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**76th Annual NYSRPS Conference and Business Expo
Preliminary Brochure**

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Schedule*

Sunday, April 17th

- 7:30-10:30am Golf Outing
- 11:00am Registration Begins
- 1:00-5:30pm Exhibitor Set Up
- 1:00-2:00pm Sessions
- 2:15-3:15pm Districts/ Affiliates / Executive Board meeting hour
- 2:15-3:15pm Sessions
- 3:30-4:15pm Keynote Speaker (Sponsored by Landscape Structures)
- 5:00-6pm Awards Ceremony
- 6:00-7pm Grand Exhibit Hall Opening
- 7:00pm Beatles Party! with Dinner

Monday, April 18th

- 7:30-10am Continental Breakfast in Vendor Hall (BSN Sponsored)
- 8:15-9:15am Sessions
- 8:30-11:30am Offsite- Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Northport
- 8:30-1:30pm Offsite- Sagamore Hill, Oyster Bay
- 9:30-10:30am Sessions
- 10:45-11:45am Exhibit Hall- Exclusive Vendor Time
- 11:30-1:30pm Lunch Buffet Available
- 12:00-1pm Sessions
- 1:00-2pm Great Raffle Giveaway- Final Vendor Hour
- 2:00-5:30pm Sessions
- 6:00pm Student Social at Dave & Busters
- 6:30pm Social at the Aquarium w/Food

Tuesday, April 19th

- 7:30-10am Continental Breakfast
- 8:15-1pm Sessions (1 hr. each)
- 8:30-11:30am Offsite-Pal-O-Mine Equestrian Center, Islandia
- 8:30-1:30pm Offsite- United States Tennis Center, Flushing
- 12:00-2pm Buffet Lunch (Terrace)
- 12:30-1:30pm Annual Meeting (Terrace)
- 1:15-3:30pm Sessions (1 hr. each)

*Program is subject to change.

Barbara Tulipane, CAE President & CEO

Barbara Tulipane is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). Tulipane is responsible for the \$17 million national organization that works towards ensuring that all people have access to parks for health, conservation, and recreation. NRPA is the national voice for the protection and creation of public parks, harnessing the passion and power of its 50,000 members and the millions of individuals they serve.



NRPA partners with foundations, federal agencies and corporations who recognize the critical role of parks in creating healthy and sustainable communities. NRPA grants millions of dollars a year to its members to implement programs that have measurable objectives such as reducing obesity, increasing physical activity, saving wildlife, connecting children to nature and implementing green infrastructure. Special consideration is given to underserved communities as social equity is a founding principal of NRPA. NRPA recognizes that “place” is a critical component to an individual’s success and that all people deserve a safe and an easy to access park.

Tulipane is a former president and CEO for the Electronic Retailing Association (ERA), the \$7 million international trade association that represents the \$300 billion industry that uses television, radio, and the internet to sell their products and services. Tulipane increased ERA’s visibility in the trade community as well as on Capitol Hill. She represented the industry before Members of Congress and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), and was interviewed by Dateline, CNBC, CNN, BBC, and The New York Times.

Tulipane entered the association community as the director of marketing for the Army and Air Force Mutual Aid Association (AAFMAA), a professional membership association whose mission is to care for soldiers’ families in the event of their death.

Tulipane received her undergraduate degree in Sociology and Marketing from the University of Arizona. She is a Certified Association Executive (CAE) from the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), holds a Masters in Public Administration from George Mason University and is an Executive Fellow of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

Keynote speaker sponsor:



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Committee Welcome



Welcome to the NYSRPS 76th Annual Conference and Business Expo. We are excited to serve as your hosts for this year's event and welcome all of you to Long Island. This year's theme, "Come Together Right Now," provides the foundation for renewing our commitment to becoming a more unified profession rooted in providing our communities with quality programs and services. To this end, the Conference Committee has worked hard to create a program that will meet the needs of a diverse profession

and include cutting-edge educational sessions that target areas such as parks, administration, innovative programming, and therapeutic recreation. Our exhibit hall will showcase the most current and innovative products, appropriate for all populations.

