

## Donna Conkling

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**To:** Mayor; Trustee Ahuja; Trustee Crandall; Trustee Brew; Trustee Whitestone; Trustee Arest; Trustee Lewis  
**Cc:** Andrew Sereysky; Jonah Walters; Robert Cole; Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Follow up to Work Session re a dog park

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Honorable Mayor Veron, Trustees:

I appreciate your having put a dog park on the agenda for last night's work session. I further appreciate having had the opportunity to speak directly to the Board regarding what I believe is probably the single best, most viable site: The tip of the Maintenance Facility.

I'll not rehash the reasons I believe that site is our best option, but will make these comments, some of which I made last night:

- It took ~2 1/2 years to get to an initial "no" from the state. How long will it take to assuage their concerns about the site's proximity to the Hutch, which no amount of negotiation is going to change?
- What is an arrangement with the state going to look like?
  - What, if any, costs will we incur?
  - Who would make the initial outlays to build the park?
  - Who would be responsible for its ongoing maintenance?
  - Who would be allowed to use it? Scarsdale residents only? Westchester County? NY State?
  - You will get objections from those on Mamaroneck Ave & Colonial Rd. How will you deal with that? Are their voices any less important than those who objected to Weinberg three years ago?

Below, via Google Maps, is yet another diagram of the Maintenance Facility proposal. Even a simple triangle - without repurposing ~15,000 square feet of Maintenance Facility property - yields just over 29,000 square feet. I'm very unclear on how Mr. Coleman arrived at only 9,000 square feet when he spoke about this area.

My bottom line, again, is this: The infield of northbound Hutch Exit 12 (formerly 22) is a long shot at best, and will take an eternity in any event. With what I believe would be a minimal amount of effort, along with repurposing just a little of the Maintenance Facility's acreage, we could provide the dogs of Scarsdale, and their humans, an ideal spot to congregate.

Regards,

Josh Frankel

cc: Andrew Sereysky, Jonah Walters, Manager Cole, Donna Conkling

