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**BOOSTER PARK PLAYGROUND RENOVATION RECOGNIZED WITH  
VIRGINIA RECREATION AND PARK SOCIETY AWARD**

ORANGE COUNTY, Va. – Over 400 delegates, exhibitors, speakers, and volunteers from around the state gathered earlier this week at the annual conference of the Virginia Recreation and Park Society held in James City County. The conference is a learning exchange 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 state-wide program honors individuals, departments, and organizations throughout Virginia who have demonstrated excellence in any of 15 categories during the previous year. Judged by a jury of its peers, Orange County Parks and Recreation received an award in the Best New Renovation/Addition (Parks, Playgrounds, Blueways, Greenways or Trails) category, for the improvements made to Booster Park's playground in the fall of 2022.

The renovation made the playground much more suitable for the heavy weekend use it receives during soccer, baseball, and softball seasons, and at special events. A highlight of the improvements was the addition of four bays of bench-style swings. This amenity was often requested by patrons since previously only toddler-style swings were available. Additional improvements included a variety of climbing and balance equipment, a barrel spinner, new surfacing and borders, and a general increase in footprint to safely accommodate greater numbers of users.

The Orange County Parks and Recreation Department (OCPR) is primarily responsible for the development of leisure activities for the citizens of Orange County. To see upcoming Parks and Recreation programs and events, visit [www.orangecountyva.gov/ocpr](http://www.orangecountyva.gov/ocpr).

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