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Wirth Lake Area Plan, Phase III  
Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Resolution Number 2 of 3

**OFF-LEASH DOG PARK**

WHEREAS the Wirth Lake Area Phase III Citizens Advisory Committee is directed to “include recreation facilities that will draw people to the park” in its Phase III Concept Plan recommendations; and,

WHEREAS the build-out of the Phase III Concept Plan will maximize the recreational capacity of the Phase III study area; and,

WHEREAS Theodore Wirth Park is the largest urban park in Minneapolis, a unique regional asset, and one of the largest urban parks in the nation; and,

WHEREAS all-season use of Theodore Wirth Park offers recreational, environmental and economic benefits, and promotes equity within the Minneapolis Park System; and,

WHEREAS off-leash dog parks promote a sense of community for dog owners, are an all-season outdoor activity, will draw more people to Theodore Wirth Park and may provide fee revenue to the Park Board; and,

WHEREAS Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board off-leash dog parks at the Chain-of-Lakes Regional Park and Minnehaha Falls Regional Park draw users from many neighborhoods and cities, and contribute to the vitality of these parks;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wirth Lake Area Phase III Citizen’s Advisory Committee recommends that the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board establish a 2.0 acre to 3.0 acre off-leash Dog Park located outside of the Phase III study area in or near Theodore Wirth Regional Park.

Adopted by the Wirth Lake Area Plan, Phase III, Citizen Advisory Committee on May 18, 2010

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George Puzak, Chair