biscoe	Somerville, MA	<p>My husband, our three-year-old daughter and I don't want to have to break the law to enjoy off-leash recreation at Sheepfold and on the trails of the Middlesex Fells together with our dog.</p> <p>Our dog is well-behaved and reliably responds to voice commands. It is unacceptable for a dog to greet a human that does not want to be greeted. Leashes do not make well-behaved dogs; Training makes well-behaved dogs! We clean up after our dog every time. Leashes do not make people clean up after their dogs; Respect for the community and for the environment makes people clean up after their dogs!</p>

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24.	Elijah Collins	Medford, MA	It is important to have a place where my dog can actually run and interact with other dogs while off leash. I can not adequately exercise him if he is tethered to me. I always practice proper etiquette and clean up after him
25.	Michael Panis	Somerville, MA	The Sheepfold area of the Fells is one of the best sites I've found for socializing my dog with other dogs. This is a critical activity for ensuring dogs remain good canine citizens. My dog and I also love hiking in the Fells. It is a great site for him (and me) to get some exercise. I don't like breaking the rules, so I hope these activities will become supported by the DCR. Of course!
26.	Leslee Robinson	Northborough, MA	Off-leash dog walking is a recreational activity shared by young, old, male, female, rich and poor. Dog owners are not criminals by virtue of just owning a dog that needs to be off-leash for a short period of time each day. Yes, always.
27.	Nancy Bernhard	Somerville, MA	Living in the city, there are few places for dogs to run and play off leash, for them to be dogs. We go to the Fells a couple of times a week, and it's always a highlight. I always do.
28.	Lora Valante	Somerville, MA	The Fells has always been a great place for me and my dog to exercise together. Any plan for the Fells should account for all park users. Please provide a legal option for off-leash recreation! Yes, I clean up after my dog (and other dogs too).
29.	Jessica Bewsee	Arlington, MA	It's really important that my dog have some off-leash time to run around, tire herself out, and socialize with other dogs. Yes.
30.	jennifer downes	somerville, MA	off-leash recreation is a great idea for people & dogs!
31.	Joel Feingold	Brookline, MA	The Fells represents an uncommonly large space near Boston where individuals and families can take walks with their doggie friends off the lead, to smell and act naturally. Always do
32.	Marshall Wallace	Somerville, MA	
33.	Khalid Shakir	Somerville, MA	
34.	S. Hall	somerville, MA	Spaces like this are so rare in greater Boston. Please preserve the off-leash space!
35.	Lisa Lines	Maynard, MA	
36.	Zarina Memon	Arlington, MA	Please keep the Fells area as an off-leash recreational area for dogs. The dogs seem to have so much fun and it's good for the owners to meet up in a non restricted manner. Although I have a dog, and I have hiked the Fells trails, I have yet to take my dog there, but hope to someday soon. <i>(continues on next page)</i>

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36.	Zarina Memon	Arlington, MA	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> I believe that increased signs and poo-poo pick up bags need to be nearby so that dog owners are reminded and encouraged to pick up after their lovely pooch!
37.	Roma Hunter	Arlington, MA	Well exercised and stimulated dogs make better citizens. The freedom to run/play offleash is a basic need for every dog. Leash walks are not enough. People who take the effort to drive out to the Fells to walk their dogs and socialize them with other dogs at Sheepfold are responsible dog owners.
38.	Rocio Soto	Somerville, MA	The Fells is one of the few places where dog owners can truly enjoy running around off-leash in a large area. Responsible dog owners comprise one of the biggest users of the park and our voice needs to be taken into account. It's a big enough park to consider everyone's needs and opinions.
39.	Jen Gulko	Massachusetts, MA	Good dog owners deserve a great place to go with their dogs! As a responsible dog owner, I will commit to make sure I encourage everyone to clean up after their dogs, and I will make sure to clean up after my own.
40.	Judy Weinberg	Arlington, MA	I've been a responsible dog owner for over 22 years, and have always felt it important for my dogs to be well trained and well socialized. We often walk the trails at Sheepfold and the Fells and have never seen a negative incident. The Reservation seems large enough to provide for all types of recreation, and it would be a true shame for the dog owner community to not have off-leash options. I urge you to provide for legal off-leash recreation. Thank you.
41.	Ann Smith	Arlington, MA	there are so many responsible dog owners in this area who understand that for their dogs to be healthy and well adjusted, they need the socialization with other dogs. The sheepfold is such an ideal place.
42.	Adam Glick	Arlington, MA	All the good reasons: socialization, great exercise, positive interactions - all help make our dogs good canine citizens.
43.	Michelle Li	Somerville, MA	Dogs and nature go together. I am a responsible human who enjoys hiking with my dog. Please consider Charles Eliot and Frederick Olmsted's vision of metropolitan parks for public use, as "a true retreat" from city life. We need to figure out a way to have shared use, not exclude groups from this urban treasure. Here is a similar story from NYC: <a href="http://nymag.com/guides/summer/2008/47976/">http://nymag.com/guides/summer/2008/47976/</a>
44.	John Pickle	Arlington, MA	This is a wonderful place to enjoy nature with my dog, who enjoys walking the trails with his nose to the ground. I bring plastic bags on all of my dog walks, and my dog remains within 10 yards of me during the walk, making it easy for me to see and find his "deposit".

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45.	Emily Cahan	Arlington, MA	There are so few places in the area where dogs and their owners can enjoy an off-leash romp. My lively lab is miserable unless she can run and play fetch. She needs off-leash time (and so do I!) Absolutely! No exceptions to either good manners or clean-up.
46.	Catherine C	Cambridge, MA	The Fells allow my dogs and myself a chance to socialize, exercise and enjoy a chance to get out of the city and into nature. In a lifetime of owning dogs I have never once left an unscooped poop. I appreciate any opportunity to allow my dogs off-leash and do everything possible to make sure that they do not infringe on the enjoyment of others.
47.	April Watkins-Doeg	Medford, MA	We love the Fells for great recreation our entire family, including our dog. Hiking in the Fells would not be the same without our dog and off leash recreation. As a family, we are already fully committed to cleaning up after our dog, and others, and would continue in the future. We would love to see an off leash policy like the green tags at the Reservation of Trustees, or a similar program.
48.	Janet Vera	Medford, MA	There's nothing like off leash exercise for a dog! I'm committed to clean up and good dog manners for both my dogs!
49.	Andrea Shanahan	Medford, MA	Living in a congested urban area it is difficult to find recreation outlets for our young, healthy, energetic, happy dog. Exercising him and providing socialization with other dogs keeps him that way, and improves the quality of our family life, as well as that of our neighbors. We always have Roscoe either on leash, or under strict voice control. We carry clean-up bags for his waste, and dispose of it properly in a dumpster. He is a good boy and we have never lost control of him as he is eager to please.
50.	Devin Sylvester	charlestown, MA	I like to have my dig have the ability to run around without a lease and enjoy herself. I asking mountain bike at the fells a lot and I look forward to sharing the park with all groups. I always pick up after my dog and when I see it, other owners who are not good at cleaning up. The fells is for everyone.
51.	Danielle Chouhan	Malden, MA	
52.	Kristen Dahlmann	Arlington, MA	My two labs go to the fells a min. of 5 days a week. This park is an important park of our physical and mental health.
53.	Timothy Niu	Burlington, MA	I have been and will continue to be committed to clean up after my dogs and help maintain Sheepfold a clean, friendly place for dogs and humans alike.
54.	Dusty Cronin	Winchester, MA	

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55.	CHERYL DEMILO	WATERTOWN, MA	
57.	Jennifer Rousseau	Somerville, MA	
58.	Chrissy Barthelette	Medford, MA	
59.	Maureen Larkin	Arlington, MA	It is our duty as dog owners to show what responsible dog ownership is - especially in an area as precious as the Fells!
60.	Laura Bickar	Arlington, MA	I love taking my dog to the Fells - and he loves going there. It's great socialization and exercise for him. And I love being outdoors with him.
61.	Conor McGuire	Melrose, MA	Off leash dog recreation is as important for me as it is for our dog. With so many people 'locked in' their houses, meeting fellow dog owners out in the world at spaces like these builds community bonds! Cleaning up after your dogs keeps the areas fun and enjoyable. always have a few extra bags on hand for people that 'forgot' theirs!
62.	Jennifer Regrut	Arlington, MA	Growing up in the area, the Fells had a fairly negative public image due to improper use by male prostitutes and drug dealers. When we got our first dog, we began going back to this area and were pleasantly surprised by the clean, safe, friendly environment. The community that exists among the daily dog park members enhances that feeling. As a single woman, I would mention to the "strangers" at the dog park that I would be walking through the trails---when I returned to the field after our walk, people would always comment that I was back. I recognize that the area needs to be properly picked up and at times is not. The regulars to the area are the best at reinforcing pick-up and offering bags to newcomers. They also alert other owners to what their dogs are doing incase someone misses a poop!
63.	Andrea McElaney	Medford, MA	
64.	Kerry Batchelder	Somerville, MA	
65.	Robert Schlussler	Medford, MA	
66.	Cindy Larson	Somerville, MA	The Fells is a great place to go, take long walks, and to exercise my dogs. They don't have many other options to get a good run in - inner city "dog runs" are small and crowded making it difficult for our dogs to really run off their energy (part greyhound/part hunting dogs.) If I sense a problem with someone who is sharing the Fells with us - afraid of dogs, aggressive dogs, shy dogs, or small children - I leash my dogs until there is a sufficient distance between us. Dogs are also leashed when walking along the roadways, etc. <i>(continues on next page)</i>

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66.	Cindy Larson	Somerville, MA	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> We ALWAYS clean up after our dogs and unfortunately have to clean up after other dog owners who are not as responsible (which I have never been able to understand.)
67.	Nicole Danos	Somerville, MA	The Fells is the most amazing recreation area I have ever seen near a major city. It provides fun outdoor opportunities for everyone!! I see no reason why there shouldn't be off leash options for dogs as well as hiking trails and mountain biking trails. We can all share! No one wants to step on dog waste while strolling in the woods. I promise to NEVER forget to pick up after my dog and to follow the signs for off leash dog recreation.
68.	Katia Green	Somerville, MA	The Fells are a beautiful and fun place for my young children and my dog to go romp and explore. It is close by, safe, and one of our favorite places to get out as a family. We are committed to proper leash etiquette and cleaning up after our dog EVERY time.
69.	Barbara Steiner	Somerville, MA	
70.	Katherine Katsirebas	Medford, MA	It is vital that dog owners have a place to exercise their pets and enjoy nature in the midst of our urban communities. Thank you for considering our request!
71.	Robert Ekendahl	Somerville, MA	Please provide reasonable off-leash recreational rules. With reasonable rules in place the rules can more easily be enforced. As it is now sheepfold is a defacto off leash area all the time. It would be better if we all could share the fells with less animosity. Most dog owners already provide reasonable etiquette for their dogs. If we where acknowledged as a real group that use the fell I'm sure the dog owners would organize to keep the fells cleaner
72.	Julie Wimmer	Somerville, MA	
73.	Meaghan Watt	Somerville, MA	Off leash recreation is important for a dog's health and social well being. I enjoy walking in the Fells often, and I would love it if my dog could join me legally in running through the trail off leash. I am a responsible dog owner, it is important for owners to know their dog's behavior and be smart about if their dog is well behaved and responsive off leash. It is important to keep the Fells clean and beautiful by picking up after your dog.
74.	Emily Nuse	Somerville, MA	
75.	Marjie Alonso	Somerville, MA	Dogs need nature and free exercise to avoid aggression and behavioral side effects of restricted urban dwelling. Its also a greaat way to build human/ animal bond Of course cleaning up every time and good training and control are always necessary
76.	Laura Rivas	Somerville, MA	Please help provide the off-leash space our dogs need!

