ANYTOWN MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Debra Dorchester, Police Chief

RE: Park Proposal, Site Safety

When considering turning the existing vacant site into a public park, the following things should be considered:

- The lack of paved roadway on the east and south borders of the area in question present a problem for patrolling the area effectively.
- There is no direct sight-line into the entire area due to vegetation growth.
- Hours of operation must be considered, as well as enforcing those hours. Will there be dedicated staff or will the police force be expected to patrol? If the city police department patrols the property, this may mean increased overtime or the need to hire another officer.
- Latest statistics show that having a city park like the one proposed near the edge of town leads to an increase in the crime rate of 3-4% annually.

I would be happy to discuss this with you further, or to speak to these issues at the next council meeting.