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**APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PARK PARTNERSHIP
GRANT PROGRAM**

Immediate Release

MARION COUNTY, Fla. (June 14, 2011) – Nonprofit groups interested in developing or upgrading recreational facilities for public use may benefit from a Marion County Parks and Recreation grant program.

Through June 29, groups operating or intending to operate a park, school site or public facility within a municipal service taxing unit, or MSTU, may apply for a grant under the 2011-2012 Park Partnership Program. Awardees will receive up to 50 percent in matching funds for their projects. A total of \$60,000 is available for the program this year. Those interested in applying may visit www.marioncountyfl.org/parks.htm to download grant application instructions and forms.

During the past 17 years, the Park Partnership Program has awarded more than \$930,000 in matching funds to its grant recipients. Last year, program funding helped organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club of Dunnellon and the Ocala Marion Girls Softball, Inc., improve park and recreation areas in southern parts of the county.

The Park Partnership Program is funded through the Pennies for Parks bond referendum. For additional program information, please contact Marion County Parks and Recreation at 352-671-8560 or stop by the office (111 SE 25th Ave., Ocala).

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