

NACPRO Meeting Notes

Teleconference Meeting

April 29, 2013

2:00 pm CST

Present: Board Members: Mark Denny, Randy Burkhardt, Scott Bangle, Steve Madewell, Margie Dahlof, Joe Matthews for Russ Guiney, Gary Barth, Larry Blackstad, RJ Cardin, Michael Meadors, Association Manager: Brenda Adams-Weyant.

Secretary's Report

Motion by RJ Cardin, seconded by Michael Meadors to approve the February and March 2013 Meeting minutes. Ayes all.

President's Report – (Mark Denny)

- Mark attended the NACo Legislative Forum along with Andy Kimmel.
- There will be an official Board meeting and dinner of the NACPRO Board following the NACPRO reception on Friday evening, June 14th during the Special Districts Forum.
- **The Annual Meeting of the Board will be a teleconference meeting on Monday, July 22nd at the regular time.** This falls during the 2013 NACo conference.
- Randy Burkhardt is continuing his attempts to contact Houston County and arrange a county park tour during the NRPA congress.
- In 2014, the NACPRO annual meeting will move back to the NACo conference, which is scheduled for New Orleans. BREC (Baton Rouge) park system would hold an outstanding county parks tour. NACPRO's intent is to rotate the Annual Meeting each year between Special Park District Forum and NACo conference. The 2014 fall meeting will be during the NRPA Congress in Charlotte, NC. Charlotte-Mecklenburg County would be able to host a wonderful county parks tour.

Association Manager Report (Brenda Adams-Weyant):

- Membership
 - Current membership – 111 regular members, 2 retirees, and 2 corporate members. This is slightly down from 2012, but we may catch up by end of year. Generally new membership comes in as a result of the Awards program. Brenda reported 16 non-renewals. Michael Meadors suggested that Brenda send names out to Board members for possible personal contact as a follow-up membership solicitation.
 - Randy reminded those attending the Special Park District Forum to take the opportunity to recruit members. Brenda will provide a sample Newsletter and membership brochures to aid in solicitations.
 - Steve Madewell suggested that NACPRO may want to investigate a more formal relationship to the Special Park District Forum.
 - Brenda reported that a \$500 contribution was received from Pilot Rock under the new corporate membership program.
- Web site
 - Brenda has now assumed the responsibility for maintenance and updates to the NACPRO web site.
 - Brenda is learning some of the HTML language and is able to redesign elements of the web site and is asking the Board to look at the site and send her suggestions for improvements/changes.

- One suggestion has been to add an analytics component. Margie stated that we are able to get some analytics at this time and will send Brenda the access information.
- Other Items
 - RJ reported that he was asked to submit a NACPRO statement related to the LWCF conversation that will be held as part of the SORP conference. RJ communicated information that is included in the NACPRO Legislative Platform.
 - Steve Madewell reported he will be attending SORP and will participate in the discussion as a NACPRO representative. Larry Blackstad mentioned that NRPA is more focused on the state rather than local side of LWCF legislation.
 - Brenda mentioned that there will be a discussion at the Special Park Districts Forum to plan a session on park districts for the 2013 NRPA Congress.

Treasurer Report (Michael Meadors and Brenda Adams-Weyant)

- Budget and Finance Report
 - 2013 Budget Status Report and Budget - **attached.**
 - Margie Dahlof noted that membership dues revenue appears to be lagging behind projections.

