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Parks and Recreation Earns National Awards Clark County receives accolades for park, art project

Clark County Parks and Recreation recently received two national awards and one honorable mention from the National Association of County Parks and Recreation Officials for projects in 2005 including **Zap!, the Western Trails Park and Fishing Line Recovery Stations.**

Each year the association recognizes exceptional achievements of Parks and Recreation facilities, programs and individual staff members. Patricia Marchese, director of Clark County Parks and Recreation, will receive the awards at the association's annual awards dinner during the National Association of Counties Congress held August 7 in Chicago.

There are 14 award categories. The County earned a Park and Recreation award for the **Zap!** public art project near Winchester Cultural Center, 3130 S. McLeod Drive. The new **Western Trails Park**, located in southwest Las Vegas at Warm Springs Road and Rogers Street, earned the Park and Recreation Facility Award. Although the **Fishing Line Recovery Stations** project received an Award of Merit.

Zap!, Park and Recreation Award

Zap! is a public art project that uses utility boxes as the canvas to bring art to neighborhoods in Clark County. The project was done in cooperation with the Las Vegas Centennial Committee, sponsor of the City of 100 Murals Project, of which Zap! was a part.

Ten artists from Clark County were selected to create pieces depicting the past, present and future of Las Vegas as well as a relation to the Winchester neighborhood. The artists painted 35 boxes and 13 metal posts, and the entire project budget went to support the careers of local artists.

The Western Trails Neighborhood Park, Park and Recreational Facility Award for counties and communities of more than 500,000 people

The Western Trails Neighborhood Park, 7355 Rogers Street, opened in November 2005 and doubles as a park and equestrian trailhead. The 50-foot windmill greets residents to the 7-acre park which includes five covered wagon picnic shelters circled around a fire pit, shaded children's playground, Western general store-themed full-facility restrooms, desert landscaping and open lawn for play and gatherings.

The equestrian side of the park has a special recycled asphalt parking area for use by horse enthusiasts. The special surface allows horses and riders to safely unload and move from trailers to the start of the equestrian trails. Drinking troughs for horses also are provided. Local landscape architect Rich Marriotti

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designed the park.

Fishing Line Recovery Stations at Sunset Park, Award of Merit honorable mention, Environmental Category

The Fishing Line Recovery Stations were constructed and placed around key areas of Sunset Lake, located in Sunset Park, where fishermen were haplessly discarding fishing line and hooks and endangering wildlife. Volunteers from the Eagle Scouts Unit #256, Las Vegas Area Council, installed wooden, pressure-treated posts and plastic recycling stations around the perimeter of the lake. The Nevada Department of Wildlife provided instructional decals and informational stickers placed on the stations.

Clark County Department of Parks and Recreation is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA,) a national organization.

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