

Miami Dade 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

MIAMI, FL, UNITED STATES, April 23, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Miami 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) Love & Serve Tennis Summer Series – A summer program for under-served children throughout Miami-Dade County that teaches discipline, leadership and sportsmanship through the game of tennis. Locations include West Perrine Park, Oak Grove Park and Goulds Park.

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2) Learn to Fish Excursion – This inclusive, nature-based summertime enrichment camp at Bill Sadowski Park and Amelia Earhart Park would educate kids about the biology, techniques and sporting fun of fishing.

3) Sgt. Joseph Delancy Park – This eight-week summer camp hosted by Miami Dade Parks and Recreation and Open Spaces Eco Staff would provide educational workshops and nature field trips for underserved children.

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 and Austin, Chicago, Charlotte, Durham, Hartford, Los Angeles, Houston, Fresno, Miami, New York, Philadelphia, Seattle, San Francisco, Orlando and Brevard County, Florida.

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
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. 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.

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