



Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

Dogs in Parks Strategy Report Reference

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➔ **BACKGROUND**

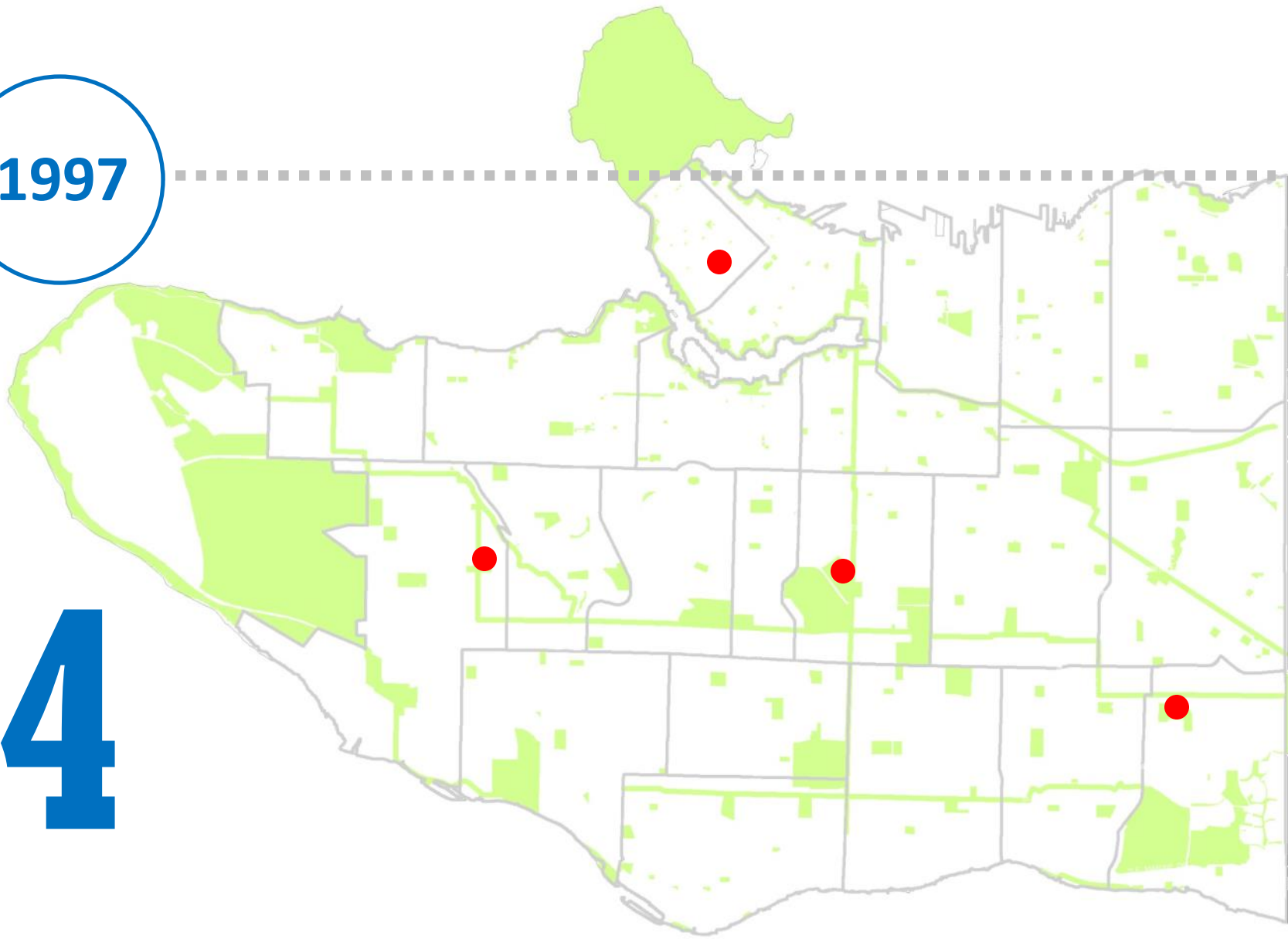
➔ **DOGS IN PARKS STRATEGY**

