



Office of Water Resources, Michael A. Bilandic Building, 160 N. LaSalle St., S-703, Chicago, IL 60601

March 26, 2026

Application No. C20260006

Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources
Public Notice

**Removal of existing fencing and installation of new fencing,
in Lake Michigan, at 800 Gillson Park Drive, Wilmette, IL 60091**

The Wilmette Park District, 3555 Lake Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois 60091, has applied for an Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources permit for the removal of existing fencing and installation of new fencing at Gillson Park Dog Beach, in Lake Michigan, at 800 Gillson Park Drive, Wilmette, Illinois 60091.

The existing fence is 340 ft. long and will be removed. The proposed fence will be 364 ft. long. 340 ft. of the proposed fence will replace the existing fence in the same location. 24 ft. of the proposed fence will be added to create an enclosed corral. The proposed fence will consist of a 5 ft. high chain-link fence without concrete footings. The fence posts will be driven directly into clay substrate to the point of refusal. There will be two 48 in. gated openings to enter and exit the corral. There will be one 168 in. gated opening to allow for maintenance. The proposed project will be reviewed using the Department's Part 3704 Rules. A location map and plans are attached to this notice.

No work is to start on this project unless and until such a time that the permit is issued.

Inquiries and comments regarding the proposed project can be directed to Eric Otto, Senior Water Resources Engineer, of the Chicago Office at IDNR/OWR, 160 N. LaSalle Street, Suite S-703, Chicago, Illinois 60601 or eric.otto@illinois.gov.

An expanded version of the public notice can be viewed at <https://dnr.illinois.gov/waterresources/publicnotices.html>.

The signatures, email addresses, and phone numbers of the applicant, co-applicant (if any), and authorized agent (if any) are redacted from this public notice. The mailing addresses and phone numbers of adjoining and adjacent property owners are redacted from this public notice.

Comments will be accepted through **April 27, 2026**.



Anna Murray
Parks Planner
3555 Lake Ave
Wilmette, Illinois 60091

March 6, 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 Department of Natural Resources Permitting – Gillson Park Dog Beach Fencing Upgrade Project

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.

The proposed fence is a five-foot-high chain-link fence installed without concrete footings, with posts driven directly into 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.

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.



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

Sincerely,

Anna Murray
Parks Planner
3555 Lake Ave
Wilmette, Illinois 60091

Project Description

The purpose of this project is to update and install a new permitted fence for our dog beach area along the shore of Lake Michigan. The update and permitting of this fence will allow this area of Gillson beach to continue operating as an off-leash dog beach for both residents and non-residents.

Location

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

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

Project Duration

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

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	Mailing Address	Phone No. w/area code
a. See Attached Sheet		
b.		
c.		
d.		

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										
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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.

9. PURPOSE AND NEED OF PROJECT:
 The purpose of this project is to update and install a new permitted fence for our dog beach area along the shore of Lake Michigan. The update and permitting of this fence will allow this area of Gillson beach to continue operating as an off-leash dog beach for both residents and non-residents.

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FOUR BLOCKS IF DREDGED AND/OR FILL MATERIAL IS TO BE DISCHARGED

10. REASON(S) FOR DISCHARGE:
 N/A

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

12. SURFACE AREA IN ACRES OF WETLANDS OR OTHER WATERS FILLED (See Instructions)
 N/A

13. DESCRIPTION OF AVOIDANCE, MINIMIZATION AND COMPENSATION (See instructions)
 N/A

14. Date activity is proposed to commence
 Upon approval of all permitting requirements
 Date activity is expected to be completed
 Work should be completed within two weeks once released

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.
 Month and Year the activity was completed

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.

Issuing Agency	Type of Approval	Identification No.	Date of Application	Date of Approval	Date of Denial

17. CONSENT TO ENTER PROPERTY LISTED IN PART 7 ABOVE IS HEREBY GRANTED. Yes No

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.

 Date
 March 06, 2026

 Date
 March 06, 2026

 Date

 Signature of Applicant or Authorized Agent

- Corps of Engineers Revised 2010
 IL Dep't of Natural Resources
 IL Environmental Protection Agency
 Applicant's Copy

LOCATION MAP

See attached location map.

