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September 25, 2026

Eric Otto
Senior Water Resources Engineer
Illinois Coastal Management Program
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Lake Michigan Programs
160 N. LaSalle Street, Suite S-703
Chicago, IL 60601

Subject: Illinois Coastal Management Federal Consistency Review – Wilmette Park District, Gillson Park Dog Beach Fence Upgrade

Dear Mr. Otto,

Wilmette Park District is seeking permits for the removal and replacement of the existing Gillson Dog Beach fence. The existing fence will be replaced with an updated fence that follows the same length and area. This replacement will not interfere with Lake Michigan's waterways or the community's ability to enjoy the lakefront. The total amount of fencing to be replaced is 340 feet. 24 additional feet will be added to create a corral to enter the beach.

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The beach will be closed for roughly two weeks while removal and installation take place. Following the removal of the existing fence and installation of the new fence the beach will be promptly reopened and ready for use.

The Park District believes the proposed activity complies with Illinois approved coastal management program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with such policies

Please contact me with any questions, requests or need for additional documentation.

Sincerely,



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Project Duration

Following all necessary approvals, approximately two weeks for removal and installation

Location

Gillson Park Beach, 800 Gillson Park Dr, Wilmette, IL 60091

Latitude: 42.08000 ° N | Longitude: -87.71452 ° W





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March 20, 2026

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District
ATTN: Regulatory Branch
231 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 1500
Chicago, IL 60604

Subject: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Gillson Park Dog Beach Fencing Upgrade Project

To Whom it May Concern,

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Attachments:

- #1 – U.S. Army Corps Joint Permit Application (submitted separately)
- #2 – Project plans and fencing diagrams
- #3 – Location map and aerial imagery
- #4 – Neighboring properties

JOINT APPLICATION FORM FOR ILLINOIS

ITEMS 1 AND 2 FOR AGENCY USE

1. Application Number	2. Date Received
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3. and 4. (SEE SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS) NAME, MAILING ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS		
3a. Applicant's Name: Anna Murray Company Name (if any): Wilmette Park District Address: 3555 Lake Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091 Email Address:	3b. Co-Applicant/Property Owner Name (if needed or if different from applicant): Josh Wallace Company Name (if any): Wilmette Park District Address: 3555 Lake Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091 Email Address:	4. Authorized Agent (an agent is not required): Company Name (if any): Address: Email Address:
Applicant's Phone Nos. w/area code Business: Residence: Cell: Fax:	Applicant's Phone Nos. w/area code Business: Residence: Cell: Fax:	Agent's Phone Nos. w/area code Business: Residence: Cell: Fax:

STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION

I hereby authorize, _____ to act in my behalf as my agent in the processing of this application and to furnish, upon request, supplemental information in support of this permit application.

 Applicant's Signature

 Date

5. ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS (Upstream and Downstream of the water body and within Visual Reach of Project)		
Name a. See Attached Sheet b. c. d.	Mailing Address	Phone No. w/area code

6. PROJECT TITLE:
Gillson Park Dog Beach Fencing Upgrade

7. PROJECT LOCATION:					
LATITUDE: 42.08000 °N LONGITUDE: -87.68550 °W	UTM's Northing: 4,658,500 m N Easting: 443,200 m E				
STREET, ROAD, OR OTHER DESCRIPTIVE LOCATION 800 Gillson Park Dr	LEGAL DESCRIP	QUARTER SE	SECTION 32	TOWNSHIP NO. T41N	RANGE R13E
☒ IN OR ☐ NEAR CITY OF TOWN (check appropriate box) Municipality Name Village of Wilmette		WATERWAY Lake Michigan			RIVER MILE (if applicable)
COUNTY Cook	STATE IL	ZIP CODE 60091			

