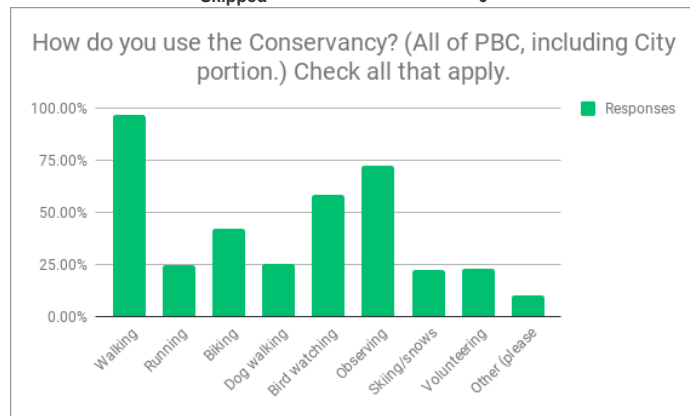


Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy Dog Policy Survey

How do you use the Conservancy? (All of PBC, including City portion.) Check all that apply.

| Answer Choices         | Responses |            |
|------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Walking                | 96.99%    | 161        |
| Running                | 24.70%    | 41         |
| Biking                 | 42.17%    | 70         |
| Dog walking            | 25.30%    | 42         |
| Bird watching          | 58.43%    | 97         |
| Observing wildlife     | 72.29%    | 120        |
| Skiing/snowshoeing     | 22.29%    | 37         |
| Volunteering           | 22.89%    | 38         |
| Other (please specify) | 10.24%    | 17         |
| <b>Answered</b>        |           | <b>166</b> |
| <b>Skipped</b>         |           | <b>0</b>   |

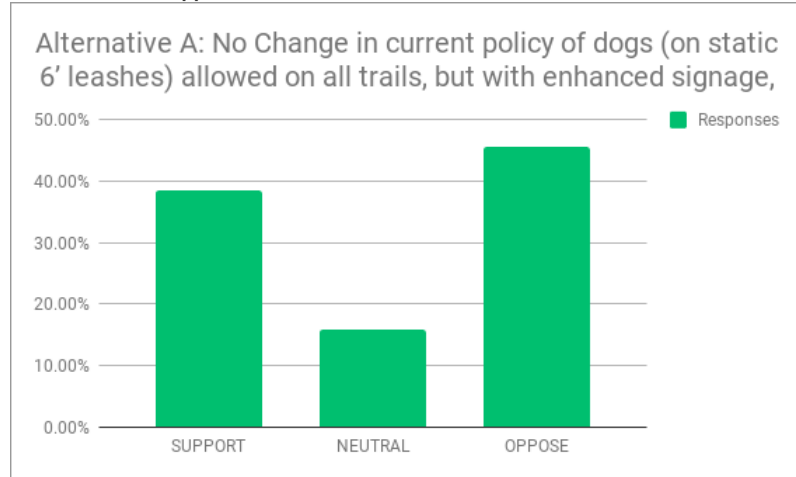


| Respondents | Response Date | Other (please specify)   | Categories |
|-------------|---------------|--|------------|
| 1           | Mar 10 2018   | Photography  |            |
| 2           | Mar 08 2018   | (Enjoying natural surface trails   |            |
| 3           | Mar 07 2018   | (We live on its borders  |            |
| 4           | Mar 07 2018   | (Events  |            |
| 5           | Mar 06 2018   | (Plant identification  |            |
| 6           | Mar 05 2018   | (Stargazing; plant identification  |            |
| 7           | Mar 05 2018   | (No longer able to walk far but enjoy what I see from vantage points.  |            |
| 8           | Mar 05 2018   | (photography<br>wetland sedge and forb watching (similar to bird watching and observing wildlife, but involving plants, which are much more cooperative than wildlife), scouting for invasive species<br>leading field trips |            |
| 9           | Mar 05 2018   | (conducting vegetation surveys to monitor success of invasive control efforts  |            |
| 10          | Mar 05 2018   | (Citizen monitoring  |            |
| 11          | Mar 05 2018   | (Enjoying wildflowers  |            |
| 12          | Mar 05 2018   | (Inspiration and spiritual connection with nature  |            |
| 13          | Mar 05 2018   | (I do not use the Conservancy at this point in time.   |            |
| 14          | Mar 05 2018   | (Enjoying the natural beauty of the conservancy  |            |
| 15          | Mar 05 2018   | (I like to "walk my camera" in the conservancy looking for beautiful shots.  |            |
| 16          | Mar 05 2018   | (Top of Friedrick's Hill is the best view in Madison with historical mounds adding to the lore.  |            |
| 17          | Mar 05 2018   | (Attending events such as Tunes on Tuesday and Prairie Chase   |            |

Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy Dog Policy Survey

**Alternative A: No Change in current policy of dogs (on static 6' leashes) allowed on all trails, but with enhanced signage, informational campaigns and enforcement efforts.**

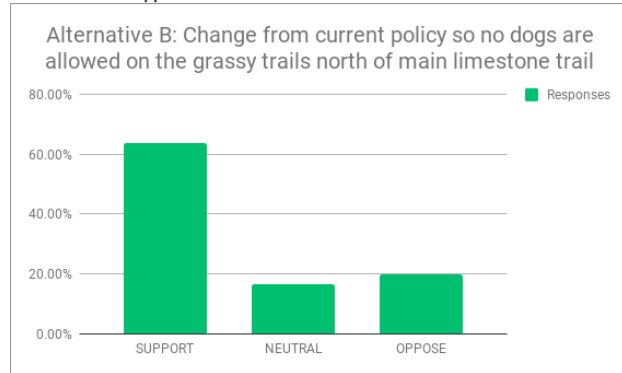
| Answer Choices  | Responses  |    |
|-----------------|------------|----|
| SUPPORT         | 38.61%     | 61 |
| NEUTRAL         | 15.82%     | 25 |
| OPPOSE          | 45.57%     | 72 |
| <b>Answered</b> | <b>158</b> |    |
| <b>Skipped</b>  | <b>8</b>   |    |



Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy Dog Policy Survey

**Alternative B: Change from current policy so no dogs are allowed on the grassy trails north of main limestone trail (see map below). Dogs (on static, 6' leashes) would still be allowed on all other trails, with enhanced signage,**

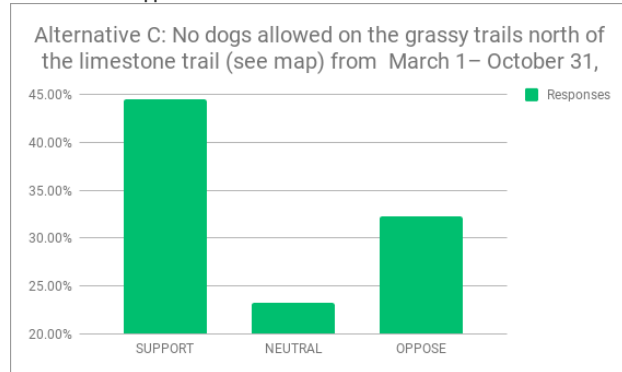
| Answer Choices  | Responses |            |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|
| SUPPORT         | 63.69%    | 100        |
| NEUTRAL         | 16.56%    | 26         |
| OPPOSE          | 19.75%    | 31         |
| <b>Answered</b> |           | <b>157</b> |
| <b>Skipped</b>  |           | <b>9</b>   |



Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy Dog Policy Survey

**Alternative C: No dogs allowed on the grassy trails north of the limestone trail (see map) from March 1– October 31, the primary ground-nesting season. Dogs (on static 6' leashes) allowed on all other trails including north of**

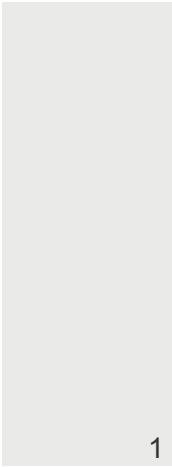
| Answer Choices  | Responses |            |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|
| SUPPORT         | 44.52%    | 69         |
| NEUTRAL         | 23.23%    | 36         |
| OPPOSE          | 32.26%    | 50         |
| <b>Answered</b> |           | <b>155</b> |
| <b>Skipped</b>  |           | <b>11</b>  |



