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Award-Winning Pasadena Healthy Parks Plan Continues to Shine

{June 16, 2021 – Pasadena, TX} The City of Pasadena Parks & Recreation Department is pleased to announce that its [Healthy Parks Plan](#) has been nationally recognized for excellence in sustainability by the American Planning Association. This year marks the eighth annual [Awards for Excellence in Sustainability](#), which honors projects, plans, policies, individuals, and organizations whose work is dedicated to supporting sustainable communities.

“This Master Plan represents the voice of our diverse community”, said Parks Director, Jed Aplaca. “It will be the guiding document for the City of Pasadena’s efforts to improve park equity and quality of life for all our residents.”

The Pasadena Healthy Parks Plan was funded by the Houston Endowment and Pasadena Vibrant Community through MD Anderson and led by the City of Pasadena Parks and Recreation Department. The Advisory Committee consisted of 20 diverse local, regional and state organizations and agencies. The plan focuses on not only the environmental impact of sustainable parks, but also the economic, social and civic impacts as well.

“The Pasadena Healthy Parks Plan provides a great roadmap that will continue to enhance our parks system” said Mayor Jeff Wagner. “Our city has always had beautiful parks and great recreational programs, but the collaboration and detail involved in this recent plan takes Pasadena parks to a new level.”

Pasadena was one of only eight award recipients. Other winners include Los Angeles and Dallas. The American Planning Association is an independent non-profit educational organization comprised of certified planners who work to create sustainable, resilient and equitable communities.