<p>8. PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Include all features): Wilmette Park District is seeking permitting for the installation of an updated fence for our dog beach on the south end of Gillson Park Beach along Lake Michigan. The proposed five-foot-high chain-link fence will be installed without concrete footings, with posts driven directly into the clay substrate to the point of refusal. 190' of fencing will extend from west to east, replacing the existing fencing. 60 feet of fencing will continue from north to south, replacing the existing fence. Another 90 feet of fencing will continue west to east to enclose this area and keep dogs within the boundaries. We are adding an additional 24 feet to create an enclosed corral. There will be two entrance gates for the corral, one to enter the corral, and an additional to enter the beach. On the west end of the fence there will be a double entrance gate to allow maintenance crews to enter the area. As Gillson Park is public space, residents and non-residents will continue to be able to walk the Lake Michigan shoreline without encountering a barrier. A site plan is attached to show the existing conditions and the exact replacement of fencing.</p>													
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<p>COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FOUR BLOCKS IF DREDGED AND/OR FILL MATERIAL IS TO BE DISCHARGED</p>													
<p>10. REASON(S) FOR DISCHARGE: N/A</p>													
<p>11. TYPE(S) OF MATERIAL BEING DISCHARGED AND THE AMOUNT OF EACH TYPE IN CUBIC YARDS FOR WATERWAYS: TYPE: N/A AMOUNT IN CUBIC YARDS: N/A</p>													
<p>12. SURFACE AREA IN ACRES OF WETLANDS OR OTHER WATERS FILLED (See Instructions) N/A</p>													
<p>13. DESCRIPTION OF AVOIDANCE, MINIMIZATION AND COMPENSATION (See instructions) N/A</p>													
<p>14. Date activity is proposed to commence Upon approval of all permitting requirements</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date activity is expected to be completed Work should be completed within two weeks once released</p>													
<p>15. Is any portion of the activity for which authorization is sought now complete? Yes ☐ No ☒ NOTE: If answer is "YES" give reasons in the Project Description and Remarks section. Indicate the existing work on drawings.</p> <p>Month and Year the activity was completed</p>													
<p>16. List all approvals or certification and denials received from other Federal, interstate, state, or local agencies for structures, construction, discharges or other activities described in this application.</p>													
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<p>17. CONSENT TO ENTER PROPERTY LISTED IN PART 7 ABOVE IS HEREBY GRANTED. Yes ☒ No ☐</p>													
<p>18. APPLICATION VERIFICATION (SEE SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS) Application is hereby made for the activities described herein. I certify that I am familiar with the information contained in the application, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, such information is true, complete, and accurate. I further certify that I possess the authority to undertake the proposed activities</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>_____</p> <p>Signature of Applicant or Authorized Agent</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: right;"> <p>March 06, 2026</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Date</p> <p>March 06, 2026</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Date</p> </div> </div>													

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADDRESS

LOCATION MAP

See attached location map.

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PLAN VIEW

See attached plan view documents.

