HISTORY: NATIONAL GOLD MEDAL AWARD GRAND PLAQUE RECIPIENTS

Running Total	**60**	**59**	**59**	**59**	**59**	**14**	**15**	
325	**CLASS I**	**CLASS II**	**CLASS III**	**CLASS IV**	**CLASS V**	**ARMED FORCES RECREATION**	**STATE PARKS**	
Current	**Population 400,001 and over**	**Population 150,001-400,000**	**Population 75,001-150,000**	**Population 30,001-75,000**	**Population less than 30,000**	**Worldwide**	**All**	
2025	Johnson County Park & Recreation District, Shawnee Mission, KS	Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation, VA	Lewisville Parks and Recreation Department, TX	Park District of Oak Park, IL	Oak Brook Park District, IL	U.S. Army Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, CO	Ohio State Parks and Watercraft	
2024	Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, MN	South Suburban Park and Recreation District, CO	City of New Braunfels Parks and Recreation, TX	Douglasville Parks and Recreation, GA	Dickinson Parks and Recreation District, ND	Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Milton, FL		
2023	Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation, VA	City of Plano Parks & Recreation Department, TX	Champaign Park District, IL	Hoffman Estates Park District, IL	Cullman Parks, Recreation, and Sports Tourism, AL	Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Kanagawa, Japan	Texas State Parks	
2022	Recreation & Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge (BREC), LA	City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation, IA	South Bend Venues Parks & Arts, IN	Waukesha Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department, WI	Town of Fountain Hills Community Services, AZ	Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA		
2021	Cleveland Metroparks, OH	City of Tampa Parks & Recreation Department, FL	Provo Parks & Recreation, UT	Coppell Parks & Recreation, TX	Vernon Hills Park District, IL	Naval Base Coronado, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) San Diego, CA	Delaware State Parks	
2020	Toledo Metroparks, OH	City of Greensboro Parks and Recreation, NC	Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation, IN	Decatur Park District, IL	Green River Parks and Recreation, WY	Fort Riley Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, KS		
2019	Fairfax County Park Authority, VA	Metro Parks Tacoma, WA	The Woodlands Township, TX	City of Westerville Parks and Recreation, OH	Glencoe Park District, IL	Marine Corps Base Camp Smedley D. Butler, Okinawa, Japan	Florida State Parks, Department of Environmental Protection	
2018	Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department, FL	City of Arlington Parks and Recreation Department, TX	City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation, IN	Town of Castle Rock Parks and Recreation, CO	Homewood-Flossmoor Park District, IL	Naval Air Station Pensacola Morale, Welfare and Recreation, FL		
2017	Johnson County Parks and Recreation, KS	Grand Prairie Parks, Arts and Recreation Department, TX	Roswell Recreation, Parks, Historic and Cultural Affairs Department, GA	Bismarck Parks and Recreation District, ND	Itasca Park District, IL	MCCS Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, NC	Arizona State Parks	
2016	Cleveland Metro Parks, OH	Cary Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, NC	Allen Parks and Recreation Department, TX	Willamalane Park and Recreation District, Springfield, OR	Frankfort Square Park District, IL	United States Coast Guard Base, Kodiak, AK		
2015	The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Riverdale, MD	Plano Parks and Recreation, TX	City of St. George, UT	Park District of Oak Park, Il	Oak Brook Park District, IL	Marine Corps Community Services, Marine Corps Installations West, Camp Pendleton, CA	Delaware State Parks	
2014	Chicago Park District, IL	City of Henderson, NV	Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation, IN	City of Kettering, OH	City of Lafayette, CO	Morale, Welfare and Recreation Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, GA		2014- Revised Population Categories

Original Catagories	Population over 250,000	Population 100,000- 250,000	Population 50,000-100,000	Population 20,000-50,000	Population less than 20,000	Armed Forces Recreation	State Parks	
