

**National Park Service
LWCF Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program
FY14 Selected Projects**

Mobile, AL -- \$386,525 – The City of Mobile will transform Three Mile Creek from a degraded urban stormwater conveyance into a community asset that will connect diverse neighborhoods and provide new recreation opportunities. The grant will support the initial construction of a planned 12-mile greenway system in a low-income, minority area with limited recreation resources. The .75-mile multi-use trail segment will also include a fitness circuit/parcourse, lighting, benches, and educational/interpretive signage.

Denver, CO -- \$250,000 – The City of Denver and private partners will preserve 4.5 acres in the Montbello neighborhood of northeast Denver to provide a unique, natural open-space park in a densely developed residential area, restore habitat for wildlife, and offer low-impact recreation and science education opportunities primarily to youth. The grant will support enhancements to the currently vacant urban site, which is at risk of development, including restoration of native shortgrass prairie and installation of a soft surface walking trail, seating and nature play areas, display gardens, science stations, and way-finding and interpretive signs.

Bridgeport, CT -- \$375,000 – The City of Bridgeport and private partners will transform a 4-acre project area comprising Johnson Oak Park and the grounds of the Jettie S. Tisdale School in the East End neighborhood of the city. The neighborhood is predominantly minority and low income and is underserved in terms of recreation resources. The project will address issues of physical safety, criminal activity, and other recreation needs. The grant will support the first phase of planned enhancements including a picnic grove, spray pad, playground equipment, a fitness zone exercise area, and playing fields.

Detroit, MI -- \$325,000 – The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and private partners will renovate and revitalize the 50+-acre Athletic Complex at Belle Isle Park. The complex is located on the 982-acre island park in the Detroit River, which was designed by Frederick Law Olmstead and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The grant will support rehabilitation of some of the outdoor facilities at the complex, which cannot be used/are underutilized due to their deteriorated condition, including fields for baseball/softball, soccer, lacrosse, and cricket; tennis and basketball courts; a trailhead and discovery playground; and sidewalks connecting the various facilities to each other and the rest of the complex.

Minneapolis, MN -- \$500,000 – The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will develop a new 3.5-acre park on a former industrial site on the Mississippi River in northeastern Minneapolis. Sheridan Memorial Park will be located in an area that is underserved by recreation opportunities and characterized by significant low-income and minority populations, a larger youth population, and above-average rate of negative health issues. The grant will support development of a playground, a multi-purpose field, a picnic area, picnic shelter/restroom building, pathways connecting to a regional trail network, and an environmentally restored riverfront.

Portland, OR -- \$500,000 – The City of Portland, Verde, and private partners will develop a 25-acre park on a former brownfield in the Cully neighborhood of northeast Portland. The neighborhood, one of Portland's larger and more populous neighborhoods, is predominantly minority and low-income and has limited outdoor recreation opportunities as compared to other regional areas. The grant will restore habitat and support development of an accessible playground, walking trail with exercise equipment, scenic overlooks, off leash dog area, Intertribal Gathering Garden (open to the public), and a youth soccer field at Thomas Cully Park.

Madison, WI -- \$295,308 – The City of Madison will continue re-development and revitalization of a vacant/underutilized former industrial area by constructing its first skatepark at the newly-opened Central Park in Madison's Near East Side. Youth and young adults have played an active role in the design and realization of this project, which will offer a legal, safe and attractive destination for people of all skate skill levels. Construction of the 20,000-square foot skatepark will also include necessary support facilities such as lighting, walkways, landscaping, fencing, benches, an underdrain system, and drinking fountain.