Friends  
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Pheasant  
Branch  
Conserv  
ancy Dog  
Policy  
Survey  
**Do you  
have any  
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comment  
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Friends  
could  
consider  
to  
address  
this issue,  
or other  
concerns:**

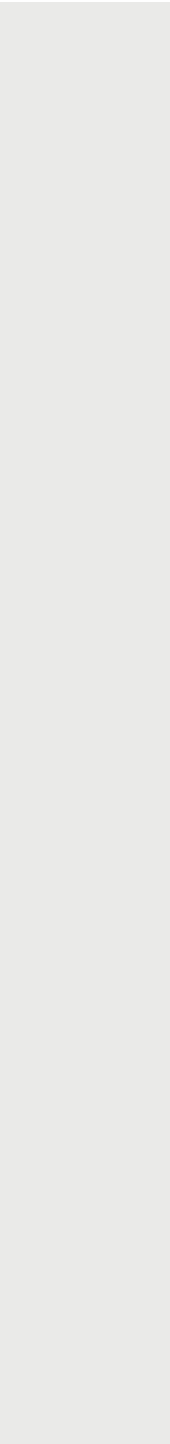
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| <b>Answered</b> | <b>81</b> |
| <b>Skipped</b>  | <b>85</b> |

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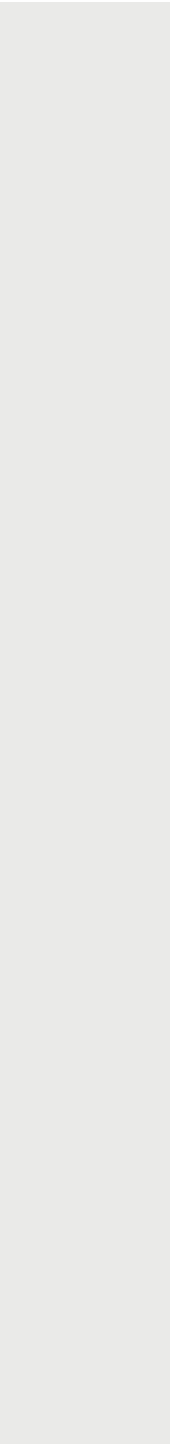


Mar 10 2018  
1 09:08 PM

With enhanced enforcement of dogs on leash and clean up to begin with people will comply better. The enforcement then can be tapered off.



I feel is  
your email  
and survey  
are biased  
towards  
elimination  
of dogs in  
the  
northern  
portion of  
the park.  
Prime  
nesting  
period for  
birds is  
much  
shorter than  
the time  
period that  
you have  
offered -  
March 1 to  
the end of  
October.  
Many birds  
leave PBC  
in August to  
migrate  
south. Most  
birds are  
nesting for  
maybe two  
months in  
the spring.  
The  
information  
you  
provided  
seems to  
be very  
biased in  
favor of  
limiting dog  
use in the



I'm not sure of what information you've used to develop this survey but your email and this survey show a clear bias toward limiting dogs in the northern part of the conservancy. I feel that you are using anecdotal evidence to try and relate dogs in the area to what may or may not be a decrease in bird populations. There are many environmental factors that have changed in the last few years that may be affecting the bird population. I am a bird



I still have a concern about the occasional dog owner who allows dogs to run free on all trails including the Pheasant Branch Corridor. Need enforcement.

Mar 10 2018  
4 10:54 AM

There are not many shaded trails accessible to dog walkers when temps are really hot. That's why it's nice to be able to take a dog to PB's forested walking trails during summer months. If you want stricter adherence to leash rules in these places please use signage- but don't take this area away! Thank you!

