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Peirce Island Off-Leash Dog Area to Close September 26th *City Announces Potential Alternative Dog Park*

PORTSMOUTH, NH – Due to construction related to the Peirce Island Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrade, the City of Portsmouth will be closing the Peirce Island Off-Leash Dog Area as of Monday, September 26, 2016. The off-leash dog area will remain closed during the entirety of this project, which is expected to be four years.

In order to accommodate local dog owners in the interim, Public Works staff is looking at developing City-owned land off of the Route 33 Park and Ride on Greenland Road (Route 33) to serve as a new off-leash location. This land, which is about five acres and includes walking trails, is a suitable option for the community given its ample space and parking. Public Works staff will enhance the trail system by mowing, improving trails and installing appropriate amenities for this renovation once accepted.

“We understand how popular the Peirce Island Park was for pet owners, so we would be very pleased to be able to make this space more useable for our residents,” said Peter Rice, Director of Public Works. “The land’s proximity to the Hampton Rail Trail and the Great Bog area is very appealing, as this space may have further potential to serve as a walkable and bikeable connector between these public spaces.”