



Client: Friends of Ronan Park  
Dorchester

Designer: Charlotte Fleetwood

Design  
Completion: March 2008



Ronan Park is an 11-acre park in the Fields Corner section of Dorchester with spectacular views of Dorchester Bay. In March 2006, several members of the Ronan Park community came together to brainstorm ideas that would bring neighbors together to make the park more enjoyable and safer for everyone. The neighborhood discussions resulted in a decision to create a dog recreation area in an unused corner of the park.

COG designer Charlotte Fleetwood worked closely with the Friends of Ronan Park and the Boston Parks Department to plan the 6,000 square foot off-leash dog recreation space. After many community meetings and visits to off-leash dog parks in New York City and elsewhere, her dog park concept received unanimous approval by the neighbors and the Boston Parks

and Recreation Commission. Kenneth Crasko, Chief Landscape Architect for the Boston Parks Department, said, “All parties can be served by a space as well conceived as RoDogRun. It’s a simple plan that’s realistic for the community to manage,” he continued, “a workable plan that fits into the site.”

The Friends of Ronan Park received a seed grant from Boston’s Small Changes Fund. They are continuing to fundraise so that a new dog park can become a valued feature of the park as soon as possible.

