

New Survey: 6 in 7 U.S. Adults Support Local Environmental Protection Efforts

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Park and recreation professionals play a vital role in the protection of our environment

As we enter Earth Month, 6 in 7 U.S. adults are in strong support of local environmental protection efforts typically led by park and recreation professionals and their agencies, according to a newly released [National Recreation and Park Association \(NRPA\)](#) poll. The top three community-based environmental conservation initiatives supported by people of all ages include:

- **Wildlife conservation**
- **Environmental education**
- **Nature Resource management**

Other park and recreation sponsored conservation-based activities people generally support include:

- **Alleviating climate change impacts**
- **Nurturing pollinator habitats**
- **Managing land for flood mitigation**

“This Earth Month, we celebrate park and recreation professionals and volunteers who promote and support these important conservation initiatives in communities everywhere,” said Kevin Roth, NRPA’s vice president of research, evaluation and technology. “We encourage everyone to think about how they can help support conservation efforts locally, whether it’s through a community-based volunteer program or a nature-based at-home family-friendly activity.”

NRPA is proud to support park and recreation professionals nationwide in their efforts to build a strong and healthy planet. A [statement](#) issued by NRPA highlights the organization’s strong commitment to helping park and recreation professionals everywhere prepare their communities to adapt to a changing climate through a variety of resources — including training, research and tools — prepared specifically for this cause. The statement also highlights ways in which NRPA is reducing its own environmental footprint through environmentally friendly business practices that promote a healthy and sustainable planet. A copy of the statement is available [here](#).

To view the interactive charts with the survey results, [click here](#).

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