

Background on MRPA Awards

- The MRPA Awards Committee selected the Como Park Zoo & Conservatory's Polar Bear Odyssey Exhibit and the environmental education program "Hike It" to receive **MRPA Awards of Excellence**.
- The MRPA Awards Committee reviewed twenty-four nominations for awards from organizations from around the state this year and twelve were selected.
- The Polar Bear Odyssey exhibit was recognized in the category of Parks & Facilities while the Hike It program was recognized in the category of Programming & Events.
- The MRPA Awards of Excellence is an annual competitive program that works to highlight various facilities, initiatives and services being provided by Parks and Recreation organizations across the state.
- Saint Paul Parks and Recreation is a nationally accredited and gold medal award winning Department, that continues to serve as a national example for innovative decision-making within a municipal setting.