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77.	Tracy Revett	Somerville, MA	
78.	Sharon Olofsson	Lexington, MA	
79.	ellie botshon	somerville, MA	It allows both my dog and myself to enjoy the outdoors freely. I always clean up my dog poop. Its only fair.
80.	Mark Mondol	Somerville, MA	I have been walking my dogs at the Fells for almost 15 years and find it the most pleasant place in Boston. I use a trail where I typically see a few people in the first 5 minutes then few or none for the next 45 minutes. I often encounter other dog owners, with off-lead dogs, and have had very little problems. I always carry bags and pickup after my dogs. I do wish dog owners, with dogs that chase other dogs or people, would learn to either leash their dogs or get them to stop at voice command. My dogs are trained to stay within 3 meters of me by voice command and do not chase dogs, animals or people.
81.	Jason Levine	Somerville, MA	The Fells offer a chance for dog owners to allow their pets to socialize with each other, and an opportunity for owners to meet their neighbors. I have taken my dog to Sheepfold several times, and I have never seen an owner not pick up after their dog or show any sign of being irresponsible.
82.	Edward Zarecor	Somerville, MA	The Sheepfold open area has been and could be one of the most valuable resources to area dog owners. There's enough space to be shared by hikers, cyclists, sledders and responsible dog owners.
83.	John de Freitas	Cambridge, MA	I absolutely support off-leash recreation at the Fells Reservation.
84.	Matthew Finnigan	Somerville, MA	Living in the city, it's wonderful to have this nice park so close by. The socialization opportunities with other dogs, the exercise, and the other dog owners are all big attractions for me. Of course, it's very important that everyone behave responsibly with their dog - cleaning up, correcting any behavioral issues. These are the same rules that apply to dog owners everywhere - in the city, in the suburbs, at the beach, and in the forests and fields.
85.	Kara Holmquist	Boston, MA	As someone who enjoys the outdoors and spending time with my dog, I feel it is important that there are recreation areas where dog owners can enjoy the Fells with their dogs off-leash -- legally and safely.
86.	Chris Fatzinger	Somerville, MA	
87.	Rebecca Masse	Cambridge, MA	It's the closest green space nearby. We go almost every weekend with our dogs to walk and hike.
88.	Chris Thurrott	Framingham, MA	

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89.	tim faulkner	malden, MA	<p>Dogs, need to run, but it's not feasible for every owner. Allowing off-leash exercise will benefit the dog &amp; the people who own them.</p> <p>Ninety percent ( 90%) of the folks , who take their dogs to the sheepfold, respect the reservation, pay taxes &amp; vote. Please give the people who own dogs, what we "NEED". We're not asking for much.</p> <p>I'm old &amp; handicapped. If I can pick up after my dog, (and I do ) then everybody can and should! Do it "FOR" your dog.</p>
90.	Leiran Biton	Somerville, MA	
91.	Marie Dardeno	Winchester, MA	As a responsible dog owner, I have and will continue to properly clean up after my dogs.
92.	Jen Capuano	Somerville, MA	<p>I'm not a dog owner (yet) and enjoy hiking Fells with family and friends. For the most part we've not encountered problems with dogs off leash and find dog owners who use Fells know their dogs and respect the area. For city dwellers (dog and human alike) this area provides much-needed space for exercise, interaction with our natural environment and the chance to interact with animals in their natural environment. I support off-leash areas, and in particular at the Fells.</p>
93.	Ben Bradley	Somerville, MA	Always clean up. Always.
94.	Amy Campbell	Somerville, MA	<p>Place for my dog to explore w freedom!</p> <p>I always clean up after my dog!</p>
95.	Kimberly Potter	Boston, MA	
96.	Liz Bicknell	Somerville, MA	<p>I have been going to the Fells for about three years, with my dog, and also without, as a mountain biker. I have never seen any problem develop between off-leash dogs and people, or bikes, or other dogs. Most owners who make the trip out there are committed to good dog ownership. Likewise 99.9% of people pick up after their dogs--and I've even picked up other dogs' waste sometimes if I had a spare plastic bag--but what would help is to install some of those biodegradable dog waste bag stations, as they have in Cambridge at Fresh Pond.</p> <p>Thanks, Liz</p> <p>Please comment on your commitment to proper off-leash etiquette and cleaning up after your dog every time.</p>
97.	Anita D McClellan	Belmont, MA	<p>Wonderful way to integrate urban nature conservancy with family outing that does not entail a major expedition--parent, children from 4th-11th grades, dog. We clean up, we monitor our dog's behaviors, we enjoy each other's company, we enjoy fellow visitors' company, we glory in the wildlife and in the flora. We tremble crossing the road!</p> <p>Good off-leash and leave-nothing-behind citizenship behaviors for humans and canine visiting with our group.</p>

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98.	Dorothy Maher	melrose, MA	
99.	Marci Goldberg	Arlington, MA	
100.	Gina Kamentsky	Somerville, MA	It's a wonderful spot to take my dog year-round This is a no-brainer for dog owners!
101.	Debra Caplan	Arlington, MA	
102.	Libby Webb	Somerville, MA	
103.	MaryAnna Foskett	Arlington, MA	
104.	Caitlin Brooke	Somerville, MA	There are limited spaces where I feel comfortable allowing my dog to roam (even on a long leash!) as cars/bikes are always negligent to look for people, let alone dogs! I would greatly appreciate an off-leash location for dogs. Off leash etiquette is quite simple and I've never really seen anyone misuse the priviledge. Having a leash with you is important as well as keeping your attention on your dog.
105.	Christina Cuomo	Somerville, MA	The Fells is one of the few places close to Somerville where I can go for a quick hike with my dog. She is good off leash and with other dogs, and I'd like to be able to let her run free. I have a roll of bags attached to her leash to pick up after her, and she is good with recall to leash her when necessary.
106.	Jennifer Goebel	Arlington, MA	We love the Fells! Such a wonderful place for so many. Would be great to be allowed legal off-leash times and places. As a dog-owner, I clean up after my dogs and after other people's too -- easy since I'm always carrying rolls of bags.
107.	Colleen Tutella	SOMERVILLE, MA	Off-Leash Recreation should be "legal" at the Sheepfold - however, dog owners must be responsible and responsibility guidelines must be posted. I would suggest that dog owners help regulate each other in regard to responsible dog ownership. Noting that owners of agresive dogs will be reported to the appropriate authorities.
108.	Elizabeth Braun de Torrez	Somerville, MA	I take my dogs to the Middlesex Fells reservation at least twice a week to get out of the city and breathe some fresh air. The trees, the views of the reservoirs and the sounds of the forest rejuvenate all of us before another long week of work (for me) and being cooped up in the house (for them). All of us need to be off leash to stretch, run and explore every once in a while in a place such as the Fells! Please grant off-leash permission at the Fells! As part of off-leash permission, comes dog owner responsibility. I am a concerned citizen both for ecosystem health and sanitation for humans; therefore, I am committed to pick up poop after my dogs and keep them <i>(continues on next page)</i>

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108.	Elizabeth Braun de Torrez	Somerville, MA	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> under voice command. Thank you,
109.	Francine Cardman	Somerville, MA	Please allow off-leash dog recreation on the trails at the Fells and the Sheepfold. There could be "buffer zones" immediately around large parking areas and places where there are lots of comings and goings (e.g., immediately around Bellevue Pond or the parking area at the Flynn Rink). As a responsible dog owner I always remove dog waste from trails, whether my own dogs' or others'. I also pick up broken glass on rocks and trails. (Dogs are less damaging to trails than, for instance, mountain bikes and they don't break glass bottles!)
110.	Gian Schauer	Arlington, MA	My daughter and I regularly exercise ourselves and our dogs in a safe, quiet natural environment and have met other wonderful community members at the Fells. My dog works as a therapy dog and needs good exercise to stay calm and focused during her work. We are always observant of others around us and put leashes on in high-traffic areas or if people nearby seem concerned. We ALWAYS pick up after our dogs.
111.	Ann Schliemann	Arlington, MA	I have two high energy terriers who need opportunities to walk in wooded areas and be "terriers" They don't do well in enclosed dog parks or dog parks that have too many dogs in them and I prefer to take them for long walks at the Fells where we can be in a much less dense setting. I also need to get into less dense settings for my own peace of mind. We also enjoy the sheepfold if it is not too busy. I wouldn't mind there being limits on how many dogs someone can walk at once or how many a person may allow off leash at once. Realistically I think a person can not control more than two dogs off leash at any one time. It would be nice to educate joggers and bicycle riders on better etiquette around dogs and dogs owners. Since they tend to come up on walkers quickly and almost never properly announce their presence or slow down. Most runners and bicycle riders don't realize how the prey drive works for dogs and usually do the wrong thing if a dog barks at them or tries to chase them. What they should do is come to a complete stop which will calm the dog - but most do the opposite which is to run or pedal faster. Children also need to be taught how to behave around strange dogs in order to prevent nips or bites. There are dog trainers willing to teach parents and children the right way to respond to strange dogs and how to avoid bites. Again the general public usually does the exact opposite of what is called for because the correct course of action is counterintuitive. Education would be helpful as it is in many <i>(continues on next page)</i>

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111.	Ann Schliemann	Arlington, MA	<p><i>(continued from previous page)</i></p> <p>cases. Being more restrictive just encourages ignorance and non-tolerance. The Fells is a public space and should be open to the public to share. I urge you to encourage education of both the non-dog and dog owning community as well as responsible behavior on the part of EVERYONE not only the dog owners so we can all continue to share this wonderful space.</p> <p>When it is busy I keep my dogs on leash but if it is quite I will let them off leash for a bit so they can sniff around and enjoy smells of the wilderness. I think as long as the dogs are well behaved and will respond to their owners they should be allowed off leash. I also always pick up after my dog and will pick up after other dog owners if I find dog feces that has not been properly disposed.</p>
112.	Dana LeWinter	Somerville, MA	<p>The Fells allow us to give our dog off-leash playtime in a safe environment. By dedicating an area to this activity, I feel as though all of the groups using the Fells and other parks will interact better and understand their rights and responsibilities.</p> <p>I commit to always keep my dog under control, whether on a leash or off and to always pick up after my dog and keep The Fells clean, as it should be, so that everyone, dogs, people, bikers, hikers and all can use this wonderful resource.</p>
113.	Lisa Matiash	Framingham, MA	
114.	Ellen Adams	Somerville, MA	
115.	Danielle Duggan	Woburn, MA	
116.	Caitlen Frank	Somerville, MA	<p>The Fells offers a place to get away from the city in order to romp in the grass for both myself and my dog, and allows us to get needed exercise and sunshine.</p> <p>I have a bag dispenser attached to my dog's leash so that I am ready to pick up my dog's poop and dispose of it properly.</p>
117.	Michelle Stange	North Billerica, MA	
118.	Andrew Reinmann	cambridge, MA	
119.	David Jamieson	Woburn, MA	
120.	Megan Powers	Winchester, MA	<p>Please know that spending time in the Fells is essential for my very high energy standard poodle. He is a hunter and during my daily one hour walk, he probably runs at least ten miles for my two - three. I do not have the time to clock the amount of miles required to tire him out on leash.</p> <p>Please allow responsible owners of friendly dogs the privilege of letting their dogs run free in the woods. Thank you, Megan Powers</p> <p><i>(continues on next page)</i></p>