FOR AGENCY USE ONLY

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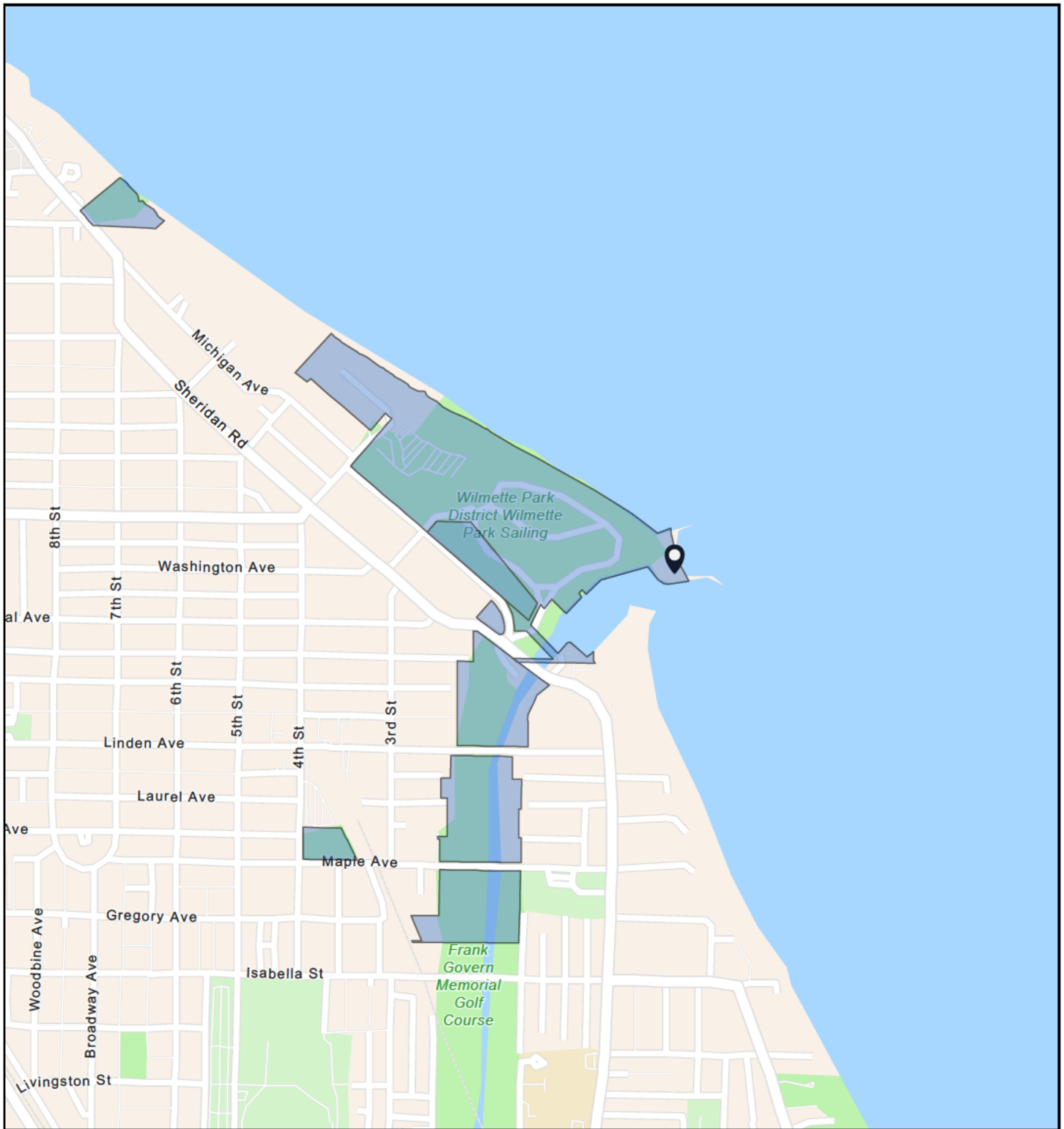
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WPD Properties



