

# Jail/Sheriff's Office Location Information

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## The Pontresina Park (Dog Park) location has been chosen for the Jail/Sheriff's Office

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The Pontresina Park on South Illinois Avenue was selected for the Jail/Sheriff's Office location for a variety of reasons:

1. Otsego County already owns the property, so there is no expense in purchasing it.
2. The property is deed-restricted for government use only. It was formerly a DNR repair facility and was sold to Otsego County for \$1 with the understanding that it will only ever be used for government. If the County doesn't develop it the property will remain vacant.
3. The property is centrally located in Otsego County. This facilitates equal police response times to all Otsego County communities.
4. The property is in an area that has experienced significant blight in recent years. We hope to spur other development with the construction of this building. Growth in the City of Gaylord has been focused on the west side of town. The east side has seen relatively little growth in recent years. It is hoped that this building may breathe some life into the area and encourage local business growth.
5. The proposed use is compatible with surrounding land use and buffered from residential areas.
6. Utilities are available; city water and sewer are on site, as well as OC NET, the County's own broadband network
7. The site is located close to the County Building. This facilitates ease of use by the public and by Otsego County employees.
8. There is ample room for future expansion on the site. Approximately 1-2 acres of vacant property to the south can be used for expansion if needed.
9. The Sheriff's Department must be in the county seat, which is the City of Gaylord. Therefore, the new building must be in the City of Gaylord.

A map of the proposed location:



- Blue area = the site for the proposed building. The existing Pontresina (Dog) Park is currently located on the bottom third of the blue shaded area.
- Yellow area = the proposed new location for the Pontresina (Dog) Park, just north of the Library on South Otsego.

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## Relocating the Pontresina Park (Dog Park)

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The Dog Park will be moved to the old 911 property on S. Otsego Avenue just north of the library. All donated structures, shrubbery, etc. will be moved to the new location. The new dog park will be approximately the same size as it is currently. The new location is a more integral part of the community and has several advantages, such as better visibility, easier to find, and better parking. The Parks and Recreation Commission, Animal Control, and Friends for Life are supportive of this potential relocation.