Committee Reports

- **Legislation:** Joe provided a Legislative update - **attached.** Joe mentioned the afterschool, 21st Century Learning Centers Initiative, LWCF status and others as noted in the report. Also discussed was a California legislative initiative known as the Homeless Bill of Rights which would require 24 hour access to public restrooms and parks (public lands) as shelter and facilities for homeless people.
- **Bylaws:** Mark Denny suggested that the Board consider a By-laws revision to enable more flexibility in the meeting date/time for the NACPRO official annual meeting. Brenda indicated that she was planning to review the By-laws to see if there may be other items from her perspective that may need updating or change. Margie offered to work with Brenda on a By-laws update. A recommendation will be presented at the June meeting.
- **Nominating Committee:** RJ Cardin presented a slate of Directors and Officers for vote at the Annual Meeting – **attached.** RJ reported that Mark Thornton and Mika Yamamoto will not seek reappointment and that two new members are being recommended for their positions: John Elholm, Washington County, MN and Daniel Betz, Forest Preserve District of Cook County. RJ reported that the By-laws do allow for up to 24 Board members and if the recommended slate of Directors is approved, the Board would have 22 members, leaving two available slots. If Directors know of candidates – contact RJ.
- **NRPA County Parks Tour/Awards Banquet:** Randy Burkhardt has been communicating with Harris County about the possibility of working with them to develop a county tour. He has had difficulty connecting with the contacts that John deBessonnet recommended. Mark asked if NACPRO has an affiliate's agreement with NRPA that specifies when and where affiliates can conduct meetings/events during Congress. RJ signed an affiliate agreement with NRPA when he was president. He will forward it to Brenda.

Liaison/Affiliate Reports

- **CAPRA** – Scott Bangle reported that Stephen Madewell, Metroparks of the Toledo Area is seeking reaccreditation, that Three Rivers Park District is in the process of preparing a preliminary application, and that Riverside, CA has an agency visit scheduled in June

2013. Scott also reported that CAPRA is reviewing standards related to County Parks and Special Districts and if any agency has a suggestion, please contact Scott.

- **SORP** – Brenda reported that there are 150 registrants for the SORP conference and that they expect approximately 200.
- **NRPA** – Larry Blackstad reported that NRPA is still involved with reviewing internal processes and that their legislative focus was on LWCF and Urban Parks.

Adjournment

Meeting concluded at 2:55 pm

Next Meeting - June 3

Actual Income and Expenses Compared to Budget
4/22/2013

	Actual 2009	Actual 2010	Actual 2011	Actual 2012	Budget 2013	Actual 3/18/13
Cash Carried Forward	27,286	28,342	26,766	18,592	23,095	\$23,095
Endowment Carried Forward	2,554	2,554	2,590	2,598	2,620	\$2,620
Revenues:						
Dues:						
General Membership	9,845	8,270	7,670	11,895	11,400	\$6,880
Corporate Membership	2,950	2,000	325	1,550	2,500	\$500
Web Advertising	1,400	900	800	2,750	1,750	\$900
Award Application Fees	1,950	2,700	1,700	2,450	2,200	
Conference Registration						
Workshop	380	280	350	425	0	
Banquet	2,145	1,820	2,000	1,820	1,946	
Tours:						
Summer Tour	1,625	1,105	1,625	1,625	0	
Fall Tour	1,300	0	0	0	1,495	
Board Meal	0	0	0	0	0	
Interest to Endowment	45	36	0	22	18	
Donations to Endowment	0	182	0	0	0	
Grants			0	0	0	
Sponsorships	900	600	750	3,750	3,000	
Misc.				0		
Total revenue:	\$22,541	\$17,993	\$15,220	\$26,287	\$24,309	\$8,280
Expenses:						
Administrative Services	8,400	8,400	6,300	9,900	12,600	\$4,994
Awards program/banquet			4,912	5,292	5,110	
Bank Charges	0	0	5	0	0	
Corporate Filing	13	13	0	165	0	
Credit Card Clearing	712	800	497	708	485	\$134
Educational Programs	20	68	1,089	333	0	
NACo, NRPA Board Liaison	0	0	655	0	0	
Newsletter	2,000	3,000	2,000	0	0	
Office Supplies	74	0	0	103	75	
Postage, Mailing	562	0	0	98	75	\$152
Printing	0	0	0	445	300	\$51
Scholarship	0	0	0	0	0	
Telephone			0	66	70	\$16
Tours	1,449	1,455	1,099	2,448	1,613	
Travel and Mileage	1,848	1,426	1,689	2,113	1,200	
Website	611	244	45	83	2,000	
Contingency	1,965	20	0	0		
Total Expenditures	\$20,939	\$19,533	\$18,291	\$21,754	\$23,528	\$5,347
Income less Expenses	\$1,602	-\$1,540	-\$3,071	\$4,534	\$781	\$2,933
Operational Balance Yearend	\$28,342	\$26,767	\$27,563	\$23,095	\$23,876	\$26,028
Endowment Balance Yearend	\$2,554	\$2,589	\$2,590	\$2,620	\$2,638	\$2,620

