



2020 Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Awards of Excellence Winners

Category 1: Capital Improvement Projects – Up to \$1.0 Million

- 1st Place Greene County Parks & Trails | GCP&T Pearl's Fen
- 2nd Place Centerville-Washington Park District | Hithergreen Park Creation
- 3rd Place Metroparks Toledo | Kayak Share

Category 2: Capital Improvement Projects – \$1.0 Million to \$2.5 Million

- 1st Place Metroparks Toledo | Cannaley Treehouse Village
- 2nd Place Westerville Parks & Recreation | First Responders Park
- 3rd Place Clermont County Park District | Shor Park

Category 3: Capital Improvement Projects – \$2.5 Million and Up

- 1st Place Whitehall Parks & Recreation | Whitehall Community Park YMCA
- 2nd Place Bowling Green Parks and Recreation | New Veterans Building

Category 4: Management Innovation

- 1st Place Kettering Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts | Medical Partnership with Recreation Complex
- 2nd Place Grove City Parks and Recreation | Evans Center Call Center
- 3rd Place Cincinnati Recreation Commission | Emergency Licensed Childcare

Category 5: Marketing Innovation

- 1st Place Five Rivers MetroParks | Five Rivers MetroParks Mobile App
- 2nd Place Metroparks Toledo | Park Places and Family Faces
- 3rd Place Miami Conservancy District/Great Miami Riverway | Great Miami Riverway Tour de Way Passport Program

Category 6: Natural Resources & Conservation

- 1st Place Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District | Tuscarawas River Water Trail
- 2nd Place Summit Metro Parks | Restoration of Pond Brook
- 3rd Place Cincinnati Parks | Cincinnati Parks Fall ReLeaf Program

Category 7: Adaptive Programs & Events

- 1st Place Cincinnati Parks Foundation | be.well Adaptive Virtual Running Program
- 2nd Place Great Parks of Hamilton County | Sensory-Friendly Programming
- 3rd Place Summit Metro Parks | Virtual Spree for All

Category 8: Environmental & Interpretive Programs & Events

- 1st Place Five Rivers MetroParks | Explore the Outdoors Summer Camp
- 2nd Place Lorain County Metro Parks | Yours to Explore Box Campaign
- 3rd Place Ohio State Parks & Watercraft | ODNR Storybook Trails

Category 9: Health & Wellness Programs & Events

- 1st Place Columbus Recreation and Parks | Caring for Columbus During the Pandemic
- 2nd Place Upper Arlington Parks and Recreation | Reaching our Seniors During the Pandemic
- 3rd Place City of Dublin | The Dog Days of Summer

Category 10: Historical & Cultural Arts Programs & Events

- 1st Place City of Dublin | Flocks of Hope
- 2nd Place Upper Arlington Parks and Recreation | #altLDAF
- 3rd Place City of Dublin | Get Your Irish On All Weekend Long

Category 11: Law Enforcement Programs & Events

- 1st Place Greene County Parks & Trails | GCP&T Trail Sentinel Program
- 2nd Place Stark County Park District | Stark Parks Ranger Engagement in a Year of COVID

Category 12: Recreation Programs & Events

- 1st Place Whitehall Parks & Recreation | Whitehall Teen Employment Outreach
- 2nd Place Westerville Parks and Recreation | The Great Westerville Pumpkin Glow
- 3rd Place Gahanna Parks & Recreation | #SupportingGahannaTogether

Category 13: Sports Programs & Events

- 1st Place Strongsville Parks, Recreation & Senior Services | Play it Safe Virtual Sports Programs
- 2nd Place Grove City Parks and Recreation | Winter Baseball Clinic
- 3rd Place Cincinnati Recreation Commission | Dive Right

Outstanding Youth Leadership

Youth of Youngstown Lifeguard Academy | Youngstown Parks and Recreation

Outstanding Citizen

David Harrison | Medina County Park District

Harvey Woods Lifetime Achievement

Dr. Alicia Eckhart | Fairborn Parks & Recreation

Professional of the Year

Arnie Biondo | Centerville-Washington Park District

Governors Award

Whitehall Community Park YMCA | Whitehall Parks & Recreation