2013	City of Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine, CA	Round Rocks Parks and Recreation, TX	Waukegan Park District, IL	City of Westerville Parks and Recreation, OH	Town of Erie Parks and Recreation, CO	Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Fort Knox, KY	Florida State Parks	
2012	Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation, Charlotte, NC	Rockford Park District Rockford, IL	James City County Parks & Recreation, VA	Town of Castle Rock Parks and Recreation, CO	Durango Parks and Recreation, CO	Morale, Welfare & Recreation-Naval Station Great Lakes, IL		2012- First Year for Armed Forces Recreation Category
2011	Portland Parks and Recreation, OR	City of Lakewood Department of Community Resources, CO	City of Waukesha Parks, Recreation and Forestry, WI	Town of Parker Parks and Recreation, CO	City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation, VA		Michigan Department of Natural Resources	
2010	Fairfax County Park Authority, VA	Pleasure Driveway and Park District, Peoria, IL	Lee's Summit Parks and Recreation, MO	Gurnee Park District, IL	City of Golden Parks and Recreation, CO			
2009	Milwaukee County Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture, WI	Fox Valley Park District, IL	Hoffman Estates Park District, IL	Lombard Park District, IL	Itasca Park District, IL		Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	
2008	Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation, GA	Grand Prairie Parks and Recreation Department, TX	Canton Leisure Services, MI	Carol Stream Park District, IL	Town of Herndon Parks & Recreation, VA			
2007	Cleveland Metroparks, OH	City of Westminister Department of Parks, Recreation and Libraries, CO	City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation, IN	City of Westerville Parks and Recreation, OH	Frankfort Square Park District, IL		Tennessee State Parks	
2006	City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, CA	City of Tempe Community Services, AZ	Bend Metro Park and Recreation District, OR	Homewood-Flossmoor Park District, IL	Bloomingdale Park District, IL			
2005	Saint Paul Parks and Recreation, MN	Bellevue Parks and Community Services, WA	Wheaton Park District, IL	Town of Leesburg Department of Parks and Recreation, VA	Lake Forest Parks and Recreation, IL		Florida State Parks	
2004	Austin Parks and Recreation, TX	Tallahassee Parks and Recreation, FL	Schaumburg Park District, IL	Grand Junction Parks and Recreation, CO	Evans Parks and Recreation, CO			
2003	Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Riverdale, MD	City of Scottsdale, AZ	Denton Parks and Recreation, TX	DeKalb Park District, IL	Itasca Park District, IL		New York State Parks	
2002	Fairfax County Park Authority, VA	Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department, NC	Asheville Parks and Recreation, NC	Carol Stream Park District, IL	City of Lafayette, CO			
2001	Cleveland Metroparks, OH	Pleasure Driveway and Park District, Peoria, IL	Arlington Heights Park District, IL	City of Westerville Parks and Recreation, OH	Town of Herndon Parks and Recreation, VA		Virginia State Parks	
2000	City of Mesa Parks, Recreation and Cultural Division, AZ	Springfield-Green County Park Board, MO	North Richland Hills Parks and Recreation Department, TX	Roseville Parks and Recreation Department, MN	Town of Parker, CO			
1999	Lake County Forest Preserve District, IL	City of Henderson Parks and Recreation, NV	City of Westminster Department of Parks, Recreation and Libraries, CO	Bolingbrook Park District, IL	Georgetown Parks, Education and Recreation, TX		Florida State Parks	
1998	City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, CA	City of Chandler Community Services, AZ	Champaign Park District, IL	St. Charles Park District, IL	City of Commerce Parks and Recreation Department, CO			
1997	Cincinnati Recreation Commission, OH	City of Plano, TX	Skokie Park District, IL	Germantown Parks and Recreation, TN	Channahon Park District, IL		Ohio State Parks	1997 - First Year for Stae Parks (alternate years)
1996	Fort Worth Parks and Community Services, TX	South Surburban Parks and Recreation District, Littleton, CO	Wheaton Park District, IL	Northbrook Park District, IL	Leesburg Department of Parks and Recreation, VA			