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120.	Megan Powers	Winchester, MA	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> I understand that the Fells is a valuable resource that must be shared by many people with many different interests. As a dog owner, I have my dog sit, when a mountain biker, or jogger passes. If we are passing a person who seems fearful of any dogs, I grab my dog, so that he does not try and sniff the fearful person. I am responsible about picking up his waste.
121.	m deguzman	medford, MA	
122.	Peter Orlov	Lexington, MA	Our dog needs space to exercise, and the varied terrain of the Fells provides wonderful environment.
123.	Meghan McNamara	Somerville, MA	
124.	Peter Lareau	somerville, MA	Important areas that should be available to dog owners who are responsible.
125.	Riley Hart	Arlington, MA	The Middlesex Fells is the largest open space within a quick trip of my house, and I love to hike the trails with and without my dog. I appreciate having places where dogs must be on leash, so that I can bring small children with me sometimes. However, designating an official off-leash area would be wonderful. Off-leash time lets my dog really get his energy out and maintain his fitness. There's really no way for a dog to be in top form if he's always on leash. In addition, through socializing with a wide variety of dogs, he keeps his good manners. Dogs correct each other when they get out of line. Ever since I got a dog, I've picked up after other people's dogs when I've been able to. Recently, I've also developed the courage to talk to people who are allowing their dogs to cause problems. While it feels awkward, I know that this is crucial, because it only takes a few irresponsible people to mess things up for everyone. Once there's a legal area for off-leash dog recreation, we'll be able to say to people, "Please follow the rules, or we'll lose this wonderful spot." That will be a big help in persuading people to do the right thing.
126.	Christine Palus	Somerville, MA	
127.	Leslie Goldberg	Lexington, MA	Off-leash dog walking is good for the health of dogs and the humans who walk them.
128.	Suzanne Boyle	Somerville, MA	
129.	Robert Penfield	Stoneham, MA	
130.	Scott Mortimer	newburyport, MA	
131.	Joao Ferreira	Somerville, MA	

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132.	Nancy Bryant	Lexington, MA	<p>Veterinarians and animal behaviorists agree that off-leash socialization and exercise is essential to a dog's health. Walking with one's dog off-leash through the Fells keeps the walker safe and inspires a sense of place and environmental stewardship in the walker. Our conservation/park lands must serve this very critical function of connecting people with the land and providing areas to promote the social and physical health of dogs in our increasingly suburbanized communities. With education and etiquette by everyone, the entire Fells area should be able to be successfully shared by all users. Please allow off-leash dog walking.</p> <p>Dog owners are by far and wide, friendly and responsible people. Not only do I consistently clean up my dog's poop, but I pick up litter. I enjoy meeting both dog and non-dog people, and my dog is soon to be certified as a therapy dog. We always practice good dog etiquette.</p>
133.	Ellen Duranceau	Arlington, MA	<p>The Fells is a wonderful recreation area for hikers, bikers, runners, and dog owners who are hiking, biking, and running. I visit the Fells nearly every week and see happy people with and without dogs, involved in all these activities, coexisting peacefully. Please make it legal for dog owners to continue giving their dogs proper exercise and socialization at a place that they treasure.</p> <p>I always clean up after my dogs and am careful to contain them when I am determining whether other people are comfortable with them.</p>
134.	Jill Krajewski	Arlington, MA	<p>When dogs can hike with their owners off-leash they get the exercise they need to behave on leash in the city. Dog owners given priviledges respect them and clean up after their dogs.</p>
135.	Cori Couture	Malden, MA	<p>It is very upsetting for the DCR to lump together vandals and people looking for anonymous sex in the woods with ordinary (tax-paying) citizens walking their dogs off leash in the woods of the Middlesex Fells. Humans and dogs both need fresh air and exercise, and the Fells are one of the best places in the area to get it. I always pick up after my dog, and often after other people's dogs, when owners miss a spot. Dogs who behave well off leash and owners who have control over their animals represent a large majority of users of the Fells. To create a trail use plan that doesn't mention this group, nor include the thoughtful and respectful requests of its members is at least an oversight, and at worst a disrespectful omission. I sincerely hope the DCR will reconsider its plans and be sure to include safe, reasonable, and legal off-leash recreation options for dogs and their owners in the Middlesex Fells.</p> <p>Please comment on your commitment to proper off-leash etiquette and cleaning up after your dog every time.</p>

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136.	Laura Brewer	Somerville, MA	
137.	Christine Guelpa	somerville, MA	
138.	Aaron Romrell	Burlington, MA	Aaron Romrell
139.	Amy Levin	Boston, MA	
140.	Thomas Burke	winthrop, MA	
141.	Erica Ferguson	Haverhill, MA	I think if the owner can control their dog than it should be ok to have the dogs off leash. Always pick up after your dogs. If the dog is not 100% listening it is the owner responsible to put the dog on a leash for everyone protection.
142.	Shannon Gaither	Rowley, MA	
143.	Alexandra Dew	Melrose, MA	We rescued a sweet, small dog about a year ago, but without places where we could properly socialize her with other dogs, we never would have been able to really give her a chance at a great life! The Fells presents a wonderful opportunity for dogs like Madison to learn how to be good dog citizens and improve all of our lives! We ALWAYS clean-up after our dog -- and other dogs as well when necessary! We've worked to ensure that Madison has a strong recall and keeps nearby and under our control when off-leash. While Madison is small and not very intimidating, we know that it is our responsibility to make sure everyone is comfortable and having a good time -- if she acts like a brat, we immediately get her back on leash and remove her from the situation. Having an off-leash area at the Fells would provide us an oppostunity to further strengthen her skills for her happiness and safety.
144.	Rachel Leibowitz	Malden, MA	I have been bringing my dog to Sheepsfold since we got him back in February. It is a great wide open space were dogs can romp and play. I have noticed that everyone takes responsibility for their pet (on behavior and clean-up). I ALWAYS clean up after my dog so nothing would change whether this passes or not.
145.	Jessi Mraz	tewskbury, MA	
146.	Christopher Langford	Wakefield, MA	The fells is fantastic place to be able to bring our dogs to run, romp, play, and socialize. The dog owners for the most part are friendly and courteous. It is an important place for me to have a safe environment to let my dogs run free, expend energy and socialize. It is very difficult to accomplish this when they are tethered! It is the responsibility of the dog owners to be respectful of the property and other visitors. Most at the park are, some are not as responsible. It is important for everyone who visits and enjoys this place to maintain proper etiquette <i>(continues on next page)</i>

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146.	Christopher Langford	Wakefield, MA	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> and help each other out when necessary. For example, those that are new dog owners or new to the park may not fully understand proper park etiquette.
147.	Jennifer Hirsch	Somerville, MA	
148.	Peter Adams	Somerville, MA	
149.	Robin Varghese	Arlington, MA	We've not yet been to the fells with our dog but have heard great things about it. We hope to bring the entire family to enjoy time together with our family dog. We always clean up after our dog and when we notice others that have not we clean that as well. We also help others to improve the behavior of their dogs.
150.	Linda Klein	Boxford, MA	
151.	Bettina Posselt	Cambridge, MA	
152.	Kate Scully	Boston, MA	
153.	Bill Singer	Lexington, MA	Sox loves it, too!
154.	Judy Paiva	Marlborough, MA	
155.	iain miller	arlington, MA	The Fells is one of the few wooded and natural areas close to Boston. It is also rather extensive, with ample space for multi-use. Responsible users from neighboring communities should have access to this public resource. Dogs and their human owners are good neighbors and promote community spirit through regular interaction. They also serve as safety patrols, effectively keeping many of our parks safe. Off-leash exercise is vital for canine welfare for the 30-40% of households which own dogs and should not be denied in an arbitrary manner.
156.	Dorothy DeGuzman	Medford, MA	We take our dog to the fells every weekend.
157.	Laura Bullock	Bedford, MA	
158.	Elliot Schmiedl	Somerville, MA	I think that everyone (bikers, dog walkers, hikers etc) can easily co-exist in the Fells without much of a problem, except of course the cruisers over by the highway looking for sex. That's probably the biggest problem that should be addressed, not off leash dogs.
159.	Janet Milley	North Chelmsford, MA	
160.	Jordan Star	Needham, MA	
161.	cheryl hamlin	arlington, MA	Dogs need space to run and play. With increasing congestion in neighborhoods, this becomes harder to achieve. When I take my dog to the Fells, I mostly run into other dog walkers. The space is big enough that I think we can stay clear of others. The Fells is the sort of place that should be shared by all. This would have to include off <i>(continues on next page)</i>

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161.	cheryl hamlin	arlington, MA	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> leash space. Most dog owners, as most other users of the park are responsible and clean up after themselves.
162.	Larry Leibowitz	Malden, MA	
163.	Claudia Dunne	Boston, MA	My dog is a happy friendly and very energetic dog who needs to run and play and socialize. He gets me out into the fresh air which improves both his health and mine. I am completely committed to being a responsible dog owner and am very vigilant when my dog is off leash. I always carry poop bags with me and will pick up poop left by others. I also am quite aware that not everyone loves or even likes dogs so I do tune in to other people's reactions and will leash my dog if anyone appears uncomfortable or requests that I do so. Thank you. Claudia
164.	Manda Carco	Medford, MA	I know from personal experience with my two loving mini schnauzers. When meeting new dogs and being tied to a leash, dogs can be a bit more agitated and aggressive. It's also much more fun for my boyfriend and I to be able to explore and take photos with the dogs instead of having the leash attached to our hands. Thanks you. I always pick up after my dog (bags attached to leash and in my backpack) and make sure to have them under voice command at all times. If they don't feel like listening they get leashed. Simple as that!
165.	Elizabeth Pavoni	Arlington, MA	
166.	Debra Grout	Everett, MA	I support options for off-leash recreation at Sheepfold. I have 3 dogs and they need to run and socialize. I am a responsible pet owner and pickup after my dogs and they have been trained as well. Let's all join together and coexist together in unity.
167.	Sally Woodhouse	Brighton, MA	Dog owners pay taxes and should be able to enjoy areas such as the Fells that are supported by our tax dollars.
168.	Martha Putnam Sites	Somerville, MA	
169.	Laura Boyd	Somerville, MA	Our dog, Rudy, loves to get out in the woods and climb the hills. He's a little daschund with a big love of the outdoors and really enjoys the Fells with it's many trails and challenges.
170.	Veena Nair	Lexington, MA	
171.	Stephanie Juice	Belmont, MA	
172.	Janelle C	Medford, MA	
173.	Cheryl Keenan	Lexington, MA	

