



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Media Contact:

Darin Krueger

darin@wprd.us

701-774-9773

The Williston Park & Recreation District was Announced as Finalist for the 2018 National Gold Medal Awards in Parks and Recreation!

The Williston Park & Recreation District to compete for prestigious honor in the park and recreation industry

Williston, ND May 10, 2018 – The [American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration](#) (AAPRA), in partnership with the [National Recreation and Park Association](#) (NRPA), is pleased to announce Williston Park & Recreation District as a finalist for the 2018 National Gold Medal Awards for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management. Musco Lighting, LLC has been a proud sponsor of the Gold Medal Awards program for over 10 years.

Founded in 1965, the Gold Medal Awards program honors communities in the U.S. that demonstrate excellence in parks and recreation through long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, professional development and agency recognition. Applications are separated into seven classes, with five classes based on population, one class for armed forces recreation and one class for state park systems awarded on odd numbered years.

The Williston Park & Recreation District is a finalist in the Class V category.

Agencies are judged on their ability to address the needs of those they serve through the collective energies of community members, staff and elected officials. The Williston Park & Recreation District joins three other finalists in their class that will compete for grand honors this year.

Darin Krueger, Executive Director, Williston Parks & Recreation District stated “Williston Parks and Recreation District is very honored to be a finalist for this prestigious national award! The team in Williston includes past and present Park Board Commissioners, the entire staff, as well as the citizens of Williston. Together, we are improving the quality of life for everyone during this incredible time of growth in our community.”

A panel of five park and recreation professionals reviews and judges all application materials. Judges are chosen for their considerable experience and knowledge in parks and recreation on both the local and national levels.

This year’s finalists will compete for Grand Plaque Award honors this summer, and the six Grand Plaque recipients will be announced live during the NRPA General Session at the 2018 NRPA Annual Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, Sept. 25–27, 2018.

For more information on the Gold Medal Awards, visit www.nrpa.org/goldmedal or www.aapra.org.

Williston Parks and Recreation District

www.willistonparks.com

1-701-774-9773

Rule 1: Have Fun!

The American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration is a non-profit organization founded to advance knowledge related to the administration of recreation and parks; to encourage scholarly efforts by both practitioners and educators that would enhance the practice of park and recreation administration; to promote broader public understanding of the importance of parks and recreation to the public good; and, to conduct research, publish scholarly papers and sponsor seminars related to the advancement of park and recreation administration. For more information, visit www.aapra.org.

The National Recreation and Park Association

The National Recreation and Park Association is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that all Americans have access to parks and recreation for health, conservation and social equity. Through its network of 60,000 recreation and park professionals and advocates, NRPA encourages the promotion of healthy and active lifestyles, conservation initiatives and equitable access to parks and public space. For more information, visit www.nrpa.org. For digital access to NRPA's flagship publication, *Parks & Recreation*, visit www.parksandrecreation.org.

Musco Lighting, LLC is a company that has specialized in lighting systems for sports and large areas for more than 30 years. Musco has pioneered dramatic improvements in energy efficiency and affordable ways to control wasted spill light and glare. Permanent and temporary lighting services range from neighborhood fields to NASCAR super speedways. For more information, visit www.musco.com.