



# **VISITED THE GREAT SMOKEY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK?**

Thank Edward John Meeman  
Pugsley Recipient 1963





**VISITED A STATE  
PARK IN IOWA?**

Thank Margo K. Frankel  
Pugsley Recipient 1932



# **VISITED BAXTER STATE PARK IN MAINE?**

Thank Percival Proctor Baxter  
Pugsley Recipient 1932

A photograph of two young boys in white polo shirts and shorts standing in front of a large aquarium tank. They are looking at a seal that is leaning up against the glass. The water is clear and greenish. The background shows a rocky structure.

# **VISITED THE CHILDREN'S ZOO IN LINCOLN PARK?**

Thank Daniel L. Flaherty  
Pugsley Recipient 1964

An aerial photograph of a large waterfall cascading down a rocky cliff face into a deep canyon. The surrounding landscape is densely forested with evergreen trees. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, with a bright light source breaking through near the horizon, creating a golden glow. The overall scene is majestic and natural.

# **VISITED ONE OF OUR NATIONAL PARKS?**

Thank Stephen T. Mather  
Pugsley Recipient 1928



# RIDDEN ON A BIKE TRAIL IN MINNEAPOLIS?

Thank Robert Ruhe  
Pugsley Recipient 1970



# HISTORY

## Cornelius Amory Pugsley

In 1870, he started at Westchester County National Bank. Was the president for 46 years.

Cornelius' son, Chester D. Pugsley, endowed a medals program to honor his father. The medal is to honor public park work in the United States.

The National Park Foundation accepted the administration of the medal program.

1850

Born in 1850 in Peekskill, Westchester County, New York.

1870

1901

Served a two-year term in the 57th Congress. He was very active in non-profit organizations. Became vice president of the Westchester County Park Commission.

1929

1953

In 1953 a new pattern emerged honoring individuals at the national, state/regional, and local levels.

