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Playground to serve as National Demonstration Site *Construction matching grant awarded to Town*

PROSPER (November 2, 2016) Prosper Parks and Recreation has been awarded a matching funds grant from the Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS) in partnership with PlayCore, a vendor of playground equipment and amenities, and the company's GameTime division, for construction of a new playground.

Upon completion, the playground will serve as a National Demonstration Site, one of only eight selected in Texas, for research and data collection on play, community engagement, health, and physical activity.

Prosper's Landscape Architect Paul Naughton says the grant will be used for playground equipment at the new neighborhood park in Lakewood Preserve, located near Coit Road and Meadowbrook Blvd.

Along with the research aspect, the park will adhere to the "nature ground" design model, wherein aspects of nature are strategically woven into the play amenities, park facilities and overall presentation.

"Prosper is perfectly suited for this innovative approach," said Naughton. "This new playground will distinctively augment our existing creative play spaces."

Construction of the park at Lakewood Preserve is slated for the beginning of the new year with an opening set for mid-spring.

The information gathered at the eight demonstration sites statewide will contribute to a continuing study on how to develop playground equipment and other park amenities to elevate the quality of the playground structures, encourage active play, and design play areas that blend into their natural surroundings.

The research gathered will be compiled for a "white paper" on best practices in play, community engagement, health, and physical activity to be presented at next year's TRAPS Institute and Expo in Irving.

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ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER – The Town of Prosper is a fast-growing suburb with small town charm, located 30 miles north of Dallas at the crossroads of U.S. 380, Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway in Collin and Denton Counties. Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to more than 17,800 people. A home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government, the town has full-time fire and police departments, including its own dispatch service. As the Town grows to its projected build-out population of 70,000 residents, Prosper's vision is to remain a "Place Where Everyone Matters."