3/6/2026

 WPD Parks



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0 0.17 0.35 0.7 km

Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

Wilmette Park District

Location: Gillson Park Dog Beach, 800 Gillson Park Dr, Wilmette, IL 60091

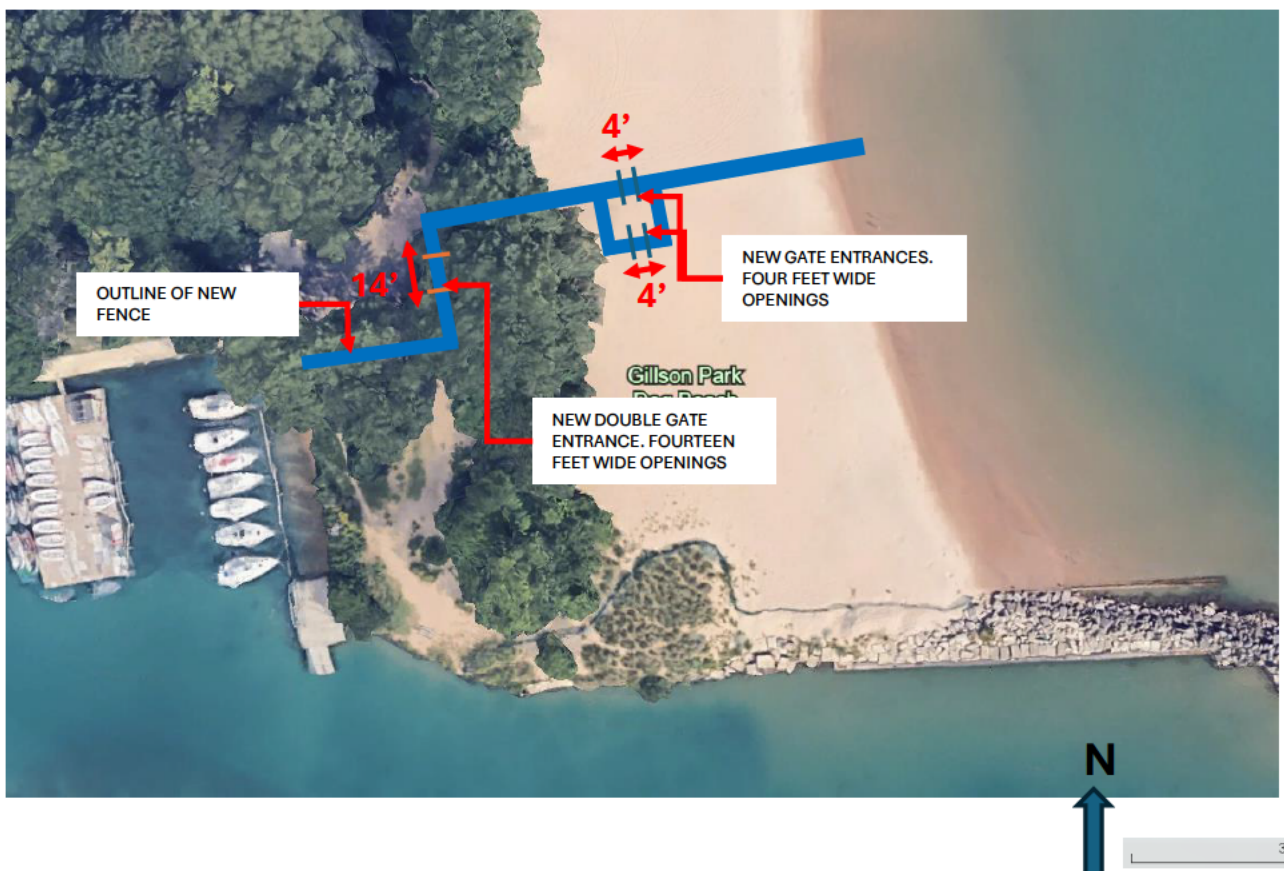
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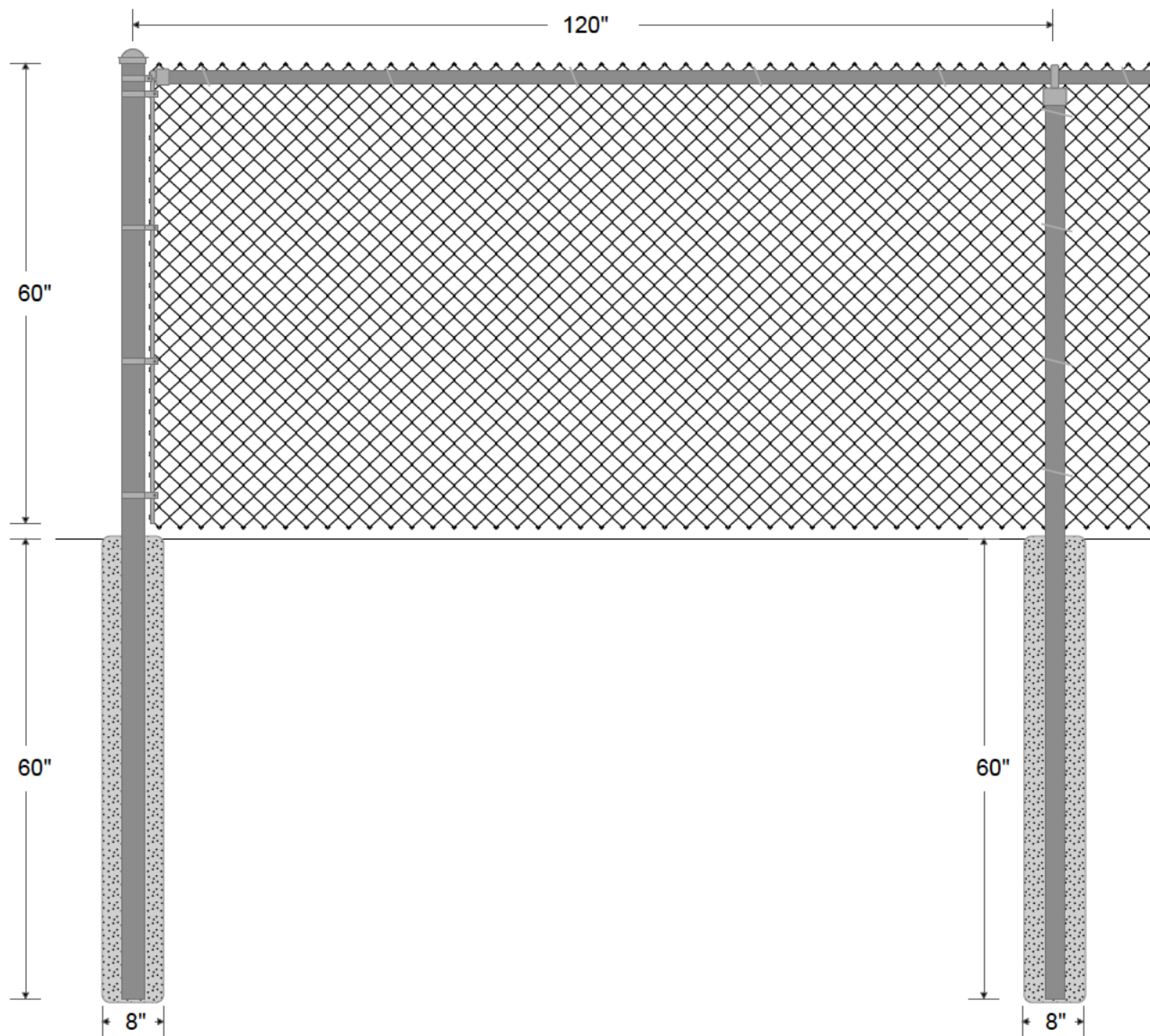
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Updated Fence





