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SUFFOLK, VA – July 3, 2008 - The City of Suffolk Department of Parks and Recreation has recently been selected as one of thirty National Recreation and Park Association Take Me Fishing Anchor Agencies for 2008-9. As a result, the department will receive a \$10,000 grant to enhance existing boating and fishing programs for youth in the community.

Parks Superintendent Terry Baronner applied for the grant and is thrilled that the department will have a chance to enhance and add programs for our youth. "One of our main goals is to increase programming in the parks," Terry says. "We will also use some of the funds to supplement our current Outdoor Adventure Camp and Youth Fishing Day event. We would like to expand those two programs and the Take Me Fishing program as well." Suffolk Parks and Recreation is currently an official Take Me Fishing Park Community.

The Take Me Fishing program, a national initiative, gives youth ages 6-15 a chance to connect with nature while providing opportunity to experience fishing, boating and environmental awareness.

"We currently offer a free summer recreational program in the public housing community," Suffolk Parks and Recreation Director Lakita Frazier explains. "By collaborating with the Suffolk Redevelopment Housing Authority, we will be able to implement the Take Me Fishing program - a perfect opportunity to introduce youth with limited resources to important outdoor activity."

For more information on Suffolk Parks and Recreation programs, please call 514-7250.



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