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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of The Somerville Dog Owners group and their efforts to incorporate off-leash recreation spaces for dogs in the Middlesex Fells Trail Plan.

I believe there is a significant demand for off-leash spaces by dog owners and there is a way to accommodate pet owners in a responsible way within the Fells. Through smart planning, I believe it is possible for both dog owners and those without dogs to maximize their enjoyment of the Fells, while protecting the sensitive environment within this wonderful natural resource.

I appreciate your attention to this issue and I hope you give full consideration to the request for off-leash recreation within the Middlesex Fells.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carl Sciortino'.

Carl Sciortino