Revised 2010

Corps of Engineers

IL Dep't of Natural Resources

IL Environmental Protection Agency

Applicant's Copy

PLAN VIEW

See attached plan view documents.

FOR AGENCY USE ONLY

Revised 2010

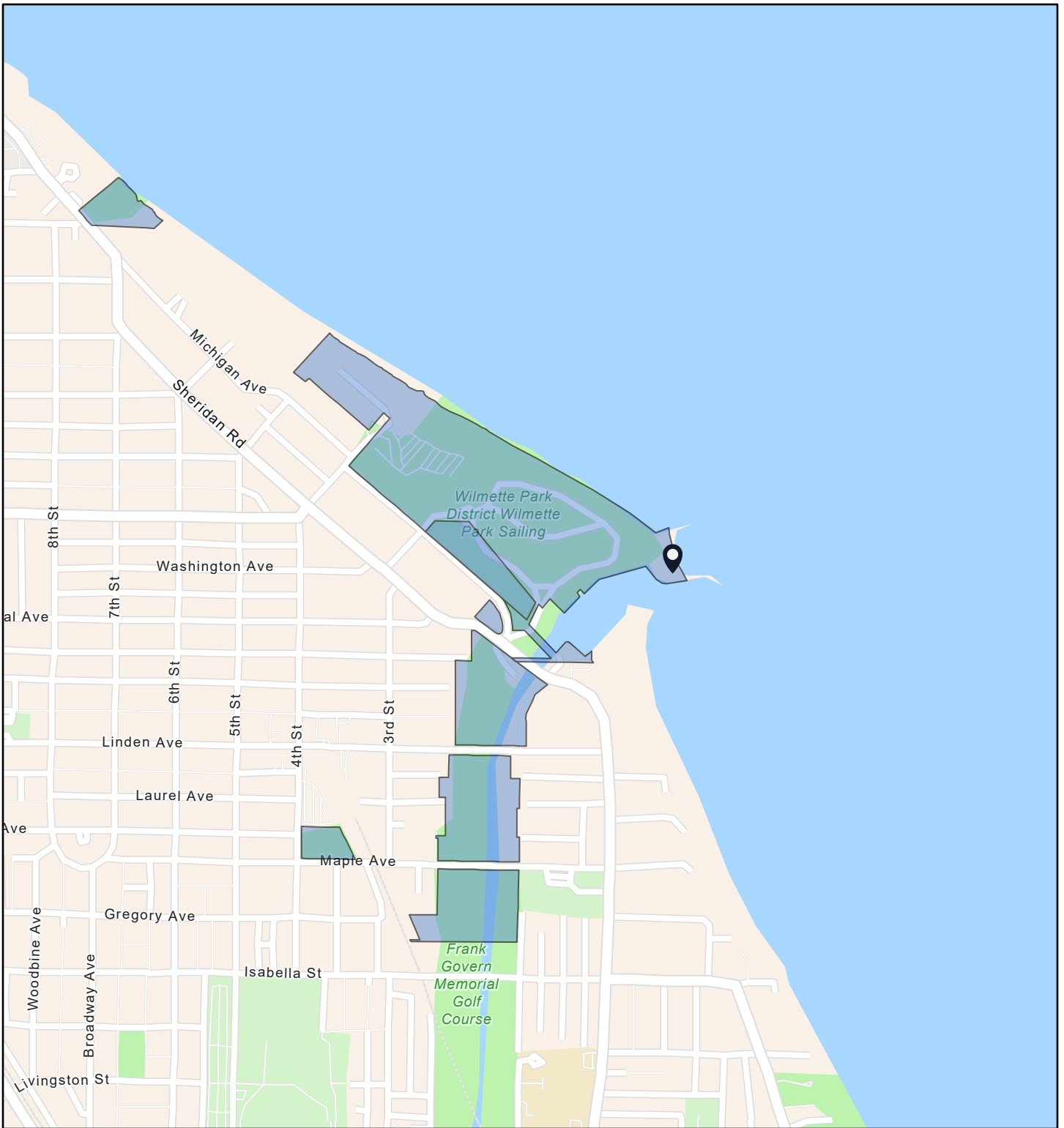
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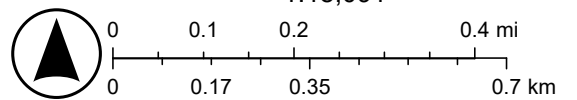
WPD Properties



