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Fellows Award

Margaret Thorne, Portsmouth Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services

Outstanding New Professional

Megan Heatwole, Lynchburg Parks and Recreation

Patricia McGrath, Gloucester County Parks, Recreation and Tourism

Distinguished Service

Emily Harper, Nelson County Parks and Recreation

LaTanya Turner, Isle of Wight County Parks and Recreation

Distinguished Volunteer Service

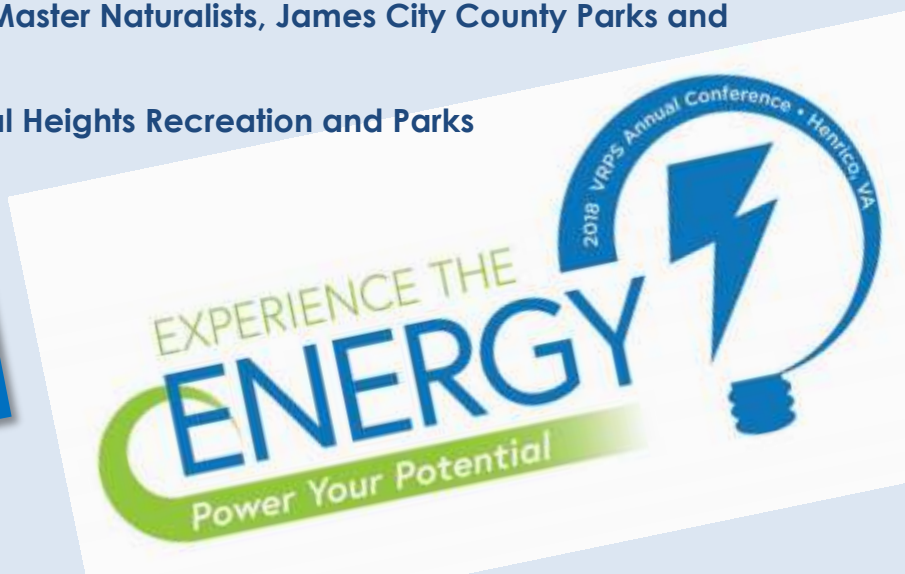
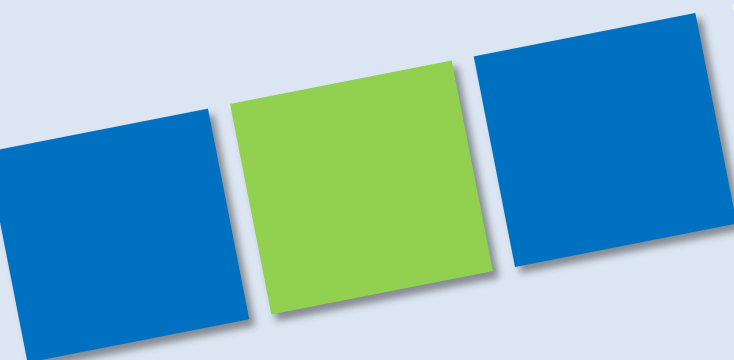
Shirley Hallock, Christiansburg Aquatic Center

Shannon Dart, Fairfax County Park Authority

Distinguished Private Sector Service

Historic Rivers Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists, James City County Parks and Recreation

American Legion Post 284, Colonial Heights Recreation and Parks



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Best New Program

Population Under 25,000

Wonder City Ice Skating, Hopewell Recreation and Parks

Population 25,001 – 50,000

Rec Mobile, Danville Parks and Recreation

Population 50,001 – 100,000

Family Tubing, Franklin County Parks and Recreation

Population Greater than 100,000

Blended Voices, Henrico Recreation and Parks

Best New Special Event

Population Under 25,000

First Responders Battleship, Christiansburg Aquatic Center

Population 25,001 – 50,000

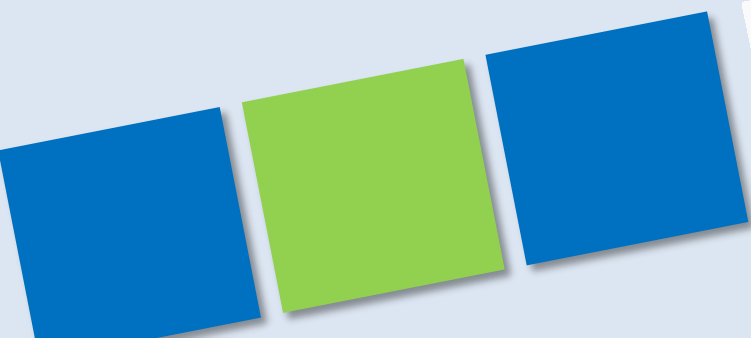
Market Monster Mash, Danville Parks and Recreation

Population 50,001 – 100,000

Capital Color Ride, James City County Parks and Recreation

Population Greater than 100,000

LoCo ImprovFEST, Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services



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Best New Facility (Bricks and Mortar)

Population 25,001 – 50,000

Robert and Betty Ragsdale Community Center, Dinwiddie County Parks, Recreation and Tourism

