AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE:	November 16, 2026	Regular
DEPARTMENT:	Parks and Recreation	Tom McKlveen, Parks & Recreation Director
SECTION OF AGENDA:	Reports & Presentations	November 16, 2026
AGENDA ITEM TITLE:	Recognition of the City of Milton Parks and Recreation Department's Three 2026 GRPA District 7 Awards.	
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:	To recognize the City of Milton Parks and Recreation Department and two staff members for receiving three awards from the Georgia Recreation and Park Association (GRPA) District 7.	
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	There is no financial impact associated with these recognitions.	
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Receive the presentation and recognize the Department and individual staff members for their achievements	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Milton Parks and Recreation Department has received three prestigious awards from GRPA District 7 for 2026:

- Agency of the Year (Population 30,001–80,000): City of Milton Parks and Recreation Department
- Parks and Outdoor Professional of the Year: Jen Young, Outdoor Recreation Supervisor
- Programmer of the Year (Population 30,001–80,000): Matthew Graney, Parks and Recreation Coordinator

These awards recognize the Department's accomplishments in recreation programming, park improvements, outdoor recreation, community partnerships, and overall service delivery, along with the exceptional contributions of two staff members.

The Agency of the Year recognition is particularly meaningful given the Department's relatively small staff of just five full-time and one part-time employees, significantly fewer than many comparable parks and recreation agencies. Despite these limited staffing resources, the Department continues to deliver a high level of service while expanding recreational opportunities and improving facilities for Milton residents.

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The Georgia Recreation and Park Association annually recognizes outstanding agencies and professionals for their contributions to parks and recreation throughout the state.

Milton's Agency of the Year recognition reflects departmental accomplishments during the August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2026, evaluation period. The individual awards recognize Jen Young's contributions to outdoor recreation and park stewardship and Matthew Graney's accomplishments in recreation programming.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

Receiving three District 7 awards in the same year reflects the Department's continued growth and commitment to serving the Milton community. Accomplishments include expanded programming, increased participation, park and trail improvements, successful athletic programs, and strong community partnerships.

The individual awards further highlight the knowledge, creativity, and dedication of Department staff and their ability to deliver quality recreational experiences with available resources.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

These awards are honorary and do not require additional City funding.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

The City could choose not to formally recognize these awards; however, staff believes these accomplishments warrant acknowledgment by Mayor and Council.

LEGAL AND REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no legal or regulatory considerations associated with these recognitions.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

There is no direct operational impact. The awards recognize the Department's continued commitment to quality programming, facility management, outdoor recreation, and service delivery.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER IMPACT:

These recognitions reflect the quality of recreational services available to Milton residents and acknowledge the contributions of City staff, recreation providers, volunteers, and community partners who help make these accomplishments possible.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

These recognitions support the City's strategic commitment to providing quality recreational opportunities, improving public facilities, and enhancing the overall quality of life for residents.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

No formal motion is required.

REVIEWS & APPROVALS:

Financial Review:	**N/A**
Legal Review:	**N/A**
Concurrent Review:	**Stacey Inglis, Deputy City Manager** Stacey Inglis

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A