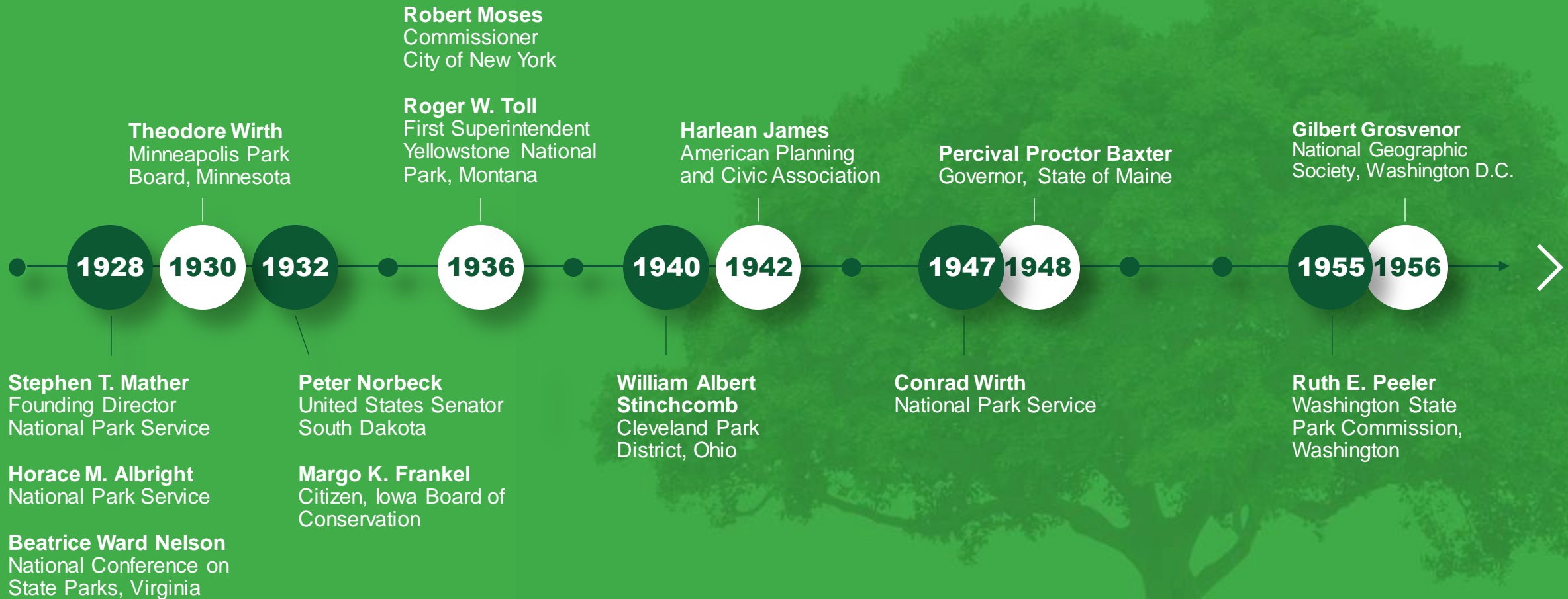
1985

The Foundation invited the American Academy for Park & Recreation Administration to make the final recipient selection.