Population Greater than 100,000

Kempsville Community Recreation Center, Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation

Best New Facility (Parks, Playgrounds, Blueways, Greenways & Trails)

Population Under 25,000

NatureRidge Natural Playground, Staunton Parks and Recreation

Population 25,001 – 50,000

Catoctin Park, Leesburg Parks and Recreation

Population Greater than 100,000

Chessie's Trail, Fairfax County Park Authority



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Best New Renovation/Addition (Bricks and Mortar)

Population Under 25,000

Central High School Cultural and Educational Complex, Goochland County Parks and Recreation

Population 25,001 – 50,000

Price Rotary Senior Center, Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation

Population 50,001 – 100,000

LARC Field Renovation, Franklin County Parks and Recreation

Population Greater than 100,000

Barcroft Sports and Fitness Center, Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation

Best New Renovation/Addition (P, P, B, G & T)

Population Under 25,000

City Park Improvement Project, Hopewell Recreation and Parks

Population 25,001 – 50,000

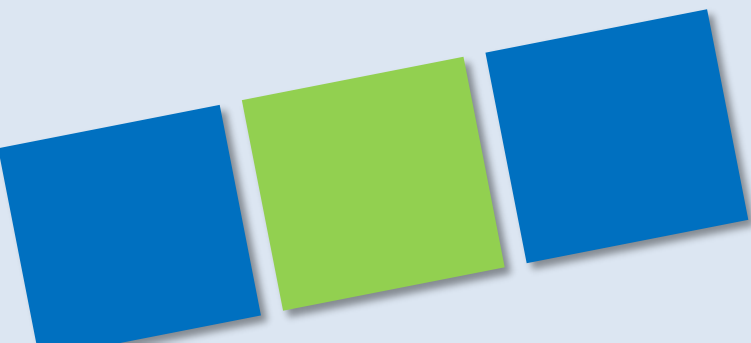
Billy Cox Playground, Leesburg Parks and Recreation

Population 50,001 – 100,000

The Creekside Trail Extension Project, Lynchburg Parks and Recreation

Population Greater than 100,000

Miracle League Field Renovation, Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation



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Best New Environmental Sustainability

Population 25,001 – 50,000

Dan River Twins, Danville Parks and Recreation

Population 50,001 – 100,000

Elmwood Park Historic Sycamore Tree Conservation, Roanoke Parks and Recreation

Population Greater than 100,000

Four Mile Run Restoration Project, Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation

Most Innovative Marketing Strategy

Population 25,001 – 50,000

We <3 Rocks!!! Campaign, Fredericksburg Parks, Recreation and Events

Population 50,001 – 100,000

Community Market Beet Mascot, Lynchburg Parks and Recreation

Population Greater than 100,000

Elf on the Shelf- Rex Parker, Henrico Recreation and Parks



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Most Innovative Marketing Piece

Population Under 25,000

Adventure Fortune Teller, Herndon Parks and Recreation

Population 25,001 – 50,000

Tacky Lights Sweatshirt, Orange County Parks and Recreation

Population 50,001 – 100,000

We Got the Beet song/video, Lynchburg Parks and Recreation

Population Greater than 100,000

Botanicals and Bouquets Art Exhibit Reception Invitation, Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Snapshot Moment

Population Under 25,000

Festival Carnival Ride Photo, Herndon Parks and Recreation

Population 25,001 – 50,000

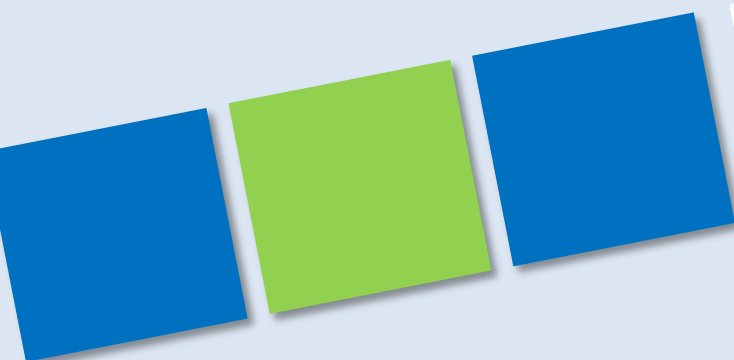
Office Costume Contest, Orange County Parks and Recreation

Population 50,001 – 100,000

Blackwater Blackout, Franklin County Parks and Recreation

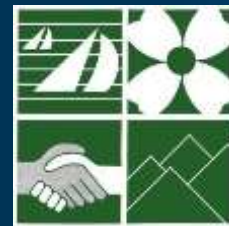
Population Greater than 100,000

Dog Daze, Fairfax County Park Authority



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Best Health and Wellness Initiative

Population Under 25,000

Fit at the Farmers Market, Falls Church Recreation and Parks

Population 25,001 – 50,000

Thrive! Challenge, Danville Parks and Recreation

Population 50,001 – 100,000

We Got the Beet, Lynchburg Parks and Recreation

