

# Legislative Update



THE LATEST LEGISLATIVE ISSUES AFFECTING PARKS, RECREATION and CONSERVATION

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**TO: IAPD Members**

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**SUBJECT: Governor Announces the First of Many PARC Grants**

Today, Governor Quinn announced that three IAPD member agencies will receive nearly \$7 million in funding under the Park and Recreational Facility Construction (PARC) grant program.

These three awards are the first of many PARC grants that will be announced in the coming weeks as part of this round of PARC grants that the Governor announced during the IAPD/IPRA Annual Awards luncheon in January. The total amount allocated for this round of PARC grants was set at \$25 million, but IAPD has been advocating for the release of additional funding in this round of grants because of the overwhelming demand for capital construction projects at local park and recreation agencies.

IAPD congratulates the following agencies on today's announcement.

- **Fox Valley Park District, \$1,999,800** to renovate and expand the Prisco Community Center, located at the corner of IL Route 31 and Illinois Avenue on the Fox River. The project includes installation of an elevator, ADA enhancements, fitness center expansion and new program rooms. Total estimated project cost is \$2,666,500.
- **Naperville Park District, \$2,500,000** to construct the district's first and only large-scale indoor activity center at Fort Hill Drive and Quincy Avenue. The project includes an indoor running/walking track, gymnasiums, a fitness center, an indoor playground and multipurpose rooms for recreation programs. Total estimated project cost is \$18,500,000.
- **West Chicago Park District, \$2,499,100** to construct a new Indoor Sports Performance Training Facility in Reed-Keppler Community Park. The facility will provide opportunities for softball, baseball, soccer, lacrosse, softball and golf. Total estimated project cost is \$3,332,200.

These projects will help improve the State and local economies and generate additional revenue through job creation, the purchase of building supplies and materials and tourism promotion.

IAPD thanks Governor Quinn and IDNR Director Marc Miller for their continued support of the PARC grant program and for their recognition of the critical role that park districts, forest preserves and conservation districts play in improving the quality of life and health of Illinoisans.