Support Outdoors for All Act

EVERYONE DESERVES ACCESS TO A QUALITY PARK

The Outdoors for All Act

The Outdoors for All Act (S.448/H.R.1065) was introduced to codify the existing Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) program into federal law and provide access to safe, outdoor spaces for ALL people and communities.

Every person – no matter your ZIP code – should have access to quality green spaces. The Outdoors for All Act will guarantee that future generations have access to quality parks and green spaces and the social, physical and mental health benefits they provide.

Congress established the Outdoor Legacy Partnership (ORLP) program in 2014 to support the development of new outdoor recreation spaces. The ORLP program has successfully awarded over \$45 million in grants,¹ aiding 50 communities in the US.

Unfortunately, the ORLP program is not permanent. The Outdoors for All Act ensures that ORLP has reliable funding for years to come and makes the program more accessible by expanding which cities and towns are eligible for this funding. The Outdoors for All Act will allow more communities the opportunity to fund quality parks and recreational spaces in every community for future generations.

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Key Facts

- » Federal investments in local parks and recreation agencies play a key role in unlocking the economic potential of communities across the nation while simultaneously boosting resiliency to floods and protecting public health.
- » Quality local parks are incredible economic drivers for communities. In 2019 local park and recreation agencies generated \$218 billion in economic activity, supporting more than 1.3 million jobs.²
- » 100 million Americans lack access to a quality local park.³

About The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)

NRPA is the leading not-for-profit dedicated to building strong, vibrant and resilient communities through the power of parks and recreation. NRPA advances this vision by investing in and championing the work of park and recreation professionals as a catalyst for positive change in service of equity,³ climate-readiness,⁴ and overall health and well-being.⁵

With a network of more than 60,000 park and recreation professionals and advocates that represent public spaces in urban communities, rural settings and everything in between.

If you have questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Dan McCarthy, Advocacy Manager, National Recreation And Park Association, at <u>dmccarthy@nrpa.org</u>.

- ¹ www.lwcfcoalition.org/orlp
- ² www.nrpa.org/publications-research/research-papers/the-economic-impact-of-local-parks/
- ³ www.nrpa.org/our-work/Three-Pillars/equity/
- ⁴ www.nrpa.org/our-work/Three-Pillars/conservation/
- ⁵ www.nrpa.org/our-work/Three-Pillars/health-wellness/

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