NACPRO LEGISLATIVE UPDATE SPRING 2013

Bill	Background	Key Points	Current Status	Contact
<p align="center">Afterschool for America's Children Act S. 326</p>	<p>Reauthorizes the 21st Century Community Learning Centers initiative and builds on past afterschool and summer learning program success. The bill number, 326, symbolizes the hours of 3 to 6 p.m. when young people should have quality learning and enrichment opportunities. his legislation would reauthorize the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) program, which over the last decade has successfully provided millions of children with access to afterschool programs. During the 2010-2011 school year alone, more than 1.6 million children attended afterschool programs at these centers.</p> <p>While the number of children participating in afterschool programs has been increasing, the unmet need for afterschool activities remains high. The 2009 report, America After 3pm, found that parents of 18.5 million children not currently participating in afterschool programs say they would enroll their children if a program were available to them.</p> <p>Reauthorizing this program will ensure that children with working parents will continue to have a safe, well-rounded and enriching environment until the end of their parents' w</p>	<p align="center">NACPRO has not taken a position</p>	<p>This bill was assigned to a congressional committee on February 14, 2013, which will consider it before possibly sending it on to the House or Senate as a whole.</p>	<p align="center">U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA), who chairs the Senate Afterschool Caucus, with Senators Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and Patty Murray (D-WA)</p>

