

# Division of Parks & Recreation

## Agency Accreditation

Urban County Council

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# We are here to summarize Parks efforts to become re-accredited

- Let you know that Parks & Recreation is sitting for re-accreditation by our national standard setting body
- Provide you with an over view of what national Accreditation means to Parks
- Introduce our lead on-site team leader

# Commission on Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA)

- Sponsored by NRPA, but is independent
- Effort began in 1965, formalized in 1993
- Sets standards that allow for an authoritative assessment of Park agencies across the country
- Recognizes agencies for excellence in operation and service delivery
- Provides assurance to the public that agency meets national best practice standards

# Accreditation demonstrates that specific practice standards are being met

- Broad range of standards are in place
  - Essentially statements of desirable practice
  - In effect, if all or nearly all are being met, there can be a level of comfort that a quality operation is in place
  - Currently 144 standards
    - 36 Fundamental mandatory standards, all required
    - 108 non-mandatory, of which 85% must be met

# It is considered an honor to be CAPRA accredited

- Only 108 agencies in the US currently
- Peer review following a 20 year practice
- Lexington was accredited initially
  - In October 2007
  - Now requesting re-accreditation

# Effectively reviews every aspect of each agency's operation

- Agency Authority, Role and Responsibility
- Planning
- Organization and Administration
- Human Resources
- Financial Management
- Programs & Services Management
- Facility and Land Use Management
- Public Safety, Law Enforcement & Security
- Risk Management
- Evaluation and Research



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