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## **McGill Smith Punshon, Inc. Wins Coveted Statewide Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Award**

McGill Smith Punshon, Inc. has been honored by OPRA (Ohio Parks and Recreation Association) with an “Outstanding” Award for Park Development for the West Chester Baseball Complex at Beckett Park.

Since 1967, the prestigious OPRA Awards have showcased outstanding achievement among Ohio’s parks and recreation agencies in 28 categories ranging from park development to leadership. Judges for the 2006 awards are recognized authorities in the field of parks and recreation management.

With a 150-year history in Cincinnati, McGill Smith Punshon, Inc. (MSP) is a diversified consulting firm that provides planning, architecture, engineering, surveying, and landscape architecture services. MSP had been hired by West Chester Township to develop a Master Plan for Beckett Park. While conducting the input process of the Master Plan, MSP spoke with many citizens of West Chester who expressed the community’s need for a new, quality baseball and softball facility. It was this community feedback that facilitated MSP’s involvement in implementing the creation of the Beckett Park Baseball Complex.

The West Chester Baseball Complex at Beckett Park now stands as a first-class baseball facility for the Cincinnati area, enhancing the West Chester community and allowing baseball lovers of all ages to enjoy the sport in a beautiful, state-of-the-art environment. Capable of accommodating large, high-profile tournaments, the Complex features four baseball diamonds and complete facilities for players, spectators and maintenance, as well as ample parking.

“The communities and individuals honored by OPRA have enhanced the overall well being of Ohio’s citizens by their exemplary work,” said Kim Conrad, OPRA President.

The Ohio Parks and Recreation Association is a non-profit corporation of more than 1,600 parks and recreation professionals dedicated to providing quality recreation opportunities to all Ohioans and the stewardship of Ohio’s parks and natural resources.