Mar 10 2018  
5 08:14 AM

Mar 09 2018  
6 07:41 PM

GIVE  
DOGS AND  
DOG ,  
OWNERS  
A BREAK  
However  
the rules  
are  
decided,  
they should  
be as  
simple as  
possible. I  
understand  
the date  
range idea  
but think it  
will be  
confusing  
to enough  
people to  
not make a  
huge  
difference,  
and give  
people the  
idea that  
they know  
better, no  
matter what  
time of year  
it is.

Mar 08 2018  
7 08:03 PM

I am an urban dog owner who walks my dogs all over town, and love to let my dog roam. HOWEVER, as much as I love them, dogs are not appropriate in certain areas including playing fields and conservation areas -- wildlife disruption, feces, potential for dog bites can all be easily avoided by prohibiting dog access to these areas.

Mar 08 2018  
8 07:48 PM

- 9 Mar 08 2018 06:43 PM in my opinion, this "dog issue" is a non issue
- 10 Mar 08 2018 04:37 PM Bikers fail to alert walkers of their approach. Last summer, I saw two cats, one of which seemed to be living in the conservancy. I think that is a problem, but I don't know what the solution is.
- 11 Mar 08 2018 10:42 AM Maybe there should be no dogs allowed at all in the Conservancy. We have numerous dog parks.
- 12 Mar 08 2018 10:07 AM

Since any of these proposals depend on enforcement & consequences, & I'm not sure how that can happen since there is little power available even now to patrol the regulation we have in place. But the fewer dogs the better, running free to disrupt natural inhabitants.

Mar 08 2018  
13 09:04 AM

The ability  
to enforce  
the policy  
whatever is  
decided  
needs to be  
considered.  
I believe  
that  
enhanced  
signage  
would be  
very  
important  
as a first  
step

Mar 08 2018  
14 07:31 AM

I hope that alternative A is enough to protect the birds, but followup studies should be conducted, and if there is still decline, alternatives B and or C should be implemented. Most important is having a healthy bird population in PBC.

15 Mar 08 2018 07:07 AM

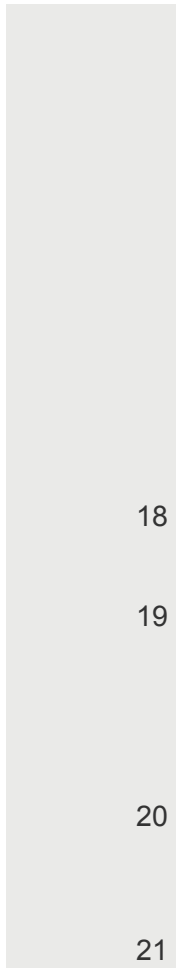
Too confusing if changed part of the year

16 Mar 07 2018 09:31 PM

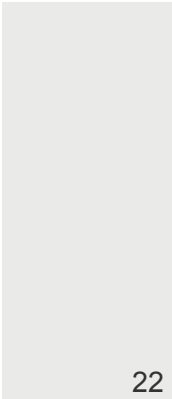
We don't like the idea of further development occurring near Branch St. and Century Ave.

17 Mar 07 2018 08:57 PM





- 18 Mar 07 2018 10:11 AM Consider live trapping of feral cats and taking them to the Humane Society of Middleton Police Department Animal Control Group.
- 19 Mar 07 2018 08:03 AM I think enforcement is key. I feel that dogs should not be off-leashed at all.
- 20 Mar 06 2018 10:29 PM I do not agree with the 6' leashes
- 21 Mar 06 2018 04:04 PM



Mar 06 2018  
22 10:47 AM

Keep true  
to the  
mission of  
the FOPB  
and take a  
strong  
stance that  
will protect  
the  
watershed  
and it's wild  
parts.

Would local pet stores be willing to post information about local ordinances in the PBC (and other parks) and encourage folks to purchase 6 ft. static leashes? The more people who know the policies and help reinforce the desired behavior means the more likely it is to happen.

Mar 06 2018  
23 10:37 AM

Please do not be overly influenced by the view of one individual bird watcher. I use the conservancy most days and have observed the large majority of users keep their dogs on lead. Educational signage should be more than sufficient to address the perceived "problem". Thank you.