<p>Land and Water Conservation Fund Authorization and Funding Act S.338</p>	<p>Proposed legislation that would fully realize that program's promise to conserve parks, open spaces, and wildlife habitat for the benefit of hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation. Rather than using taxpayer money, LWCF receives a small portion – \$900 million each year – of the billions of dollars in annual oil and gas revenues from federal waters. Since the program's enactment in 1965, however, Congress has often diverted the money for other purposes; only once in the history of the fund has all the money gone for the original intent of the LWCF. Over \$17 billion that was slated to be used on conservation has been redirected to other purposes. This diversion continues despite significant increases in the energy revenues the federal government collects.</p>	<p>Congressional Action: NACPRO asks appropriators to exercise their discretionary power and allocate 40% of total LWCF appropriations to the LWCF State Assistance program. Land and Water Conservation Authorization and Funding Act of 2013 - Amends the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to make permanent the authorization for the Land and Water Conservation Fund.</p> <p>Makes monies covered</p>	<p>02/14/2013 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.</p>	<p>Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-MT), Senator Richard Burr (R-NC), and Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-OR)</p>
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<p>S. 3583:Community Parks Revitalization (CPR) Act</p>	<p>A companion to the House bill, H.R. 709, the CPR Act authorizes the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to establish and carry out competitive matching grants to parks and recreation departments in metropolitan areas for the construction of new indoor and outdoor recreational resources and the refurbishment of existing facilities. In addition, it focuses on access for veterans and military families, combating and preventing obesity and related chronic diseases, reducing crime among at-risk youth, and creating youth employment opportunities. "This legislation will not only provide for the rehabilitation of neglected recreation facilities and green spaces in our city centers, but it will also promote job creation and opportunities for safe and healthy activities in urban public sites," says Senator Hagan. "Investment in parks and recreation attracts businesses, promotes conservation in a non-regulatory fashion and enhances quality of life for hardworking Americans and their families."</p>	<p>NACPRO: LA County Parks and Recreation Director Russ Guiney requested that this Senate Bill be added to Platform.</p>	<p>Sept. 24, 2012- Senate Bill Introduced and sent to Committee</p>	<p>–Senator Kay Hagan (D-NC), along with Sens. John Kerry (D-MA) and Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)</p>
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<p>H.R. 474 (formally H.R 481) - the Complete America's Great Trails Act</p>	<p>THE COMPLETE AMERICA'S GREAT TRAILS ACT</p> <p>This proposed legislation would grant a tax credit to private landowners who provide conservation easements to certified National Scenic Trails – resulting in a low-cost incentive for willing landowners to donate easements that would increase trail connectivity. This means private landowners have a new incentive to allow hikers to pass through their property, and trails get a guaranteed corridor that protects the connectivity and continuity of the hiking experience for years to come. While it may be a challenge to pass this legislation in the current political climate, it is a positive precedent.</p> <p>Our National Trails System consists of more than 7,000 authorized miles of National Scenic Trails, more than 36,000 miles of National Historic Trail routes, and more than 1,000 registered National Recreation Trails.</p>		<p>This bill was assigned to a congressional committee on February 4, 2013, which will consider it before possibly sending it on to the House or Senate as a whole.</p>	<p>Rep. Connolly (D-VA), Rep. Blumenauer (D-OR), Rep. Lummis (R-WY), and Rep. Whitman (R-VA) introduced this legislation. Reps. Norton (D-DC), Baldwin (D-WI), Honda (D-CA), Polis (D-CO), Price (D-NC), Van Hollen (D-MD), Young (R-FL) for their co-sponsorship of this important legislation.</p>
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<p>Land and Water Conservation Fund FY2014 (Appropriations)</p>	<p>Funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund's (LWCF) State Assistance program is again up for debate on Capitol Hill. Both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees have indicated they plan a full court press, all in an effort to develop and approve their respective spending levels for FY 2014.</p> <p>Committee hearings on the budget have already been scheduled for the days immediately following the President's budget submission (planned for April 10) with the intention of individual bills being ready for consideration prior to July 4. House and Senate Appropriations Committee leaders have said they intend to complete action on all twelve annual appropriations bills (including the Department of the Interior) before the beginning of the new fiscal year, October 1. Time will tell if the Appropriators' optimism is misplaced.</p> <p>While well aware of the difficult choices that must be made in this time of fiscal austerity, the LWCF is unique in that it is paid for with a designated funding source – lease revenue from off-shore oil and gas exploration and production. Now, more than ever, the LWCF State Assistance Program provides an excelle</p>			<p>Interior House Subcommittee Members Republicans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael K. Simpson, Idaho • Ken Calvert, California • Tom Graves, George • Tom Cole, Oklahoma • David Valadao, California • Jaime Herrera Beutler, Washington • David Joyce, Ohio <p>Democrats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James P. Moran, Virginia (Ranking Member) • Betty McCollum, Minnesota • Chellie Pingree, Maine • José E. Serrano, New York <p>Senate Appropriations Interior Committee Democratic Subcommittee Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Jack Reed (RI) (Chairman) • Senator Dianne Feinstein (CA) • Senator Patrick Leahy (VT) • Senator Barbara Mikulski (MD) • Senator Herb Kohl (WI)
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Recent Legislative Milestones/Setbacks

