

## **Reservoir Park Wins Environmental Excellence Award**

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LEESBURG, Va., April 16, 2025 – Loudoun Water and NOVA Parks have been recognized by the Loudoun County Environmental Commission with an Environmental Excellence Award for Reservoir Park. The project scored the highest among nominees in the Government category. The award celebrates the innovative park structures, unique landscape features, and interpretive content that all reinforce the broader mission of environmental protection, water conservation and source water protection.

The award program is intended to recognize individuals, businesses, and organizations for their leadership on environmental issues. Judges from the Commission evaluated nominees based on criteria of environmental impact, innovation and transferability.

Inspired by the connection between ecological health, human health, and recreation, Reservoir Park educates visitors about the importance of water resources. Educational exhibits explain the reservoir's ecology and its role in providing clean drinking water, emphasizing source water protection and the value of water in daily life. The park promotes community health and wellness through recreational opportunities like kayaking, fishing, and hiking, along with opportunities to gather with friends and family at rentable picnic shelters and with neighbors at programs featuring the native environment and its wildlife. The park is open to all community members to experience the interconnected systems of utility service and ecological function, and to ultimately realize the positive benefit of beautiful and sustainable landscapes on water quality and supply.

“At Reservoir Park, Loudoun Water goes beyond its role as a service provider to that of educator and curator. Educational and interactive displays promote responsible stewardship of water resources and empower visitors to make informed decisions about water use. The communities of the next century will be defined by their relationship to water. We are honored by this recognition,” said Loudoun Water Board Chair Terry Allen.

“Great partnerships are the foundation for great results,” said NOVA Parks Executive Director Paul Gilbert. “It’s an honor for results of the partnership between Loudoun Water and NOVA Parks to be recognized by the Loudoun County Environmental Commission. Reservoir Park is one of the best parks in the region that will serve people for generations to come.”

Reservoir Park is situated on the southeast side of Beaverdam Reservoir, located in Ashburn in eastern Loudoun County, Va., northwest of Washington, DC. The community park is a partnership between Loudoun Water, which owns and maintains the 300-acre reservoir as a source of drinking water for Loudoun County residents and NOVA Parks, which operates 37 regional parks across Northern Virginia, including Reservoir Park.

The innovative park design includes a welcome center, restroom building, crew facility, boat rental facility, several pavilions, trails, waterfront boardwalks, a bridge, plantings, site utilities,

educational exhibits, and various other site features – all designed with source water protection in mind.

For more information, visit [www.loudounwater.org](http://www.loudounwater.org) and [www.novaparks.com](http://www.novaparks.com)/Reservoir Park.

### **About Loudoun Water**

Headquartered in Ashburn, Virginia, Loudoun Water is a public utility that provides water and wastewater services to residents of the unincorporated areas of Loudoun County. Loudoun Water's mission is to provide high-quality water services to protect public health and the environment. For more information about Loudoun Water, visit [www.loudounwater.org](http://www.loudounwater.org).

### **About NOVA Parks**

Founded in 1959 as a conservation organization, [NOVA Parks](http://www.novaparks.com) (Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority) represents three counties and three cities — Arlington County, Fairfax County, Loudoun County, the City of Alexandria, the City of Falls Church, and the City of Fairfax. The regional agency manages 37 parks with more than 12,500 acres of parkland, including waterparks, golf courses, campsites, historic sites, event venues, boat launches, annual holiday light shows, and a high adventure ropes course.