Mar 06 2018  
24 06:12 AM

Irresponsibl  
e dog  
owners are  
a problem  
everywhere  
, not just  
the PBC  
and there  
are more  
and more of  
them.

Strong  
enforcemen  
t of leash

25 Mar 05 2018  
08:58 PM

laws are a  
must!

It would be  
nice to  
have more  
trash cans  
on the

26 Mar 05 2018  
08:21 PM

walking  
paths.

27 Mar 05 2018  
07:18 PM

No

All the dogs  
I have seen  
or  
encountere  
d have  
been well  
trained and  
well  
behaved.

The dog  
folks I'm  
sure like  
the access.

It is,  
however, a  
pedestrian  
area first

and  
foremost.

Unfortunate  
ly, a certain  
proportion  
of dog  
owners  
have an  
attitude of  
entitlement  
and no  
concern for  
wildlife.

They have  
many other  
places to  
exercise  
their dogs!

Mar 05 2018  
28 04:10 PM

Mar 05 2018  
29 03:57 PM

If you allow  
the  
Stagecoach  
developme  
nt, you lose  
credibility  
on the dog  
issue and  
all other  
issues that  
deal with

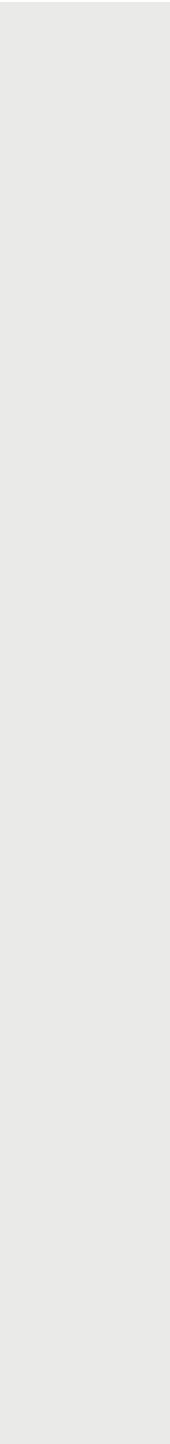
30 Mar 05 2018  
03:39 PM conserving  
the land.

Any  
thoughts of  
no dogs in  
entire

31 Mar 05 2018  
03:36 PM conservanc  
y?

32 Mar 05 2018  
03:30 PM Thanks for  
thinking of  
the birds!  
We walk  
our dog, but  
are happy  
to limit  
walks to  
areas south  
of the

33 Mar 05 2018  
02:24 PM nesting  
area.



I believe  
any change  
in policy  
should  
occur only  
after  
extensive  
outreach  
efforts to  
dog  
owners.  
The ideal  
people to  
send this  
message  
are other  
dog  
owners,  
who could  
create a  
"responsibl  
e dog  
owners"  
group.

As in "I own  
a dog, and I  
love taking  
my dog into  
the  
Conservanc  
y. As dog  
owners we  
have to be  
responsible  
to following  
the rules or  
we risk  
losing the  
privilege.  
Especially  
in the  
upland  
paririe



35 Mar 05 2018  
01:43 PM

Thank you for being thoughtful and soliciting input from members on this topic. Before the bicycles, paved paths, and runners, Middleton had a lovely place to walk in a quiet way. Now, Middleton has no quiet walking place. I have lived here 54 years and have always loved the Conservancy. I rarely go there now.

36 Mar 05 2018  
01:39 PM

- 37 Mar 05 2018 01:18 PM I would also be OK with no dogs period. more education and strict enforcement needed
- 38 Mar 05 2018 01:11 PM I'm sad to see people allowing their dogs to play, drink and be off leash in the springs.
- 39 Mar 05 2018 01:04 PM My only comment is to keep up the great work! The Conservancy is our favorite place.
- 40 Mar 05 2018 12:31 PM

We must  
remind  
ourselves  
that this is a  
Conservanc  
y. It is not  
a Dog Park.  
Any  
alternative  
must have  
enforcemen  
t.