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174.	Anne Sharp	Winchester, MA	
175.	Jessica Sullivan-Keizer	Newburyport, MA	It is important to have a safe place where dogs can let out pent up energy. Otherwise owners end up letting their dogs off leash in areas they shouldn't, causing potential harm to dogs and other people. Off leash dogs should be well trained, behaved and properly socialized.
176.	Sachin Agarwal	cambridge, MA	
177.	BSD BOT	boston, MA	The Fells should be shared by all users & the dogs do need a safe space....we are completely committed to being a responsible dog owners and are very vigilant when our dogs are off leash. We always carry poop bags with us and will pick up poop left by others. We also aware that not everyone loves or even likes dogs so we do tune in to other people's reactions and will leash the dogs if anyone appears uncomfortable or requests that we do so. always carry extra bags for poop not picked up....if you see it then remove it, same concept for anything else thats not safe like fallen tree limbs
178.	maxine coyle	cambridge, MA	
179.	Judy Matar	Boston, MA	
180.	Beth and Eric Libby	Winchester, MA	
181.	michele smith	Boston, MA	It is important for dogs and their owners to have places where dogs can go off-leash and the Fells is a location that is a great place for dogs and their owners to enjoy. I commit to cleaning up after my dog and making sure that my dog has proper off leash behavior.
182.	dan orlow	boston, MA	
183.	cathy russo	WINCHESTER, MA	
184.	tricia maloney	west roxbury, MA	
185.	Lisa Craig	Winchester, MA	
186.	Mona Zeftel	Arlington, MA	I enjoy walking my dog in the Fells because I enjoy being in the woods and being away from streets. We only go there on weekends. I am committed to being a resonsible dog owner. I carry bags with me to clean up after my dog, and put her on leash if there are other animals or people, so that she is not a problem. I believe that mountain bikes cause more disturbance that people walking with dogs.
187.	Ana Solky	Lexington, MA	
188.	Eric Libby	Winchester, MA	The Fells is a great place for recreation. I would not use it nearly as much if I have to keep my dog on a leash. Until recently, it never ocured to me that letting my dog run off <i>(continues on next page)</i>

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188.	Eric Libby	Winchester, MA	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> leash was illegal. I always keep my dog under direct vision and voice control. She has never posed a hazard or even a nuisance to others enjoying the fells, and she stays out of the reservoirs.
189.	Denise Dennehy	Abington, MA	
190.	David crane	Boston, MA	It's the only place around Boston where dogs can be dogs. Dogs are almost always well behaved and owners are very attentive to make sure that problems are minimized. Always clean up and ask others to as well.
191.	Rosanna Ely	Salem, MA	Would love to have more options to enjoy the local area, with our four legged buddy. Willing to pay an additional usage fee to hike off leash. I always pick up after my dog, regardless of where we are, or where he goes.
192.	Bryan Ruscak	burlington, MA	There is nothing like this park around the local area. it's a great place to let your well trained dog socialize with other dogs Keeping the park clean is a must and everyone chips in th ensure a dogs mess is cleaned up. Many times people clean up oher dogs mess
193.	Chenoweth Moffatt	Arlington, MA	The Fells is unique and every time I go I see how both dog owners (the majority of people there) and non-dog owners enjoy the openness and the woods. It is a delight to see human and canine alike enjoying the space. Yes cleaning up is essential.
194.	Lynne Kelly	Lunenburg, MA	The Fells is awesome. What a great remote spot for people and their dogs to enjoy some outdoor fun either hiking, biking, swimming, running free in the field or all of the above. Wish there were more places like this throughout Massachusetts to enjoy these activities in a safe, off road environment! Keeping the Fells clean is for everyone's benefit and all responsible dog owners should clean up after the pets out of common courtesy. It is such a nice place we should all make the effort to keep it that way...
195.	Sandra Hamilton	Somerville, MA	
196.	Sanjay Chaudhary	Arlington, MA	It is a great green space to enjoy with family and your pet. Such places are limited in Massachusetts and the location makes it very convenient. I consider that it is one's responsibility to maintain off leash etiquette with dogs. As a dog owner, I am mindful of that and I am certain we can enjoy the space with our four legged friends.
197.	Nancy Munger	Plaistow, NH	

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198.	Leslie Diamond	Somerville, MA	<p>Living in Somerville, we don't have much green space. The Fells is one of the few local places we have available to us where we can go to take a walk in the woods, something both she and I enjoy immensely. It would be wonderful if we could enjoy our time at the fells without having to break the law.</p> <p>We always pick up after our dog, and carry extra poop bags to help clean up after other less courteous dog owners. We make sure to leash her when near the reservoirs and keep her out of the water there. We keep her on the trails only, and use the leash when needed near people who are at all uncomfortable around dogs.</p>
199.	Brad Searles	Allston, MA	<p>The Fells are invaluable as an area to enjoy the outdoors with my family, and our dog is part of that family. She loves running the trails, and we'd love it if we were able to let her off leash to enjoy it fully.</p> <p>Our dog is well-behaved, doesn't bother other people, and we always bring baggies with us to clean up after her. I would hope, with proper signage and enforcement, that others would all be able to do the same.</p>
200.	Lorena Proia	Somerville, MA	<p>As one of over 30% of the visitors who enjoy the Fells with their dog, we're just asking to have some off leash trails to enjoy the park like everyone else. By creating a legal area it would increase responsibility and by dog owners helping to self police themselves because they would not want to loose a great resource. Also those who hate dogs would no to go to other areas of the park where they too can enjoy the Fells sans dogs.</p> <p>I am a committed to picking up after my dog as well as their off leash training and socialization. I participate in competitive sports with my dogs and they are my family as well as my passion. Education is the key to a well run dog park and only legalization of the area can facilitate an open environment to educate other dog owners and non dog owners about dog behavior and proper park etiquette. Other states have successful large areas parks for off leash dogs, so can MA.</p>
201.	Valery Kantsepolksy	Arlington, MA	<p>I have been a regular Fells visitor for over 5 years now, in fact, it was the Fells tolerance toward dog off leash recreation, which was the primary driver of where I chose to live permanently.</p> <p>I believe that it is absolutely necessary for owners to pick up after their dog EVERY TIME, in order for the park to be maintained in a condition which can be enjoyable to everyone. I also believe that people need to speak out and correct those whom ignore this policy. I also believe that only those dogs who are trustworthy in an off leash environment should be allowed to enjoy this privilege - others need to be steadily trained (possibly with a muzzle.)</p> <p><i>(continues on next page)</i></p>

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201.	Valery Kantsepolsky	Arlington, MA	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> I do believe however, that those dogs who are allowed to be off leash regularly end up being the healthiest, happiest, most tolerant of other dogs, and the best behaved dogs as a result of this privilege.
202.	adam feuerstein	winchester, MA	
203.	J. Alain Ferry	Boston, MA	Living in Boston, the opportunities to go enjoy the outdoors with our dog are limited between May and November when dogs are not allowed on the beaches. The Fells offers us an escape from the city; it's a wonderful place to enjoy the outdoors together with our dog. Like most dog owners, we enjoy the outdoors in a respectful manner, always using a leash in areas where it is appropriate and ALWAYS cleaning up our dog's waste.
204.	Sarah Kerrigan	Somerville, MA	
205.	Heather Davidson	Medford, MA	
206.	kathleen mcgonagle	brighton, MA	
207.	Feargal O'Toole	Somerville, MA	
208.	Laura Hershey	boston, MA	
209.	Rebecca Rogers	Somerville, MA	
210.	Diane Alessi	Dorchester, MA	
211.	Robert Glickler	Billerica, MA	Keeping an off-leash place for dogs is extremely important for PUBLIC SAFETY. A properly socialized dog, as happens in places like Middlesex Fells, is less likely to become aggressive towards people than a dog that is not allowed to explore, as their species is genetically programmed to do. A dog that is constantly constrained when away from the home is prone to become protective and aggressive. If one of these non-socialized dogs happens to get free it could harm innocent people. Dogs that are allowed to run free and are taught proper behavior in places like Sheepfold are not a risk if they accidentally get out.
212.	Jeff Turner	Westford, MA	
213.	Frank Carrano	Boston, MA	The vast majority of dog owners are good citizens with good dogs. We help clean up after the few bad apples in the bunch, and given that there are such a large number of dog owners who use the park for recreation, it seems only fair that we have a voice and a space to use as well. We can all share the space--hikers, bikers, dog owners.
214.	Melanie Marshall	Watertown, MA	This outdoor space is use more by dog owners than any other group. Bags and barrels need to be readily available.

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215.	julia carrano	Boston, MA	I love the Fells and enjoy the ability to throw a ball for my dog while off leash. I am a responsible pet owner and always carry poop bags. I also try to pick up any bottles or other garbage I see on the trails.
216.	Rosanna fantasia	everett, MA	
217.	Steven Roix	Somerville, MA	
218.	Kathy Carvalho	Newburyport, MA	
219.	David Scott	Somerville, MA	
220.	Lynne Carr	Somerville, MA	
221.	Susan Miller	Somerville, MA	The fells provides an unparalleled environment for me and my dogs to get in touch with nature and hang out with other dog lovers.
222.	Douglas Berman	Cambridge, MA	The Fells is a magnificent place to explore. It's even better when we can bring the whole family (including our four legged member). Good dog owners are respectful of people and property. Make the rules clear and everybody can share our great natural resources.
223.	Elizabeth Exton	Somerville, MA	
224.	Melissa McCue	Somerville, MA	Living in the city is challenging enough for dogs and their owners. Dogs are intended to be physical beings that run, play, sniff, bark, and dig. When we ask dogs to live with us in our apartments, ask them not to bark, not to dig, not to roll in dead things on the sidewalk, we are taking away the very essence of what it is to be a dog. Giving dogs a bit of something back considering all we take away from them, would have a huge impact on my line of work as a dog trainer. There are limited (and sometimes creative) ways to get some dogs the required exercise needed in order to get other behaviors (such as "quiet" or loose leash walking) which work better with a properly exercised dog. Perhaps there is a way in which certain trails are labled "dog friendly" and other trails are for leashed dogs that can not be off leash, or pedestrians that do not want the company of dogs, or for mountain bikers that have to focus on some difficult terrain. I understand that not everyone loves dogs, and I understand that not all dogs do well with off leash dogs (or do well off leash). I would love a compromise, and would honor such a compromise if it comes to that. I personally do clean up after my dog when she does eliminate on the trails, and will commit to continue doing so in future hikes. I understand that by taking my dog off leash, she is to be under my verbal control at all times, and if she's not able to adhere to my commands, I do (and will <i>(continues on next page)</i> )