FABRIC: 60" 8 GA. / 9 GA. CORE
COLOR (2" Mesh) K&K FUSED & BONDED.

TOP RAIL: 1 5/8" O.D. VINYL
COLORGUARD SS-40 PIPE, 1.84 lbs.
per foot. Top rail 21' in length,
joined with 1 5/8" COLORGUARD VINYL
SLEEVE.

LINE POST: 2 1/2" O.D. VINYL
COLORGUARD SS-40 PIPE CUT POST,
3.15 lbs. per foot. Line posts set
10' on center maximum spacing.

TERMINAL POST: 3" O.D. VINYL
COLORGUARD SS-40 PIPE CUT POST,
4.64 lbs. per foot.

FITTINGS: COLORGUARD VINYL REGULAR
BRACE BAND & CARRIAGE BOLT,
COLORGUARD VINYL STEEL RAIL-END,
COLORGUARD VINYL STEEL LOOP CAP,
COLORGUARD VINYL STEEL CAP, 3/16" X
5/8" TENSION BAR, COLORGUARD VINYL
REGULAR TENSION BAND & CARRIAGE
BOLT.

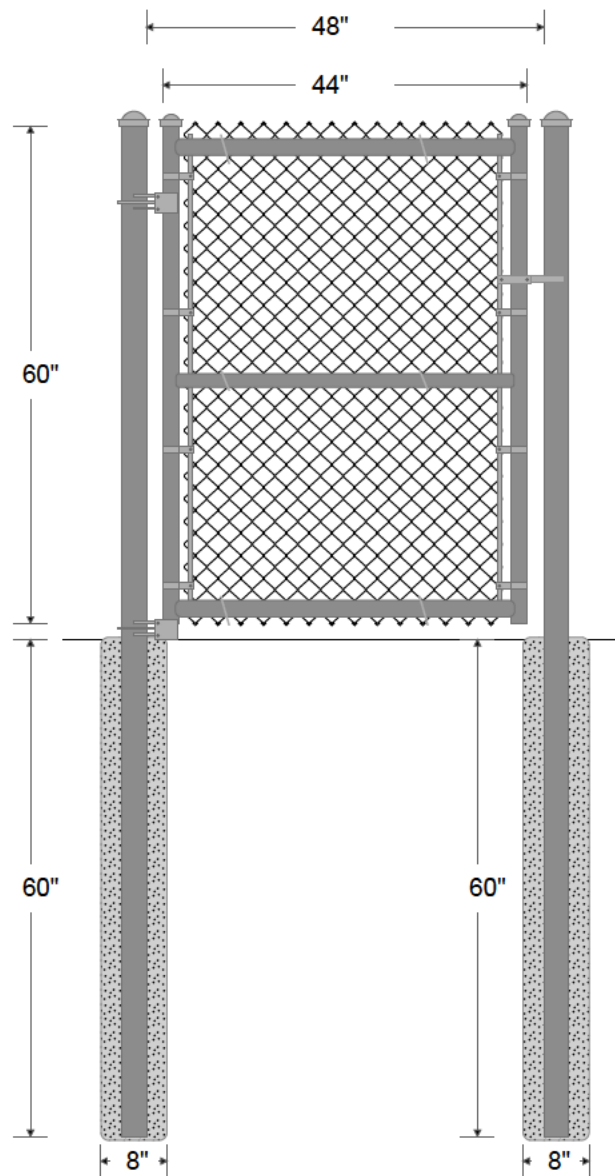
TIE WIRE: 9 1/2" 9 GA. ALUMINUM TIE
WIRE & 6 1/2" 9 GA. VINYL ALUM TIE
WIRE spaced 15" on center for line
posts & 24" on center for rails.

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FENCE & SUPPLY

PEERLESS FENCE CO.
200 W River Dr.
SAINT CHARLES, IL 60174
630-584-7710

LINE OF FENCE

Drawn: 08/21/2025
File: 2025WilmetteDogPark5'HP



FABRIC: 60" 8 GA. / 9 GA. CORE
COLOR (2" Mesh) K&K FUSED & BONDED.

GATES: SINGLE SWING GATE: Framework
of 2" VINYL COLORGUARD SS-15 PIPE,
2.28 lbs. per foot.

Gates braced and trussed as
necessary. Same fabric as fence.

GATE POST: SINGLE SWING GATE: 3"
O.D. VINYL COLORGUARD SS-40 PIPE
CUT POST, 4.64 lbs. per foot.

