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Press Release

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Park & Recreation Agency Excellence Recognized at Annual Conference

La Grange – On January 20, 2017, during the IAPD/IPRA *Soaring to New Heights* Conference, the Illinois Park & Recreation Association (IPRA) honored several park and recreation agencies for excellence in the following areas:

Exceptional Workplace Award

The Exceptional Workplace Award recognizes park and recreation agencies that have gone above and beyond to identify and achieve a high level of health and wellness for their employees.

- Addison Park District
- Lockport Park District
- Plainfield Park District
- Village of Lake in the Hills

Outstanding Facility and Parks Award

The purpose of the Outstanding Facility & Park Award is to honor public agencies for outstanding and unique achievements in the design and development of new or renovated parks or recreation facilities.

Division II:

Park: Rockford Park District, Mercyhealth Sportscore Two Outdoor Expansion

Renovation: Schaumburg Park District, Community Recreation Center

Multiple Use: Chicago Park District, Morgan Park Sports Center

Specific Use: Glenview Park District, Park & Facility Services East Maintenance Building

Outstanding Program or Special Event Award

Outstanding Program or Special Event Awards are to honor public agencies for outstanding and unique achievements in program development and implementation and special event planning.

Division I:

Ongoing Program: Village of Lincolnwood, Community Park Playdates

Division II:

Special Event: Oak Lawn Park District, Monarch Festival

Special Event: NSSRA, Camp Wigwam



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Outstanding Sustainability / Conservation Award

The purpose of the Outstanding Sustainability/Conservation Award is to honor public agencies for outstanding and innovative achievements in environmental conservation projects or programs

Division I:

Environmental Education: Urbana Park District, Douglas Creek Restoration Project

The IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference is the premier state conference for parks and recreation, forest preserves and conservation agencies in Illinois. The IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference brings together more than 4,000 professionals and elected officials for three exciting days of quality educational programming, networking and professional development. In 2017, it featured 18 pre-conference workshops, over 150 educational sessions, and an exhibit hall where more than 325 exhibitors showcased their latest and greatest products and services.

Established in 1944, the Illinois Park and Recreation Association's mission is to provide and promote exceptional standards of education, networking, and resources for all professionals in the Illinois park, recreation, and conservation communities. For more information about IPRA, its board and mission, please call us or visit the IPRA website: www.Ilipra.org

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