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LEASH FREE PARKS PROGRAM FREE RUNNING AREA APPLICATION

Free Running Areas are those areas, which have been set aside for residents to exercise their dogs off leash without being in contravention of municipal by-laws. These areas include designated parkland and public open spaces under the jurisdiction of the City of Hamilton.

The following criteria (as stated in Section 2 of the Leash Free Parks Policy) will be used to assess the appropriateness of proposed sites for Leash Free Parks. No deviation may be made from the criteria listed below.

- Site use will be regulated by time restrictions and/or season restrictions.
- Sites must not be less than 1.0 acres in size.
- Lands are given on an as-is basis and no additional amenities will be provided or permitted.
- Only amenities found in a traditional park setting will be permitted. Dog park equipment and apparatus will not be permitted in any free running area.
- Sites are not permitted in "Environmentally Significant Areas".
- Sites bounded by high traffic streets, main thoroughfares, highways, etc. will not be considered for free running designation unless there are adequate landscape and/or geographical barriers to restrict and/or encumber access to the roadway.
- Free Running Areas will not be allowed in park sites containing sports facilities.
- Sites that are in close proximity to school board property will be regulated by time restrictions and season restrictions.
- Sites will not be permitted along trails.
- Where play equipment and or splashpads/wading pools are present, the site will be regulated by time restrictions and season restrictions.

Note: The development of free running areas restricted to one free running area per ward, and subsequently all free running areas will be provided on an as-required or as-requested basis, subject to the availability of funding.

Proposed Park Location:

Park Name: _____

Closest Cross Streets: _____

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____