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## Park Authority Brings Home Two State Honors

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The Virginia Recreation and Parks Society presented the Fairfax County Park Authority with two awards at its annual conference, recognizing at-large Park Authority board member George Lovelace and naming the newly constructed horse stables at Frying Pan Farm Park in Herndon as the "Best New Facility" in a community with a population greater than 150,000. □

Lovelace received a Distinguished Volunteer Service Award for his work as a volunteer member of the Park Authority board, a position he has held since 2004.

Currently, Lovelace serves as Park Authority Board Secretary. He serves as liaison to the Fairfax County Athletic Council and chairs the Park Operations Committee.

A former member of the House of Delegates, Lovelace also is a longtime member of the Vienna Town Council, on which he currently serves.

The organization also recognized the equestrian facilities THAT opened earlier this year at Frying Pan Farm Park. The new facility replaced crumbling stables with a \$3 million complex which includes horse stables, a manure shed, gravel parking area for horse trailers and a warm-up riding ring.

The Best New Facility award considers all aspects of construction, community need and positive results.

The Virginia Recreation and Parks Society is a private, non-profit professional organization, founded in 1953. Its purpose is to unite all professionals, students and interested lay persons engaged in the field of recreation, parks and other leisure services in Virginia. □

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