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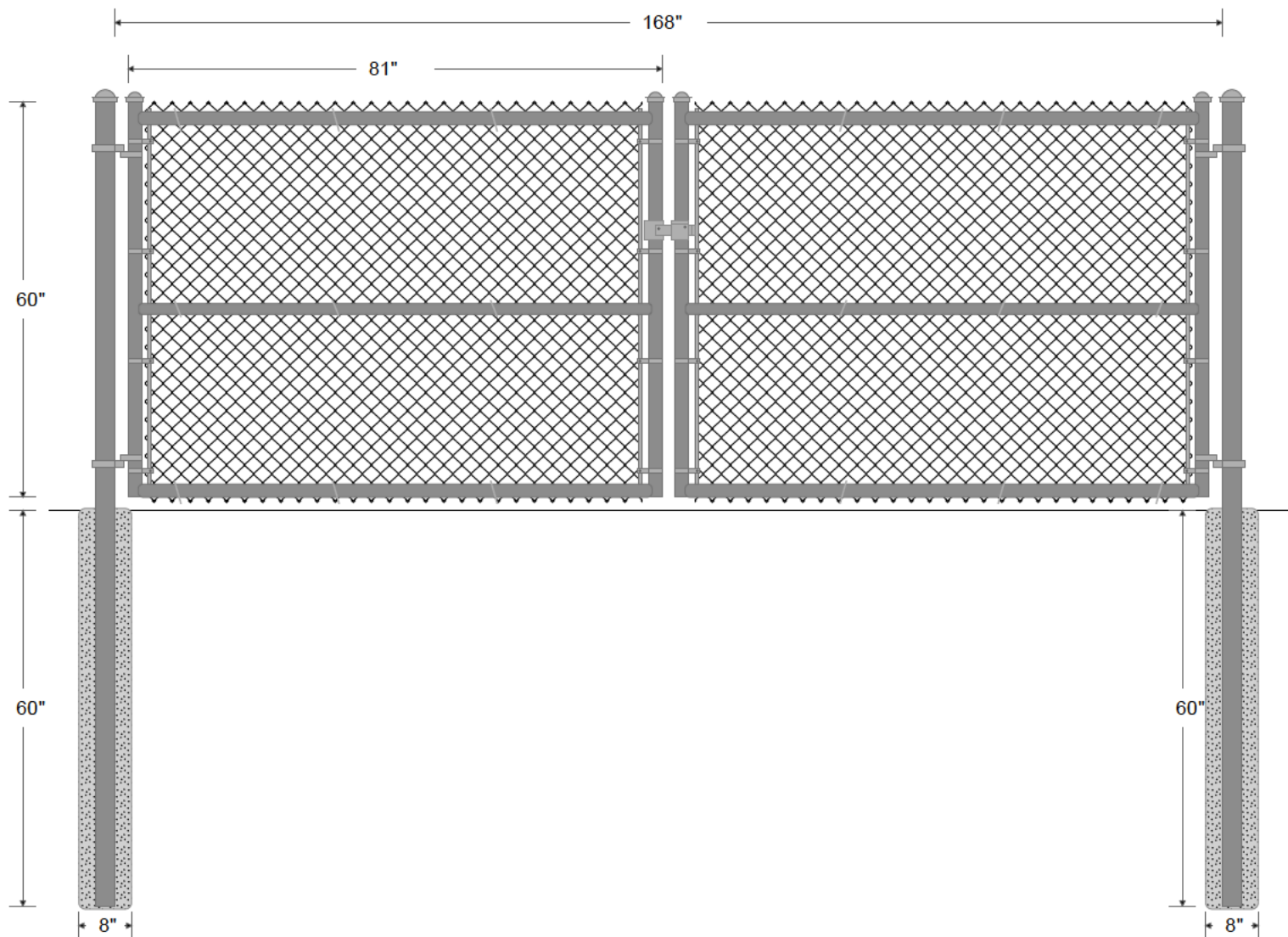
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4' SINGLE GATE, 2" VINYL COLORGUARD SS-15 PIPE

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14' DOUBLE GATE, 2" VINYL COLORGUARD SS-15 PI

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Wilmette Park District
Gillson Park Dog Beach Fencing Upgrade
Location of Project: 800 Gillson Park Dr, Wilmette, IL 60091
Adjacent Property Owners

List of property owners:

1. **WILLIAM MARTIN & JEANNE KELSO,**
 - a.
2. **WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT, LAKEVIEW CENTER,**
 - a.
3. **MICHIGAN SHORES CLUB,**
 - a.
4. **NSA BAHA IS OF THE US,**
 - a.
5. **JOHN WATROUS,**
 - a.
6. **OLD CHICAGO LLC,**
 - a.
7. **NATL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBL,**
 - a.
8. **CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST,**
 - a.
9. **WILLIAM T O'DONNELL JR,**
 - a.
10. **STEPHEN V KING,**
 - a.
11. **CHRISTOPHER WRIGHT,**
 - a.
12. **MARTIN THEODORE,**
 - a.
13. **RESIDENT,**
 - a.