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DOTHAN LEISURE SERVICES IS AGENCY OF THE YEAR

The City of Dothan Leisure Services Department is the recipient of the 2007 Agency of the Year Award (population 15,001 and above) from the Alabama Recreation and Park Association. This prestigious honor is given to a department that has substantially improved the quality of life in their city and made it one of the truly great places to live and work in the state. "Providing the citizens of Dothan with the best in recreational facilities, activities and customer service is our top priority," said Anne Rumble, Department Head of Dothan Leisure Services.

In 2007, Dothan Leisure Services had a banner year. A few of their accomplishments include adding a "Miracle Field" for handicapped and disabled children, adding two new Dixie Boys baseball fields, renovating Westgate Park and adding two fitness centers at two different park locations. "The commitment that this department gives to quality in programs, facilities, and in maintaining its assets for the citizens of our City exemplifies the highest ideals of recreational professionalism," said Robert Hendrix, Executive Director Dothan Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Dothan has one of the richest histories of recreational leadership in the state. For its commitment to providing children with great play spaces, Dothan was selected as one of only 31 cities nationwide to become a founding "Playful City USA." The City's elected officials and city manager have always recognized that providing quality recreation facilities and programs is absolutely imperative for quality of life, economic impact and crime prevention. Additionally, businesses and professionals relocating to the area repeatedly cite the outstanding recreation program as being important to their decision.

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