



**FEMA**

August 31, 2023

Sima Merick, Executive Director  
Ohio Emergency Management Agency  
2855 West Dublin-Granville Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43235

Dear Executive Director Merick:

Thank you for your correspondence to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 5 office. The Ohio Emergency Management Agency's request to install a dog park that will be contained within a chain-link fence, on parcels acquired with Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Flood Mitigation Assistance grant funds is approved.

Project	Address	Parcel
FMA-PJ-05-OH-2017-010 Ottawa Acquisition	221 North Perry Ottawa, OH 45875	32.006070.0000
FEMA-1656-DR-OH 1656.03 Village of Ottawa Acquisition Residential	438 West Third Street Ottawa, OH 45878	32.006110.0000
FEMA-1720-DR-OH 1720.05 Village of Ottawa Acquisition/Demolition	442 West Third Street Ottawa, OH 45875	32.006120.0000
FEMA-4002-DR-OH 4002.10 Village of Ottawa Acquisition/Demolition	404 West Third Street Ottawa, OH 45875	32-006080.0000 32-006090.0000
	440 West Third Street Ottawa, OH 45878	32.006111.0000

The Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), Title 44, § 80.19 allows for the development of parks for outdoor recreational activities, provided that the natural functioning of the floodplain is not impeded. The proposed dog park is compatible with open space requirements, and the proposed chain link fencing is only permitted to be installed in the flood fringe, not the floodway. This approval does not supersede the open space requirements, and all other uses of the properties must comply with 44 C.F.R. § 80.19 and local and state permitting requirements.

Should you have any questions, please have your staff contact Tselane Morgan-Hatter at 202-615-6652 or [tselane.morganhatter@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:tselane.morganhatter@fema.dhs.gov).

Sincerely,

*for*

Mary Beth Caruso  
Mitigation Division Director

CC: Steve Ferryman, State Hazard Mitigation Officer