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TAMARAC EARNS NATIONAL NRPA ACCREDITATION

Tamarac, Florida – The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) announced today that the City of Tamarac was reaccredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) this year. This distinguished accomplishment was announced during the NRPA 2010 Congress & Exposition in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Tamarac has been accredited by CAPRA since 2005, and is one of only 90 agencies (out of over 9,000) in the U.S. with this accreditation status.

National accreditation through CAPRA is an extensive multi-year process, which includes the completion of an application and detailed self-assessment report, a site visit by a committee of experienced park and recreation professionals, and a final assessment completed by the agency and the Commission. Accreditation requires agencies to respond to 144 standards representing elements of effective and efficient park and recreation operations. To become accredited, agencies must fully meet 36 standards deemed fundamental to a quality agency and at least 92 of the remaining standards.

CAPRA accreditation is the only national accreditation for park and recreation agencies, and is a measure of an agency's overall quality of operation, management and service to the community. Accreditation is valid for a period of five years.

The Commission is comprised of representatives from NRPA, the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials, the International City/County Management Association, the American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation, the Armed Forces Recreation Society and the Council of State Executive Directors.

"I'm thrilled to hear that Tamarac's Parks and Recreation Department has once again received the CAPRA accreditation," stated City Manager Jeffrey L. Miller. "Our commitment to serving the community is our highest priority – this designation reinforces that commitment and the pride we take in serving the residents and visitors of the City's beautiful parks and facilities."

“Through reaccreditation, Tamarac has demonstrated its commitment to providing park and recreation programming at the highest standards, and contributing to the health and wellness of its community,” said Barbara Tulipane, CEO of NRPA. “NRPA commends Tamarac for its long-standing excellence in the field.”

About the National Recreation and Park Association

The National Recreation and Park Association is a national, not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing park, recreation and conservation efforts that enhance quality of life for all people. Through its network of 20,000 recreation and park professionals and citizens, NRPA encourages the promotion of healthy lifestyles, recreation initiatives, and conservation of natural and cultural resources. For more information, visit www.nrpa.org. For digital access to NRPA’s flagship publication, *Parks & Recreation*, visit www.parksandrec-magazine.org.

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