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National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials

NACPRO awardees represent excellence and truly set examples that others in the field can follow. If you are inspired by one of their stories, we encourage you to contact them for more information.

Outstanding Public Official

John Gunyou

Three Rivers Park District, MN

Outstanding Public Official

Bill Slaughter

Lowndes County Board of Commissioners, GA

Outstanding Support Organization

Friends of the Forest Preserves

Friends of the Forest Preserves, IL

Contact: Lydia Uhlir, lydia.uhlir@cookcountyl.gov

Outstanding Support Organization

Huron Waterway Pathways Initiative

Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation, MI

Contact: Meghan Bonfiglio, bonfigliom@washtenaw.org

Outstanding Volunteer

Gayland Lockridge

Maricopa County Parks and Recreation, AZ

Contact: Dawna Taylor, dawna.taylor@maricopa.gov

Park & Recreation Program - Class I

Christmas Card Cruise

Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks & Rec Authority, GA

Contact: Jessica Catlett, jcatlett@vlpra.com

Park & Recreation Program - Class II

Cherokee Youth Basketball

Cherokee Recreation and Parks, GA

Contact: Frankie Sanders, fsanders@cherokeega.com

Park & Recreation Program - Class III

Autism in the Park

Howard County Dept of Recreation and Parks, MD

Contact: Kimberly Pruum, kapruim@howardcountymd.gov

Park & Recreation Program - Class IV

Kids Nature Lunch & Learn

Cleveland Metroparks, OH

Contact: Nancy Desmond, nd@clevelandmetroparks.com

Park & Recreation Facility - Class I

Resilient Lake Michigan Public Access Stairway Construction at Virmond County Park

Ozaukee County Planning and Parks, WI

Contact: Andrew Struck, astruck@co.ozaukee.wi.us

Park & Recreation Facility - Class II

Morgan Creek Park

Linn County Conservation, IA

Contact: Daniel Gibbins, daniel.gibbins@linncountyiowa.gov

Park & Recreation Facility - Class III

Jackson Community Park Site Improvements Phase 2

BREC, Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge, LA

Contact: Reed Richard, rrichard@brec.org

Park & Recreation Facility - Class IV

Eco Education Center at Magnolia Park

Orange County Parks and Recreation, FL

Contact: Regina Ramos, regina.ramos@ocfl.net

Trails & Corridors - Class III

Miami 2 Miami Trail Extension at Gilmore MetroPark
MetroParks of Butler County, OH
Contact: Chad Smith, csmith@yourmetroparks.net

Trails & Corridors - Class IV

Beechmont Bridge Connector Trail
Great Parks of Hamilton County, OH
Contact: Rachel Doellman, rdoellman@greatparks.org

Cultural History

Harriet Tubman Cultural Center
Howard County Dept of Recreation and Parks, MD
Contact: Kimberly Pruum, kapruim@howardcountymd.gov

Conservation

Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area Land Acquisition
Maricopa County Parks and Recreation, AZ
Contact: Dawna Taylor, dawna.taylor@maricopa.gov

Marketing

Cleveland Metroparks and Cleveland Cavaliers City Edition Collaboration
Cleveland Metroparks, OH
Contact: Nancy Desmond, nd@clevelandmetroparks.com

Planning Initiative

Los Angeles Countywide Parks Needs Assessment Plus
Los Angeles County Dept of Parks and Recreation, CA
Contact: Clement Lau, clau@parks.lacounty.gov

Universal Accessibility

Trailability Program
El Paso County Parks and Recreation, CO
Contact: Theresa Odello, theresaodello@elpasoco.com

Universal Accessibility

Accessible Playground at George Pierce Park
Gwinnett County Government, GA
Contact: Tina Fleming, tina.fleming@gwinnettcountry.com

Social Justice

REDLINED: Cities, Suburbs and Segregation
Johnson County Park and Recreation District, KS
Contact: Susan Mong, susan.mong@jocogov.org

Social Justice

Recreation Pass Plus Program
Three Rivers Park District, MN
Contact: Jonathan Vlaming, jonathan.vlaming@threeriversparks.org

New Professional

Luca Twohie
Fairfax County Park Authority, VA

Lifetime Professional

Michael G. Tully
Lake County Forest Preserve District, IL

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