

### **About OSLAD**

Since it's inception more than 35 years ago, the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) program has provided critical matching funds to park districts, forest preserves, conservation districts, and other local agencies to acquire open space and to develop and improve outdoor recreational facilities.

OSLAD grant rules require local agencies, such as the New Lenox Community Park District, to match grants dollar-for-dollar (with exceptions for distressed communities), which guarantees the State an immediate 100% return on its investment. This means that for every dollar we receive from an OSLAD grant, we match it!

Our most recent OSLAD Grant is from 2023 and will be used to develop Water Chase Park.

### **About Land and Water Conservation Fund**

The federal Land & Water Conservation Fund program (LWCF or LAWCON) is a similar program to OSLAD. The grant offers funding assistance up to 50% of eligible expenses. Eligible projects include acquisition of land for new park sites or park expansion, water frontage, nature study, and natural resource preservation.

We received funds from the LWCF in 1980 for the development of Stonebridge Park and Windermere West (Jacob Lowell) Park.

### **About PARC Grant**

The Park and Recreational Facility Act (PARC) provides grants to eligible local governments for park and recreation unit construction projects and land acquisition. PARC grants must be used for "bondable" or "brick and mortar" projects.

We sponsored a PARC Grant for the construction of the Lincoln-Way Special Recreation Association (LWSRA) building in 2011.