<p>Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill (S 1813)</p>	<p>5/24/12--Senate Chair Barbara Boxer has given lawmakers and lobbyists new reason for optimism that a conference report on a surface transportation reauthorization can be finished before a temporary extension expires June 30.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It looks like any major changes in federal support for recreational trails won't occur until at least next year. Rather than deal with the contentious issue of funding surface transportation, the House approved another extension of the old law through the end of the fiscal year (September 30). • The House approved the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012, Part II (H.R. 4348), which would extend the law. Part I in effect right now extends the current law through June 30. • In March, the Senate easily approved a two-year, \$109 billion transportation and infrastructure bill, new legislation would consolidate funding for pedestrian and bicycle trails but the House declined to pass the Senate measure and can't agree to pass its own reauthorization bill. 	<p>Congressional Action: Maintain current funding levels for Transportation Enhancements and Recreational Trails Program. This means continued dedicated funding and NOT simply maintaining these activities "eligibility."</p>	<p>NOW: On Friday, June 29, a bipartisan long-term reauthorization bill (HR 4348) for surface transportation programs, entitled Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21), was passed by a House vote of 373-52 and a Senate vote of 74-19. The measure covers programs at current spending levels, with inflationary adjustments for some programs, through September 2014, a year longer than previously anticipated.</p>	
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<p style="text-align: center;">Land and Water Conservation Fund (Surface Transportation Bill)</p>	<p>Status: Awaiting to be referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Introduced on June 23, 2011.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman Bingaman is the sponsor of S. 1265, the Land and Water Conservation Authorization and Funding Act, which would permanently authorize the LWCF and provide dedicated funding at its fully authorized level. • March 08, 2012- The U.S. Senate voted (76-22) to pass two significant measures that will help restore the Gulf Coast as well as conserve working lands, important fish and wildlife habitat, and recreation areas across America. • The Senate voted on an amendment (#1822) to the Surface Transportation Act which combined dedicated funding for the RESTORE Act and the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). • Provide \$1.4 billion in dedicated funding over the next two years for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). This vote will provide \$700 million for each of the next two years to help protect some of our nation's most significant resources, and represents a major increase over the \$269 million current funding level. 	<p>Congressional Action: NACPRO asks appropriators to exercise their discretionary power and allocate 40% of total LWCF appropriations to the LWCF State Assistance program in FY13 and subsequent fiscal years</p>	<p>NOW: The legislation did not include \$1.4 billion in funding for the Land and Water Conservation fund. The Senate bill contained \$1.4 billion over two years for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which would have been used for the acquisition of unique lands that need protection, and would have reauthorized the program through 2022.</p>	
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<p>Land and Water Conservation Fund (Appropriations)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY12 Interior Appropriations bill and ask for your continued support for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and specifically, the State Assistance program of the LWCF funding for FY13. • Once again, for FY13, the DOI has proposed changing the distribution formula of the program; specifically proposing to use a significant portion of State Assistance funds for a DOI administered competitive grant program. Such an idea would effectively decrease the amount of funding to each state through the current formula and reduce the number of local projects that are constructed annually. 	<p>• Congressional Action: NACPRO opposes the Department of Interior's proposal to implement a Department of Interior (DOI) administered grant program, if such a program were to use LWCF State Assistance funds. We ask appropriators to specify that \$0 State Assistance dollars are to be used for this purpose. We have no objection to such a program if it comes from the LWCF Federal side funding without causing a reduction in LWCF State Assistance.</p>	<p>Now: The bill, approved by the Subcommittee on Interior and the Environment Appropriations by voice vote, <u>cuts FY 2013 appropriations to the Land and Water Conservation Fund by 80% from FY 2012 levels.</u> Under the bill, funding available for conservation will be reduced from \$322 million to just \$66 million.