3/6/2026

 WPD Parks

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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

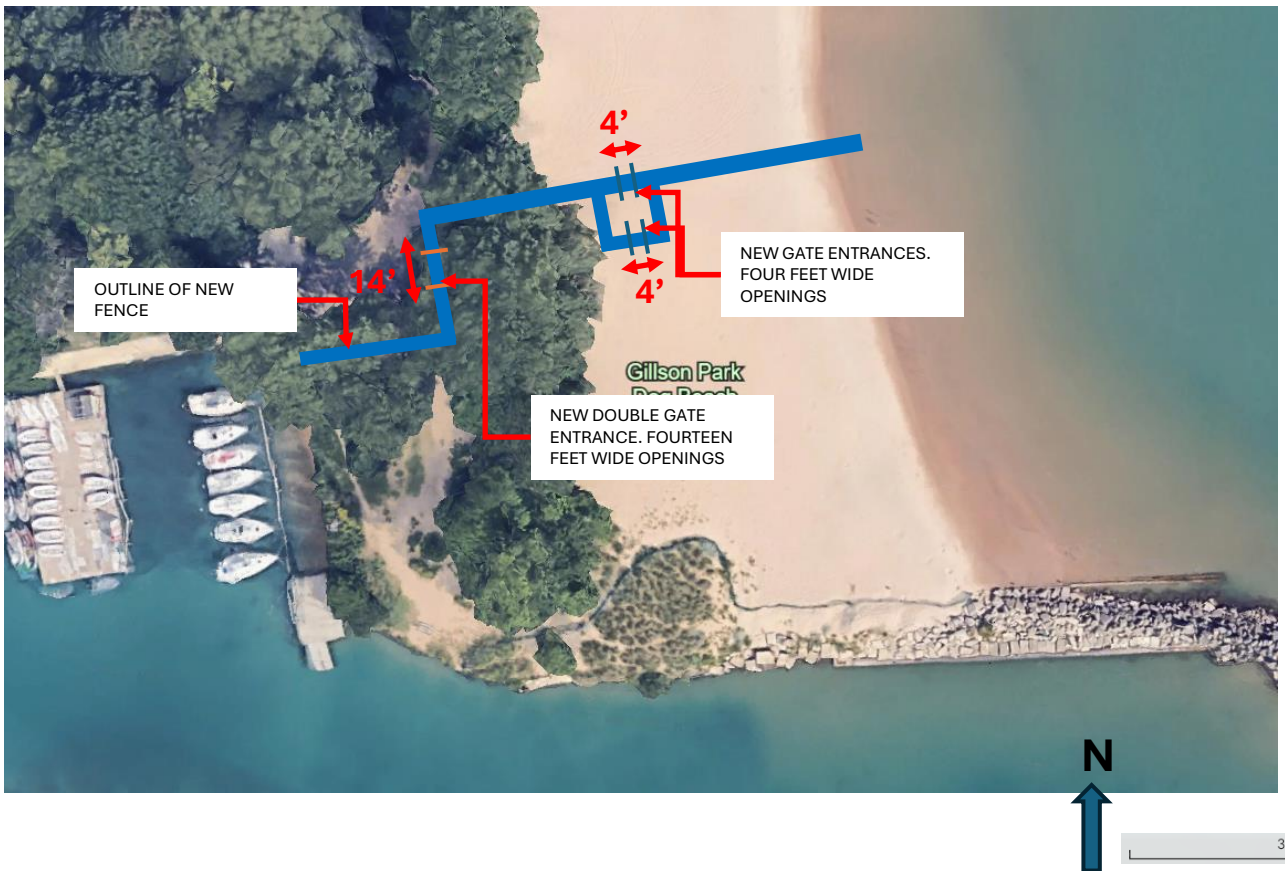
