

# Philadelphia Parks Projects Eligible for \$20,000 in Grant Funding

*Collaboration between the National Recreation & Park Association and The Walt Disney Company to improve parks in 16 communities*

PHILADELPHIA, PA, UNITED STATES, April 23, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Philadelphia residents have until Monday, April 30 to support one of three projects that are eligible for \$20,000 in grant

funding as part of the national Meet Me at the Park Earth Month campaign. The park projects include:

1) Carousel House Pool – Support for adaptive equipment for special needs aquatic programs at the Carousel House pool, as well as training for pool staff through Philadelphia Parks and Recreation.  
2) Adaptive Hiking – Purchase of all-terrain wheelchairs and walkers to increase accessibility at

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environmental centers for those with limited mobility, as well as customized programming.

3) Pennpack Environmental Center – Expanded programming support for Grow Up Green, a nature-based play and environmental education program that includes summer camps and special events through Philadelphia Parks and Recreation.

This is the fourth year NRPA and The Walt Disney Company have teamed up to celebrate Earth Month by helping to fund local park improvement projects in 16 U.S. cities. Additionally, NRPA and Disney will collaborate with recreation agencies in 50 states on a healthy living program that seeks to increase

the amount of time children and families spend at parks by increasing access to play spaces.

During the month of April, the public will have the opportunity to vote for one of three projects in 15 select cities to receive \$20,000 in grant funding. Voters can also nominate a city or town anywhere across the country to be entered for the chance to receive a \$20,000 grant that will be used to support a local park within that community. The areas participating in Meet Me at the Park include one “wild card” city.

Started in 2014, the Meet Me at the Park Earth Month campaign seeks to improve local parks through projects that connect kids to nature, inspire healthy living and provide access to sports. These projects include activities such as environmental education programming, improving trails and refurbishing playgrounds or soccer fields. In 2017, more than 300,000 people were impacted by the Meet Me at the Park Earth Month campaign — including:

175,848 people with improved access to physical activity



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161,449 people with improved access to nature  
125,935 people with improved access to healthy food  
32,926 people with improved access to sports

“At NRPA we believe everyone deserves a great park. That’s why we’re proud to collaborate with The Walt Disney Company on this campaign,” said Lori Robertson, NRPA director of conservation. “Everyone is encouraged to join us in giving back to the places that shape so much of our lives by participating in this year’s campaign. A vote for your favorite park is all it takes.”

Public voting for the Meet Me at the Park Earth Month campaign will take place April 1–30, 2018. People can vote daily online at [www.nrpa.org/DisneyMeetMeAtThePark](http://www.nrpa.org/DisneyMeetMeAtThePark). The park project with the most votes in each city at the end of the month will receive \$20,000 in grant funding. Similarly, the wild card (or write-in) city with the most nominations at the end of the month will receive the same funding, as well.

The participating cities of the Earth Month campaign along with the selected projects from the healthy living initiative will be announced June 1, 2018, and will implement their park improvement plans this summer, with opportunities for volunteers to help bring park projects and programs to life. Everyone who votes will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win one GoPro Prize Pack (No purchase necessary; must be 18+. For rules, visit [www.nrpa.org/DisneyMeetMeAtThePark](http://www.nrpa.org/DisneyMeetMeAtThePark)). Voters also are encouraged to celebrate earth at their favorite park and take a selfie using the hashtags #MeetMeAtThePark, #Parkies and #CelebrateEarth.

To learn more about Meet Me at the Park and the Earth Month campaign, visit [www.nrpa.org/DisneyMeetMeAtThePark](http://www.nrpa.org/DisneyMeetMeAtThePark).

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