➔ **TIMELINE AND NEXT STEPS**



1997

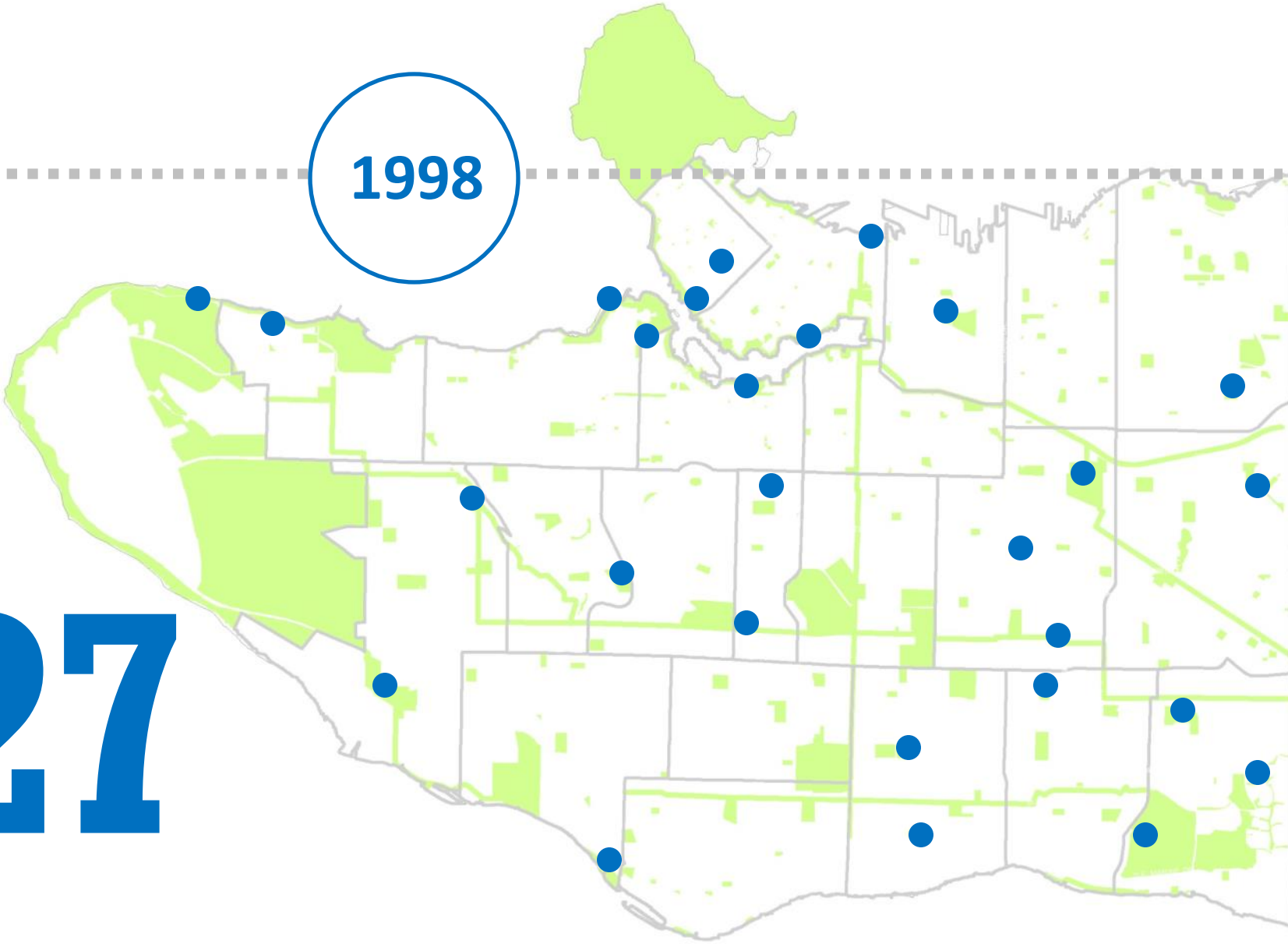
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1998

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2003

Park Board approved funding for survey and research



Support for OLAs ?