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224.	Melissa McCue	Somerville, MA	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> continue to) leash her when she's overstimulated. This dog is my responsibility, and it's up to me to make sure that she is a good ambassador for off leash behavior.
225.	Ellen Friedman	Somerville, MA	
226.	Christine Guerrero	Somerville, MA	
227.	Johnna Little	Somerville, MA	The Fells is one of the few natural areas where dogs and humans can run freely together without danger from traffic and where a dog can be a dog. There is no other place in the city that can offer such an opportunity. If there is not adequate off-leash area designated for dogs, then dog owners end up letting their dogs off leash everywhere.
228.	Julie roix	somerville, MA	
229.	Christine Fichera	Somerville, MA	
230.	Justin Aucoin	Somerville, MA	
231.	Jocelyn Fassett	Somerville, MA	Dogs and their owners are a huge part of our community and having this offleash access in such a wonderful place will make our lives richer. Please approve off leash recreation!
232.	ANDREA MCSHERRY	CHARLESTOWN, MA	
233.	Lauren Martin	Somerville, MA	It is a beautiful place to take your dog, and it would be great to have a legal off-leash option when visiting. I always clean up after my dog and also refrain from allowing her off-leash while visiting the Fells. Some dog owners are not so respectful of other people's enjoyment, allowing badly behaved dogs to run freely off-leash. They want a place for their dogs to run so I feel establishing designated area would reduce the instance of off-leash dogs in the rest of the reservation.
234.	Rick Robinson	Northborough, MA	This is an urban park that serves those that don't have access to large yards. It isn't old growth pristine wilderness. I suggest that the DCR officials visit the park and see how the dogs and owners behave instead of listening to people that never go there or want no one to use it. I always clean up, but I'm wondering if the forest animals have portapotties.
235.	Andrew Mallon	Allston, MA	
236.	Kathy Geary	Somerville, MA	Please preserve this wonderful spot for off-leash recreation for all of the dogs in the community! This is SO important for urban dogs who deserve a treat and a place to run free on the weekends. Good begets good... and every Somerville area dog owner <i>(continues on next page)</i>

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236.	Kathy Geary	Somerville, MA	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> I know goes above and beyond to be sure we are responsible off-leash dog owners - we will continue to earn the privilege of letting our pups run free by ensuring they are adequately trained for an off-leash area, cleaning up after them, and generally setting a great example for every new member of the dog-owning community.
237.	Kristine O'Brien	Somerville, MA	Bringing my family (myself and my husband, our daughter, our dog and my seventy-eight year old mother) into the Fells gives us an opportunity to commune with each other, nature and other people. The freedom to be in nature is crucial - and central to our happiness as beings. As an adult responsible for a young child and a dog I find it crucial that we are as polite and respectful of other people's space as possible. No one wants to go out in nature to step in dog waste or hear a screaming child. I see it as my obligation to make sure my dog's presence is not offensive to anyone else.
238.	Kenneth Milton	Allston, MA	We go to the fells with our dog to meet family (my husband grew up in Medford in Fulton Heights) and feels the fells are an urban oasis perfect for dogs and families alike. Generally dog owners are very respectful of others in the reservation. We pick up after our dog and leave the area as clean or cleaner than we found it.
239.	Ken Westermann	Somerville, MA	
240.	David Riley	Allston, MA	It is important that responsible dog owners have a place to safely train their dogs in off-leash activities and to give their dogs the kind of activity and stimulation that is difficult to provide in a heavily urban area. This kind of area can be a real benefit to dogs and people. Good dog owners practice good off-leash etiquette not just to keep everyone safe, but also because it helps keep their dog safe. It's a no-brainer. The very few dog owners who don't take that responsibility seriously will soon experience true peer pressure as others explain to them the importance of the matter. The same goes for the issue of cleaning up after your dog.
241.	Kay McKinstry	Somerville, MA	
242.	Bennett Sawyer	Somerville, MA	I visit the Fells everyday especially the sheepfold section and the use of the field and the trails is important on leash-also off leash in a respectful polite manner Proper off-leash etiquette and cleaning up after my dog every time I am within the Fells reservation is important to all and for the next time I visit.
243.	Elizabeth Albritton	Boston, MA	
244.	janice zazinski	somerville, MA	

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245.	Alan Ball	somerville, MA	
246.	Amy Parker	Somerville, MA	This is one of the few open spaces in Metro Boston for people and dogs. Most dog parks are small, fenced in and lack any sort of agility and/or true open space. Where I live, I only have ONE off leash option. The space is small and can become overwhelmed when a lot of dogs and owners show up. This will be an asset for the community as it offers an option for people and dogs to get out and get some exercise. Tired dogs = happy people! Cleaning up after my dog is imperative. I personally hate stepping in it so why should I leave it for someone else? I have a container permanently attached to my leash with poop bags, so I have no excuse. :-) I think the Fells area could benefit from a few additional trash bins for people AND dogs. The only bin seems to be in the parking lot.
247.	Amy Lapidow	Somerville, MA	This is one of the few large open spaces where dogs can run and play. Most of the dog parks are quite small, which is nice. But the sheepfold offers so much more. I fully understand that it is my responsibility to clean up after my dog.
248.	anna maria soriano	somerville, MA	This area is important to both human and dog. I do and will continue to pick up after my dog wherever we walk
249.	David Giusti	Somerville, MA	Being in the city without a large back yard, I need a place for my dog Caly to run around and get her exercise. As an owner, I am committed to picking up after my dog and well as training her to be respectful to people as well as other dogs.
250.	Jean Pembroke	Beverly, MA	
251.	rikesh chouhan	malden, MA	The fells reservation is close to our house and I enjoy the area immensely. I feel it is a great spot for the people in the community to hang out, enjoy nature, get to know people and improve their health by making use of the trails. It is a public asset that everyone feels is their own hence they take care of it. I also feel the dogs get to socialize in the presence of their "parents" (owners). I always clean up after our dog and do so everytime he is in Fells and other public/private areas. I'm aware of health risks of leaving poop in the open and make sure I also tell other people to ensure the cleanliness of the fells. As I value this area so much I would like it to be available to in the future and will do everything within my power to ensure it is a beautiful welcoming spot for everyone and not a dirt pile.
252.	Jessica Nierenberg	Dorchester, MA	The fells is a wonderful asset for nature enthusiasts of all kinds. It's big enough for all of us hikers dog walkers cross country skiers to enjoy if we all commit to doing so <i>(continues on next page)</i>

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252.	Jessica Nierenberg	Dorchester, MA	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> responsibly plus. My family including my parents, my 2 yr old and my austrailian shepherd love all the fells has to offer and I'd have to see our use and enjoyment of it restricted When we go to the sheepfold I always clean up after my dog
253.	Eric Sugalski	Arlington, MA	Being a city dog owner, there are so few places for us to let our dogs off leash. But giving our dogs some freedom keeps them happier, healthier, more social and less likely to cause problems in the community. The Fells is such an outstanding place for dog owners and non-dog owners alike, and we strongly support the off-leash initiative. Dog owners that refrain from cleaning up after their pooches are the primary reason that non-dog owners push for stricter dog laws. Cleaning up after our dogs is imperative for our dogs to be welcome in great places like the Fells. Pick up the poop!!
254.	sarah grant	medford, MA	
255.	Nick Votaw	Somerville, MA	The Fells is an oasis for me, my wife, and especially my dog Molly. The three of us enjoy this wonderful place at least twice a week on average and we would be heartbroken if we weren't able to continue to enjoy it as we have been. We are firm believers in cleaning up after our dog every time she goes.
256.	Judith Nierenberg	Medford, MA	We have bveen hiking and skiing in the Fells with four different dogs over the last 30 years. It is one of the happiest parts of our family life and it would be so sad to miss all of our friends, human and canine. We always clean up after our dog, and ourselves and expect all others to do the same-that includes other hikers, skiers, bicyclists, runners, birders and anyone who enjoys the Fells.
257.	Peter Melish	somerville, MA	
258.	Cristina Warseck	Somerville, MA	
259.	Yvonne Guzley	Tewksbury, MA	
260.	Sara Rosenfeld	Somerville, MA	I have always found the dog owners at the Fells to be respectful of other people and dogs. It provides great social interaction to both the people and the dogs Most of the dog owners I have met at the Fells are very responsible for cleaning up after their dogs.
261.	Tim Gorton	Melrose, MA	I strongly support a wider group of core users for the beautiful Fells reservation as well as allowing the responsible dog recreation and consistent leash law enforcement that legal off-leash recreation options provide.

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262.	Allison Thomas	Somerville, MA	The Fells is the only place nearby that we can bring our [well-behaved] dog to run around. It is a place where I can get exercise and take a break from the city without having to worry about her.
263.	Nancy Rice	Somerville, MA	
264.	chris LeBaron	somerville, MA	
265.	Shellene Eaton	Somerville, MA	
266.	julie sweeney	arlington, MA	such a great greenspace for them to enjoy!! always clean!! :)
267.	Brian McGrath	Sonerville, MA	As a city dog owner, the Fells is an important resource to allow my dog to experience more than just walking around the block. One of my dogs cannot go off-leash, and I know this, and change in the regulations at the Fells won't change this, but for my other dog, who is well-behaved and has good recall, off-leash recreation would be welcome. I am hopeful that other dog owners will recognize their own dogs' limits and respect off-leash regulations appropriately.
268.	Ken Eaton	Somerville, MA	I believe the impact of off leash dogs to the ecology of the Middlesex fells would be beneficial to the dogs and irrelevant to the fauna. I also believe, from witnessing behavior, that the majority of dog owners that use the fells for exercising their pets are responsible and attentive regarding the waste management and behavior of their pets. Unfortunately irresponsible owners already allow their pets to foul the fells without cleaning up after them. Therefore I see the current restriction of having dogs on leashes only penalizes responsible owners.
269.	Julie Farrer	Dorchester, MA	
270.	I-Ching Scott	Somerville, MA	We've started to use the Fells a lot more ever since we got a puppy. He loves climbing through the trails and greeting other dogs along the way. We love it because of its beauty and will commit to being good dog owners and keeping the trails pleasant for everyone.
271.	Marisa Dery	somerville, MA	I moved from Boston to Somerville because I felt that it was more dog friendly. Unfortunately, while it may be a better area for dogs there just aren't any off leash parks. My old beagle needs a place to run wild with the wind, feeling the breeze by her little beagle ears. There is nothing like seeing your dog smile after a good run... then she goes home...and sleeps..... While I know that some people in this world don't believe in picking up after their dogs, I am so obsessed with it, that I have "poopbags" in just about every pocket I have. I can't stand the smell of dog feces and detest stepping on theirpoop... I guarantee that I will clean up after my dog.