</p>	<p>Interior House Subcommittee Members Republicans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael K. Simpson, Idaho • Jerry Lewis, California • Ken Calvert, California • Steven C. LaTourette, Ohio • Tom Cole, Oklahoma • Jeff Flake, Arizona- RJ • Cynthia M. Lummis, Wyoming <p>Democrats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James P. Moran, Virginia • Betty McCollum, Minnesota • Maurice D. Hinchey, New York • José E. Serrano, New York <p>Senate Appropriations Interior Committee Democratic Subcommittee Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Jack Reed (RI) (Chairman) • Senator Dianne Feinstein (CA) • Senator Patrick Leahy (VT) • Senator Barbara Mikulski (MD) • Senator Herb Kohl (WI) • Senator Tim Johnson (SD)
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<p>Children in Nature</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Ronald “Ron” Kind [D-WI3] introduced the Bill H.R. 3353 November 3, 2011 • House Committee on Energy and Commerce • House Committee on Natural Resources • Sen. Mark Udall [D-CO] S. 1802 introduced the bill on November 3 ,2011 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congressional Action: Authorize the Healthy Kids Outdoors Act (HKOA) • NACPRO regards improving children’s access to nature as a regional and national policy priority. NACPRO believes that public parks and recreation are vital to the national effort to provide safe, healthy ways to explore nature and enhance environmental education. 	<p>Died in Committee.</p>	
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<p>Community Transformation Grants and Healthy Communities Program</p>	<p>The CDC’s Healthy Communities Program focuses on improving the health of communities through policy and environmental changes that address the major risk factors for chronic disease—tobacco, physical inactivity, and unhealthy eating. Community organizations are vital to the success of this program, and parks and recreation agencies have played an essential role in its implementation. The success of this program has been enriched by the technical support provided to community groups through national organizations selected by the CDC to help communities carry out the program at the local level.</p>	<p>NACPRO urges Congress to maintain funding for the Community Transformation Grants Program (CTG) at \$226 million as part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) prevention program in FY 2013.</p>	<p>JUNE 2012 Appropriations Committee: The funding announcement for this competition assumed that funds would be awarded for a 2-year period and the budget request did not anticipate another funding announcement in fiscal year 2013. The Committee recommendation includes an additional \$54,000,000 above the fiscal year 2012 level for CTG. The Committee directs CDC to award this funding in another round of community grants in fiscal year 2013.</p>	<p>Labor, Health and Human Services Democratic Subcommittee Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Tom Harkin (Chairman) (IA) • Senator Daniel Inouye (HI) • Senator Herb Kohl (WI) • Senator Patty Murray (WA) • Senator Mary Landrieu (LA) • Senator Richard Durbin (IL) • Senator Jack Reed (RI) • Senator Mark Pryor (AR) • Senator Barbara Mikulski (MD) • Senator Sherrod Brown (OH) <p>Republican Subcommittee Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Richard Shelby (Ranking) (AL) • Senator Thad Cochran (MS) • Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (TX) • Senator Lamar Alexander (TN)
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<p>Community Development Block Grant Program (HUD)</p>	<p>CDBG funds are allocated to more than 1,100 local, county, and state governments on a formula basis. Community development projects for which CDBG funds may be used include street paving, construction of sidewalks, construction and maintenance of neighborhood centers, and enhanced safety modifications to playgrounds.</p> <p>According to HUD, approximately \$100 million of CDBG funds are utilized annually for parks and recreation projects. Usually, these projects are part of a larger comprehensive community redevelopment plan or initiative. While parks and recreation projects have proven to have a high return on investment, they must compete with other local projects for funding and receive just over 2% of annual CDBG resources. As funding for parks and recreation has steadily declined, it is critical that Congress maintain the current federal investment in revitalizing urban areas through the CDBG program and ensure park and recreation projects remain eligible for funding.</p>	<p>Congressional Action: Maintain funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program at \$3.3 billion in FY 2013.</p>	<p>JUNE 2012 Appropriations Committee: The Community Development Block Grant program is funded at \$3.3 billion – an increase of \$396 million above last year’s level. The bill also provides targeted funding increases to programs such as homeless assistance grants (\$99 million above last year’s level), and the HOME investment partnerships program (\$200 million above last year’s level). No funds are provided for “sustainable” community grants.