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VRPS Honors go to Spring Hill RECenter and the Water Mine

Two major facility renovation and expansion projects by the Fairfax County Park Authority were honored last week at the 62nd Annual Conference of the Virginia Recreation and Park Society (VRPS) in Roanoke, Virginia. Spring Hill RECenter and the Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole received Best New Renovation/Addition awards in areas with a population greater than 100,000.

Spring Hill RECenter, located in McLean, was honored in the category of Bricks and Mortar renovations for the project that added a two-story fitness center, new multi-purpose fitness rooms, and a gymnasium with an elevated running track. In addition, the renovations qualified the facility for LEED Silver Certification in recognition of its innovative means to conserve energy use. This is the latest of several regional and national awards received for this project.

The Water Mine project took honors in the category of Parks, Playgrounds, Blueways, Greenways or Trails. This expansion, which included new water slides, was designed to not only increase capacity but also to make the water park more appealing to a wider range of ages, increasing its popularity as a family destination. The updated and expanded facility opened to record attendance and rave reviews last summer.

Each year, VRPS honors individuals, departments and organizations throughout Virginia who have demonstrated excellence in any of several areas during the previous year. Nominees are judged by a jury of peers. More than 500 delegates from around the state gathered for the annual VRPS conference that offers a learning exchange and provides an opportunity for recreation and park professionals to discuss areas of common interest.

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