

Dog Park Initiative

CIAT & COMP
(Citizen's for an Offleash Muscatine Park)



2013 Accomplishments

Activities and Events

- Kickoff meeting at City Hall
- Dog Walks
 - Weed Park Kickoff
 - Riverfront
 - Discovery Park
- Pennies for Pooches collections
- 4th of July Parade
- Farmers Market Participation
- HyVee Awareness Days
- Barktober Fest Walk and Festival
- City Events
 - Scarecrow Fest
 - Art Center Holiday Wreath event
 - Holiday Stroll Christmas Stocking

COMP Committee

- COMP Logo created
- Facebook page created
- Opened Muscatine Community Foundation account
- 10 event and committee meetings from June thru November
- Gathering information of communities with Dog Parks

Fund Raising

- Farmers Markets
- Pennies for Pooches
- Barktober Fest
- Private donations

Citizens For An Offleash
Muscatine Park



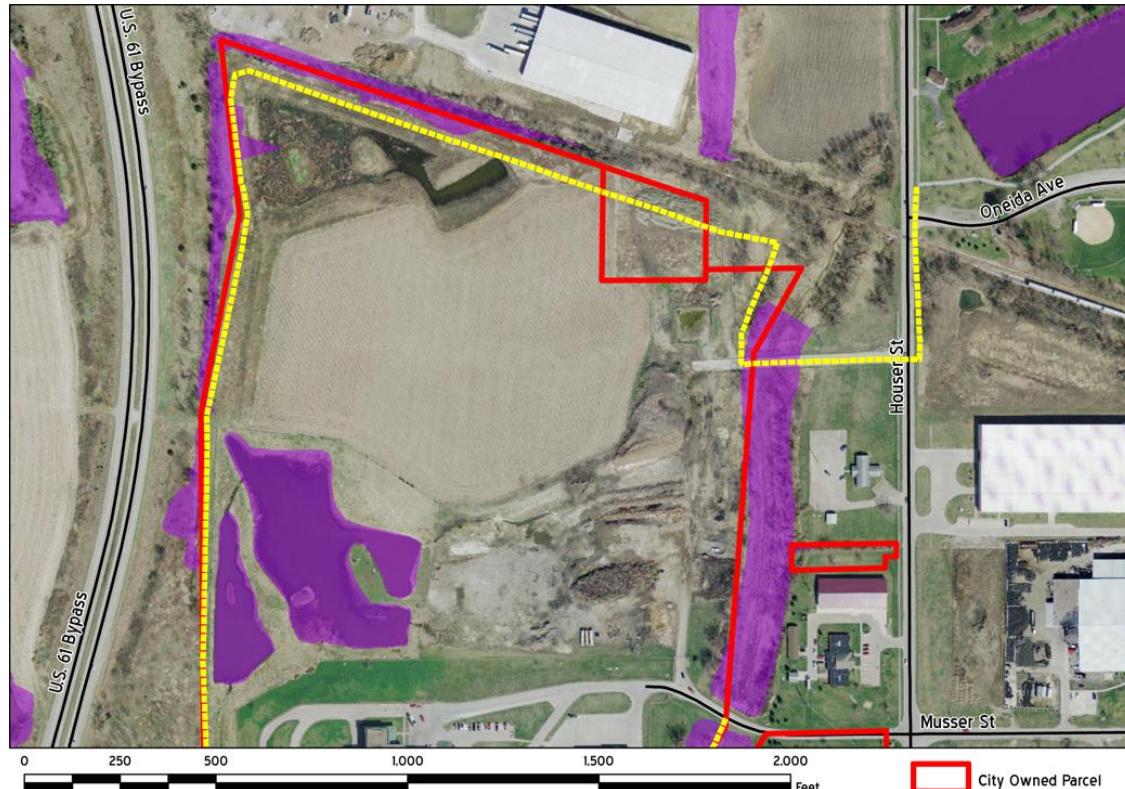
2014 Proposed Activities

- **Identify proposed site location**
 - Begin site analysis, design, and amenity requirements
 - Requesting support from UI and/or ISU students
 - Develop funding needs and methods
 - Grant money
 - Corporate sponsorships
 - Individual/Small business donations
 - Write project plan
 - Begin site preparation
- **Continue awareness and fundraising events**
 - Set 2014 Event calendar



Land Recommendation

Houser Site / adjacent to the Transfer Station



25 acre parcel north of the site that is city owned but not currently in use.

- Cultivated area is the bulk of the area and is approximately 14 acres.
 - Designate portion for Dog Park use (Phased approach)
 - Site may be shared with other community projects.
- Balance of the land (11 acres) is in the 100 year flood plain or is swampy.

Access to Houser (currently single lane).

Trail system will be built around the site connecting to Kent Stein.



Next Steps

- Receive Parks and Recreation Committee approval to identify Houser St site as a proposed Dog Park location
- Update City Council with proposed site recommendation
- Confirm participation by UI and/or ISU students
- Define areas that require definition and work out details in partnership with the city departments:
 - Ownership and maintenance responsibilities
 - Fee and funding management
 - Dog Park rules/guidelines, enforcement, and safety
 - Volunteer and Steering Committee responsibilities