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272.	Nikla Crane	Cambridge, MA	
273.	Lisa McCullough	Somerville, MA	
275.	Marc Tanner	Somerville, MA	
276.	Camilla Fox	Somerville, MA	I love going to the Fells with my dog Stella, and my two young children (the baby rides in a knapsack). My dog is trained and socialized, and we always pick up her poops.
277.	elizabeth hayden	melrose, MA	The Fells needs a spot for responsible dog owners to exercise their dogs off-leash! Legal off-leash recreation provides a way to properly socialize pets {and their human owners} creating a greater sense of community for residents of the surrounding towns. As responsible dog owners we need to enforce cleanliness and hold each other to high standards -- help your neighbors remember to "scoop the poop" by carrying bags and watching your pet!
278.	Carlo Cerruti	Somerville, MA	I take great care of the Fells when I'm with my dog -- we love the space and appreciate how well it's maintained, so we do our part as well.
279.	mary glickman	Melrose, MA	We need a place where whole families (including their dogs) can get out and enjoy the fresh air. We always pick up after our dogs, and have spare bags with us in case anyone we meet doesn't have any!
280.	Carrie HOLLAND	somerville, MA	I love taking my dog for walks and the option to let him off of his leash without getting in trouble in the fells area would be wonderful. It allows the animals to run around and exert all that energy that they have built up.
281.	Mark Scott	Somerville, MA	The Fells are an incredible resource to the people in surrounding communities. Living in Somerville, it is one of the few large outdoor areas immediately available to us for hiking and other outdoor recreation. It is a wonderful place to take our dog for hikes and for play time with other dogs. We take great care to supervise our dog in all off-leash activities. When we do take him to off-leash locations such as the dog park and some hiking areas, he is trained to stay close and to come when called to be put on leash at any time. We are sensitive to concerns about off-leash behavior, and have done our utmost to ensure that our dog does not disrupt anyone else's enjoyment of the outdoors. Additionally, we meticulously clean up after our dog at all times - on leash or off.
282.	Matthew Henn	Somerville, MA	The Fells Reservation is an extremely important park for all area residents; everyone should be able to maximize the benefit of this outdoor recreation space for various intended purposes including for rigorous exercise for their dogs. I utilize this recreation space almost daily for runs, <i>(continues on next page)</i>

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282.	Matthew Henn	Somerville, MA	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> biking, and teaching my young daughter the value of being outdoors. Even though I do not own a dog, I am fully supportive of off leash rules at the Fells and believe well-trained, obedient dogs should be allowed off-leash throughout the reservation when they can be voice controlled. My daughter loves seeing the dogs at the park and playing with them when their owners indicate it is OK to do so. I see no reason why well-trained dogs should not be able to enjoy the woods and fields in a manner in which they can naturally interact with others. At the Fells we regularly come across dogs and only in the rarest of cases have I encountered an owner who does not know how to judge whether their dog is suitable to be off leash or not. Most dog owners know their pets well and whether or not they are trained well enough to be off of a leash.
283.	Courtney Alger	Brighton, MA	
284.	Ben Paletsky	Medford, MA	The fells exemplifies responsible dog owners providing a safe, fun, environment, for pet owners and others within the community.
285.	Diane Hastings	North Andover, MA	We are very responsible with our dog. He has a strong recall and we love to offer him the opportunity to be off leash. As always, we are very careful to clean up after our dog. We feel socializing our dog is an important part of his life. Thank you for your time.
286.	Jennifer Vail	Everett, MA	The Fells is a great location for dogs and their owners to exercise and relax in a green space that is rare for city dog owners. There are very few areas one can take their dog to enjoy grass and trees and in the years I have hiked with my dogs in the Fells, I have seen very few incidents between the user groups of the park. Those owners who "violate" the balance are usually spoken to by other dog owners directly, as everyone is very aware that dog rights are too easily lost. As a dog owner, I am aware that non-dog owner users of the park (cyclists, hikers, etc.) do not want to step in dog messes, or deal with unruly dogs - as a result, I make sure to pick up anything that is "dropped" and to keep my dogs out of others' way. Of course, any dog in an off-leash area should be socialized well, and friendly to others, with good recall. If they don't have these skills, the owner should be aware to keep them on leash, regardless of the "rules".
287.	Jenna Gibbons	Medford, MA	
288.	Andrew McLaughlin	Somerville, MA	
289.	Priscilla Howard Lareau	Dracut, MA	

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290.	Elias Collins	Waltham, MA	I go to the Fells all the time with my dog. this Leash rule is ridiculous I always clean up after my dog and so does every other dog owner i've ever seen at that park! Revoke the rule!
291.	Dan Hayden	Melrose, MA	The Fells should be a resource for all citizens -- please consider legalizing off-leash recreation for responsible dog owners!
292.	Katherine Kennedy	Melrose, MA	
293.	Lisa Tullis	Melrose, MA	
294.	Georgiana Olwell	Medford, MA	The Fellsway is a unique and wonderful place that can be used by all types of users as long as all are conscientious of their usage and their effect on other users. I love hiking after work in the summer or on weekends year round in the Fellsway -- South Border Road sections. My 13 year old lab has always been wonderfully mellow because she did get to walk and run and play in the Fells. I can't imagine not being able to take her or my next dog their with no opportunity for off leash. I have always and will always cleaned up after my dogs. I have even picked up others poop!
295.	Laura Green	Melrose, MA	
296.	Kathi Bell	Arlington, MA	The Fells offer a great opportunity for my dog to get both exercise and socialization. It is a beautiful area and we both enjoy hiking there. I consistently clean up after my dog and will even remind (politely) others to make sure they are doing so as well. It is an important responsibility of dog ownership. If there were official off-leash hours/areas for my dog, I would adhere to them. I prefer to be a good neighbor and cut down on animosity with other groups using the area.
297.	Lynn Parisi	Melrose, MA	My dog and I both benefit from our daily walks in the woods. We are both thinner and more fit. As the weather gets warming it is increasing difficult to find safe and legal places to go. My rescue adopted dog (andy myself) have also benefited from the socialization of dogs and dog owners. It would be nice to be able to have a place for us to walk. I have and will always pick up after my dog.
298.	Carole Stamm	Saugus, MA	I don't use the Fells, since I have cats, but I have several clients who do use the Fells for their dogs to have a chance to go unleashed, play, and run around. It would be awful to lose it, since it's nearby and there are no other areas for them to use. Dogs need to be able to get offlead and scope out an area, and play with other dogs, so please allow use of area to continue. I always clean up after a dog.

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299.	Sarah Quilter	Somerville, MA	The Fells is a beautiful place and one of the few places where our dog could have a good deal of room to run and play as if in nature. We've always picked up after our dog wherever we were and we are very careful to respect the wishes of non-owners of dogs who might be in the vicinity.
300.	Emily O'Donnell	Cambridge, MA	It is extremely important for urban dogs to have an opportunity to exercise and socialize off-leash, and I support options for off-leash recreation at Middlesex Fells. I pledge to be a responsible dog owner and supervise my pet's play at all times to ensure the safety of my dog as well as other dogs and people at the Fells. I also pledge to dispose of my pet's waste properly and to respect the personal space of other Fells visitors.
301.	Brian Davis	Somerville, MA	I consider myself a responsible dog owner was drawn to this city and it's progressive urban development which to my understanding includes dog parks and natural spaces like the fells to bring our pets and children. In my opinion it's important we move in the right direction and provide the proper off leash guidance and commit ourselves to teaching those how to live in a city in harmony.. Lets not take away privileges from residents, like myself who work to ensure my dog is great off leash. As a responsible pet owner I always have a bag to pick up after my dog.
302.	maryann barriss	melrose, MA	
303.	Jessica Bessette	Malden, MA	
304.	Linda Siperstein	Cambridge, MA	While not all dogs are well behaved enough to be off leash, many are. I support allowing off leash for the Fells, while also keeping dog owners aware that they have responsibilities. Responsible dog owners will clean up after their dogs and "rein things in" if their dog is not behaving properly. True anywhere.
305.	Julie LaCasse	Melrose, MA	I will always carry bags with me to clean up after my dog.
306.	Nicolas Shotsak	reading, MA	
307.	david callahan	melrose, MA	
308.	kelly mclaughlin	somerville, MA	Dog really need to have a place to socialize, off-leash that is safe... allowing this one section of the Fells to be an off-leash play area for dogs would give the dogs a place to play - and keep folks from allowing dogs to romp off-leash in other regions of the Fells where they can get hit by bikes or horses...
309.	Chris Bessette	Malden, MA	Please leave a comment regarding why the Fells are important to you as a dog owner. Please comment on your commitment to proper off-leash etiquette and cleaning up after your dog every time.

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310.	Victoria I	Somerville, MA	I adopted two dogs. They're both large and need room to play. Being off-leash greatly increases their enjoyment of the outdoors. There are few places where I can bring them so the Fells is a valued and important place for all dogs and their caretakers. I strongly believe that all dog guardians have a responsibility to keep public spaces clean for everyone.
311.	Karl Millstrom	Melrose, MA	
312.	Stephanie Paletsky	Medford, MA	
313.	Janell Ciemiecki	Somerville, MA	
314.	Sarah Ruiz	marblehead, MA	
315.	Laura Need	Arlington, MA	
316.	Sharon Gately	Medford, MA	As a Friend of the Fells I do believe in proper maintenance and etiquette when it comes to the trails, fauna and wildlife within the Fells. However I also believe that dogs should be able to 'stretch their legs' roam free and just be dogs - impossible to so on city sidewalks.
317.	Fred Dean	Woburn, MA	Please leave a comment regarding why the Fells are important to you as a dog owner. Please comment on your commitment to proper off-leash etiquette and cleaning up after your dog every time.
318.	Michelle Gately	melrose, MA	With the ever increasing urban sprawl it is important for dogs to have a place where they can romp. It is very difficult to romp on leash. Please consider allowing responsible off leash use of the Fells. As a proponent of off leash I practice proper etiquette, I clean up after my dog and when necessary I will snap her leash on.
319.	Diana Steele	Belmont, MA	We only recently began going to the Fells on the weekends, and a more wonderful place to exercise in the Boston area we have not found! It's perfect for two-legged and four-legged friends. We never go to any public area without plenty of bags to clean up after ourselves, and if we meet non-dog people, we always keep the dogs out of the way. Proper exercise and social interaction between dogs helps them know their boundaries and become responsible members of the community.
320.	Jennifer Burns	Arlington, MA	
321.	Elizabeth Hecht	Melrose, MA	Without my dog I would never have felt comfortable walking alone in the woods. Having a good place to walk your dog makes this area a better community to live in. I always made sure I didn't leave waste along paths or in public areas

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322.	Roberta Eve Tovey	Melrose, MA	My dog and I walk in the Fells almost every day. Being outdoors in a beautiful place is as important as breathing, and I treasure the Fells as an oasis in the middle of the city. There is no other place so close to home where we can walk, run, climb, and enjoy the beauty of nature. I have trained my dog to come every time I call him, so that he is always under voice command, even off leash. I consider this essential if you are going to let your dog off leash in a public place. I am also committed to keeping the Fells clean and pleasant for everyone, so I always clean up after my dog.
323.	Helen Woods	Melrose, MA	
324.	Suzanne Smith	Cambridge, MA	
325.	Lisa McFarren	Somerville, MA	Allowing dog owners to be invested in the Fells by providing them off-leash recreational areas to exercise and socialize with their dogs will in turn foster responsible dog ownership at the Fells and other parks as well.
326.	Justin Grunau	Somerville, MA	
327.	Bill Hanlon	Melrose, MA	"Dogs in the country have fun, They run and run and run. In the city this species Is dragged around on leashes..." We need open space to let the dogs run; if not the wide open spaces of the Sheepfold, then where?
328.	rachel dolmatch	somerville, MA	
329.	Jenna Blum	Boston, MA	As a Boston dog owner, I am constantly dismayed by how unfriendly the city and state generally are to tax-paying dog-owners (who subsidize many other services they may not use, like sporting fields and playgrounds, etc) and few options our pets subsequently have to enjoy off-leash play. Please keep the Fells off-leash so dogs and their owners have a chance to socialize like other Massachusetts residents. We are 100% committed to working together to ensure that the off-leash area is well-maintained and clean for all to enjoy.
330.	Andrea Schwartz	Charlestown, MA	Love the Fells, our calm and well behaved dog enjoys it even more. Off-Leash and canine interaction would increase his and our experience!
331.	Patrick Brown	Charlestown, MA	
332.	Heather Preston	Charlestown, MA	
333.	Yves Grant	Somerville, MA	
334.	sabrina ott	charlestown, MA	Dogs need a nice open space to explore, play, run while off leash- this not in a congested city environment where a lease should be used. I hope they do not change the rules <i>(continues on next page)</i>