1995	Johnson County Parks and Recreation, Shawnee Mission, KS	City of Tempe Community Services, AZ	Schaumburg Park District, IL	Columbus Parks and Recreation, IN	City of Naples, FL			

1994	Cleveland Metroparks, OH	Pleasure Driveway and Park District, Peoria, IL	City of Kettering, OH	City of Rockville, MD	Louisville Parks and Recreation, CO		
1993	Metropolitian Dade County Parks and Recreation Department, FL	City of Fort Lauderdale, FL	Joliet Park District, IL	Bismarck Parks and Recreation Department, ND	Alsip Park District, IL		
1992	City of Mesa Parks, Recreation and Cultural Division, AZ	Metropolitian Park District of Tacoma, WA	Arlington Heights Park District, IL	Elmhurst Park District, IL	Brooklyn Department of Recreation, OH		
1991	Recreation and Park Commission Parish of East Batorn Rouge, LA	Foothills Recreation and Park District, Lakewood, CO	Westminster Department of Parks, Recreation and Libraries, CO	Homewood-Flossmoor Park District, IL	Town of Herndon, VA		
1990	Broward County Parks and Recreation, FL	City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department, NC	Champaign Park District, IL	Wheaton Park District, IL	Wood Dale Park District, IL		
1989	Minneapolis Parks and Recreation, MN	Rockford Park District, IL	Santa Barbara Recreation Department, CA	Loveland Parks and Recreation, CO	Palm Beach Gardens, FL		
1988	City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, CA	South Surburban Parks and Recreation District, Littleton, CO	Schaumburg Park District, IL	Kent Parks and Recreation, WA	Lemont Township Park District, IL		
1987	Metropolitian Dade County Parks and Recreation Department, Miami, FL	Greeensboro Parks and Recreation Department, NC	Plano Parks and Recreation, TX	Elk Grove Park District, IL	Carrollton, GA		
1986	City of Phoenix, AZ	Foothills Recreation and Park District, Lakewood, CO	Ft. Collins Parks and Recreation, CO	Willamalane Parks and Recreation Department, Springfield, OR	Mountlake Terrace, WA		
1985	Dallas Parks and Recreation, TX	Metropolitian Park District of Tacoma, WA	North Jeffco Park District, Arvada, CO	Denton Parks and Recreation, TX	Deerfield Park District, IL		
1984	Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Riverdale, MD	Aurora, CO	Columbia, MO	Wheaton Park District, IL	Sterling Park District, IL		
1983	Annandale, VA	St. Petersburg, FL	Arlington Heights Park District, IL	Downers Grove Park District, Il	Casa Grande, AZ		
1982	Lake Worth, FL	Colorado Springs, CO	Scottsdale, AZ	Gaithersburg, MD	Eden Prairie, MN		
1981	San Antonio, TX	Ann Arbor, MI	Fox Valley Park District, Aurora, IL	Brooklyn Park, MN	Town of Herndon, VA		
1980	Honolulu, HI	Ft. Wayne, IN	South Surburban Park and Recreation District, Littleton, CO	Highland Park Park District, IL	Bolingbrook Park District, IL		
1979	Miami, FL	Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department, NC	Champaign Park District, IL	Bellingham, WA	Plano, TX		
1978	San Jose, CA	Anaheim, CA	Mesa, AZ	Wilmette Park District, IL	Wheeling Park District, IL		
1977	The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Riverdale, MD	Portsmouth, VA & Hennepin County Parks, MN (tie)	Kettering, OH	Glenview Park District, IL	Sterling Park District, IL		
1976	Nashville, TN	Raleigh, NC	Burbank, CA	Lockport, IL	North Platte, NE		
1975	Recreation and Park Commission Parish of East Batorn Rouge, LA	Huntington Beach, CA	Tempe, AZ	Vancouver, WA	Greenbelt, MD		
1974	Milwaukee County Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture, WI	Glendale, CA	Southfield, MI	New Hope, MN	Westerville, OH		
1973	Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Riverdale, MD	Bridgeport, CT	Aurora, CO	Oak Park, MI	Bexley, OH		
1972	Memphis, TN	Lincoln, NE	Downey, CA	Naperville Park District, IL	City of Roseville, CA		

1971	Cincinnati Recreation Commission, OH	Pleasure Driveway and Park District, Peoria, IL	Scottsdale, AZ	Plancentia, CA	Edinburg, TX		
1970	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	Madison, WI	Stockton, CA	Glenview, IL	Lewistown, ID		
1969	Columbus, OH	Hayward, CA	Eugene, OR	Hutchinson, KS	Brookyn Park, MN		
1968	Phoenix, AZ	Austin, TX	Chula Vista, CA	Pittsburgh, KS	Cresent City, CA		
1967	Witcha, KS	Berkeley, CA	North Jeffco Park District, Arvada, CA	Duarte, CA			
1966	San Diego, CA & Seattle, WA (tie)	Oak Park, IL	Livingston, NJ	Bend, OR			