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### **WHALEYVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER HONORED WITH STATE AWARD**

SUFFOLK, VA (November 18, 2016) Over 500 delegates from around the State gathered November 5<sup>th</sup> through November 8<sup>th</sup> at the 62nd Annual Conference of the Virginia Recreation and Park Society held at the Hotel Roanoke Convention Center.

At the conference, the Suffolk Parks & Recreation Department received the Best New Facility (Bricks and Mortar) Award for populations between 50,001 and 100,000 for the Whaleyville Community Center, which was formerly the Robertson Elementary School. The expanded, remodeled and restored Whaleyville Community Center opened in January 2015 and is located at 132 Robertson Street. The facility features a computer lab, game room, group exercise room, community room, and state-of-the-art fitness facility.

This state-wide awards program honors individuals, departments and organizations throughout Virginia who have demonstrated excellence in any of several areas during the previous year. The mission of the Virginia Recreation and Park Society is to unite all professionals, students, and interested lay persons engaged in the field of recreation, parks, and other leisure services in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

For more information on the Society, contact the state office at 804/730-9447, or visit them on the web at [www.vrps.com](http://www.vrps.com).

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