



2018 OPRA Awards of Excellence Winners

Category 1: Capital Improvement Projects – Up to \$1.0 Million

- 1st Place Hanby Park | Westerville Parks & Recreation Department
- 2nd Place The Glacier Ridge Challenge | Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks
- 3rd Place Wick Recreation Area Dek Hockey Rink | Mill Creek MetroParks

Category 2: Capital Improvement Projects – \$1.0 Million to \$2.5 Million

- 1st Place Dream Field Complex at Windsor Park | Grove City Parks and Recreation
- 2nd Place Whitehall Community Park Revitalization Plan | Whitehall Parks & Recreation Department
- 3rd Place Defiance Splash Park | City of Defiance

Category 3: Capital Improvement Projects – \$2.5 Million and Up

- 1st Place Howard Marsh Metropark – Phase 1 Construction | Metroparks Toledo
- 2nd Place Stark Parks Wildlife Conservation Center | Stark County Park District
- 3rd Place Dorrian Green | MKSK

Category 4: Programs – Special Event

- 1st Place Key To The City | Worthington Parks and Recreation
- 2nd Place #WhitehallWeekend | Whitehall Parks & Recreation Department
- 3rd Place Project Backboard | Cincinnati Recreation Commission

Category 5: Programs – Historical & Cultural Arts

- 1st Place "Hairspray" and Empty Bowls Project | Columbus Recreation and Parks Department
- 2nd Place All of Us: A Life's Project | Gahanna Parks & Recreation Department
- 3rd Place "Sight of Music" | Columbus Recreation and Parks Department

Category 6: Programs – Environmental & Interpretive

- 1st Place OutdoorX Waste Free Initiative | Five Rivers MetroParks
- 2nd Place Putt-ing through the Ages | Medina County Park District
- 3rd Place Watershed Heroes | Kettering Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts

Category 7: Programs – Health & Wellness

- 1st Place FitBiz Corporate Wellness | Dublin Parks & Recreation
- 2nd Place Border Battle | Worthington Parks and Recreation
- 3rd Place Fitness Resolution Solution | Columbus Recreation and Parks Department

Category 8: Programs – Sports

- 1st Place 3-on-3 Streetball Tournament | Whitehall Parks & Recreation Department
- 2nd Place Thomas James Knox Rink | Westerville Parks & Recreation Department
- 3rd Place Men's Basketball | Reynoldsburg Parks & Recreation Department

Category 9: Programs – Special Populations

- 1st Place Adapted Action Day: Activities for Everyone | Centerville-Washington Park District
- 2nd Place Becoming our Community's 1st Autism Friendly Site | Summit Metro Parks
- 3rd Place Adapted PE Mentor Training | Cincinnati Recreation Commission

Category 10: Programs – Recreation

- 1st Place Girls Build | Prairie Township
- 2nd Place Tree Climbing | Metroparks Toledo
- 3rd Place Outdoor Adventure and Skills Camp | Westerville Parks & Recreation Department

Category 11: Law Enforcement

- 1st Place Suicide Prevention: You Are Not Alone. | Lorain County Metro Parks
- 2nd Place Safe Parks | Whitehall Parks & Recreation Department
- 3rd Place MARCS Tower | Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District

Category 12: Natural Resources & Conservation

- 1st Place Growing a Park, Creating Memories in Our Community | Summit Metro Parks
- 2nd Place Smale Riverfront Park Combined Sustainability Initiative | Cincinnati Parks
- 3rd Place Glade Restoration | Metroparks Toledo

Category 13: Marketing Innovation

- 1st Place Time to Explore Campaign | Cleveland Metroparks
- 2nd Place Chalk It Up To Play | Kettering Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts
- 3rd Place Shine with Parks & Rec | Gahanna Parks & Recreation Department

Category 14: Management Innovation

- 1st Place Rec West Enrichment Center | Washington Township Recreation Center
- 2nd Place Community That Cares Project | Kettering Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts
- 3rd Place Park Endowment Fund | Whitehall Parks & Recreation Department

Outstanding Youth Leadership

Ella Oswalt | Gahanna Parks & Recreation Department

Outstanding Citizen Leadership

Gregory Lashutka | Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks
Andy Niekamp | Five Rivers MetroParks

Youth Sports Coach of the Year

Ed Krause | Reynoldsburg Parks & Recreation Department

Legislator of the Year

Marcy Kaptur

Jack Hanna Resource Conservation

Tim Gallaher | Metroparks Toledo

Harvey Woods Lifetime Achievement

Tom James | Medina County Park District

Professional of the Year

Bob Fonte | Stark County Park District

OPRA Hall of Fame

David Noble

Governors Award

Metroparks Toledo | Howard Marsh Metropark – Phase 1 Construction