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Over 650 delegates from around the state gathered last week at the 59th Annual Conference of the Virginia Recreation and Park Society held September 7 - 10 in Williamsburg. The conference is education focused and provides an opportunity for recreation and park professionals to discuss areas of common interest.

Highlighting each year's conference is a formal presentation of awards. This prestigious state-wide program honors individuals, agencies and organizations throughout Virginia who have demonstrated excellence in any of several areas during the previous year. Over one hundred ten applications were received vying for awards in 17 different categories, including Best New Program, Best New Special Event, Best New Facility and promotional awards for basic, specialty, flyers and electronic media. Judged by a jury of its peers, the Society paid tribute to **Woodville Park**, selected for the **Best New Facility – Parks, Playgrounds, Blueways, Greenways & Trails..**

Woodville Park is Gloucester County's largest park. The vision for the park began when Arline Lanciano donated 100 acres to the County. Since then, that vision became a reality, with passive and active recreation opportunities. With walking trails, memorial garden, pond, wedding garden, soccer fields and future football fields, this park has something for everyone. Chris Clifford has been an instrumental piece of this project, donating over \$1 million in labor and equipment to the park.

“The excellence of the projects and individuals was evident and we offer our congratulations to each winner for their outstanding contributions to the profession and their community,” said VRPS President Katey Legg. Ms. Legg is also the Recreation Superintendent for Gloucester Parks, Recreation & Tourism.

“Entries in every population category, from around the state, allow us to recognize the best in our business while raising the standards and quality of programs, facilities and events.”

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.

Pictured: Parks, Recreation & Tourism staff, Park Partners, Inc. Board & Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee members.

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