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HIGH POINT PARKS & RECREATION EARNS NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

Mark of distinction recognizes commitment to highest level of service to the community

HIGH POINT, N.C. (Oct. 19, 2021) – High Point Parks & Recreation has joined the ranks of elite park and recreation agencies across the country by earning accreditation through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). This distinguished accomplishment was recently awarded during the 2021 NRPA Annual Conference.

CAPRA accreditation, the sole national accreditation for park and recreation agencies, is a measure of an agency's overall quality of operations, management and service to the community. This mark of distinction indicates that an agency has met rigorous standards related to the management and administration of lands, facilities, resources, programs, safety, communications and services.

As part of the accreditation process, High Point Parks & Recreation had to demonstrate compliance with an extensive list of recognized standards and document all policies and procedures associated with them. Of 154 standards, the department successfully passed all 154. Only 192 parks and recreation agencies in the U.S. are currently CAPRA-accredited, with 14 in the state of North Carolina.

The process also involves a formal application, self-assessments, a site visit by a team of trained visitors that results in a written report and a hearing with the Commission to grant accreditation. Once accredited, the agency must uphold the standards by submitting an annual report and is reviewed again in five years.

“We are extremely honored to be a CAPRA-accredited agency,” said Director of High Point Parks & Recreation Lee Tillery. “Accreditation accomplishes a number of great things. It demonstrates that our department is operating under the best practices of our profession as set forth by the National Recreation and Parks Association. It assures residents that we regularly review operations, policies and procedures, which translates into providing higher-quality programs, services and facilities to benefit the community. It also shows what we already knew: that High Point is a wonderful community to work, play and live in.”

About High Point Parks & Recreation

High Point Parks & Recreation enhances quality of life by providing opportunities through innovative programs, parks, and facilities for present and future generations.

About the City of High Point

The City of High Point aims to serve as the catalyst for bringing together the community's human, economic and civic resources for the purpose of creating the single most livable, safe and prosperous community in America. For more information on the City, visit www.highpointnc.gov.

About CAPRA



The Commission is comprised of representatives from NRPA, the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials, the International City/County Management Association, the Academy for Leisure Sciences, the Armed Forces Recreation Network and the Council of State Executive Directors.

For more information about CAPRA accreditation, visit www.nrpa.org/CAPRA.

About the National Recreation and Park Association

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is the leading not-for-profit organization dedicated to building strong, vibrant and resilient communities through the power of parks and recreation. With more than 60,000 members, NRPA advances this mission by investing in and championing the work of park and recreation professionals and advocates – the catalysts for positive change in service of equity, climate-readiness, and overall health and well-being. 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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