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The Virginia Recreation & Park Society is a non-profit professional organization whose goal is to unite all those interested in the field of parks and recreation. VRPS is governed by an eleven-member board of directors from within the profession. VRPS held its 59th Annual Conference September 7-10, 2013 in James City County.

Each year, outstanding individuals are recognized for accomplishments and awards are given to those who have shown dedicated service to the field as well as VRPS. The Fellows Award is the premiere award of VRPS, recognizing an individual who has demonstrated consistent and outstanding commitment by furthering the goals of VRPS, contributing to the profession and serving the community.

This year's recipient is Carol Steele, Director of Gloucester Parks, Recreation & Tourism. Ms. Steele has been the director since 1986 and been an active VRPS member for close to 30 years. She has served under two governors on the Child Day Care Council, been inducted into the Virginia RC&D Council Hall of Fame, awarded the VRPS Distinguished Service Award and served as President of VRPS in 2000. During her tenure as director, Gloucester County has grown considerably, with 7 new parks and a larger staff and programming offering.

“Her dedication to the field of parks and recreation, as well as to VRPS, is unmatched,” said VRPS President Katey Legg. Ms. Legg is also the Recreation Superintendent for Gloucester Parks, Recreation & Tourism.

The mission of the Virginia Recreation and Park Society is to unite all professionals, students, and interested lay persons engaged in the field of recreation, parks, and other leisure services in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For more information on the Society contact the state office at (804) 730-9447 or visit them on the web at www.vrps.com.

For more information about *Gloucester Parks, Recreation & Tourism* contact us at **693-2355**.

Pictured: Carol Steele, Director of Parks, Recreation & Tourism & Katey Legg, Recreation Superintendent and VRPS President.

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