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Nominate Bristol to receive park grant with #Parkies

April is Earth Month and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is collaborating with The Walt Disney Company, including Disney Citizenship, Disney/ABC Television Group, and ESPN, to revitalize parks across the U.S. for a third year. The city that receives the most nominations will receive a \$20,000 grant to improve a local park.

Local parks make Bristol a better place to live, shaping so many of our lives. Parks are essential to our city's health and wellbeing. They provide safe places to be active and enjoy nature; they also help preserve the environment and bring people together. That is why from April 1 to April 30 Bristol, Tennessee residents will have the opportunity to nominate our city to receive \$20,000 in grant funding to make improvements at a local park.

By visiting NRPA.org/BeInspired, park supporters can nominate our city. At the end of April, the city with the most nominations will receive the grant funding. New this year, everyone who nominates a city will be entered into a drawing for a tablet outfitted for the outdoors.

"We are so eager to get the word out that Bristol is in the running for this grant. We have so many people who visit our parks each year and feel so strongly about them that I believe they will actively participate in the program," said Terry Napier, Director of Parks and Recreation.

NRPA Director of Conservation, Lori Robertson said, "Supporting local parks is essential to the health and vitality of communities everywhere. That's why we are proud to collaborate with The Walt Disney Company to help fund critical park improvement projects for communities in need. We encourage everyone to join us in giving back to the places that shape so much of our lives by voting in this year's Meet Me at the Park campaign."

This Earth Month, Bristol can show what parks mean to our community by nominating our great city. Encourage your friends and family to nominate our city by taking a selfie in your favorite park and using the hashtags #MeetMeAtThePark, #Parkies, and #BeInspired on social posts.

For more information, and to nominate your city, visit NRPA.org/BeInspired.