41 Mar 05 2018  
12:26 PM

Because  
the PBC is  
a  
Conservanc  
y and other  
conservanci  
es I'm the  
area have  
"no dog"  
policies, a  
reasonable  
and  
generous  
compromis  
e might be  
to allow  
dogs only  
on crushed  
limestone  
or asphalt  
trails and  
only on  
fixed six  
foot  
leashes.  
There are  
several  
readily  
accessible  
dog parks  
for dog  
owners who  
wish to give  
their pets  
freerer rein.

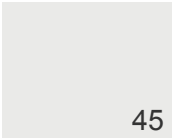
Mar 05 2018  
42 12:09 PM

It seems like it might be the coyotes that are killing the birds, not the dogs. I don't see many dogs running loose, and if they are they are just running on the trails.

43 Mar 05 2018 11:51 AM

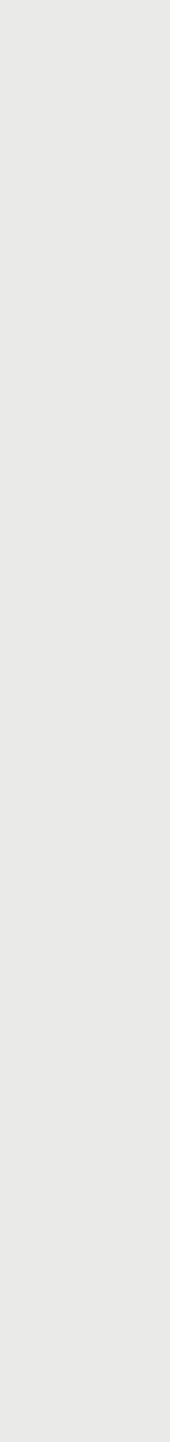
I am not a dog owner and notice that dog walkers do not always pick up their dogs droppings. Also, dogs are often left alone by neighbors which causes annoying loud barking

44 Mar 05 2018 11:46 AM



45 Mar 05 2018 11:33 AM

Where is  
the option  
to ban dogs  
altogether?



Engage the university in further research. Could there be foxes and wolves or owes responsible for decline in populations of ground nesters or could increased use by humans be at least as damaging to bird populations . Depriving responsible dog walkers from enjoying all parts of the conservanc y when we all pay taxes and contribute to the Friends for preservatio n activities seems to support an attitude of exclusivity at the very time we need more

I did not  
realize  
dogs were

I am new to  
this area  
and am  
amazed  
that dogs  
have such  
access to  
the  
Conservanc  
y. Some  
dog owners  
will always  
break the  
rules. I  
realize  
enforcemen  
t is  
problematic  
but I  
support  
limiting dog  
access as  
much as  
possible.

Mar 05 2018  
47 11:26 AM

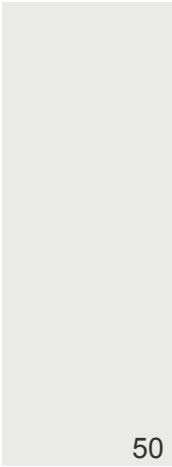


why is there not an option to exclude dogs from the northern (Dane County) portion of PBC entirely, as in other conservation parks throughout the area

48 Mar 05 2018 11:14 AM

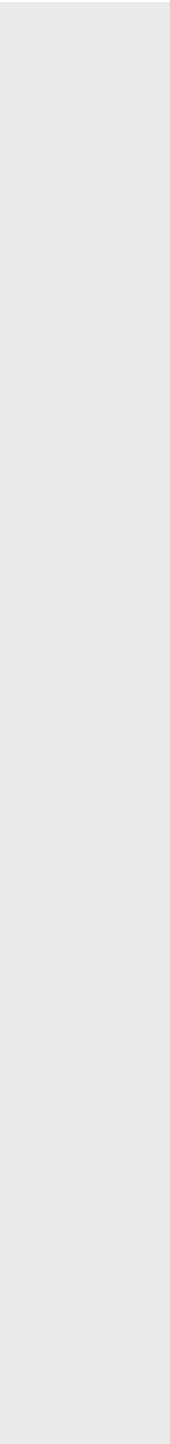
(noted in intro)? Please have adequate signage re: the pickup of all dog waste and the 6 ft leash rule. Adding additional garbage bins for this might help with the campaign.