Long Island is rich in history and culture, and is home to many nationally recognized venues and unique facilities. With this in mind, the Conference Committee has included several off-site programs that will provide our delegates with an opportunity to engage with seasoned professionals and receive an in-depth overview of their facilities, programs and services. As you will see in our program brochure, this year's social will be held at the LI Aquarium in Riverhead. The social will include time for networking and visiting with friends, as well as tours of the facility, and of course some fun activities for all to enjoy! Our student social will be held at Dave & Busters, and will be led by St. Joseph's College, NY students, who are very excited and look forward to meeting students from other New York State Colleges.

Of course planning an annual statewide conference involves a major commitment from volunteers within our profession. Our Long Island professionals have worked very hard to ensure the 2016 conference will provide all delegates with an educational and memorable experience. If you see any of our committee members, please be sure to introduce yourself, and it would also be a welcoming gesture to thank them for their service.

In closing, we would like to welcome you to Long Island, and hope you enjoy your stay and participation in this year's annual conference.
Come Together Right Now!

Your Conference Co-Chairs,
Ed Fronckwicz and Gail Lamberta

A Note from the President

As the old saying goes, 'Time flies when you're having fun!' Well, I guess we've been having a lot of fun, because as hard as it is to believe, it's been 20 years since the NYSRPS Annual Conference was first held on Long Island. In 1995, we were coming out of a period which saw the Conference being held in one location, the Catskill Mountain region, for something like 22 out of 23 years. The lone exception having been 1993, when we trekked north to Niagara Falls, to a conference held in conjunction with the Ontario Recreation Society.

The decision to move out of the Catskills was not one which was easily made. That area had become 'home' for many attendees, and while the facilities weren't exactly top notch, having everyone in one place, and getting a great financial deal made sense.

So when we held the 1995 Conference, we knew that it had to be special; great off site programs, over the top social events, and an educational program that included something for everyone in our profession. Great care was taken to select programs for the leisure services and therapeutic disciplines, as well as offering our Commercial Members an active and interesting exhibit hall.

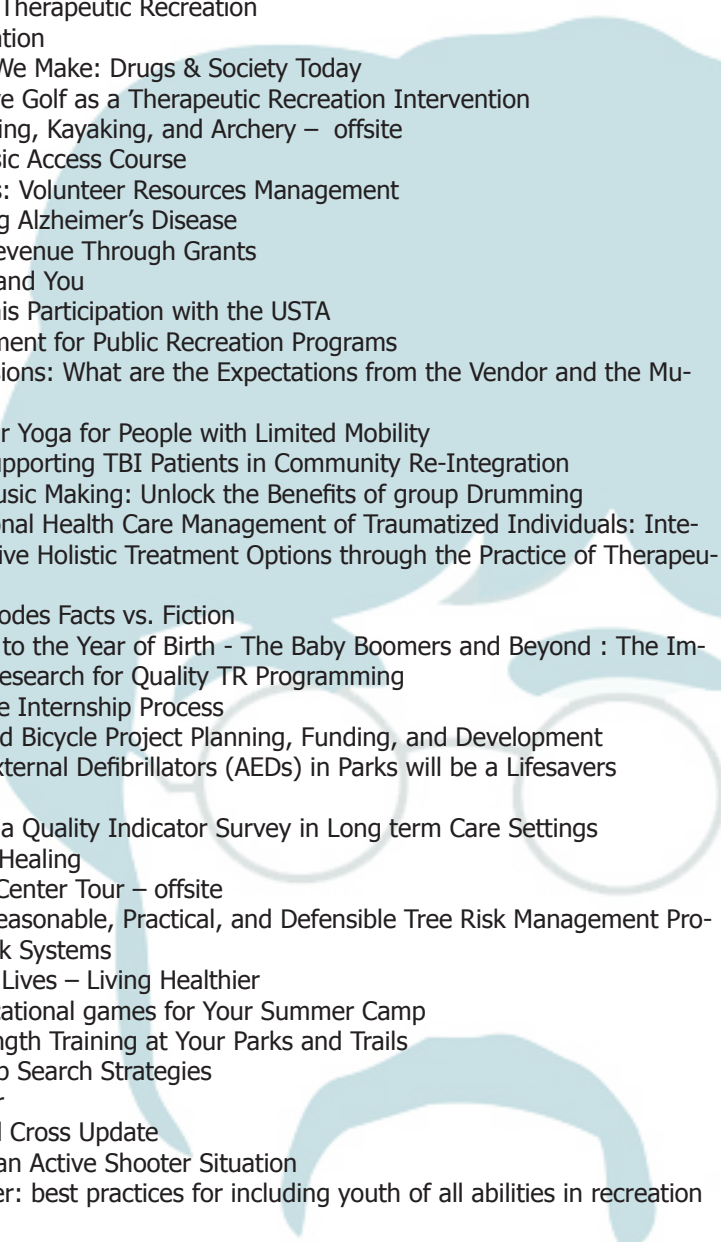
And now, 20 years later, here we are again, with very similar goals in mind. We've had a lot of changes since 1995, some of them good, some of them not so good. As the planning for this Conference began, Co-Chairs Gail Lamberta and Ed Fronckwicz made it a priority to provide an educational program which, in similar fashion to 1995, addressed all of the different areas of our profession. And so you will find sessions which will benefit you, regardless of your area of work. We've included the National Recreation and Park Association, as we believe that we benefit from closer ties and a better working relationship with our 'parent' organization. The Commercial section has been well represented on the Conference Committee, and I believe that the program you will see is as strong, and as diverse as the one we offered in 1995. The Conference theme, "Come Together Right Now" should serve as an indication of what we are hoping to achieve for our profession as we move into the future.

