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The Centerville-Washington Park District was awarded the Healthy Ohio Parks and Recreation Award in the Bronze category at the Ohio Parks and Recreation (OPRA) Conference in Akron, Ohio on Sunday, January 24, 2010. In attendance at the awards banquet to accept the award was Jennifer Brandt, Fitness Coordinator for the Centerville-Washington Park District. Mrs. Brandt was also the author of the award submission.

The goal for Healthy Ohio Parks and Recreation Award is to recognize agencies that encourage healthy lifestyles through livable communities. Measurements from the award application consider partnerships, facilities, and community involvement and are based on responses provided by the agency and supporting documentation. Nine agencies throughout the State of Ohio submitted applications for the award.

With nearly 1,000 acres of parkland in Centerville and Washington Township, the Park District offers programs and natural area preservation for residents and nonresidents alike. The seven community parks host large group activity such as athletics, while the seven nature parks preserve historical and natural treasures. Thirty-four neighborhood parks provide recreation and play opportunities within walking distance of most homes. The mission of the Centerville-Washington Park District is to provide quality parks, outdoor education, and recreation while preserving open space.

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