



**2015 Awards Banquet**  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
July 12, 2015

**National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials**

NACPRO awardees represent excellence and truly set examples that others in the parks and recreation field can follow. If you are inspired by one of their stories, we encourage you to contact them for more information.

**Outstanding Public Official**

**Larry Blackstad**

Three Rivers Park District, Minnesota

**Bob Mason**

Great Parks of Hamilton County, Ohio

**Outstanding Support Organization**

**Silverbackks**

Shawnee County Parks and Recreation, Kansas

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**Outstanding Volunteer**

**Joe Neumann**

Forest Preserves of Cook County, Illinois

**Park and Recreation Program Class I**

**Chair Factory Falls: A link to the Past**

Lake Metroparks, Ohio

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**Linn Parks Challenge**

Linn County Conservation, Iowa

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**Park and Recreation Program Class II**

**It's Cooler in the Forest**

Forest Preserves of Cook County, Illinois

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**70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of D-Day**

Westchester County Parks, Recreation and Conservation, New York

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**Park and Recreation Facility - Class I**

**Bayou Gulch Mountain Bike Skills Park**

Douglas County Parks, Trails and Building Grounds, Colorado

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**Park and Recreation Facility - Class II**

**Waterfront Park**

County of San Diego Parks and Recreation, California

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**Hacienda Heights Community Center**

Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation, California

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**Historical/Cultural Facility**

**Heritage Center at Providence Park**

Metroparks of the Toledo Area, Ohio

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**Ma Rainey House and Blues Museum**

Columbus Parks and Recreation, Georgia

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## **Environmental/Conservation**

### **Taking Part in Taking Root**

Great Parks of Hamilton County, Ohio

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### **Little Sugar Creek Greenway**

Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation, North Carolina

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## **Removing Barriers Initiative**

### **iCan Bike**

Shawnee County Parks and Recreation, Kansas

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## **Planning Initiative**

### **Organizational Enhancement Plan**

Anoka County Parks and Community Services, Minnesota

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## **Service Portfolio Project**

Oakland County Parks and Recreation, Michigan

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## **Marketing**

### **OC Zoo-tacular**

Orange County Parks, California

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## **Professional - Fellow**

### **Kimberly A. High**

Metroparks of the Toledo Area, Ohio

## **Professional - Lifetime**

### **Pecky D. Lewis**

Oakland County Parks and Recreation, Michigan

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