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Winton Woods Project wins *Ohio Parks and Recreation Association* 'Superior' Award for Park Development

The Ohio Parks and Recreation Association (OPRA) has announced the winners of the 2009 Annual Awards of Excellence. Judges from around the state took part in determining the 2009 winners, making difficult decisions as there were over 115 quality entries.

Hamilton County Park District's Winton Woods Campground Expansion was awarded with a "Superior" award in Park Development.



Winton Woods is a park that serves as a regional destination for campers, hikers, and those who love nature. McGill Smith Punshon, Inc. (MSP) provided architectural design services for the new Winton Woods Campground Office and Retail building. With this project, the Hamilton County Park District took the opportunity to immerse themselves in the sustainable design movement. The facility features a multitude of sustainable features, including a geothermal system for heating and cooling, natural lighting, certified lumber, waterless urinals, high recycled content, and site rain gardens.

This is the second award that Winton Woods has won since the new building was completed. In July 2009, the project was awarded an "Honorable Mention" by the American Institute of Architects' Committee on the Environment (COTE) at their annual **Cincinnati Sustainability Awards**.

"MSP is proud to have worked with the Hamilton County Park District on the Winton Woods project. Together, we worked hard to create a project that both promotes sustainable initiatives and meets the needs of the Campground and the community," affirms Randal Merrill, AIA, LEED AP, Vice President of Architecture with MSP. "The fact that the project has now won two important industry awards validates its success."

The 2009 Annual Awards of Excellence will be presented at the 2010 OPRA Conference and Trade Show held in Akron, Ohio on January 24.

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