49 Mar 05 2018 11:08 AM



50 Mar 05 2018  
10:36 AM

Outreach campaigns should follow best practices for community-based social marketing and track effectiveness of new policies.



I find people on bikes to be a far bigger issue to the peace and pedestrian safety in the PBC than people walking their dogs on leashes. Bird populations have been effected by numerous issues (development/habitat loss, pesticides and cats, over-lighting, invasive plant species, wind farms, radio antennas, power transmission lines and most of all a changing climate). To attempt to link bird pop. loss to responsible dog owners who are

52 Mar 05 2018 09:49 AM  
53 Mar 05 2018 09:40 AM  
54 Mar 05 2018 09:36 AM

There are plenty of alternatives for dog exercise. The purpose of conservancy is to foster an environment for wildlife not pets. Dogs can be walked almost everywhere . Birds depend on humans to save enough habitat so they can live. We owe them that much. No dogs north of limestone trail. Period  
No

Regardless of the policy, change or no change, effective enforcement mechanisms (besides other walkers) need to be in place.

Otherwise, there will be questionable change in violations, regardless of policy.

My wife and I would favor eliminating bicycle traffic on all the trails, as people speeding by are potential problems when walking with young children.

55 Mar 05 2018 09:34 AM

56 Mar 05 2018 09:32 AM

|    |                         |   |
|----|-------------------------|---|
| 57 | Mar 05 2018<br>09:28 AM | I think that<br>only by<br>banning<br>dogs will<br>the problem<br>be solved.    |
| 58 | Mar 05 2018<br>09:25 AM | I can<br>support<br>either<br>Option B or<br>C but would<br>prefer<br>Option B. |
| 59 | Mar 05 2018<br>09:22 AM | No  |

Thank you  
for sending  
this survey.  
I am  
concerned  
about the  
dog issue.  
As a  
runner, I  
have had  
some dogs  
lunge at me  
(even on  
leash), and  
have had  
seen some  
owners  
allow their  
dogs off  
leash. This  
is  
unacceptab  
le given the  
mission of  
the  
conservanc  
y. Most  
dog owners  
are  
responsible  
, but the  
few who  
are not are  
very  
disruptive.

Mar 05 2018  
60 09:15 AM

Possibly  
exclude  
dogs from  
grassy area  
leading to  
spring?  
Seems like  
a sensitive  
area. Also  
from  
riparian  
edges near  
waterways.  
Educational  
effort might  
be best with  
that. Install  
more dog  
refuse  
stations?

Mar 05 2018  
61 09:08 AM



There are quite a few dog owners who ignore the leash law. I'm not sure how you are going to be able to avoid this. There are also owners who do not pick up after their dogs. I love dogs, and enjoy meeting them on the trails. It's unfortunate that there are always a few who spoil things for the majority.

Mar 05 2018  
62 09:07 AM

People get out to walk because they want to give a dog exercise. That is what I support however that can continue. Walking a dog on a street sidewalk is not as pleasant as in conservancy, away from car traffic and noise.

63 Mar 05 2018 09:07 AM

|    |                         |   |
|----|-------------------------|---|
| 64 | Mar 05 2018<br>09:06 AM | A key issue is to educate dog owners (we are dog owners) about the importance of the leash rules, which apply even to "good dogs." Not a dog park. Primary concern should be for nesting birds and other wild life. |
| 65 | Mar 05 2018<br>09:01 AM | Love  |
| 66 | Mar 05 2018<br>09:01 AM | Pheasant Branch.  |

One of the assets of PBC is the conservancy's dog policy. Our dog is well-controlled, leashed, and not permitted to harass other users or wildlife. I support either better enforcement of the current policy or - if problem dogs/owners persist - the seasonal restrictions in nesting areas are an excellent compromise. Thanks!

