

# Legislative Update



THE LATEST LEGISLATIVE ISSUES AFFECTING PARKS, RECREATION and CONSERVATION

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**TO: IAPD Members**

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**SUBJECT: OSLAD Deadline Quickly Approaching**

We wanted to remind you that the deadline for applying for the next round of OSLAD grants is **July 1, 2014**.

As we reported in [last week's Legislative Update](#), IAPD's advocacy efforts during the Spring Session resulted in a **\$24 million appropriation** for the next round of OSLAD grants - **\$10 million more** than the past year!

The OSLAD grant program offers funding assistance of up to 50% of the total cost of an eligible project. The maximum award for acquisition projects is \$750,000 and the maximum award for development/renovation projects is \$400,000.

In addition to assistance for land purchases for new park sites, park expansion, and natural resource preservation, the following examples of development/renovation projects are also eligible:

- picnic and playground facilities;
- outdoor nature interpretive facilities;
- sports courts and play fields;
- swimming pools, beaches and bathhouses;
- campgrounds and fishing piers;
- winter sports facilities;
- park roads and paths, parking, utilities and restrooms; and
- architectural/engineering (A/E) services necessary for proper design and construction of approved project components.

IDNR is accepting applications for these FY2015 OSLAD grants until **July 1, 2014**.

If your agency has an eligible project, we encourage you to apply because the \$24 million that is available is significantly more than in recent years.

To apply through IDNR's website, [click here](#).

**Invite Your Legislator to the Legislative Golf Outing**

Lawmakers have returned to their district offices for the summer. That means that the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual IAPD/IPRA Legislative Awareness Golf Outing on Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, at White Pines Golf Course in Bensenville is just around the corner.

Each member of the General Assembly received an invitation from IAPD earlier this week, but it is very important that you personally invite your legislator to join you. The Legislative Awareness Golf Outing is one of our most popular events and includes 18 holes of golf/carts, lunch, reception/dinner, competition holes and many opportunities to win fabulous door prizes. Register online by [clicking here](#). Please include your legislator(s) on your registration form.

A relaxing day of golf and conversation is a great way to develop a relationship with your legislator. Please contact your legislators at their district offices and invite them to join you at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual IAPD/IPRA Legislative Awareness Golf Outing on July 17th!

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