OLA usage ?

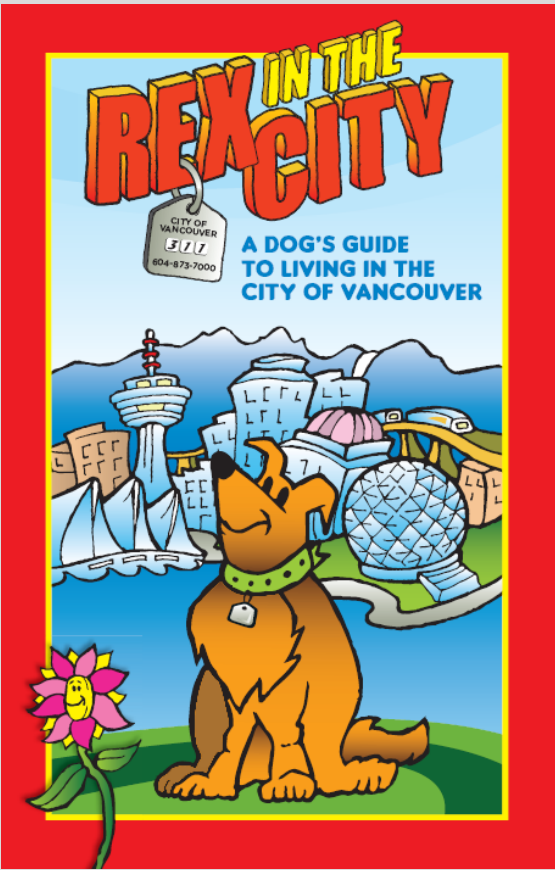
Compliance ?

Complaints ?



2005

Park Board & Animal Services initiated education and enforcement





2006

Dog Strategy Task Force approved by Park Board

2008

2010

Suggestions used in the development of several dog parks (physically separated)

Infrastructure improvements:
physical separation of off-leash areas

Education: improvements needed and with enforcement



2011

Park Board endorsed
Draft Principles for the
35 OLAs

AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR PARK SYSTEM

NEEDS TO WORK FOR ALL USERS

PHYSICAL SEPARATION

GOOD DESIGN

CAREFULLY PLACED IN PARKS

STRATEGICALLY LOCATED ACROSS CITY

EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT

PART OF PARK PLANNING



2012

LOCATION

RULES

COMMUNICATION

DESIGN

ENCLOSURE

Park Board approved **Guidelines** for off-leash areas drawing on the principles, public feedback, and experience