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334.	sabrina ott	charlestown, MA	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> here and also hope that dog owners are responsible for their dog's behavior and picking up after them dogs.
335.	Torrey Marshall	Charlestown, MA	This is very important to dog owners in the Boston area. My dog has been trained to come when called. She is very sweet and well behaved dog. My wife and myself are committed to being respectful and responsible dog owners and always clean up after our dog.
336.	Jaclyn Sanford	Charlestown, MA	
337.	Tamara Shmerykowsky	Charlestown, MA	As a responsible dog owner it's discouraging to see our city become less and less dog friendly. Parks like the one above are a rare opportunity for us to give our dogs the proper opportunity to socialize and exercise in a natural manner. I fully support the off-leash recreation within this designated area.
338.	Corrine & Bob Wagner	Charles, MA	The Fells is a beautiful area for our family to walk our dogs. Being city dwellers, there are few opportunities for open exercise for our entire family. We totally support the off-leash recreation within this area. My husband, children and I are so thankful for recreational space for our dogs that we are extremely conscientious and commit to always leaving the space as we found it. We always pick up after them, make sure they are well behaved and leash them if another dog is nearby and on a leash.
339.	Patricia Hallett	Somerville, MA	The Fells is a great area for socialized dogs to run and for a short time fell freedom. I totally support off-lease for dogs there. It is important that the dogs running free are under complete verbal and/or signage control. Socialized dogs is the key word.
340.	Kristin Black	west roxbury, MA	While I don't own a dog, I am a frequent visitor to the Fells with friends who are dog owners. It is a great place for dogs to socialize and play. The dog owners are very considerate & conscientious with cleaning up after their dogs.
341.	Elena Karra	Randolph, MA	
342.	Barbara Kotlyar	Charlestown, MA	The fells is important because it is one of the few places that dogs and dog owners can socialize, exercise and enjoy nature without worrying about leashes. I always clean up after my dog, and do not let them off leash unless I know I can verbally control them and get them back on leash.
343.	Peter Cuomo	Brookline, MA	

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344.	Melissa Santelli-Sherman	Charlestown, MA	The Fells is our favorite place for our two dogs. It is the one place where they can run and play in a natural environment. We always leash our dogs and do not let them off leash unless we know they are within our control. We always pick up after our dogs.
345.	Patti McDonough	Andover Ma, MA	
346.	Dan Stephens	Boston, MA	As a landscape designer, steward of an 85 estate, and dog lover, I'm a believer in designated spaces for off leash dog and human recreation. Aside from the benefits for dogs and their owners, it lessens the impact they each have on other, more fragile tracks of land we need to protect.
347.	Bridget Horgan	Chelsea, MA	
348.	Deirdre Fornari	Shrewsbury, MA	
349.	dado valentino	boston, MA	
350.	Erin Zoppo	Hubbardston, MA	
351.	Kelly Hartley	Ipswich, MA	
352.	May Curran	woburn, MA	
353.	Ashley MacDougall	taunton, MA	
354.	Vilmari Wilson	Fayetteville, NC	
355.	Jesseca Lomas	Malden, MA	
356.	Crystal Gordon	Belmont, MA	Allowing well-behaved, non-aggressive dogs to run off-leash is beneficial to the overall health of a dog. It gives them better exercise and allows them to socialize and play with other dogs.
357.	Lori McCloskey	Quincy, MA	
358.	r deberio	woburn, MA	
359.	Danielle Mattos	medford, MA	
360.	Jennifer Albrecht	Somerville, MA	
361.	Alysia Moon	Woburn, MA	Dogs need to run and socialize with others. We don't have a big back yard so this is the only place we can go.
362.	Judith George	Somerville, MA	Please understand the health and well being of my dog is my top priority as if she were my kid! I can't imagine not being able to let her run,interact with other dogs. We hike the fells in every season, every weather condition, and with our canine-human blended families!. I am committed to being a responsible dog owner and user of the beautiful trails of the Fells. My dog comes when she is called, and has never been in a fight with another dog because she grew up well socialized with dogs she met in the Fells.
363.	Erica Hubbard	Somerville, MA	

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364.	brianna Rickard	Palm Coast, FL	
365.	Matthew Antone	Winchester, MA	We live near the Fells and hike there regularly. There are no off-leash dog parks anywhere nearby and our yard is too small for the dog to run around in. We always make it a point to bring extra bags and walk our dog responsibly.
366.	Jamie Flynn	Charlestown, MA	
367.	David Hadas	Winchester, MA	
368.	Heather Mansfield	Arlington, MA	We love to walk in the woods! I am a responsible dog owner!
369.	BethAnn Friedman	Arlington, MA	Please legalize off-leash areas in the Fells. It is the perfect place to socialize and exercise dogs!
370.	Pat Floss	Brookline, MA	Going to the Fells and walking my dog off-leash there is extremely important to me. The trails are refreshingly cool in the summer, a chance to mentally and physically unwind - both for me and my very friendly dog. I think there should be some wild places, and the Fells is one, being so large, where a well-behaved dog should be able to run off-leash; most legal off-leash dog parks in the state are small fields with little shade. Of course I bring bags with me to pick up after my dog; and use them. I don't let my dog leave mess at the Sheepfold Meadow or on the trails.
371.	Pat and Audrey Sallèse	Lexington, MA	Exercise and socialization are so important for dogs, something they can't get when always leashed. This benefits their human companions also, in so many ways. The Fells is a great place to go when walking alone, as we know there will be others around to create a feeling of increased safety. We carry extra doggy bags so that we can clean up after those who are not as responsible as they should be. Some educational signs would be a plus.
372.	David Soodak	Somerville, MA	The Fells, only ten minutes from the big city, is an irreplaceable resource for relaxation and pleasure, for humans and dogs. Dogs love nature probably more than us, and it would be a great shame for the Fells to be off limits to dogs. Of course I would follow whatever guidelines are set up; I would not want to jeopardize losing such a great place for dogs to go.
373.	Anne Yonkers	Somerville, MA	Living in the city, there aren't many places I can bring my dog for long walks in the wilderness. Being outside is very important to me, especially considering that I grew up in New Hampshire where all of our pets could go on walks off leash.
374.	Valerie Hays	Melrose, MA	

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375.	Mark Schedler	medford, MA	<p>This is where I was able to socialize my dog Lexi with other dogs and owners. Socialization is a VITAL part of dogs life. It helps teach him/her to behave in a proper manner in public, and aids in training. Without access to a place like Sheepsfold, I know she would be nowhere near as well mannered as she is now.</p> <p>I can speak for myself and others when I say that we, (dog owners) do a good job of policing each other when ever the dogs might get out of hand. Or when there is an irresponsible owner that is not respecting others in the park. All disputes I have ever seen in the park have been solved in a timely and calm manner. Also there has been many occasions when myself or others have left recycled plastic bags for others to use to try and ensure clean up.</p>
376.	Corey Morris-Singer	Cambridge, MA	<p>We regularly utilize The Fells for hiking, mountain biking, and off-leash dog walking. The Sheepfold should be designated as a legal off-leash area, as should many, if not all of the trails throughout the Reservation. As a biologist, preservation ranks high among my priorities. However, multiple use (walkers, dogs, and bikers) of the existing trails is not incompatible with effective land stewardship. For a park of its kind, and in proximity to urban centers, it is ludicrous that there are not yet approved off leash areas. As an aside, the placement and maintenance of a couple of trash receptacles spaced in the Sheepfold field would greatly improve dog-clean up compliance.</p> <p>As with smart and reasonable regulations regarding mountain bike usage in the park (to which we strictly and gladly adhere); a commonsense off-leash usage policy in the Middlesex Fells Reservation would increase user safety and compliance.</p>
377.	Lindsay Vittori	Medford, MA	<p>As a dog owner the Fells is one of the only large open spaces where my dog can safely run, get exercise and interact with other dogs. Dog owners are the ONLY people who use the Fells year round and it would be a great loss to the community if dog owners were not allowed access. I clean up after my dog and often after other dogs every time I am at the park. unlike some of the other abusers of the park who leave trash used condoms and broken glass all over the place dog owners are some of the most committed to keeping the park clean and safe.</p>
378.	Tracy Kali	Ipswich, MA	
379.	Elena Piskounova	Boston, MA	
380.	Elizabeth Vining	Somerville, MA	<p>The Fells are a wonderful place for everyone to enjoy. Allowing off-leash dog play will increase cooperation among all people who utilize the park. It's a wonderful place when the rangers aren't out hollering at dog walkers. My dogs and I are often the only visitors in the snowy <i>(continues on next page)</i></p>

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380.	Elizabeth Vining	Somerville, MA	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> winter months, and it would give me piece of mind that, although i'm alone, i'm following the rules with my dogs. I am 100% committed to using the park and following all clean-up rules. In fact, if the field was better mowed, there would be better compliance with pick up of poops.
381.	Tessa Lorenze	Somerville, MA	
382.	Anne Pogue	Somerville, MA	It is outrageous that dog owners are being targeted here. I always see dog owners picking up after their dogs, but I often see other visitors littering in the park. Dog owners are often the only visitors there in the colder months and they should be entitled to full benefits and enjoyment of the park just like everyone else, which is not possible if dogs are not allowed off-leash. I am very careful to control the dogs that I bring to the park both on and off leash, and I always pick up after them.
383.	christina peledge	medford, MA	
384.	Dale Brousseau	Medford, MA	
385.	Thomas Leonard	Malden, MA	There aren't many options for owners to allow their dogs off-leash in the Boston area other than a handful of penned-in dog runs. We ought to be able to come to an agreement on proper use and etiquette that will please all parties. I always clean up after my dog no matter where I am: on the street, in my mother's backyard and even the middle of the woods. It's just common courtesy! And if he is off-leash I ensure that he stays in sight at all times.
386.	Lisa Armstrong	Wakefield, MA	
387.	Ashley Emerson	Charlestown, MA	As a dog owner who lives in the city, I can see first hand the relaxation and joy that expansive off-leash parks bring my canine companion. It is vital that we protect, preserve, and cherish Massachusetts's large off-leash parks as a respite from urban areas. Please help to ensure that off-leash recreation remains an option at Middlesex Fells.
388.	Maurine Charbatji	Burlington, MA	There are few dog parks around this area, We go to this place at least twice a week. It is the only place where our boxer can really get a good workout. I would be very upset if we lost this amazing place to atke our dog. we always walk our dog in and out with a leash and always clean up after him.
389.	Ken Vining	somerville, MA	I have been taking my dogs there for 7 years. It is a fantastic place and there is plenty of room to share among the hikers, bikers and dog people. With the dumpster in the parking lot, there is no excuse for anyone to not pick up after their dog.
390.	Crystal Pepin	Natick, MA	

