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Parks, Recreation and Tourism Awards from Virginia Recreation and Parks Society

ROANOKE COUNTY, VA (2009) At the 2009 Virginia Recreation and Parks Society Conference, Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism won **Best Environmental Improvement Award** for the 2008 Garst Mill Park Stream Restoration project which improved the health and beauty of Mud Lick Creek. The department also won **Best Promotional Effort** for a specialty piece promoting the 2008 Enchanted Eve new year's eve celebration in Vinton. For more information, visit www.vrps.com.

Past Awards for the department include...

- **2007 Best New Program** and **2007 Outstanding New Professional** in the department's Therapeutic Recreation section.
- **2006 Outstanding Promotional Publications Awards** for its dedicated Therapeutic Recreation Services program guide and one for the department's Camp Roanoke Promotional brochure.
- **2006 Best New Special Event** for the 2006 US Challenge event, co-hosted by Roanoke County and other nearby localities and agencies.
- **2001 Best Addition/Expansion of a Recreation Facility** for the department's renovation and reopening of Camp Roanoke.

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