



2024 Awards Ceremony

San Diego, California

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National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials

The awards committee recognizes that all the nominations provide inspiration and innovation. We encourage you to contact them to learn more.

Outstanding Public Official

Commissioner Gary McGillivray
Oakland County Parks, MI

Outstanding Support Organization

Friends of Phillippi Estate Park
Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources, FL
Contact: Hannah Benga, hbenga@scgov.net

Outstanding Volunteer

Nels Leutwiler
Lake County Forest Preserve District, IL

Park & Recreation Program - Class II

Dia de los Muertos Celebracion
Washington County, MN
Contact: JJ Williams, jj.williams@co.washington.mn.us

Park & Recreation Program - Class III

Tracks: Elevating the Trail Experience with Augmented Reality
Anoka County Parks, MN
Contact: Nicole Greenwell,
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Park & Recreation Program - Class IV

Blind Sports Day Program
Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Dept, FL
Contact: Paul Connell, PConnell@pbcgov.org

NewGen

Broward County Parks and Recreation, FL
Contact: Katherine Fermenich,
kfermenich@broward.org

Park & Recreation Facility - Class II

St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park Boat Launch
Washington County Parks, MN
Contact: JJ Williams, jj.williams@co.washington.mn.us

Park & Recreation Facility - Class III

Glass City Metropark
Metroparks Toledo, OH
Contact: Dawn Dickerson,
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Park & Recreation Facility - Class IV

Mid-America Sports Complex Renovation
Johnson County Park and Recreation District, KS
Contact: Bill Maasen, bill.maasen@jocogov.org

OC Parks' Saddleback Wilderness

Orange County Parks, CA
Contact: Danielle Kennedy,
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Trails & Corridors - Class III

Sycamore Grove Trail, Bridge, and Stream Stabilization at Governor Bebb MetroPark
MetroParks of Butler County, OH
Contact: Zeb Acuff, zacuff@yourmetroparks.net

Trails & Corridors - Class IV

Swamp Rabbit Trail

Greenville County Parks, Recreation & Tourism, SC

Contact: Colin Young, cyoung@greenvillecounty.org

Conservation

Mineral Springs Creek Corridor Restoration

Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Dept, WI

Contact: Andrew Struck, astruck@ozaukeecounty.gov

Cultural History

Sankofa Mobile Museum: Remember the Past, Impact the Future

M-NCPPC, Dept of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County, Natural & Historical Resources Division, MD

Contact: Susan Nolan, susan.nolan@pgparks.com

Innovative Financing

Leveraging Financial Partnerships

Cleveland Metroparks, OH

Contact: Nancy Desmond,
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Marketing

County Fair "Get Out There" Exhibit

County of San Diego Parks and Recreation, CA

Contact: Blanca Castillo,
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Planning Initiative

Universal Design Park Checklists

Polk County Conservation, IA

Contact: Jessica Lown,
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Social Justice

Nature Center at the Summit

Great Parks, OH

Contact: Rachel Doellman, rdoellman@greatparks.org

Pathways Internship Program

Three Rivers Park District, MN

Contact: Jason McGrew-King,
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Universal Accessibility

All Abilities Play Inclusion

Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Dept, FL

Contact: Paul Connell, PConnell@pbcgov.org

Visually Impaired Persons (VIP) Trail

El Paso County, Parks & Community Services, CO

Contact: Theresa Odello, theresaodello@elpasoco.com

New Professional

Stephanie Bosack

Lake County Forest Preserve District, IL

Professional Fellow

Kim Reser, CPRP

Springfield-Greene County Park Board, MO

Professional Lifetime

Tim Zelek

Great Parks, OH

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