1996

# HIGHLIGHTED RECIPIENTS

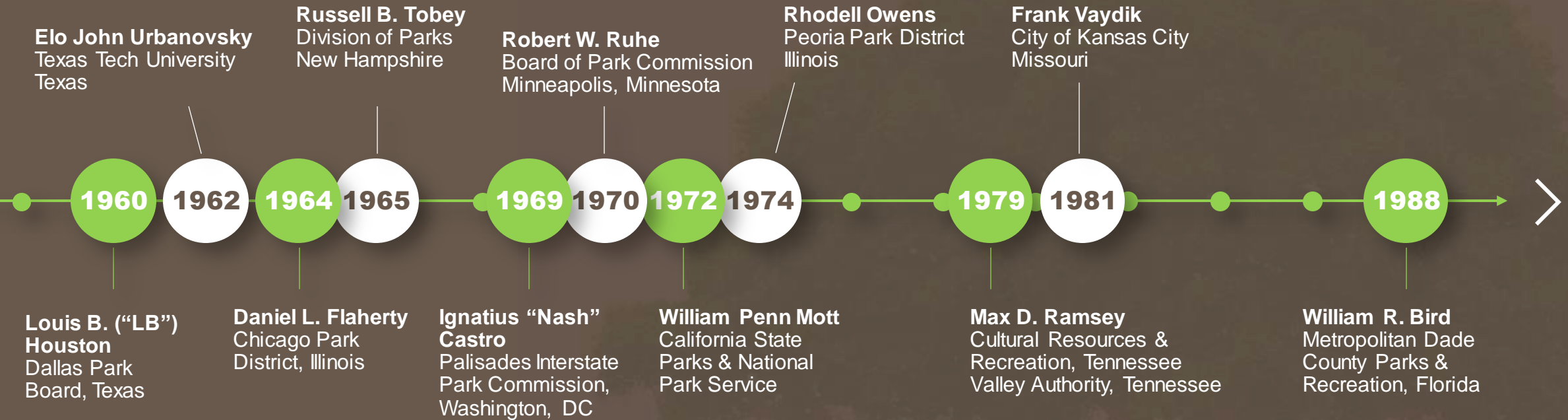
## 1928 – 1958





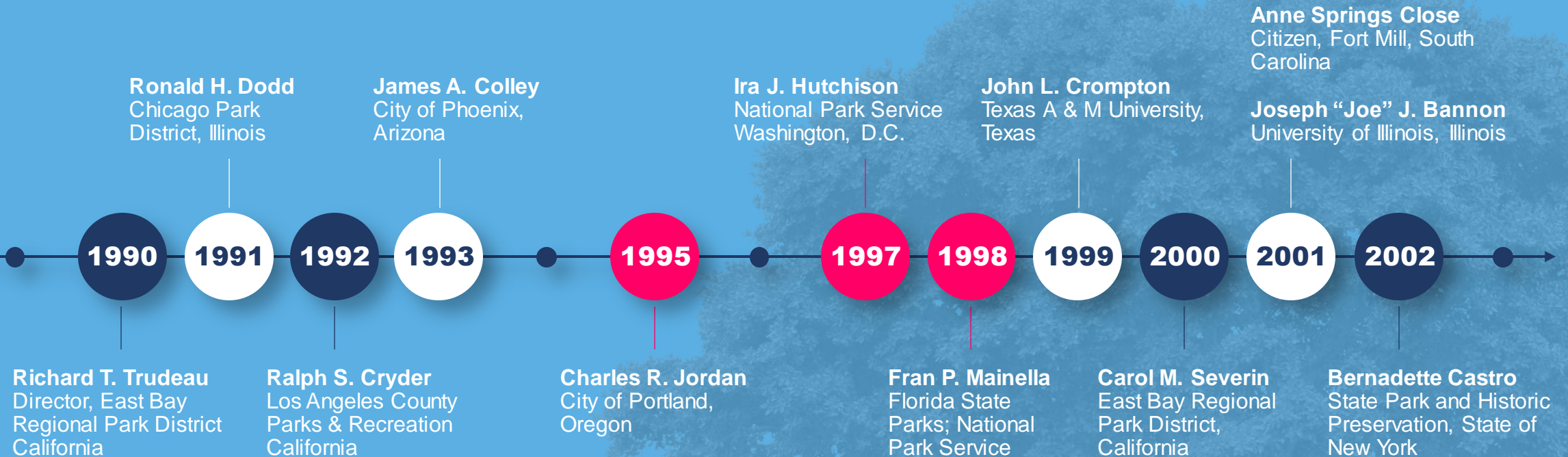
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1959 – 1990



