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Subject: Nominate Centerville-Washington Park District to receive a \$20K grant during Earth Month

CENTERVILLE, OH: 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. The agency that receives the most nominations will receive a \$20,000 grant to improve a local park.

Local parks make Centerville a better place to live. They shape many of our lives. Parks are essential to our city’s 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, Centerville and Washington Township residents have the opportunity to nominate the Centerville-Washington Park District to receive \$20,000 in grant funding to make improvements at one of our local parks! The Park District hopes to use the grant money to make improvements to nature play areas at Grant Park.

By visiting www.NRPA.org/Disney, park supporters can nominate our Park District. At the end of April, the agency with the most nominations will receive the grant funding. Everyone who makes a nomination will be entered into a drawing for a GoPro Prize Pack!

Centerville-Washington Park District plays an important role in connecting residents with their parks. Park District Director Arnie Biondo said, “Parks provide opportunities that build a strong, healthy, community! People visit parks to pursue all kinds of outdoor recreation activities, whether visiting a playground, playing a sport, participating in a program, or just relaxing to the sights and sounds of nature.”

“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 nomination for your favorite park is all it takes.”

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This Earth Month, Centerville can show what parks mean to our community by nominating our Park District. Encourage your friends to nominate the Park District by taking a selfie in your favorite park and using the hashtags #MeetMeAtThePark, #Parkies and #CelebrateEarth.

The promotion begins at 12 a.m. ET on April 1, 2018 and concludes 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 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.

The Centerville-Washington Park District operates eight community parks, nine nature parks, and 33 neighborhood parks encompassing more than 1,000 acres in Centerville and Washington Township. For more information about the Centerville-Washington Park District, please call (937) 433-5155 or visit www.cwpd.org.

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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