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NOMINATE WOOD DALE, IL TO RECEIVE A \$20K GRANT DURING EARTH MONTH

*City with the most nominations gets a grant for a local park through
'Meet Me at the Park' Earth Month national campaign*

Wood Dale, IL., March 29, 2018 – Local parks enrich and shape so many of our lives. Parks are essential to our health and wellbeing. They provide safe places to be active and enjoy nature—and they help preserve the environment and bring people together. From April 1 to April 30, Wood Dale Park District is participating in 'Meet Me at the Park' Earth Month campaign for a chance to receive \$20,000 in grant funding to make improvements at White Oaks Park located at 111 S. Wood Dale Road in Wood Dale, IL.

For the fourth year in a row, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is collaborating with The Walt Disney Company — including Disney|ABC Television Group and ESPN — to help fund local park improvement projects across the country through the national "Meet Me at the Park" Earth Month campaign.

By visiting NRPA.org/Disney, park supporters can vote for Wood Dale, IL daily. At the end of April, the city with the most nominations will receive the grant funding. Everyone who nominates a city will be entered into a drawing for a GoPro Prize Pack.

"Winning this contest would assist in affording necessary funds for Wood Dale Park District to renovate and enhance White Oaks Park," said Matthew Ellmann, Wood Dale Park District Executive Director. Plans for the park could include a new building, aerial challenge course, spartan trail, a campfire area, a new dog area and more. "Enhancements to this park would result in the site becoming a blend of passive and active recreation from which people throughout the region could enjoy."

During the month of April, residents can nominate Wood Dale, by visiting www.NRPA.org/DisneyMeetMeAtThePark and voting. Encourage your friends to nominate our city by taking a selfie in your favorite park and using the hashtags #MeetMeAtThePark, #Parkies and #CelebrateEarth.

The Wood Dale Park District was organized in 1967. Encompassing a 6-mile area, the District serves most of the City of Wood Dale, portions of Elk Grove Village, Bensenville and Itasca.

Wood Dale Park District serves an estimated population of 13,770 with approximately 139 acres of park land on 15 park sites/facilities. District facilities include an 18-hole golf course with banquet facility, a water park and community center.

The Wood Dale Park District offers an extensive selection of recreational and leisure-time programs and events for all age groups.

Both promotions (defined below) begin at 12 a.m. ET on April 1, 2018 and conclude at 11:59 p.m. ET on April 30, 2018. No Purchase Necessary to participate. The NRPA Meet Me at the Park Promotion and Voter's Sweepstakes (collectively, "promotions") are open to legal residents of the 50 US & DC, who are 18 years of age or older. For complete details and Official Rules for both promotions, visit www.meetmeatthepark.org.

About 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.

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