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### **EDEN PARK'S NEW PLAYGROUND WILL HELP MORE KIDS AND FAMILIES ENJOY THE OUTDOORS**

*New playground in Eden Park will promote fun and physical activity*

(Stockton, CA) – The City of Stockton has been selected as a grant recipient from Niagara Bottling and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). With the grant, the City of Stockton is installing new playground equipment in Eden Park, 924 N. El Dorado Street. The playground is scheduled to be completed and a community celebration will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at 3:30 p.m.

Opportunities to play outdoors in community spaces like Eden Park are vital to connecting children to the natural environment and encourage physical activity. In Stockton, this new playground will invite children of all ages to be active and spend time outdoors.

“Parks are so important to each neighborhood,” shared Public Works Director Gordon MacKay. “Our community parks are places for children and families to exercise, be together as a family, meet neighbors, and hold community events. This is such a great location for the new equipment. We are grateful to Niagara and NRPA for making this possible.”

“Parks are places where everyone can go to be active and have fun,” said Kellie

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May, NRPA Director of Health and Wellness. “This project will provide new opportunities for children and families to enjoy the outdoors.”

“Niagara Cares is committed to programs that support vulnerable children and families in communities where our team members live and can make an impact,” said Kristen Venick, Director of Niagara Cares Corporate Giving. “It’s exciting to continue our partnership with National Recreation and Park Association and help another local community re-build Eden Park, providing children with a fun and safe outdoor play area.”

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*The City of Stockton has 66 well-used neighborhood and regional parks serving our city, which has a population of 320,000 and covers 65 square miles. Eden Park is in Eden Square, a two-acre square located on El Dorado Street, near downtown. It is one of the original parks laid out and named by Stockton’s founder, Charles M. Weber, in 1880. The new playground equipment replaces equipment removed over three years ago, due to damage and safety concerns.*

*The National Recreation and Park Association is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that all Americans have access to parks and recreation for health, conservation and social equity. Through its network of nearly 60,000 recreation and park professionals and advocates, NRPA encourages the promotion of healthy and active lifestyles, conservation initiatives and equitable access to parks and public space. For more information, visit [www.nrpa.org](http://www.nrpa.org). For digital access to NRPA’s flagship publication, Parks & Recreation, visit [www.parksandrecreation.org](http://www.parksandrecreation.org).*

*Niagara Cares is a philanthropic arm of Niagara Bottling, committed to supporting local and national community initiatives by engaging stakeholders and investing its resources for disadvantaged children and their families. Niagara Cares initiatives include national strategic partnerships, local community grants, employee engagement, volunteerism and the Andrew D. Peykoff, Sr. Scholarship Program. For more information, visit [www.niagarawater.com/niagara-cares](http://www.niagarawater.com/niagara-cares).*

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