Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation

DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION (11592)

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is an award winning, nationally recognized planning, parks and recreation organization serving the Maryland region adjacent to the Nation's Capital. The Commission is the only five-time gold medal winner of the National Park and Recreation Award for Excellence, and is one of 66 park and recreation entities to be accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies.

The Department of Parks and Recreation provides comprehensive park and recreation programs, facilities, and services that respond to the communities' changing needs for a population of in excess of 800,000 citizens. The Department preserves, enhances, and protects open spaces to enrich the quality of life for present and future generations in a safe, secure environment. Charged with managing a comprehensive park system that includes more than 25,000 acres of land, the Department is responsible for acquiring land, developing and managing park and recreation facilities, maintaining and policing park property, and conducting a wide array of leisure services.

The agency is seeking a visionary and progressive Director to lead the accredited, award-winning Parks and Recreation Department. The Director of Parks and Recreation is one of seven department heads and is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Prince George's County Planning Board. The FY07 Operating Budget is \$158 million. Staffing includes in excess of 1,300 career and seasonal work-year equivalents assigned to twelve divisions.

The ideal candidate is a visionary, strategic, charismatic, high energy, team and mission-oriented individual, with demonstrated leadership experience producing high quality and responsive services. Must be able to make decisions that may affect the goals, services, and objectives of the organization and may involve highly sensitive and political issues affecting the organization as a whole. Outstanding people management and administrative skills and the use of technology to advance efficient program management are essential.

Minimum requirements include a Masters degree from an accredited College or University in Recreation Management/Administration, Leisure Services, Public or Business Administration, Planning, a legal degree or other related field of study with 12 years experience; at least 5 years experience at a management level. Experience in strong fiscal management, strategic planning, and entrepreneurial leadership and development desirable. Salary is negotiable, supported by a highly competitive benefit and retirement package, and a take home vehicle.

For additional information please visit the Commission's web site (www.mncppc.org/jobs/). Submit Resume/application to: Samuel Peebles, Human Resources Director at sam.peebles@mncppc.org, or mailed to 6611 Kenilworth Ave., Suite 404, Riverdale, Maryland 20737.

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