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**WSSC, M-NCPPC TO RENOVATE WINDING CREEK LOCAL PARK,
CONTRACT AWARDED TO AVON CORPORATION**

SILVER SPRING, MD – The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) has entered into a development agreement with The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) to help renovate the playground and other facilities at Winding Creek Local Park located at 12326 Dewey Road, Wheaton.

WSSC recently awarded a contract to Avon Corporation to do the renovations. Completion of the job is scheduled for summer 2006.

Planned renovations to the park will wrap up work on WSSC's sewer improvements to portions of the Rock Creek Basin. The total cost of the Winding Creek Local Park renovations is approximately \$1.4 million and includes planning design development and construction. WSSC has agreed to contribute \$368,000 toward renovation costs.

M-NCPPC staff will oversee the associated stormwater management and landscaping facets of the project, as well as the restoration of the park's playground, trails, basketball court and two soccer fields. Plans also call for a new plaza area and a relocated parking lot.

“We are extremely proud of our role in this project because it allows us to blend our desire to protect the environment and practice effective stewardship,” said WSSC General Manager Andy Brunhart. “We have also been able to apply some innovative stormwater management techniques and at completion of the project, children and adults will enjoy the new and upgraded recreational space.”

Winding Creek Local Park has been closed since November 2003 to allow WSSC's work on the sewer system to continue along the creek. Park planners met extensively with the community to solicit ideas for redesigning the old playground and redeveloping the site to meet today's environmental standards for stream valley protection.

"We appreciate WSSC's contribution to renovate this park that serves the recreation needs of a diverse and densely populated area in Wheaton. Our park patrons will be pleased to see this important playground completed this summer," said M-NCPPC Chairman Derick P. Berlage.

WSSC is among the 10 largest water and wastewater utilities in the nation, serving 1.6 million customers in Prince George's and Montgomery counties.

M-NCPPC plans for the orderly development of Montgomery and Prince George's counties and acquires, develops and maintains a system of parks, including nature centers, formal gardens, lakes, trails, golf courses, ice rinks, athletic fields, playgrounds, historic sites, tennis centers, campgrounds, conservation areas and more.

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