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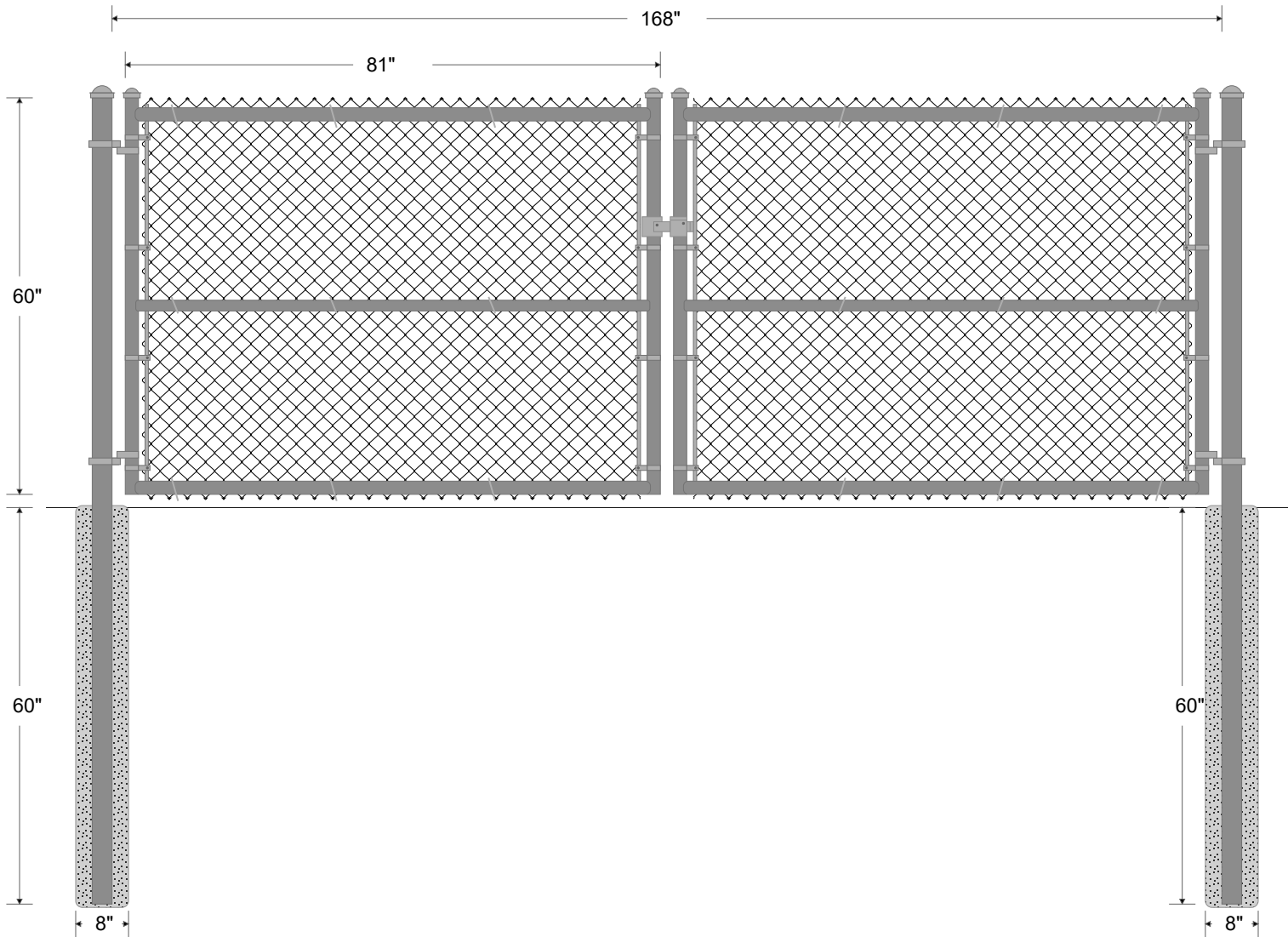
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Longitude: -87.68550



