



# Research and Public Participation

## Research Types

### • An Evaluation of Existing Salt Lake Valley Off-Leash Dog Parks

- Herman Franks Park, Salt Lake City
- Lindsey Gardens, Salt Lake City
- Memory Grove, Salt Lake City
- Parley's Historic Park, Salt Lake City
- Sandy City Dog Park, Sandy City
- Millrace Park, Taylorsville City

### • A Best Practices Survey

- Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Chicago, Illinois
- Colorado Springs, Colorado
- Phoenix, Arizona
- Portland, Oregon
- Salt Lake City, Utah
- Sydney, Australia
- Taylorsville, Utah

## Summary of Findings

### • Salt Lake Valley Off-Leash Dog Parks

Top five challenging items to address in off-leash dog park designs:

- Drainage
- Erosion & Compaction
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility
- Surface Materials
- Site Visibility

### • Best Practices Survey

The top response in each of the following categories were:

- **Location Criteria:** Respondents said that it is important to locate dog parks adjacent to or within an existing developed park.
- **Design Standards:** Respondents felt that drinking fountains for people and dogs are most important.
- **Operations and Maintenance:** It is important to rotate fenced turf areas to allow for rest and regeneration.
- **Policies, Regulation, and Enforcement:** Enforcement is a key issue in dog parks. A common set of rules and regulations needs to be established to govern the use of the park.