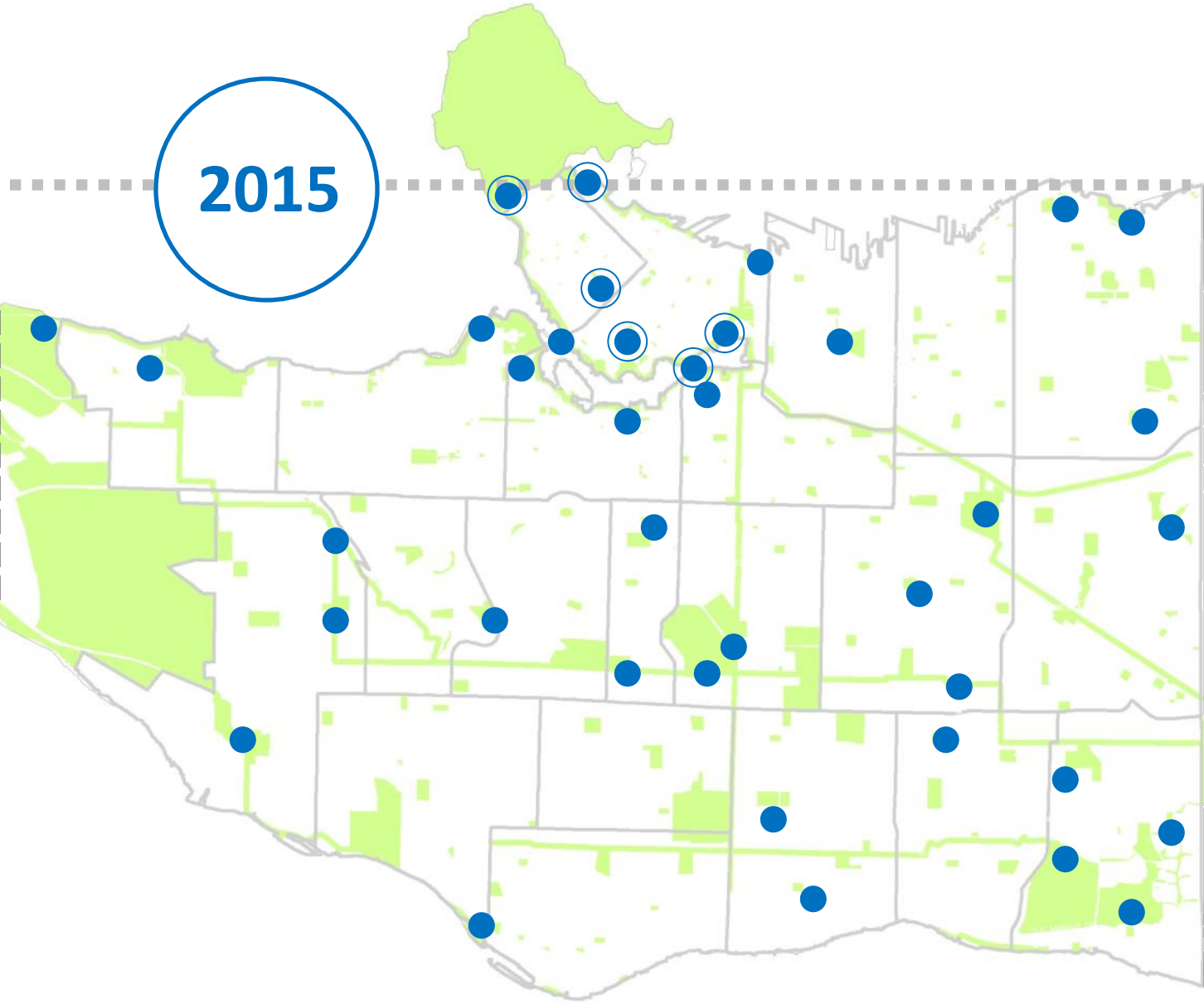


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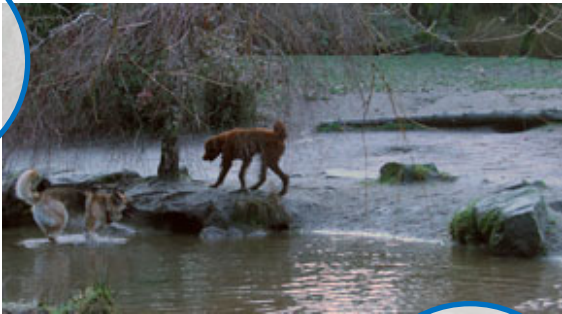
Devonian