Updated Fence





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

GATES: DOUBLE 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.

FITTINGS: COLORGUARD VINYL REGULAR
 BRACE BAND & CARRIAGE BOLT,
 COLORGUARD VINYL STEEL RAIL-END,
 COLORGUARD VINYL STEEL LOOP CAP,
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 REGULAR TENSION BAND & CARRIAGE
 BOLT.

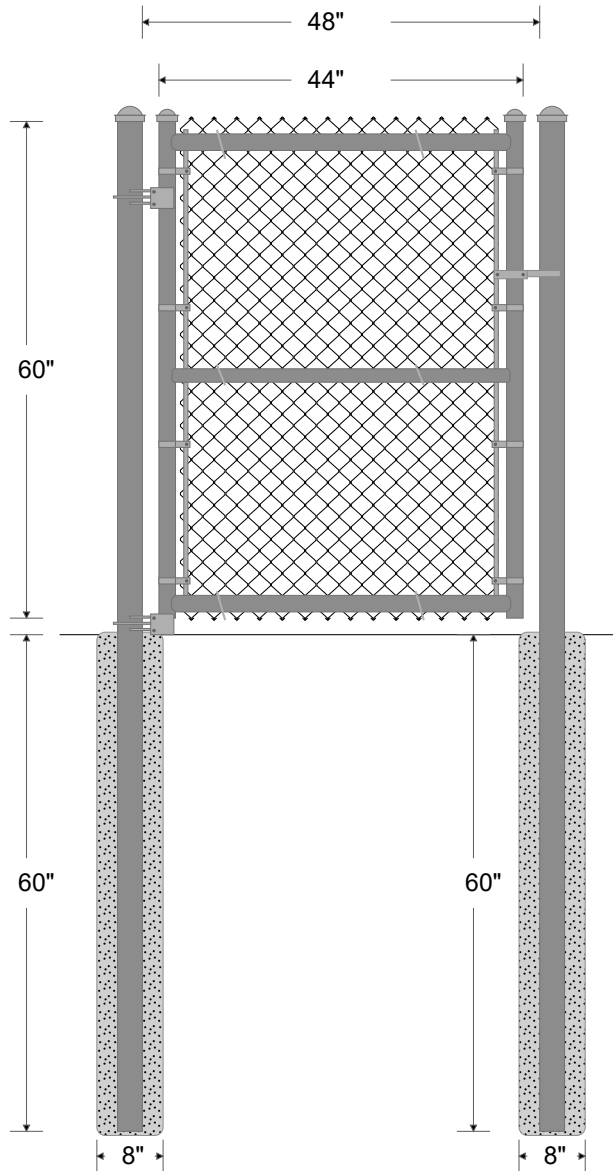
TIE WIRE: 9 1/2" 9 GA. ALUMINUM TIE
 WIRE & 6 1/2" 9 GA. VINYL ALUM TIE
 WIRE spaced 15" on center for line
 posts & 24" on center for rails.

