City of Alexandria Dog Park Master Plan – Requirements for New Dog Areas

1. Area must be at least ½ acre, or 21,789 square feet.
2. Area must be at least 50 feet from a residential property line, or 50 feet from a commercial/industrial structure.
3. Area must be at least 60 feet from the top of bank of any stream bed or water source. It will be located to minimize the potential impact for wildlife and habitats, and is subject to normal environmental assessment procedures, including the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.
4. Area must be easily accessible for police and animal control protection.
5. Unfenced areas must be a safe distance from roadways.
6. For fenced dog parks, there must be adequate space available to establish landscaping buffers around the perimeter.

All new fenced dog parks should provide the following amenities:

1. Covered trash receptacles
2. Posted rules
3. Fencing and double gate entry
4. Water
5. Shade