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391.	Tom Hull	MEDFORD, MA	Weekends at the Fells is the highlight of my Lab Blaise's week. The hiking with him is also invaluable to me also as i have a heart condition and is one of the few froms of exercise afforded to me. I am totally committed to maintaing a clean area as I believe just about every other dog lover who loves the Fells is.
392.	Kate Bigger	Somerville, MA	I always carry an extra clean-up bag for people who may have run out!
393.	Kathy Palmer	Boston, MA	I'm involved in proactively keeping off-leash and on-leash green spaces clean, and in helping to educate dog owners in training, nutrition, care, and in cooperatively, responsibly sharing green space use. We all need to be open & respectful toward the environment & eachother to make this work.
394.	Kait Muhlfelder	Charlestown, MA	
395.	Martha Ondras	Medford, MA	The Fells is a wonderful resource for me and my family, and our dog, to exercise, connect with nature, and recreate. We have made many friends walking there and feel it is a well-behaved, respectful community. Our dog is gentle and well-trained, and respectful of others. We are very careful to keep her under our control, so that she does not bother people or wildlife, and to clean up after her.
396.	erin dorr	melrose, MA	
397.	Lise Brodzik	Medford, MA	
398.	Patricia Dains	Somerville, MA	There are so few places where our dogs can be free to run in large areas. Daily, relevant exercise is necessary to keep dogs healthy, happy and good community citizens. The Fells is a beautiful, family friendly place and we'd love for our dogs to enjoy their time there as much as we do. We own two dogs and wherever we are, on leash or off, we are vigilant about their behavior and also making sure we clean up after them. Our area has a fenced in dog park, and we are frequent 'perimeter' walkers, cleaning up after those owners who aren't responsible enough to do so for their own dogs. A clean space keeps both dogs and humans healthier. If given the chance to use the Fells as an off-leash area, I would commit to taking that same care with cleanup.
399.	Charles Walsh	Stoughton, MA	
400.	Dean Regrut	Arlington, MA	This is a great place to let the dogs (and owners) get exercise all year round. We use it mostly in the winter on weekends, when daily walks get cut short due to the cold weather. An hour running through the woods or the field makes our dog happy for days. <i>(continues on next page)</i>

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400.	Dean Regrut	Arlington, MA	<i>(continued from previous page)</i> I always pick up after the dog. Even if I have to carry it for a mile. Even if its not on the trail. I want my dog to be able to run in the field, trails, and the woods without fear that he'll step in something. I have to put him in my car to get him home, after all.
401.	Kellie Schumm	Medford, MA	People, both adults and children, cause more damage in the the Fells than my 2 dogs. My dogs are my children and deserve some perks from my tax dollars. I always leash my dogs when people are around. I mostly use the trails during off peak hours to avoid others.
402.	Karen Hall	Melrose, MA	Our dog really loves the chance to do something together with us. We live close to the Fells, and enjoy hiking there year round. We always pick up after our dog, and he's only permitted off leash when he has a chance to play with another dog. Otherwise he's on a leash.
403.	Christian Silva	Melrose, MA	As a previous resident of Somerville, the Fells was the only open space where we could bring our dog to get her some decent exercise without traveling far from home. We always maintained our dog under close control and cleaned up after her, as did all other owners that made use of the Fells. Please support this polite, responsible group of pet owners by giving them space for their pets to exercise, for their health and their dogs'.
404.	Yvonne Liu-Constant	Melrose, MA	
405.	Brian Liu-Constant	Melrose, MA	The Fells is a great place that should be enjoyed by all interested parties. As a dog owner that has learned how difficult it is to find open areas that are accepting of off-leash-dogs, I have an added incentive to keep any designated area, as well as all areas, free of dog waste.
406.	Steffani Magnus-Redinger	Melrose, MA	I am very committed to finding an appropriate place for off-leash recreation. Especially those of us in apartments. My landlord would approve tenants in getting small dogs if we can show and commit to exercising a dog properly and this would be a great resource I could have at no cost to help in this effort! I think all dogs should have some off-leash appropriate times and places to run. This would be great. Thank You, Steffani Magnus-Redinger
407.	Andrew Carol	Boston, MA	Our dog is in the process of learning off-leash tricks with distraction, and from a distance. There is really no better place than Sheepfold for such training. We live in Boston proper, and the space is so limited for exercise, so when <i>(continues on next page)</i>

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407.	Andrew Carol	Boston, MA	<p><i>(continued from previous page)</i></p> <p>we can make it to a location where he can run free, he benefits a lot. Please let him use this space off-leash. As I already said, our dog is learning of leash appropriate behaviour. Without the training that we had done at Sheepfold, he would totally fail at long distance recall, and hiking with us. So we are committed to cleaning up after him (we do it in Boston all the time, so it's sort of automatic at this point) and leashing him when necessary and appropriate for the comfort of other hikers.</p>
408.	Stacey LaFlamme	Somerville, MA	<p>Responsible dog owners like myself should have places they can take their dogs where they can run free. Having to leash a dog at all times will not properly exercise and socialize a dog. Please allow legal, leash free options at the Fells.</p>
409.	John Priestman	Somerville, MA	

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Michael Cox	[REDACTED] Somerville MA 02144	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/>
STEPHEN Conyngh	[REDACTED] Melrose MA 02155	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Susan Water	"	[REDACTED]		<input type="checkbox"/>
Sara Samaitis	[REDACTED] Medford MA 02155	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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BRITANNY STANTON	[REDACTED] Medford MA 02155	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Cathy Brady Palma	[REDACTED] Reading MA 01867	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steve [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Somerville MA 02106	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Kristin Scudder	[REDACTED] Charlestown, MA	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
AMBER DAGATA	[REDACTED] WOBURN, MA 01801	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tim Powers	[REDACTED] Malden MA 02148	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Net	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Dick McKenna	[Redacted] Beverly MA 01921	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leo Warren	[Redacted] Medford MA 02655	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lawrence McSherry	[Redacted] Medford, MA 02155	[Redacted]	[Redacted].com	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shawn Schuster	[Redacted] Charleston MA	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Janice O'Hanrahan	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted].net	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Liz Elia	[Redacted] Middlesex MA 02151	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Melissa Dreyer	[REDACTED] Medford, MA 02155	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alison Benymman	[REDACTED] Watertown			<input type="checkbox"/>
Christina Rossi	Somerville, MA			<input type="checkbox"/>
DAMEL ENSEL	SOMERVILLE, MA			<input type="checkbox"/>
Amy Dubenetsky	[REDACTED] medford ma 02155			<input type="checkbox"/>
Sophia Wasserman	[REDACTED] medford MA 02155			<input type="checkbox"/>
Marc Lassoff	[REDACTED] Brighton, MA 02135			<input type="checkbox"/>
Courtney Michael	[REDACTED] medford MA 02155			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Melissa Giddings	[REDACTED] melrose ma 02176			<input type="checkbox"/>
JOSE OLIVEIRA	[REDACTED] SOMERVILLE, MA 02145			<input type="checkbox"/>

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Robert Hallisey	[REDACTED] Winchester, MA 01890	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Becky Sawyer	[REDACTED] Boston, MA 02113	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GINA NIGRO	[REDACTED] Melrose	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Devin Schneider	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dora Resuso	[REDACTED] Cambridge	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mike Stevens	" "	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kristen Dahlmann	[REDACTED] Andover	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PATRICK FINN	[REDACTED] Medford, MA	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/>
VIN SCARDINO	[REDACTED] BOSTON, MA 02114	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bobby Bascomb	[REDACTED] Somerville, MA 02144	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Steve Vieneau

Kirsten Vieneau

[REDACTED] Melrose, MA 02176 [REDACTED]  
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Emily Murphy	Somerville [Redacted]		[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alan Tang	Medford 02455		[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Melissa Rones	Somerville, MA 02144		[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lisa Esparza	Cambridge, MA 02140		[Redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Berberick	Medford MA 02155		[Redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>
ALLANA SERRA	[Redacted]		[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jasmine Stein	Brooklyn, NY		[Redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Wilson	Watertown, MA		[Redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rebecca Wilson	Watertown MA		[Redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amelia Allison	Watertown MA, 02478		[Redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Melissa Bennett	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ryan Loisele	[REDACTED] Medford MA 02155			<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Blake	[REDACTED] Cambridge MA 02140			<input type="checkbox"/>
Jenn Souza	[REDACTED] Medford MA			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Patrick Sallesse	[REDACTED] Wakefield, MA			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Peter Roberts	[REDACTED] WAKEFIELD MA.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tammy Rogers	" "			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Drew Allison	[REDACTED] Watertown MA			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maddyn Almsm	[REDACTED] Watertown MA			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Phelan Shilo Lane	[REDACTED] " "			<input type="checkbox"/>

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MARGARITA COLLADO	Malden, MA		[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
JESSIE CONADO	Malden, MA			<input type="checkbox"/>
CONNIE WILSON	Stoneham MA		[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
John Pierce	Stoneham MA		[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alicia Smalligan	CAMBRIDGE, MA		[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Moll Fyler	Cambridge, MA		[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ryen Thistle	Winchester, MA		[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kim Faulkner	Winchester, MA		[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Joanne Bourgeois	Stoneham MA		[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rosie DV	Medford, MA			<input type="checkbox"/>

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Amy Oliveira	[REDACTED] Somerville, MA 02145	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neel Madan	[REDACTED] ARLINGTON, MA 02476			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Beth Lambert	[REDACTED] Boston MA 02111			<input type="checkbox"/>
LAURA COWIESON	[REDACTED] Somerville, MA 02145			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Marykate Galusha	[REDACTED] Somerville, MA 02145			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
William HART, GAD	[REDACTED] ARLINGTON, MA 02474			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lori Parker-Hartigan	" "			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rachel Yardy	[REDACTED] Medford MA 02155			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scott Kennedy	[REDACTED] Medford, MA 02155			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Paul Bolduc	[REDACTED] MALDEN MA 02148			<input type="checkbox"/>

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BRIAN Bell	[redacted] 01821 Billerica	[redacted]	[redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Seck	[redacted] Wakefield	[redacted]	[redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Richard [unclear] Mulo	Melrose Mass	[redacted]	[redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>
REED THOMPSON	Winchester MA 01890	[redacted]	[redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> will help
Jeffrey Lefman Shen Lefman	[redacted] Andover, MA	[redacted]	[redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sara Lefman	[redacted] Andover, MA	[redacted]	[redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carlton Anderson	[redacted] Woburn MA	[redacted]	[redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> will help
Helena Porter-Brown	[redacted] Medford MA 02139	[redacted]	[redacted]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> will help
Kelly Deschi	[redacted] Stoneham ma 02180	[redacted]	[redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Briana Siciliano	[redacted] Stoneham MA	[redacted]	[redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thomas Ward	[redacted] Stoneham MA	[redacted]	[redacted]	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Kristen Gooddard ( [REDACTED] )	[REDACTED] Tewksbury, MA	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Susan Copson	[REDACTED]			<input type="checkbox"/>
John Nigro	[REDACTED]			<input type="checkbox"/>
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]			<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeremy Murphy	[REDACTED]			<input type="checkbox"/>
Joe Penney	[REDACTED] Stoneham MA			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Becky Kalapinski	[REDACTED] MEDFORD MA 02155			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hadley Quish	[REDACTED] Boston, MA 02108			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Robert Mathews	[REDACTED] SOMERVILLE, MA			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lara Murphy	[REDACTED] Somerville 02143			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Haley Sant	[REDACTED] Everett		[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Michael Soltz	[REDACTED] Charlestown		[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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JARED SEAVEY	[REDACTED] BOSTON MA 02128	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anne Cline	[REDACTED] Charlestown MA 02129	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Longo	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Karen Longo	" "	" "	" "	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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