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The Woodlands Township Parks and Recreation Department wins gold medal

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (March 14, 2012) – The Woodlands Township Parks and Recreation Department recently received the Gold Medal Award at the Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS) Annual Institute. The 2012 award marks the third time The Woodlands has received this honor, having also received it in 2002 and 2008.

The gold medal award honors parks and recreation departments for excellence in recreation and park management for a three-year period. The department, which competed against departments serving populations between 50,000 and 100,000, was judged on its community needs assessment, long-range planning, challenges faced, project development, resources and expenditures, programs, program evaluation, leadership development, public awareness, previous awards and TRAPS participation.

"We are honored to be awarded with the Gold Medal Award from TRAPS for the third time in 10 years," said Bruce Tough, Chairman of The Woodlands Township Board of Directors. "I commend Township Parks and Recreation staff for running their department so effectively and efficiently. Residents of The Woodlands reap the benefits of this hard work."

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PHOTO:
Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Kelly Dietrich (left) and Director of Parks and Recreation Chris Nunes display the 2012 Gold Medal Award presented to The Woodlands Township Parks and Recreation Department for excellence in parks and recreation management for populations between 50,000 and 100,000.

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