



2025 Awards Ceremony

Dearborn, Michigan

June 12, 2025

National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials

Our awardees provide inspiration and innovation. We encourage you to contact them to learn more.

Outstanding Public Official

Former Westchester County Executive George Latimer

Westchester County Parks, Recreation & Conservation, NY

Contact: Deslyn Martirano,

damb@WestchesterCountyNY.gov

Outstanding Support Organization

Shedd Aquarium

Forest Preserves of Cook County, IL

Contact: Lydia Uhler, lydia.uhler@cookcountyil.gov

Park & Recreation Program - Class I

County vs County Kickball Event

Goochland County Parks and Recreation, VA

Contact: Angelia Miller, amiller@goochlandva.us

Park & Recreation Program - Class II

Cherokee Youth Girls Flag Football

Cherokee Recreation and Parks Agency, GA

Contact: Frankie Sanders,

fsanders@cherokeecountyga.gov

Park & Recreation Program - Class III

Total Eclipse of the Park

Metroparks Toledo, OH

Contact: Dawn Dickerson,

dawn.dickerson@metroparkstoledo.com

Park & Recreation Program - Class IV

17-Year Periodical Cicada Education

Lake County Forest Preserve District, IL

Contact: Rebekah Snyder, rsnyder@lcfpd.org

Park & Recreation Facility - Class II

Historic Courthouse Restoration Project

Washington County, MN

Contact: JJ Williams, jj.williams@washingtoncountymn.gov

Park & Recreation Facility - Class III

Howell Community Park Recreation Center & Pool

Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East

Baton Rouge, LA

Contact: Reed Richard, reed.richard@brec.org

Park & Recreation Facility - Class III

Hawk Island County Park Renovation

Ingham County Parks Department, MI

Contact: Tim Morgan, tmorgan@ingham.org

Park & Recreation Facility - Class IV

Garfield Park Restoration

Cleveland Metroparks, OH

Contact: Nancy Desmond, nd@clevelandmetroparks.com

Park & Recreation Facility - Class IV

Ryerson Education Center

Lake County Forest Preserve District, IL

Contact: Rebekah Snyder, rsnyder@lcfpd.org

Trails & Corridors - Class III

B2B Trail Title IX Plaza

Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation, MI

Contact: Meghan Bonfiglio, bonfigliom@washtenaw.org

Trails & Corridors - Class IV

Des Plaines River Trail

Forest Preserves of Cook County, IL

Contact: Lydia Uhler, lydia.uhler@cookcountyil.gov

Cultural History

Yellow River Post Office Site Field Study

Gwinnett Parks and Recreation, GA

Contact: Robin Hinesley,
robin.hinesley@gwinnettcountry.com

Cultural History

Historic Schmid Farmhouse Stabilization

Three Rivers Park District, MN

Contact: Jason McGrew-King,
jason.mcgrew-king@threeriversparks.org

Conservation

Ottawa Sands County Park

Ottawa County Parks & Recreation, MI

Contact: Rylie Dorman, rdorman@miottawa.org

Conservation

Land Acquisition and Management Program

Rebranding and Community Education Plan

Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural
Resources Department, FL

Contact: Kristina King, kking@scgov.net

Innovative Financing

The Farmer Family Foundation Match and the Great Parks Go Big Campaign

Great Parks, OH

Contact: Janine De Iorio, jdeiorio@greatparks.org

Marketing

Park Prescriptions

Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Dept, FL

Contact: Chris Korbela, ckorbelak@pbc.gov

Marketing

Putting People First - Careers with RivCoParks

Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District,
CA

Contact: Robert Williams, rowilliams@rivco.org

Planning Initiative

Division Planning Session

Charlotte County Government, FL

Contact: Nancy Pizzino,
Nancy.Pizzino@charlottecountyfl.gov

Universal Accessibility

Inclusive Programming

Metroparks Toledo, OH

Contact: Dawn Dickerson,
dawn.dickerson@metroparkstoledo.com

Social Justice

The Wonder Wagon

Fairfax County Park Authority, VA

Contact: Yasmin Shafiq,
yasmin.shafiq@fairfaxcounty.gov

Professional - New

Rachel Doellman

Great Parks, OH

Professional - Fellow

Beth Landahl

Dakota County Parks, MN

Professional - Lifetime

Bill Maasen, CPRP

Johnson County Park and Recreation District, KS