So welcome back to Long Island, on behalf of the Executive Board, I extend our best wishes for an enjoyable and productive experience here!

Warm Regards,
Paul Blake, NYSRPS President

tentative sessions

- Community Gardening in your Park
- Public Gardens
- Creating Good Flyer Design
- Character Education through Creative Recreation: A Back2BasicPlay Initiative
- Movies on the Lawn Program
- Growing a Park System through Cooperative Partnerships – Town of Huntington as a Model
- Mighty Milers: Start a Youth Running Program
- How to plan or Enhance Your Annual Field Day
- Building Relationships with Elected Officials
- Breaking the Barrier: Civil Service and Labor Relations
- Security Concerns for Large Scale Events
- Protecting the Natural Resources of Parks- Balancing Resource Protection with Large Recreation Events/Environmental Education as a Management Tool
- Using Universal Design in Parks – NYS Parks - Long Island Region
- How to Increase Funding & Support Through Friends Groups
- Risk Management
- Practical Turf Grass Cultivation & Fertilization Practices
- Fire Island National Seashore: Managing a Dynamic Landscape
- Sagamore Hill National Historic Site – Offsite
- Putting Art in the Park: Cooperative Approaches to Public Art
- Enhancing Recreational Programming - Positive Youth Development
- Trends in Municipal Golf
- Lets' include Everyone! Strategies on how to include People with Developmental Disabilities in all Programs
- Equine Assisted Learning – off site
- Accessing Inner Wisdom: Tools and Resources for Resiliency
- Fall Prevention
- Building Productive Relationships through Eclectic Creative Cooperation Models – TR* An American Red Cross Aquatics Update
- Children's Camp Injury and Illness Prevention
- Teaching a Miracle: Integrating Special Education Practices into a Medical Model of Recovery
- Uniting our Strengths
- Citizen-Based Science as a Tool for Working Together
- New Games: The Foundation of Cooperative & Non-Competitive Play
- Designing Performance Based Playground Safety Surfacing Specifications
- Concussion: The Fundamental Basic Truths of it
- The Anatomy of a Healthcare Interview
- Project C.A.R.E. – Self Esteem & Teambuilding
- The Use of Mindfulness in Recovery from Mental Illness
- Patients Choice Programming
- The Evolution of Recreation Therapy in Outpatient Mental Health
- Comfort Rooms: A safe Therapeutic Environment that Fosters Healing

