8. **Dog Park**

**Definition**
Fenced area where dogs can run off-leash while supervised.

**Size**
3 acres or more preferred; 1 acre minimum

**Location**
Accessible location within central business district area; integrated into local public park; Integrated into residential development.

**Design Criteria**
- Fence should be high enough to prevent dogs from jumping over.
- Include a double-gated entrance to separate incoming and outgoing, large and small dogs.
- Include separate play areas for different sizes of dogs.
- Provide a variety of activity types: jumping, running, agility practice for dogs.
- Include benches and seating areas for owners with clear view of play area and clear visibility of the animals. Provide watering stations for dogs and owners. Include benches and seating areas for owners with clear view of play area.
- Include shaded areas (gazebos, canvas shade structures or shade trees).
- Provide dry and wet stations for dog play.

**Elements**
- Fencing, benches, picnic tables, movable seating, watering stations, shade structures

**Screening/Landscaping**
Perimeter landscape for screening if space is available. Tree areas for shading.

**Supply Values**

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Dog Park Components

Clockwise from top left: Double-gated dog run entrance; shade sail installation; dog play equipment; gazebo with picnic table and benches; water play area.