



Chicago Park District

Legislation Text

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AUTHORITY TO ADOPT THE 2017 MASTER PLAN

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners
of the Chicago Park District

I. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve a resolution adopting the 2017 Master Plan.

II. Explanation

The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) provides frameworks for recreation agencies throughout the country to measure their performance on many fronts. The Chicago Park District achieved accreditation in 2012 through NRPA's Commission for Accreditation of Park Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). CAPRA accredits park and recreation agencies for excellence in operations and experiences and provides assurance to the public that the agency meets national standards of best practice.

In 2014, the Park District won the Gold Medal Award. The Gold Medal Awards are presented by the Academy for Park and Recreation Association in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association. The Gold Medal Award honors communities throughout the United States that demonstrate excellence in long-range planning, resource management and innovative approaches to delivering superb park and recreation services with fiscally sound business practices.

The District is now seeking CAPRA reaccreditation (reapplication occurs every 5 years). As part of the 2017 CAPRA accreditation there is a new standard, the Park and Recreation System Master Plan. The 2017 Master Plan is being presented today in accordance with best practices as identified by the Commission for Accreditation of Park Recreation Agencies (CAPRA).