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- Licensure for Therapeutic Recreation
 - Leisure Education
 - The Choices We Make: Drugs & Society Today
 - Using Adaptive Golf as a Therapeutic Recreation Intervention
 - Adaptive Cycling, Kayaking, and Archery – offsite
 - Veteran's Music Access Course
 - Best Practices: Volunteer Resources Management
 - Understanding Alzheimer's Disease
 - Generating Revenue Through Grants
 - Social Media and You
 - Growing Tennis Participation with the USTA
 - Risk Management for Public Recreation Programs
 - Food Concessions: What are the Expectations from the Vendor and the Municipality
 - Adaptive Chair Yoga for People with Limited Mobility
 - Recreation Supporting TBI Patients in Community Re-Integration
 - Recreation Music Making: Unlock the Benefits of group Drumming
 - Transformational Health Care Management of Traumatized Individuals: Integrating Effective Holistic Treatment Options through the Practice of Therapeutic Touch
 - Pool Health Codes Facts vs. Fiction
 - Add 16 Years to the Year of Birth - The Baby Boomers and Beyond : The Importance of Research for Quality TR Programming
 - Navigating the Internship Process
 - Pedestrian and Bicycle Project Planning, Funding, and Development
 - Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in Parks will be a Lifesavers
 - Mandala-cise
 - Preparing for a Quality Indicator Survey in Long term Care Settings
 - Spirituality & Healing
 - USTA Tennis Center Tour – offsite
 - Developing Reasonable, Practical, and Defensible Tree Risk Management Programs for Park Systems
 - Transforming Lives – Living Healthier
 - Fun and Educational games for Your Summer Camp
 - Offering Strength Training at Your Parks and Trails
 - Successful Job Search Strategies
 - Water Warrior
 - American Red Cross Update
 - Dealing with an Active Shooter Situation
 - Come together: best practices for including youth of all abilities in recreation programs
 - Restoring a Hurricane Ravaged Park and How it came back

Hotel Information



Hotel Information - \$149/night

Hyatt Regency Long Island at Wind Watch Golf Club
1717 Motor Parkway
Hauppauge, NY 11788
800-233-1234

Reservations must be recieved by March 16, 2016 to secure rate.

Individuals requiring special hotel accommodations should contact the hotel.

Alcoholic Beverage Policy

Use of alcoholic beverages is restricted to delegates who are 21 years of age and older. Conference delegates may be asked for identification during any social function, therefore it is requested that you carry proof of age at all times. Please use your best judgment when consuming alcohol.

Special Needs

NYSRPS will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate delegates with special needs. Please contact us when registering. Hearing-impaired delegates seeking interpreters must notify NYSRPS by February 28, 2016. Delegates providing notice after this date must secure their own interpreters.

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Registration

Registration is easy and can be completed on our website, www.nysrps.org. You may pay by check, PO or credit card. All attendees must register online. If you need assistance with registration contact our office at 518-584-0321.

Fees

Full Conference Registration	\$275.00
Full Conference (speaker, committee, spouse)	\$150.00
One-Day Registration (includes lunch)	\$125.00
Student/Retiree	\$75.00
Off-Sites	\$25.00
Sunday/Monday Socials	\$60.00

Details

Full Conference Registration

Includes: All sessions & offsites, Sunday Evening Exhibit Hall Grand Opening Social; Sunday Dinner; Monday & Tuesday continental breakfasts and buffet lunches; and Monday night social

Daily Registration

Includes: All sessions, lunch and access to the Exhibit Hall on Monday

Student / Retiree Registration

Includes: All Full Conference Benefits

Everyone will receive a conference tote, name badge, and access to the Exhibit Hall

Cancellation/Refund Policy

All registration cancellations must be received in writing. Cancellation notifications received by March 15th, 2016 will receive a full refund. A 50% refund of the conference fee will be given for cancellations received by April 3rd, 2016. No refunds will be granted for requests received after April 3rd, 2016.

Proper Attire

Casual attire is acceptable for all educational sessions, the Awards Ceremony, and social functions. We encourage comfortable clothing, as many hours are spent in a classroom setting and some sessions are interactive.