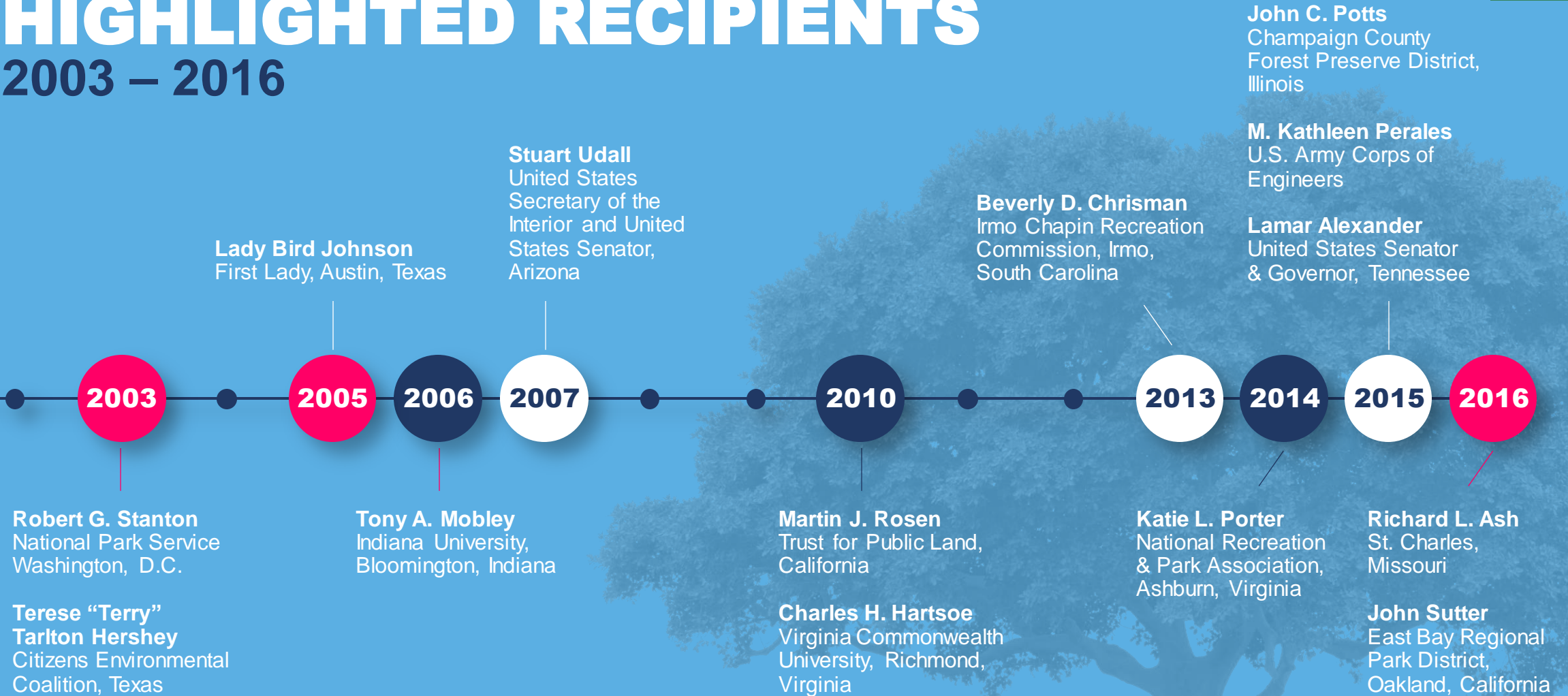
# HIGHLIGHTED RECIPIENTS

## 1990 – 2002



# HIGHLIGHTED RECIPIENTS

## 2003 – 2016



# FEATURED AWARD RECIPIENTS



**1995**

## **CHARLES R. JORDAN**

**Director, City of Portland, Oregon**

Considered the leading evangelist in parks and recreation, Charles started his career in Palm Springs, California. The majority of his career was spent in Portland, Oregon, where he was appointed the city's first African American commissioner. There he served as the as Police, Parks and Fire Commissioners. He grew Portland's system from 184 parks to 225 parks and natural areas. A powerful speaker, Charles staunchly promoted his parks & recreation "business" as "crime prevention." He served on the President's Commission on American Outdoors and as Chair of the Conservation Fund.



**1997**

## **IRA J. HUTCHISON**

**Assistant Director, National Park Service, Washington, D.C.**

A pioneer in therapeutic recreation, Ira started at Topeka State Hospital, Kansas, serving as psychiatric aide, athletic instructor, recreation therapist, and the hospital's recreation director. Moving to New York City, Ira worked with narcotic addicts. He then worked for the newly formed NRPA. The National Park Service appointed Ira as deputy director, making him the first African American deputy director. Upon retirement Ira formed Roundtable Associates, comprised of distinguished African Americans in parks, recreation, and conservation fields.

# FEATURED AWARD RECIPIENTS



**2003**

## **ROBERT G. STANTON**

**Director, National Park Service, 1997-2001, Washington, D.C.**

Appointed Director of the National Park Service in 1997. His first exposure to the NPS was at Grand Teton National Park as an intern. First NPS Director to be confirmed by the Senate. It was said "through his 34-year career with NPS he distinguished himself with leadership, commitment, and dedication."



**2005**

## **LADY BIRD JOHNSON**

**First Lady, Austin, Texas**

Through her personal leadership in development of park systems in Washington, D.C., and Austin, Texas, she became an advocate for communities across the nation bringing beautification and conservation to the national agenda. She sought passage of the Highway Beautification Act of 1965. Turned the National Wildflower Research Center to a membership organization of 25,000 with visitations exceeding 100,000 per year.

# FEATURED AWARD RECIPIENTS



**1998 & 2007**

## **FRAN P. MAINELLA**

**Director, Florida State Parks; Director, National Park Service**

A two-time recipient, Fran received her first Pugsley for her work while Florida's State Park Director. During her tenure, Florida State Parks became a model for its volunteer & partnership programs. She was appointed the 16th and first female National Park Service Director in 2001. Partnerships continued to be her emphasis, mandating civic engagement and public involvement in director's order 75A. She created a multi-state national park; Great Sand Dunes National Park; the Lewis & Clark National Historic Park; the memorial for United Flight 93; and the preservation of 9,000 Texas acres of long-leaf pine forests.



**2016**

## **RICHARD L. ASH**

**Director, St. Charles, Missouri**

Using his core values as his base, Richard worked nearly 40 years improving communities and the state of Missouri. During his 26-year tenure in St. Charles the operating and capital budget grew as did its acreage with a corresponding increase in staff and parks. A strong fiscal conservative, he often spoke on fiscal management. Richard was a key player in the development of the Great Rivers Greenway District, a bi-state, five-county, special district. His love of the outdoors led him to the Conservation Federation of Missouri where he served as its President.

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of the Honorable  
**Cornelius Amory Pugsley Awards**

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