PEERLESS
 FENCE & SUPPLY

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

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

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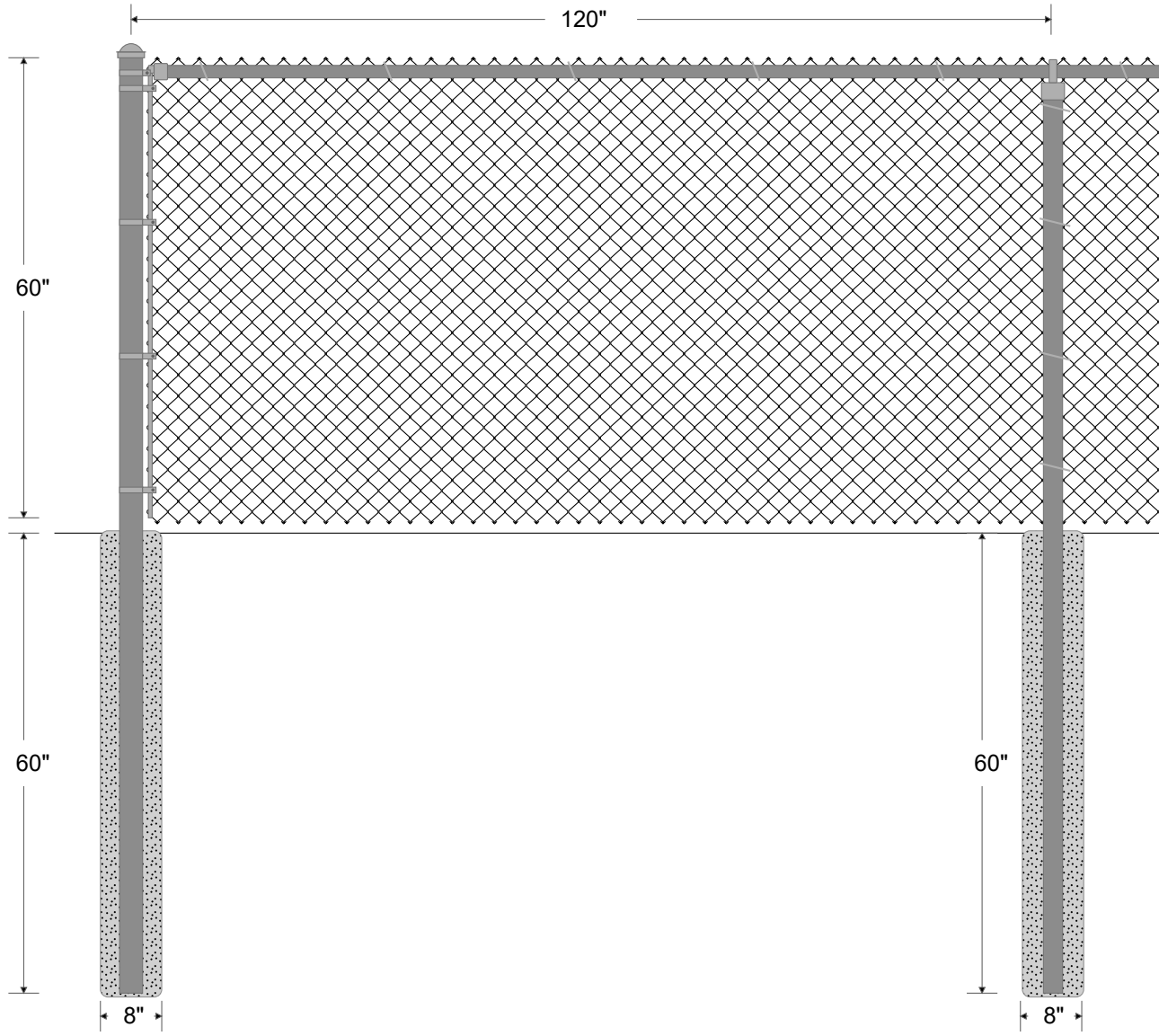
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4' SINGLE GATE, 2" VINYL COLORGUARD SS-15 PIPE

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



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
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LINE OF FENCE

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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, 1000 MICHIGAN AVE, WILMETTE, IL 60091**
 - a. **BILLING:**
2. **WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT, LAKEVIEW CENTER, 800 GILLSON PARK DR, WILMETTE, IL 60091**
 - a. **BILLING:**
3. **MICHIGAN SHORES CLUB, 911 MICHIGAN AVE, WILMETTE, IL 60091**
 - a. **BILLING:**
4. **NSA BAHAI IS OF THE US, 536 SHERIDAN RD, WILMETTE, IL 60091**
 - a. **BILLING:**
5. **JOHN WATROUS, 516 SHERIDAN RD, WILMETTE, IL 60091**
 - a. **BILLING:**
6. **OLD CHICAGO LLC, 510 SHERIDAN RD, WILMETTE, IL 60091**
 - a. **BILLING:**
7. **NATL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBL, 100 LINDEN AVE, WILMETTE, IL 60091**
 - a. **BILLING:**
8. **CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST, 430 SHERIDAN RD, WILMETTE, IL 60091**
 - a. **BILLING:**
9. **WILLIAM T O'DONNELL JR, 32 LINDEN CT, WILMETTE, IL 60091**
 - a. **BILLING:**
10. **STEPHEN V KING, 10 CANTERBURY CT, WILMETTE, IL 60091**
 - a. **BILLING:**
11. **CHRISTOPHER WRIGHT, 3 CANTERBURY CT, WILMETTE, IL 60091**
 - a. **BILLING:**
12. **MARTIN THEODORE, 1 CANTERBURY CT, WILMETTE, IL 60091**
 - a. **BILLING:**
13. **RESIDENT, 729 ROSLYN PL, EVANSTON, IL 60201**
 - a. **BILLING:**