Nelson



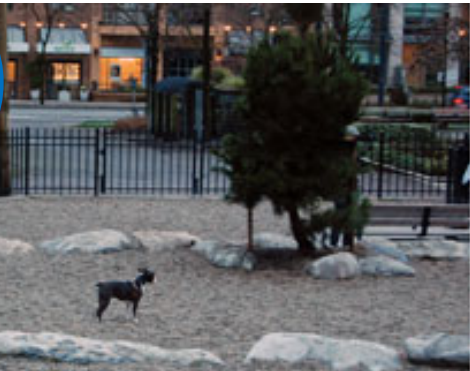
Hinge



Musqueam



Emery Barnes





Dogs in Parks Strategy >> scope of work

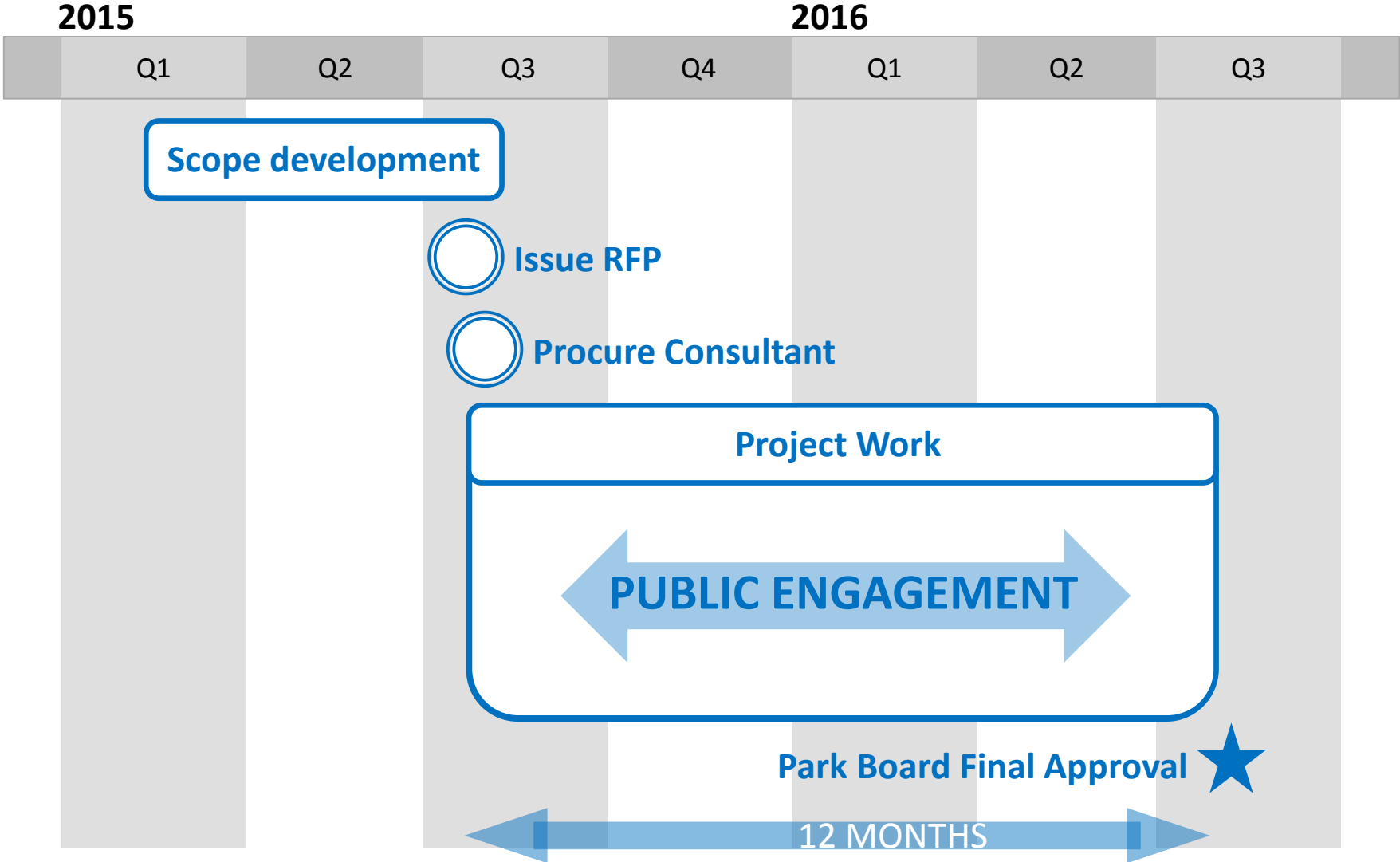
1. Understand what we have now
2. What others are doing
3. Identify the gaps and needs
4. Develop a plan to respond to needs
5. Implementation plan

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT





Dogs in Parks Strategy >> timeline





Dogs in Parks Strategy >> outcomes

- Engaged public
- Understanding of the demands and needs
- Accommodating dogs in our parks
- Balancing needs of all parks users
- Communication Plan
- Implementation Plan





QUESTIONS