Mar 05 2018  
67 08:57 AM

I support no  
dogs at all.  
Unfortunately,  
some people  
will not comply  
with reasonable  
restrictions  
so the only way  
to protect the  
area is a  
complete  
prohibition.

Mar 05 2018  
68 08:47 AM

Prefer no bikes.  
There are a few reckless bikers, who are always a pain, but even the polite ones act as though pedestrians are second-rate. To be constantly moving over at cries of "On your right!" "On your left!" takes some of the fun out of a quiet walk.

Mar 05 2018  
69 08:23 AM

Work with the City to create a task force to address invasive species (focusing on buckthorn and honeysuckle) BOTH on private and public land; with the aim of developing a long-range management plan for the entire City.

70 Mar 05 2018 08:10 AM

Better  
enforcemen  
t of people  
who allow  
their dogs  
to go off  
lease. That  
is the real  
problem for  
a host of  
reasons so  
I would  
recommend  
addressing  
that issue  
directly.

Mar 05 2018  
71 08:09 AM



The majority of individuals who answer this survey will most likely have no understanding of the wildlife, the populations, the declines, and the threat the even leashed dogs impose on wildlife, habitat, and water quality.

Mar 05 2018  
72 07:57 AM

This area should support a healthy pheasant population as it is prime habitat. If dogs are allowed in after the nesting season the birds will be chased to adjacent properties where they are being shot by local hunters. Additionally I would support planting some winter feed for the birds such as a millet plot.

Mar 05 2018  
73 07:48 AM

74 Mar 05 2018  
07:48 AM

A major educational effort is needed so users understand the basis of the leash or dog-ban regulations. Without enforcement, none of the recommendations will be adhered to by some

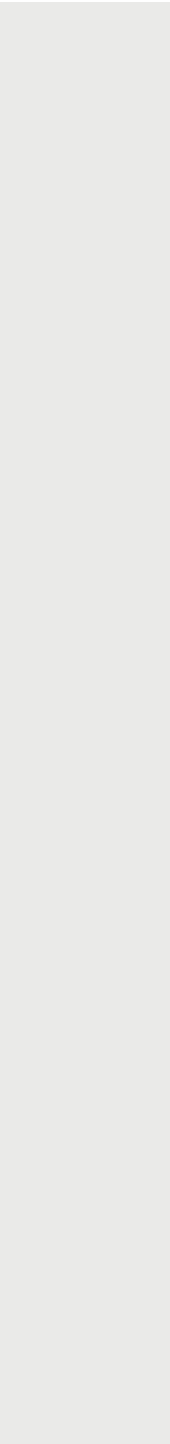
75 Mar 05 2018  
07:47 AM

walkers. Any data available regarding the implementation of a less restrictive to more restrictive

76 Mar 05 2018  
07:47 AM

approach elsewhere?

My other concern relates to the increased activity of bikers, esp those with the now more popular wide tire bikes, on sensitive trails. This includes but is not limited to the area north of the trail and around the hill, areas currently signed as 'no bikes'. If this is deemed a valid concern and if the decision is made to improve signage to address the dog issue, I suggest it also address the bike issue.



The idea of having the dog rules apply only for certain months will be confusing to people and hard to enforce. That's why I think a rule that limits year-round would be best to actually improve the wildlife conservation efforts. I've seen many responsible dog owners over the years, but I've also seen many not on leashes and countless instances of dog waste on or near the trail. I'm supportive of no dogs being allowed on the trails. Many

It is a hazard for both bike riders and the dogs to have them on the same trails. People sometimes don't have them under control. I've had to take a fall off my bike to avoid hitting a dog. There's a dog park not too many blocks away. No dogs on the trails anytime. Just like other areas of this type.

Mar 05 2018  
79 07:38 AM

80 Mar 05 2018  
07:20 AM

Support the efforts to curb negative impacts of dogs to birds and also public health and safety. Would like to see education on roaming/feral cats as well.

81 Mar 05 2018  
07:09 AM

With a dog park nearby, plus myriad other places to walk dogs, I would strongly prefer that dogs not be allowed in the Conservancy at all.