</p>	<p>Republicans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Latham, Iowa • Frank R. Wolf, Virginia • John R. Carter, Texas • Steven C. LaTourette, Ohio • Mario Diaz-Balart, Florida • Charles W. Dent, Pennsylvania • Steve Womack, Arkansas <p>Democrats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John W. Olver, Massachusetts • Ed Pastor, Arizona • Marcy Kaptur, Ohio • David E. Price, North Carolina <p>Subcommittee Members</p> <p>Democratic Subcommittee Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Patty Murray (Chairman) (WA) • Senator Barbara Mikulski (MD) • Senator Herb Kohl (WI) • Senator Richard Durbin (IL) –Andy Kimbel • Senator Patrick Leahy (VT) • Senator Tom Harkin (IA) • Senator Dianne Feinstein
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<p>H.R. 709: Urban Revitalization and Livable Communities Act (URLC)</p>	<p>To authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to establish and carry out an urban revitalization and livable communities program to provide Federal grants to urban areas for the rehabilitation of critically needed recreational areas and facilities and development of improved recreation programs, and for other purposes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a lot of movement with this in Congress • Introduced Feb. 15, 2011 • Referred to Committees Feb. 15, 2011 • House Committee on Education and the Workforce • House Committee on Financial Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congressional Action: Authorize the URLC Act. 	<p>Introduced Feb. 15, 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to Committees Feb. 15, 2011 <p>Died in Committee</p>	<p>Representative Sires re-introduced this legislation on February 15, 2011 and it was referred to the House Financial Services Committee and the House Education and Workforce Committee where it is awaiting further action. In the last Congress, this bill had the bi-partisan support of over 130 members of the House of Representatives.</p>
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<p>Science and Environmental Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Child Let inside Act • Senator Jack Read Introduced S. 1372 in July 14, 2011 and is not in committee • Congress member John Sarbanes introduces H. 2574 July 14, 2011 and is in committee • Moving Outside in Nature • NPRA stated that it might be introduced by to 112th congress. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congressional Action: Authorize No Child Left Inside Act and Moving Outside in Nature Act. • Legislation reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) must focus on a multidisciplinary approach to education by investing in environmental and 	<p>Moving Outside in Nature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPRA stated that it might be introduced by to 112th congress. Nothing has been announced. 	
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<p>No Child Left Inside Act- H.R. 2547 and S. 1372</p>	<p>The bill provides incentives to states to implement environmental literacy programs that support outdoor learning activities at schools and outdoors centers, as well as professional development for teachers. Key provisions of the No Child Left Inside Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incentives and support for states to develop and implement Environmental Literacy Plans to integrate environmental education and field experiences into the core academic program in public schools. • Partnership grants between school districts, colleges, parks, zoos, and other community-based environmental organizations with expertise in environmental education to create and implement professional development for teachers. The goal is to use field-based, service and experiential learning to provide innovative and interdisciplinary instruction to students. • National capacity grants to scale up and disseminate effective practices in environmental education. <p>The states are able to award sub grants, on a competitive basis, to local educational agencies and eligible partnerships to support the implementation of the State environmental literacy plan.</p>		<p>H.R. 2547 - Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education S. 1372 - Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Introduced: Jul 14, 2011 (112th Congress, 2011–2013) Sponsor: Sen. John “Jack” Reed [D-RI] Status: Died (Referred to Committee)</p>	<p>Rep Sarbanes, John P. Sponsor: Sen. John “Jack” Reed [D-RI]</p>
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2013-14 NACPRO Board and Officers Slate
4/26/13

Reappointment	Name	Position	Agency	Agency Address	City	ST	Zip	Phone	E-Mail
Yes	Randy Burkhardt	Assistant Director of Parks, Trails and Building Grounds	Douglas County Parks and Trails	100 Third Street	Castle Rock	CO	80104	303-663-6226	RBurkhar@douglas.co.us
Yes	RJ Cardin	Director	Maricopa County	234 N. Central Avenue, Suite 6400	Phoenix	AZ	85004	602-372-4822	RJCardin@mail.maricopa.gov
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